WEDNESDAY

February 9, 2000

WEATHER

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THURSDAY 77°-82°

BSSH volunteers still taking orders for Valentine's Day

Big Spring State Hospital volunteers are taking orders now for their annual fundraiser, selling Valentine gifts and singing telegrams. Volunteers will deliver a variety of mugs, candy, stuffed animals, balloons and plants, or sing a love song to your special someone.

Orders will be taken until Valentine's Day, but early orders are advised since the gifts tend to sell out.

For an \$8 donation to volunteer services, you can arrange delivery of a terra cotta pot containing a living ivy plant, a holiday mug filled with homemade candy, a bud vase with two cut carnations, or a stuffed animal and a small box of Russell Stover candy.

A group of vocalists will serenade your friend or loved one for a \$20 donation, choosing from a holiday repertoire of songs, visiting your Valentine at the office or even while eating lunch at a local restaurant.

through Friday during business hours, they will also be taken Sunday, Feb. 13 from 1-4 p.m. to accommodate lastminute shoppers. To place an order or get more information, call 268-7535.

WHAT'S UP...

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

☐ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.

☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus** Room

☐ Christmas in April board of directors, noon, Lion's Bingo Building.

☐ Friends of the Library noon, Howard County Library.

☐ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. ☐ Masonic Lodge No. 598.

7:30 p.m., 219 Main. **☐** Big Spring Newcomers Club, contact Pat Mireles at

FRIDAY

267-8741.

■ Signal Mountain

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MHMR sets public forum on Home & Community-based Services

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

All family members, advocates and guardians of persons with mental retardation in Howard County who benefits receive through the Home & Community-based Services are urged Thursday to attend a public forum.

We have about 40 of **BROOKS** our current consumers who will be affected by these changes. If

a person lives in a three-person home. this is going to have an effect on their living arrangements one way or another," said Lisa Brooks, community relations director for West Texas Centers for

The forum is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library community room. It is free and open to the public.

'We're going to be presenting to these consumers the different options we have received from the commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in making the HCS programs more financially efficient." Brooks said.

This is the third public forum con- See MHMR, Page 2A

ducted by West Texas Centers for MHMR with the past few weeks, and Brooks said she believes this will be one of the best attended.

HCS programs provide individuals with mental retardation options for independent living outside an institution. Brooks said West Texas Centers has about 90 clients who currently receive HCS services.

'And there are statewide waiting lists for the HCS program, because there are just a number of finite slots available,' she said

Among the services provided through

PUBLIC FORUM

no --- West Texas Centers for ntal Health and Mental Retardation and all consumers, family members, guardians and advocates of persons th mental retardation

What - Public Forums on Home & Community-based Services

en - Thursday, 6:30 p.m., loward County Library community



HERALD photo/Marsha 9 Raymond Lovira of Tall City Masonry out of Midland applies mortar to brick for the new Big Spring Westex Telcom Service Center on Scurry Street. The building is expected to be complete in April.

City will solicit bids for water well to aid drought-scorched golf course

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Comanche Trail Park Golf Course fairways - baked by the drought - will get some much-needed

moisture soon in the form of a water well. "The priority out there now is to meet our water needs,

Bogard, assis-

tant manager

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FUQUA

Big Spring. City council members on 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 equipment.

funds to do this," said Bogard, who noted the Comanche Trail **Golf Course Improvement Fund** contains about \$122,000.

"We have some other equipment to come out of there, so we don't have unlimited funds, but we can do this," she said.

Some of the budgeted items which will come out of the fund are upgrades to the current irrigation system that will return it to automation.

"In doing so, we will be saving labor and be able to be more conservative in our water use." said Bogard. "We'll be able to put the water where it is needed. The greens are in good shape, the tee boxes are in good shape and when we get the irrigation system back in place. that will help the fairways."

Currently, water is pumped into a holding pond at the

"This was not a budgeted course. Bogard said it first item, but there are sufficient appeared the holding pond might have to be enlarged, but that won't be necessary - at least not at this time.

We get about 400,000 gallons a day out there, and we need about a million gallons a day with the drought," said Todd Darden, the city's director of public works.

"The council may hear some complaints about the course, in particular the fairways, but it is because we have had no rain." Bogard said. "The current golf pro, Jack Birdwell, has done a terrific job out there.'

"The last three years we have seen great progress out there and it's going to get better each year," said City Manager Gary Fugua.

Bogard hopes to have bids on irrigation system to bring to the council on Feb. 22 and bids on the water well in early March.

Traffic

Council approves plan to alleviate congestion at busy city intersection

dBy BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Big Spring City Council on Tuesday approved a traffic control plan for a busy intersection and signed off

another agreement to join a narcotics task force.

Audits and utility rate filings were also approved the council, which had a full agenda.

Taking a private consultant's advice, the council approved 4-1 a traffic control plan for Randolph, Wright and Simler streets. Work at the intersection won't 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 are recommending.

The plan calls for stop signs 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 vield sign for traffic moving south on Simler on to Wright.

Currently, the only free-flowing traffic is eastbound from Randolph to Simler. All other traffic must stop at the intersec-

Another proposal was submitted by the local traffic commission, which called for non-stop traffic on Wright to Randolph and Randolph to Simler. It called for a yield on traffic moving from Simler west on to Wright, another yield on traffic

moving from Wright on to Simler and a stop sign for traffic moving from Simler east on

In a vote, council members Stephanie Horton, Tommy Tune, Joann Smoot and mayor pro tem Oscar Garcia approved the plan as submitted by the engineer. Councilman Greg Biddison voted against the engineer's plan.

"It just looks like the traffic commission's plan flows better to me," Biddison said after the meeting.

Cost of the work will be about \$4,000, assuming the city can use \$800 in materials it already has, plus another \$1,200 for the consultant's fee

In other business, the council members approved a grant application for the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force through the Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$1,439,355. In doing so, Big Spring agrees to provide matching funds of \$18,799. Ector County has agreed to fund \$185,000 of the matching funds. for a total in marching monies of \$203,799.

Gary Davis, a partner with West, Davis & Company, presented city council members with a "clean" outside audit for the previous fiscal year. Davis lauded city personnel for their "excellent" work.

Davis also cautioned the council about three funds that were consistently operating in the red - the ambulance fund. garage fund and occupational insurance fund.

In answer to council members' questions, he said that approximately 80 percent of the 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.

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Calendar for 2000-2001 key topic for BSISD board

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday to

approve the 2000-01 school calendar and a contract with Energy Education Inc. t"We're recommending a calendar where school starts a full week later and has all the hol-



idays requested and ends May 25. We were very pleased, we had about 1,800 parents respond to the survey, and we gave the same survey to our staff," said **BSISD Superintendent William**

After the staff of BSISD completed their surveys, the district site-based decision making committee, the calendar committee, presented three diverse

calendars with various and different combinations of start and stop dates and holidays to the The staff in turn voted for

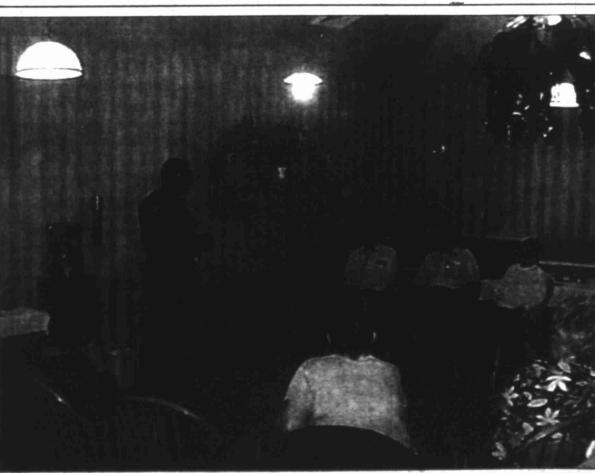
their preference of the three, which will be presented to

"If the trustees approve this calendar, we're done. If they don't approve it, we're back to the drawing board," McQueary

Consultants with Energy Education Inc., presented a plan to trustees in the January board meeting that guarantees a \$1 million savings for the next seven years in energy costs. Administration is recommending approval of the proposal.

"This is the most prudent thing we can do," he said. Also on the agenda is an approval for Worksteps, an employee evaluating tool available from Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Trustees may approve this for maintenance,

custodians, food service and



Sgt. Lee Everett of the Big Spring Police Department addresses a group that attended the presentation "Taking Away the Car Keys" at Marcy House last night. The presentation was spon by the Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Nina Camp

Graveside service for Nina Camp, 92, Odessa, formerly of

Forsan, will be 2 p.m , Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, Trinity Memorial Park with the Jack Clinkscales, a retired Baptist · minister, offi

Mrs. Camp died Tuesday, Feb. 8, in an Odessa nursing

She was born on Feb. 5, 1908. in Granbury. She married Leland S. Camp on Dec. 24. · 1928, in Tolar. He preceded her , in death on May 31, 1989. Mrs. Camp was a longtime resident · of Forsan before moving to Odessa six years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of

Survivors include: one daughter. Cleo Brawley of Odessa; one sister. Ida Mae Camp of Forsan: four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

Harold Moss

Service for Harold Eugene Moss, 71. Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Saginaw. Burial will follow in the Dido Cemetery

Mr. Moss died Feb. 7, at Plaza Medical Center.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1928, in Cleburne. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for Cosden Petroleum, which later became American Petrofina Petroleum, for 35 years before retirement in January 1985. He was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring and was also associated with Providence Baptist Church in Tool where he served as a Deacon, member of Heritage "Baptist Church in Waxahachie 'and the First Bapt'st Chulth'of

Survivors include: his wife. Reba Nell Moss of Fort Worth: son and daughter-in-law Lewis Eugene and Wanda Laura Moss of Huntsville: two daughters and sons-in-law. Donna Leigh and Ronald Alan Zuar of Watauga, and Linda Elaine and Donald Diehl of Abilene: two sisters. Janice Maurine Wendt of Kerrville, and Helen Elaine Weber of Bandera; one brother, William Robert Moss of New York, N.Y.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association; 2401 Scott Ave.: Fort Worth, or the Texas Baptist Home for Children; P.O. Box 309: Waxahachie; 75168.

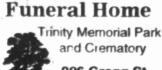
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Nina Camp, 82, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Thursday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

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BSISD

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transportation employees seek-

ing to work for BSISD. Also set for approval is an application for federal and state funds for summer school and budget amendments.

"This is a routine request. We do this every year for our sumprogram," school mer McQueary said.

Employee evaluations and recommendations for administrators, directors and coordinators is an action item for the board, with a necessary execu-

Other business before trustees is an audience with the board by a parent concerned with the district policy of no pass, no

"This was in the newspaper a few weeks ago as a letter to the editor, from a parent who is asking us to waive the policy to allow her child to attend a prom." he said

Due to the executive session and the number of contracts up for review and recommendation, McQueary said the meeting may be lengthy.

COUNCIL

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"I can't think of an exception to that," he said.

Davis said he was obligated to point out the deficits in those funds, and spoke primarily of the ambulance fund, which the city has been subsidizing by \$125,000 over each of the past two years. That \$125,000, however, has not been enough to make up the deficit, which occurs

'While you do budget for all of these, if the number of calls go up, the cost goes up. It's a moving target," said Davis. "These are very difficult decisions, but it is a level of service that has to be paid for.'

City Manager Gary Fugua noted after the meeting that city personnel are currently looking at ways to address the deficit with the ambulance service.

"Histo approved the outside and it for Moore Development for Big Spring.

In other action taken Tuesday, city council members approved a request to install stop signs on 16th Street, yielding to Nolan.

There have been five accidents at that intersection in the past two years," said Darden.

The council also approved on second reading pay rates of election judges and clerks for the March 4 mayoral election as well as minutes of of the Planning Zoning Commission, Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Advisory Board and Moore Development.

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the HCS program are respite care, supported home-living and residential support services.

"Respite is a service that provides a temporary, alternative living site for eligible individuals who are transitioning from state school to community placement, or for individuals who need a place to stay temporarily," Brooks said.

Supported home living offers a variety of services and sup-

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ports to mentally retarded individuals living in their home of choice, she said.

And residential support gives a home environment to individuals with disabilities who may need additional support and services, she said.

Karen Hale, commissioner for TDMHMR, said currently 11,000 individuals are awaiting placement into an HCS program. However, the legislative directive has been given to increase the number of consumers being served by the HCS program, while decreasing the cost involved in this program.

"TDMHMR will not enroll or continue eligibility for any individual whose individual plan of care cost exceeds the maximum specified in the program rules," Hale said in a news release was mailed to program recipients and family members.

Hale said all individual programs which currently exceed the cost guidelines are being evaluated to determine if all available resources are being

"Every effort will be made to implement these changes with the least amount of disruption for the persons receiving services," Hale said

An option available for those 90-plus persons within the West Texas Centers include relocating into an independent living home with three other roommates, a change from the current three-person household, Brooks said.

With a decrease in funds, readjustments for individuals receiving this service may be inevitable, which is the reason for the four public forums scheduled between now and March 1, when the changes will become effective.

"The first step is the public forum, where we will give a general overview of the changes to those consumers, family members, advocates guardians who attend. We hope these individuals will attend, so that they may be made aware of this," Brooks said.

Following the public forum, individual one-on-one sessions will be scheduled between a coordinator and the consumer. family member or guardian, she

"That's when they will be able and what is available," she said. Brooks said Texas is 46th in the nation for dollars spent on

persons. For more information contact West Texas Centers at 263-0007.

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Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bring a lunch.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

Spring City, Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited. SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles

Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome. MONDAY

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30

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10:30 - 12:00 the grief you are experiencing.

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TEXAS LOTTERY p.m. dinner.

Big Spring Assembly No. 21, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m, Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. There is a 6:30 p.m. dinner. TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main. Big Spring Chapter no. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

BRIEFS

THE HOWARD COUNTY LITERACY Program is seeking tutors to teach adults how to

The program requires a commitment of one to three hours each week, with long-term involvement with each student recommended.

Material and training are provided each tutor, as well as support. Scheduling flexibility is available.

To volunteer call Loraine

Redman, Howard Country librarian, at 264-2260 THE AMERICAN RED CROSS is offering disaster

training courses at Balmorhea High School for all those interested persons in the West Texas area.

Thursday, Feb. 24, is introduction to disaster and damage assessment from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, is mass care and shelter operations from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, is emergency assistance to families from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Introduction to disaster is a prerequisite for all other cours-

To register, contact Susie at 1-800-219-2154 att

and Tennessee **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE** volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals from Monday, Feb. 7-Monday, March 27. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon at the. Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

On Feb. 21, electronic filing

will be offered. All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemir, 198-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more informa-

SKYWARN 2000 SPOTTER TRAINING Classes by the National Meather Service that teach residents how to spot inclimate and hazardous weath-er are scheduled in the area in

February and March All classes are free, begin at 7 p.m. and will last about two

hours, with a short break. Big Spring's class of is set for Feb. 15 in Howard College's East Room of the Dorothy

Garrett Coliseum. On Feb. 29, Stanton's class

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery comm will be in the community cen- Palex Inc. ter. Gail has a class scheduled March 6 for the community room, and Garden City will: nave a class March 14 in the school cafeteria.

For more information contact George Mathews, warning coordination meteorologist at 915-563-5006, ext. 223.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

·Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

Nurse Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

THURSDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211. · Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call

Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-

·Alzheimer's support group,

·Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail wing without insurance im lat Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, as TCARLISINE/SALADAR981.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) ·Al-Anon support group, 8

p.m., 615 Settles. IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE

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to Midland. 1:00 p.m. — County Road 821, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

6:37 p.m. - 300 block Aylesford, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:48 p.m. — 1300 block Utah, medical call, service refused.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the followfng incidents between 8 a,m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

·KIRK FOWLER, 21, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. •ROSEMARY BIRGE, 43, was arrested on a charge of dri-

> 7-pirth: Oak 867-9459, and stintw bawks largested on a chargeof thri-•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. ving without insurance. ·LENEY SMITH, 39, was

arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. **•BURGLARY OF A BUILD-**ING was reported in the 900

block of W. 4th.

·BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the 1500 block of Mesquite. **•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3300 block of E.

·BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE, was reported in the 900 block of W. 3rd.

•THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd., in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, and in the 1900 block of S. Main.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 75 Tuesday's low 33 Average high 60 Average low 29 Record high 83 in 1943 Record low -5 in 1933 Precip. Tuesday 0.00 Month to date 0.07 Month's normal 0.13 Year to date 0.49 Normal for the year 0.71 Sunrise Thursday 7:33 a.m.

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Top Web sites brought down in wave of attacks

Internet vandals continued an unprecedented campaign of electronic assaults against the biggest names in cyberspace, disrupting access for consumers to the some of the Web's most popular sites.

Flagship sites that fell under attack Tuesday included those of eBay, Amazon, CNN and Buy.Com, all in unusually forceful assaults similar to one that overwhelmed Yahoo! a day earlier.

The FBI was investigating, but the attacks were a dramatic demonstration of the Internet's vulnerabilities and the ease with which determined hackers can wreak havoc across the global computer network.

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.

Amazon.Com Inc. said its site was inaccessible for more than an hour late Tuesday because large amounts of "junk traffic" were aimed at the company's computers, tying them up and

tomers from making purchases. All the companies said hackers did not gain access inside their computers or retrieve information about their cus-

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CNN said its Web site was "seriously affected." It fell under attack for nearly two hours before technicians were able to shield its computers from the hackers late Tuesday

eBay said it called the FBI, and that early signs showed problems caused by the same type of electronic assaults as launched against Buy.Com Inc. earlier Tuesday and against Yahoo! Inc. on Monday

Tuesday's attack against Buy.Com, which claims more than 1.3 million customers, apparently was timed to coincide with the company's initial stock offering. Chief executive Greg Hawkins described the sabotage in a statement as "an outside coordinated attack to our network that prevented access to our system." Some customers on the West Coast were unaffected.

"The whole thing happened

preventing nearly all its cus- so quickly," said Mitch Hill, the company's chief financial officer. He said the attacks were traced to powerful computers in Boston, New York and Chicago, and that Buy.Com planned to contact the FBI

These moves followed a brazen electronic attack Monday that for hours crippled Yahoo!, among the most popular sites on the Internet, though it was impossible to know immediately whether they were

"It's still in the early stages, but we're working to see if there are any common denominators," eBay spokeswoman Kristin Seuell said.

The problems also illustrated again the unique threats faced by online companies. Unlike their brick-and-mortar counterparts, these attacks using remotely controlled "zombie computers" can effectively shut down every Web storefront of an entire corporation.

Jeff Mallet, president of Yahoo! Inc., confirmed Tuesday that the FBI also was investigating the sabotage against his company. Mallet said the company, which makes most of its

money from Internet advertising, does not anticipate a serious financial impact. In fact, its stock rose more than 5 percent Tuesday, or \$19.13, to close at **\$**373.13.

Yahoo!'s flagship Web directory handles 36 million visitors each month.

Among the Internet underground, where craving for publicity often fuels dramatic attacks against high-profile computers, no one claimed responsibility for the moves against eBay, Amazon, Yahoo! or Buy.Com.

"This is unfortunately one of the outcroppings of being a leading communications medium company," Mallet said. "Bad people do bad things. It's going to continue to happen, (but) the penalties are pretty severe."

Mallet and technical experts believe that about 50 powerful computers were hacked across the United States - a fairly trivial task — and instructed simultaneously to send falsified data to "routers" on the Internet that, in turn, were fooled into flooding the Yahoo! Web site with electronic sig-

Deutch volunteers to give up remaining security clearances

Deutch, the former CIA director who lost his access to agency secrets last summer for violating security rules, volunteered Tuesday to give up his Defense Department industrial security clearances.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the clearances would be withdrawn.

Meanwhile. the announced late Tuesday that it had asked a presidentiallyappointed commission which oversees intelligence issues to look into Deutch's CIA behavior, 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 credentials.

"This is an unprecedented case involving a former director 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 in a letter to former Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., the commission chairman.

WASHINGTON (AP) - John for agreeing to look into the matter.

Monday. Defense Secretary William Cohen said the Pentagon was considering pulling Deutch's clearances but believed it needed to weigh legal considerations before taking any action against him.

The actions are highly unusual and result from the CIA's discovery last summer that Deutch had downloaded classified documents into his unsecured home computer, in violation of security rules, while he was head of the agency.

Deutch, a former deputy sec retary of defense, has not been accused of compromising Pentagon or CIA secrets.

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 granted to people working on The letter thanked Rudman Defense Department contracts.

Wholesalers file new lawsuit accusing tobacco industry of setting prices

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal lawsuit targeted the tobacco industry anew Tuesday, accusing it of carrying out a "long-running and systematic" plan to fix cigarette prices charged to wholesalers.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, asserts that the major U.S. cigarette manufacturers met secretly to make illegal agreements on wholesale prices.

Two cigarette wholesalers, Buffalo Tobacco Products of Buffalo, N.Y., and F & F Tobacco Products of Bryan, sued the industry last cussed, and reached agreements

Texas filed the lawsuit, which seeks triple damages and classaction status to represent all wholesalers hurt by the alleged price-fixing.

The tobacco industry has been under mounting pressure for selling a product the American Cancer Society calls the leading cause of cancer. All 50 states reached settlements in which tobacco companies will pay them \$246 billion for the cost of treating smoking-related illness-

The Justice Department also

billions of dollars to repay federal health-insurance costs. And, a Florida jury ruled in a lass-action lawsuit last July that the cigarette makers produced a defective and deadly product. That jury is now considering damages that industry lawyers say could exceed \$300

The lawsuit filed Tuesday alleges the major tobacco companies fixed prices during meetings of cigarette company lawyers who "frequently dis-

September, seeking additional regarding, future price increases for cigarettes.

Daniel W. Donahue, deputy general counsel for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., one of the defendants, said the lawsuit "is totally without any basis in fact or law, and we certainly intend to defend the case."

Donahue said the issues of price increases and competitive practices "were always avoided" at the meetings of industry lawyers.

Michael York, an attorney for Philip Morris, said the lawsuit was "so meritless on its face the

that it's simply a maneuver by lawvers for more fees."

Those named defendants include Philip Morris Cos.; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings Inc.; Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., a unit of British American Tobacco Co., Ltd.; Lorillard Tobacco Co., a unit of Loews Corp.; and Liggett Group, a unit of Brooke Group

The lawsuit said there was virtually no cigarette price competition from the 1950s until

only conclusion one can draw is low-price "generic discount"

Other companies introduced generic brands, and after a 1993 price war, a price increase announced by Philip Morris signaled to the other companies "that they would resume their illegal agreement not to compete in the U.S. cigarette market on the basis of price," the lawsuit said.

On numerous occasions in the following years, cigarette companies quickly matched each other's price increases, the law-

Del Rio drifter indicted for murder; suspected in deaths of half-dozen others DEL RIO (AP) - A Val Verde beds at the Harris family's killings in six states. So far, he for himself and for the families cars across the country.

County grand jury has indicted a 35-year-old drifter and former carnival worker drifter on capital murder and attempted murder charges five weeks after an attack that left one girl dead and a second injured

Tommy Lynn Sells, 35, was indicted Tuesday. A suspect in at least a half-

dozen more murders in other states, Sells was arrested Jan. 2. two days after Kaylene Harris. 13, was killed and Krystal Surles, 10, was badly wounded. Both were attacked in their mobile home near Del Rio.

the throats of Harris and Surles on Dec. 31 with a boning knife. Harris died almost instantly, survived and helped create a composite portrait that identified Sells as her attacker and led authorities to him.

"He said, 'I thought I killed her too,'" Texas Ranger John Allen reported Sells as saying. Since his arrest, police say Sells also has confessed to 10

is a suspect in at least three: Sells has confessed to slitting one in Del Rio, one in Closure was his word," Allen Lexington, Ky., and one in Tucson, Ariz.

while Surles ran to a neighbor's Missouri and Tennessee are and St. Louis, according to months, only to return in the we've got a lot to talk about. house to call authorities. She working to match Sells to police records. At age 13 or 14, killings police say he admitted committing there, or to unsolved murders authorities believe he committed but may not remember because of heavy alcohol or drug use.

"He's cordial, polite and very coherent

"He's told us he wants closure

of the victims he's killed.

said. Sells was born in Oakland. Police in Idaho, California, Calif., and later moved to Utah he left home to spend the next two decades riding trains. hitchhiking and driving stolen

He arrived in Del Rio two years ago with a carnival. He later married a local woman who had two small children but fall to sell used cars

Sheriff's investigator Larry Pope said Sells began talking on the trip to the Val Verde County

Jail after he was picked up at his wife's mobile home.

"I didn't question him. I just put him in the car and rode to town," Pope said. "He said left town last year for five something like, 'We'll I guess And then he said 'I guess you want to hear about both of them.' And I had no idea of what he was talking about.'



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OUR VIEWS

Senior center's financial needs are wake-up call

or many, financial concerns voiced by officials of the Spring City Senior Center, as well as the 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 proceeds 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 been threatened by frequent cuts in federal funding,

For more than 20 years, the senior center has been a 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 meal delivered to some 75 to 85 senior citizens in Big Spring at their homes.

Both are vital links to the outside world for elderly residents of our community, many of whom are widowed, 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 continued operation of paramount importance.

What should be even more sobering are demographics that for years have indicated that America is an aging society. The average American citizen has been getting older for a great many years, and concerns regarding 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 currently met by private donations, as well as contributions from 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 the so-called "aging community," our interest in make ing sure the senior center's efforts and Mobile Meals program not only survive, but flourish and expand, should be paramount.

We should be encouraging our elected officials at the national, state and local level to make sure programs for seniors are sufficiently supported, as well as make ing individual donations wherever possible.

In so doing, we're simply looking after ourselves. After all, none of us is getting younger, and that's something we should all remember.

OTHER VIEWS

From school district truant officers and local constables through the Texas Rangers and on up to FBI special agents, there is no limit to the layers of police in South

There are park rangers and border patrölmen, airport police and military M.P.'s, drug agents and DPS officers, city police and county sheriff's deputies, literally tens of thousands of men and women wearing badges.

This newspaper has long been an advocate of city-county consolidation. The possible unification of local police forces into a single unit is one good reason to support 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 reason: It is substantive change that uproots political turf.

ATF spokeswoman Illa

Brown acknowledged only that she was aware of the report, and Art Resnick, a DEA spokesman, said the proposal had been "studied and rejected numerous times.'

Meanwhile, Treasury **Secretary Lawrence Summers** and Attorney General Janet Reno echoed Resnick, but promised to study the findings of a congressionally appointed commission headed by William Webster, former director of both the FBI and the CIA.

There is no question there are too many law enforcement layers, both locally and nationally. Combining some of them would both save money and allow better coordination of law enforcement efforts.

An anonymous federal official told the Washington Post the idea is not constructive, but admitted that lower-echelon employees think it makes

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-NEWS

McCain picking up tremendous steam

ichard L. Berke's lead sentence on Page 1 of The New York Times catches the electricity of this moment: "MANCHES-

TER, N.H., Feb. 1 Senator John McCain swamped Gov. George W. Bush today in the Hampshire primary, piling up the widest margin here

since Ronald



Reagan defeated Mr. Bush's father 20 years ago." "Swamped" is the right verb

McCain won 49-30 — 19 points! And as you dig into the composition of McCain's vote, the more impressive it becomes. Voters who describe themselves as conservatives are

split about evenly between McCain and Bush. Voters who described themselves as religious conservatives gave about 30 percent of their votes to Bush, but McCain had appeal here, too, gaining 20 percent.

McCain scored very heavily among voters calling themselves independents, with 60 percent voting for McCain. He thus demonstrated his support across the entire spectrum of contemporary Republicanism. The joke goes around that

McCain spent so much time in New Hampshire that he could have claimed residence and voted there himself. But I don't think this was the reason for what amounted to a landslide over Bush. McCain visited the state 65 times. Bush 36 times. The voters had abundant opportunity to size both men up, and I doubt that more vis-

much difference. The fact is that McCain is a tremendously attractive candi-

its by Bush would have made

date, charismatic and spontaneous, with a record of amaging bravery during the Vietnam War. His book, "Faith of My Fathers," will live as a minor classic of war literature. You end up, when reading it, with the almost uncontrollable desire to drop a "Big One" on Hanoi and its sadistic torturers. But McCain is not bitter. When he is on the platform, as in the candidate debates, his presence seems to diminish those around him.

He is a lot quicker on his feet than Bush, has a better vocabulary and a ready wit. When Bush said McCain's tax proposals resembled Al Gore's, McCain instantly shot back, "When you compare me to Al Gore, you're spinning like Clinton." Not bad. At his victory rally, after his New Hampshire victory had been secured, he gave some assurance that, in a debate, he could take the gloves off: "We have sent a powerful message to

Washington that change is coming. This is a good thing. And it is the beginning of the end of the truth-twisting politics of Bill Clinton and Al

McCain is coming across as a patriot, a reformer and a conservative, perhaps reminding us of Teddy Roosevelt, the sky over Hanoi being his San Juan Hill and campaign-finance reform his trust-busting. Clearly he is fearless, and he is unlikely to lose a debate to either Gore or Bradley.

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dead mike. The media love McCain — so far anyway. Reporters like his spontaneity, his policy of unlimited access and his willingness to entertain any question. His spontaneity sometimes gets him into trouble,

but he laughs it off. So, for McCain, the wild ride moves to South Carolina. Will the dominoes fall, South Carolina, Arizona, Michigan? The wind is rising.

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Your Views

To THE EDITOR:

I am writing regarding your Monday article in the Big Spring Herald in reference to the grant given by the Dora Roberts Foundation to Mobile Meals. I found the information given to the Herald reporter by the organization spokesman to be poorly researched and not filled with the proper facts on the subject

There is a definite difference between the Dora 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 erroneous information. I am sure this was just a mistake, but when informing the public, it is only fair to explain the correct information to them. You did not do this and in fact caused further confusion to the public.

Also, I have never seen it so crudely put as to degrade a dead person for not continuing to support you. I know my mother did probably also give to this program, but, I had no knowledge of this and no one said a word to me about the problem.

I know that the Dora **Roberts Foundation has** always been a supporter of the Mobile Meals program and all members, including myself, have always been supportive of helping them

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meet their goals and needs as best we can.

The problem this year came in that we never received a grant application from the Mobile Meals organization. No one realized this due to the hundreds of applications 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 submitted by them to us. So to tried to help this situation, we called a special meeting. Since we had already allocated all the money we had to give for grants this year, we 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 and never realized that it 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 the 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

we cannot have standing grants to organizations and every year all organizations must make an application, no matter how deserving.

It is really difficult to try to make the money we have to. grant go as far as we can and try to help as many as we can. This is truly hard with so many worthy and qualifying applications and there are many you simply have to turn down and do the best you can with what have.

I want everyone to know the Dora Roberts Foundation has always supported this program and will continue to do so in the future. I really respect the volun-

teers that do all the hard work and spend endless hours working to help others who cannot help themselves and will always do everything I can to be supporter of this worthwhile and valuable and necessary program. Our Foundation has

received calls all day long concerning statements made in the article.

Next time, please get the facts correct before having them printed in the paper. This was such an embarrass ment for all involved and could have been avoided by using the correct facts of the d thing

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Boys battling leukemia find support with family, friends

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

Niki Brorman will never forget May 17, 1999.

That's the day she learned her oldest son, Blake, had leukemia. And it's the day her family's life changed forever.

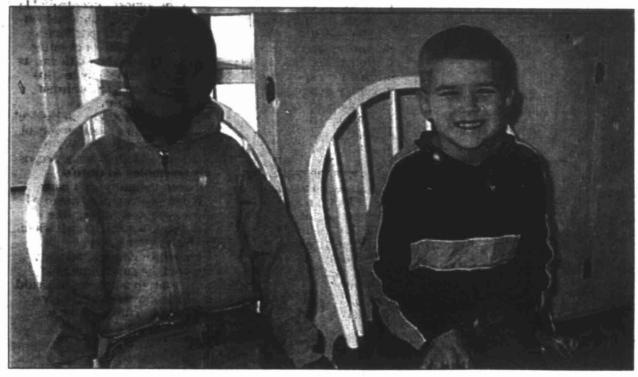
"That's the worst thing you want to hear as a parent," said Brorman. "I felf like I couldn't breathe (and) like my heart had, stopped.

Blake, 6, has not let the diagnosis slow him down much. He still plays sports when he feels well, and enjoys running and playing like most kids his age. His parents have explained to him that he has a lot of "bad guys in his blood" that have to be taken care of with medi-

The thirty makes segular trips to Lubback, sometimes. for chemotherapy, other drug treatments and blood tests. Blake has a small catheter imbedded under the skin of his, chest, where blood can be taken easily, and chemo delivered regularly.

It was during one of these trips to Lubbook that the Brormans heard about the Gonzalez family.

"(The doctor) told us there was another family here that



travel to Lubbock several times a week for treatments and tests.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Isidro Gonzalez, left, and Blake Brorman, are both fighting leukemia. They and their families must

of the diagnosis after taking

him to the doctor for a swollen

gland on the side of his neck. At first the doctor thought it might be mononucleosis, and prescribed certain medications. When Ernesto went to the pharmacy to pick them up, however, the dosage was missing and a call to the doctor in Colorado

Kids collecting spare change to benefit leukemia research "I was shocked at how much

Features Editor

Students at Elbow and Coahoma Elementary are taking part in a fundraiser for the Leukemia Society, in heart of their fellow students, Blake Brorman and Isidro Gonzalez

Blake normally attends Elbow, while Isidro was in school at Coahoma before his diagnosis. Both boys have a home teacher while they undergo treatment for acute

lymphoplastic leukemia (ALL). Glenda McDonald is coordinating the fundraiser at Elbow, where they call it "Coins for the Cause." The official name is "Pennies for Patients," and the program encourages kids to bring their change to be collected at school from Feb. 7-25.

When the pharmacist reached the doctor, he asked if Ernesto was there; he had the results of some blood tests. The pharmacist put Ernesto on the line and the doctor told him they suspected leukemia and the family needed to go to Lubbock right

money we collected even on the first day (Monday)" McDonald said. "I'm so proud

and so pleased with the effort.' At Elbow, all students see the efforts of their work posted on a large thermometer display. In a grade-level contest, the winners will have a pizza party at the end of the fundraising period. Coahoma students are collecting money in the elementary office as well as in the

second grade classrooms. Teachers and administrators have already heard stories about students cleaning out their piggy banks.

"We had one student who had saved \$22 to buy something for herself, and she donated it all," McDonald said. "These kids are amazing."

City was made

His wife, Mary, was waiting in the car with the kids.

'We saw him coming back' with his head hanging down, and no medicine in his hands said Mary. "He came around and opened the car door and kneeled down and just started

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'Walk Across Texas 2000' event to begin April 15

In 1999, 11 teams joined the once we have begun and the Walk Across Texas* challenge in Howard County. That was 88 people who decided to do something about fitness and become more active. And, at cuss the aspects of proper the end of

eightweek period those Y3MALI eams hade logged over 7.500 miles. Walk

Across Texas* 2000 is here on April 15 in conjunction with the Big Spring Area Health Fair, first

mile kick-off will get teams out and walking that first mile together.

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Prior to the kick-off of "Walk" Across Texas, four health breaks have been planned in February to educate folks about equipment and benefits gained from a regular fitness program. These short pro grams will be held on Wednesdays, at the Howard County Library Community Room, during the lunch hour, (beginning shortly after noon). These health breaks are open to anyone interested in finding out more about beginning a walking program and health

related benefits. On Feb. 23, Dick Helms of Athletic Supply will discuss shoes appropriate for walking, cussed above, or other proincluding how to determine grams see of proper fit. He will also talk about any other equipments that might aid in getting a regular program started.

March 1, Dr. Guy Owen will speak about actually beginning the exercise program, warm up, cool down and what, office located in the basement happens between as well as how long and how often.

He will also give us some help on how to stay motivated

long-term benefits of migular exercise. March 8, Michelle Werner

you may want to talk to," said

Jeff Brorman, Blake's father.

Isidro Gonzalez, 9, also from Big Spring, was diagnosed with

the same disease as Blake. Both

boys are fighting acute lympho-

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has an 89 percent cure rate. Coincidentally, the boys'

The doctor explained that

Registered Dietitian, will disnutrition and its relation to a fitness program. We can't just expectation lith because we are executive regularly, a healthy diet is necessary as well. Michelle will discuss the basics of a healthy diet and nutritional needs.

March 15, stress relief. How

fast paced lives we are leading today, how to recognize stress and other ways of coping as

These health breaks are open to anyone interested they have been planned for the lunch hour to accommodate those who work and would like to attend. You are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch and beverages will be available. These health breaks will also provide you an opportunity to find out more about the "Walk Across Texas"

program. Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

If you would like to find out more at the 'Walk Across Texas' Health Breaks disthe Texas Agricultural Service in Howard County, please contact the Extension office at 264-2236 (we are listed under Texas Agricultural Extension Service in the telephone book) or stop by our of the courthouse.

Dana Tarter is the Howard County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Science.

Your cornbread dish could be a winner

Calling all cornbread makers! takes home \$500 and the third Now's the time for you who like prize winner receives a cash to experiment with cornbread recipes to enter a contest.

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Martha White Corn Meal and all will and Lodge Cast Iron are sponsoring the National Cornbread Cook-Off 2000. The event takes place during the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg, Tenn., on April 29-30.

Here's how to enter send semifinalists your best original MAIN DISH will recipe cooked in cast iron and required least one cup of Martha White Corn Meal or own ingredione package Martha White ents Cornbread Mix. Send your entries including your name. complete address and phone

number to: National Cornbread Cook-Off 2000; 209 Seventh Ave. N.; 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 creations and compete for cash prizes at the final judging on April 29 in South Pittsburg. Recipes will be judged on the basis of taste, creativity, appetizing appearance, ease of preparation and appropriate

use of the product. A cash prize of \$1,000 and a 30-inch FiveStar stainless steel gas range (a \$2,500 value) from Brown Stove Works, Inc., of Cleveland, Tenn., will be awarded to the first prize winning recipe.

The second prize winner

prize of \$300. The remaining seven finalists each win \$100

special gifts from Martha White Lodge Iron. The 10

cooking equipment for the competition.

Here are a couple of recipes from Martha White® to try for yourself and your family.

Tamale Skillet Pie 1 lb. ground beef

1 (6 oz) package Mexican Style Cornbread Mix, divided

1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chilies

1 (11 oz) can whole kernel corn with red and green bell peppers

1/2 cup of water

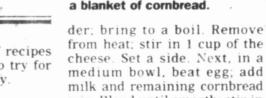
2 T chili powder 8 oz. (2 cups) shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided

3/4 cup milk Heat oven to 375 degrees. In 10 1/2 inch cast iron skillet,

brown ground beef over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until thoroughly cooked; drain. Return beef to skillet. Stir in 1 T of the cornbread mix, tomatoes, corn, water and chili pow-

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milk and remaining cornbread mix. Blend until smooth; stir in remaining 1 cup cheese. Pour cornbread mixture over beef

> mixture. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. This makes six servings.

Country Italian Sausage Pie

1 lb. mild or hot Italian sausage links 1 Toil

2 large green or red bell peppers, cut into thin strips I large onion, cut into thin

wedges 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes. undrained

Cotton Pickin' or Buttermilk you win, let us know about it! Cornbread Mix

1/2 cup milk 1 egg, beaten

Tamale Skillet Pie is a combination of Tex-Mex ingredients under 4 oz. (1 cup) shredded moz-

zarella cheese. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Cut each sausage link into four pieces. Heat oil in a 10 1/2 inch cast iron skillet over mediumhigh heat until hot. Add sausage; cook and stir until browned. Add bell peppers and onion; cook until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally Stir in tomatoes; cook 2 to 3

In a small bowl, combine cornbread mix, milk and egg. stir until smooth. Stir in cheese. Spoon batter around edge of mixture in skillet. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until topping is golden brown

This makes eight servings. good luck to those of you 1 (6 oz) pkg. Martha White® who might try the contest. If

Gina Garza, features assistant, writes a weekly column of tips and family information.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) Steven Spielberg had a kidney removed after doctors found an "irregularity" on it, but the director was expected to fully recover, a spokesman said Monday. The problem was discovered

according to the spokesman,

know the nature of Spielberg's kidney ailment, when the surgery was done or whether the irregularity might have been cancerous.

"A complete recovery is promised and no followup treatduring a routine checkup. ment is necessary," Levy said. A spokeswoman at Cedars-

Marvin Levy, who did not Sinai Medical Center, where the surgery was done, said the hospital could not comment.

Health generally is not affected by the loss of a kidney. The remaining kidney usually enlarges to take over the functions of the missing one.

Spielberg was recuperating at home, Levy said.

"I talked with him this morning, and he sounded great, like the guy I've always known,' Levy said. "He's got scripts he's

dealing with as we speak. Spielberg won best director Oscars for "Schindler's List" and "Saving Private Ryan." "Schindler's List" also won the award for best picture.

CONSUMER NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) - Some questionable Web sites that have appeared since last week's Alaska Airlined crash have prompted charity watchdog groups to renew their warnings about the dangers of donating money over the Internet.

Although most online operations are legitimate, the ease of establishing Web bleasters bring out the worst in a few people and the best in most people," said Can Langan, a spoke blad for the National Chatities Information Bureau. "You've

got to give with your head and not with your heart. No matter how you might feel that you have to do something, you have to know exactly who you are giving to."

Alaska Airlings spokerman Jack Evans said at least two sites that purportedly raised money for the victims' families are suspect because one distributed a com-

puter virus and the other collected Social Security numbers. The sites shut down after the airling threatened to sue, Evans said.

Donots can go online in mapping yet for many causes. Some sites, such as ignee com, opening any shape malls that promise to donate a percentage of he American Red Cross, permit direct donations

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals from Monday, Feb. 7-Monday, March 27. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive. The service is free

On Feb. 21, the group will offer free electronic filing. All citizens are eligible to receive this assistance Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received show ing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

THE LAST WORD

Be grateful for luck, but don't depend

Truth is the most valuable thing we have. Let us economize it. **Mark Twain**

You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough

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crying.'

Their boy, who had already been through so much, was now facing the added difficulties of chemotherapy.

Both set of parents said they dread a fever, which usually means a trip to the hospital. They talk about their favorite nurses, and the difficulty in keeping up their spirits when the road to Lubbock can seem so long.

"If we say we are going to Lubbock, he doesn't want to get in the car," said Mary Gonzalez of her son.

Both women said they have lost weight, finding themselves unable to eat when worry and stress take over.

"I pray a lot," said Mary Gonzalez, adding that Isidro, too, at times gets his parents together and says, "Pray! Pray!'

At the Brorman house, this flu season was different than any before.

'We wash our hands constantly," said Jeff, explaining that they try to keep any germs from invading Blake's world. He can't visit his friends when they have a cold. The rest of the family, including his brother Brett, 4, got flu shots this

Brett has learned all about his brother's treatment, too. He knows the names of the medicines and approximately when his brother takes each one.

While Blake understands much about the disease he is fighting, Isidro's parents don't think he does. But you never know — this is the child that

NEW YORK (AP) — Bye-bye,

Miss American Pie. Hello,

The Material Girl released

her version of the 1971 classic

"American Pie" to radio sta-

tions on Tuesday, a truncated

take on Don McLean's 8-1/2-

minute rock 'n' roll homage to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens

The song's debut came before

the anniversary of "the day the

music died": Feb. 3, 1959, when

a plane carrying the three

young rock stars went down in

Madonna's remake times out

at under five minutes, a consid-

erable cut from the original.

And don't worry if you don't

remember all the words: The

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That's blasphemy to a genera-

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doctors said would never even walk, who now runs and plays, and enjoys singing along to the country music channels.

Both boys share the same teacher who comes to their houses for lessons. Isidro normally attends Coahoma Elementary; Blake goes to Elbow Elementary. Through their teacher, the families can share some communication and keep up with each other.

Blake's health is good now, and he is on a treatment plan known as "maintenance." Isidro, however, faces an operation this week or next, which will require a family trip to Dallas. The family has arranged to borrow a car that is in good shape for the long

The Brorman family has started a benefit fund for the Gonzalez family, to help with travel and other expenses. It is at Norwest Bank, and contributions should be directed to the "Isidro Gonzalez Benefit Fund." Mary Gonzalez said her son

understands that he is sick. "It doesn't seem to bother him," she said. "He's happy most of the time." Others said every time they see Isidro, he has a huge smile and offers a

Niki Brorman said the hardest part can be explaining things to a child that don't make sense even to adults.

They were in the car one day recently, when Blake asked, "Mom, why do I have leukemia?'

"I didn't know what to say," Niki said. "So I told him, 'We don't know. We just don't

"And a voice that came from

Madonna's version strays far

afield from McLean's simple

arrangement. There's an elec-

tronic dance beat, and distant

background vocals from actor

interest" from adult contempo-

rary and Top 40 radio stations,

which have jumped to add the

song to their playlists, said

spokesman for Madonna's

The song is from the sound-

track to Madonna's latest

movie, "The Next Best Thing,"

which co-stars Everett. The

movie opens March 3, while

the soundtrack (in perfect mar-

keting style) arrives in stores

recently ranked as the 19th best

rock song ever by VH1.

The 1971 McLean classic was

The Madonna version didn't

receive such a ringing endorse-

ment from Newsday writer

Isaac Guzman, who described it

as "an almost syrupy, slick

take" on McLean's original.

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There is also "an explosion of

Study shows learning problems for preemies continue in adolescence

CHICAGO (AP) — Children two to three months early born extremely prematurely, weighing 2 pounds or less at birth, experience significant learning difficulties that persist into their teen-age years, a study found.

The researchers and experts not involved in the study said the findings should make parents, doctors and educators aware of the risks such children face and the need for them to get help early.

Prematurity is on the rise. partly because of an increase in multiple births and in older women having babies. Also, medical advances enable an increasing number of even the tiniest babies to survive.

Premature babies are known to run a higher risk of problems such as cerebral palsy, mental retardation and vision and hearing trouble. The latest findings bolster previous research linking prematurity to more subtle cognitive problems that may be permanent.

"There is no question that these children are at high risk," said Dr. Saroj Saigal, a professor of pediatrics at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, who led the study. "We are raising the awareness that these children are likely to have problems."

She followed 150 premature babies, who were born in Ontario between 1977 and 1982, into their teens. Her study, published in the February issue of the journal Pediatrics, found that academic difficulties that existed at age 8 continued into the teen-age years.

The study is one of the first to follow premature babies into their teens. Saigal said it is not clear whether these youngsters go on to have difficulties in adulthood; more research on that is needed.

Those studied weighed between about 1 pound, 2 ounces and 2 pounds, 4 ounces at birth and were born about

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"the sickest of the sickest babies that we see," Saigal said.

Their average age was 14 during the most recent follow-

Nearly half were receiving special educational assistance, compared with just 10 percent of a control group of children who were not born prematurely but were similar in gender, age and social class. Twentyfive percent had repeated a grade, compared with just 6 percent of the control group.

Fewer than half of the smallest premature children those born weighing 1 pound, 9 ounces and under — scored in the normal range most intelligence and achievement

And while 42 of the teens had nervous-system or sensory disorders such as cerebral palsy, blindness and deafness, even those who didn't scored significantly lower on achievement tests than the control

About 11 percent of the nation's 4 million births are premature, which means they occur before the 37th week of pregnancy. That is up from 9 percent a decade ago. The increase is largely attributed to a rise in the use of fertility drugs, which often result in multiple, premature births.

An estimated 1.4 percent of all births, about 56,000 annually, are considered very low birth weight, or less than about 3 pounds, up from 1.2 percent in 1987.

Dr. Maureen Hack, a Cleveland neonatologist who has studied developmental problems in premature babies, said the learning difficulties may be caused by bleeding in the brain, lack of oxygen to the brain and other problems linked to prematurity.

"These things don't go away." Hack said.

Child prodigy puts diners in the mood for a melody

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— When the piano at the St. Anthony Hotel suddenly began playing by itself one Sunday afternoon, some in the champagne brunch crowd became slightly unnerved.

Several lost interest in the boiled shrimp on their plates and stood on tippy-toe to peer down over the sheet music. Their reaction when they solved the piano mystery was one of amused delight.

"I couldn't even see him back there. He's so small and so cute, but very, very professional, laughed Teresa Snowden, 22, attending a family breakfast.

Meet J.J. Gonzalez, pianist, who recently took a Sunday off from his St. Anthony gig to celebrate his fifth birthday, and who also occasionally plays a North Side steakhouse for tips.

Razor-sharp in black slacks, white shirt, vest and tie, J.J. played his usual half-hour medley, heavy on Christmas songs, amid the gilded statues and enormous chandeliers of the hotel's Peacock Alley.

"He's been doing it on and off for the last month and a half. He played at our annual corporate meeting and for our annual Christmas party," said John Gallegos, the hotel manager.

"It's a loose thing. If he doesn't feel like coming in, he doesn't come in. We wouldn't do it if he didn't like it," he said. Roughly the size of two of the

St. Anthony's heaped Sunday buffet plates, J.J. must raise his arms to reach the keys, and his feet dangle a good foot from the

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His manner while playing is all business, eyes never straying from the sheet music in front of him, a point not lost on 10-yearold Andres Campion, dining nearby.

"He amazes all of us. He's a prodigy, a little Beethoven, only he can hear," Andres said.

'I take piano lessons. He's looking at the music and not looking at his hands. And with all those sharps and flats, he has to hold the keys down because his feet don't reach the pedals," he said.

J.J.'s father, Enrique Gonzalez, 49, said his son began taking an interest in music when he was 2) and wanted to join his father's group at San Fernando Cathedral.

"I played guitar with the church choir there for 15 years, and he used to go with us. He wanted to stay with us on the floor with a microphone, so we gave him one, but we didn't plug it in," said Enrique Gonzalez. J.J. graduated to playing a tambourine with the group.

"One thing we realized was that he was playing to the beat. We looked at each other, all these guys, and we let him go on, and by the end of the songs, he was making up his own thing," he said.

J.J. has since graduated to piano lessons and to owning a small keyboard, which he uses to practice with at home. His 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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An organizational meeting for the National Little League in Big Spring has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb.f 17, at Allan's Furniture.

All persons interested in coaching or helping out in any other aspect is asked to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Allan Johnson at 267-7416 or

Hunter education class scheduled for weekend

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitivent will be instructors for the class.

The class is also offered as a home study course, allowing students to attend a one-day, hands-on skills course and take a written exam.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

Softball umpires training set to begin on March 1

The Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association will begin training for all slow pitch and fastpitch umpires at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Bill Williams Complex Umpire Building in Midland's Hogan Park.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend. For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

The Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society is encouraging golfers to take advantage of the society's 2000 Texas Golf Pass.

The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club.

Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.acs-tx.org. Details are also available at all three local

High school player gets prison term for elbow

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Aformer South San Antonio High School basketball player has been sentenced to five years in prison for throwing his elbow into the face of an opponent and smashing his

nose during a game last year. Tony Limon, 18, a starting center who graduated last spring, was sentenced Monday for the Jan. 15 incident.

Limon later apologized for the hit, which left East Central San Antonio High guard/forward Brent Holmes with a concussion and a compound fracture of his nose.

Limon was convicted of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury.

Defense lawyer Rodriguez said the sentence is overkill in response to an unfortunate event

IT'S MISSING

Results from Tuesday's high school games involving Forsan, Grady and Sands are not included in today's edition of the Herald.

Coaches from those schools did not report their scores.

ON THE AIR

Television

7:30 p.m. - Seattle SuperSonics at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29. **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

6 p.m. - North Carolina at N.C. State, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8 p.m. - Seton Hall at Rutgers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

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Lady Steers finish tied for second in 5-4A; Steers suffer los

Herald Correspondent

FORT STOCKTON - Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers left here Tuesday night with a split in District 5-4A varsity basketball action — the Lady Steers having powered to a 63-29 win over the Prowlers, while the Steers dropped a 50-

The Lady Steers' victory, coupled with Snyder's 48-35 win over San Angelo Lake View, left Big Spring closing the regular season in a three-way tie for second place in the 5-4A standings behind league champion Sweetwater.

As a result, Lady Steers head coach Kathy Loter was scheduled to meet with representatives from Snyder and Lake View at 11 a.m. today in Colorado City for a coin toss that will determine the seedings for a mini-tournament in which the second- and third-place playoff teams

from the district will be decided.

A coin flip will be held during that meeting, and the winner will automatically advance into the playoffs. The other two teams will play one another to determine which will play the winner of the coin toss for second-place playoff

The Lady Steers were simply overwhelming in the evening's first game, as junior guard Melissa Forth led all scorers with 25 points, while classmate Melissa Flenniken chipped in 19 more.

The win improved the Lady Steers to 17-12 on the season and left them with a 6-4 mark in district play.

While Forth was having her usual night on the stat sheet, it was Flenniken who was a thorn in the Prowlers' collective side, as she penetrated the soft Fort Stockton defense and was camped under the goal most of the game.

Flenniken's teammates continued to

feed the ball to her inside and she didn't disappoint.

The Lady Steers jumped out to a 14-2 lead in the first period and led by 24 going into the final period of play when they allowed the Prowlers just two field

In the varsity nightcap, sophomore guard Arthur Belvin paced the Steers with 13 points, while junior guard Jason Woodruff chipped in seven more.

But the Panthers roared out to an 11-2 lead in the first quarter and forced the Steers to play catch up for the rest of the

Fort Stockton did give the Steers plenty of chances, turning the ball over 26 of times.

The only problem, of course, was the Steers' inability to capitalize on the home team's mistakes. All told, Big Spring was able to cash in on just eight of the Panthers turnovers

Steers head coach Jimmy Avery said. noting that the loss puts the Steers

now 16-12 overall and 3-5 in district play into a must win situation when they travel to Sw estwater on Friday night and then entertain Snyder in the season finale at Steers gym on Tuesday

"Our last two games are must-win games now," Avery admitted. "This was a golden opportunity. We got the breaks by forcing turnovers, but then couldn't get our shots to fall. It was a tough way to lose one

In freshman girls' action Tuesday, Big Spring's young Lady Steers closed the season with a 22-4 record with a 68-13 romp over the Prowler frosh.

Amanda Lasater paced the Big Spring freshmen squad with 14 points, while Courtney Brock added 11 more. The Lady Steers JV won, as well, finishing 17-9 overall.

Bulldogettes left out of playoffs

Sports Editor

COAHOMA - It seems almost unthink-

For the first time in quite a few years, when the Class 2A high school basketball playoffs get under way in a couple of weeks, neither Coahoma's Bulldogs, nor the Bulldogettes will be taking part.

That fact came crashing down with brutal reality for the Bulldogettes moments after Tuesday night's 37-32 loss to Post's

Lady Antelopes. The Lady 'Lopes, already guaranteed their first district championship since 1969, closed out a perfect 10-0 run through District 3-2A play with Tuesday's win,

improving their record to 26-1 overall. For the Bulldogettes, however, the loss dropped them out of a third-place tie with Stanton's Lady Buffaloes in the 3-2A standings, leaving the league's defending champions with a 16-13 record overall and a 5-5

mark in district play. "This was a tough one," admitted David Musick, who'd seen his Bulldogettes fall just shy of overcoming a number of hardships in his first season at the program's helm. "But I'm as fully proud of this bunch

of kids. I just got through tening them that I'd rather not go to the skyuns with them than get a chance to go with anyone else. "I meant that ... really did," he added. "This has been a great bunch of kids to

What was most painful to the Bulldogettes, of course, was how close they came to forcing a playoff with Stanton for the district's third playoff seed.

In fact, for most of the night, it appeared as if the Bulldogettes would throw a little tarnish on Post's championship trophy taking the lead midway through the first quarter and, save for a brief moment in the third quarter, holding it until just more than a minute remained in the game.

After eight minutes of play, the Bulldogettes owned a 10-9 lead and struggled through a difficult second quarter for both teams, but got a last-second threepointer from Ashley Lang to take a 19-13 lead into the intermission.

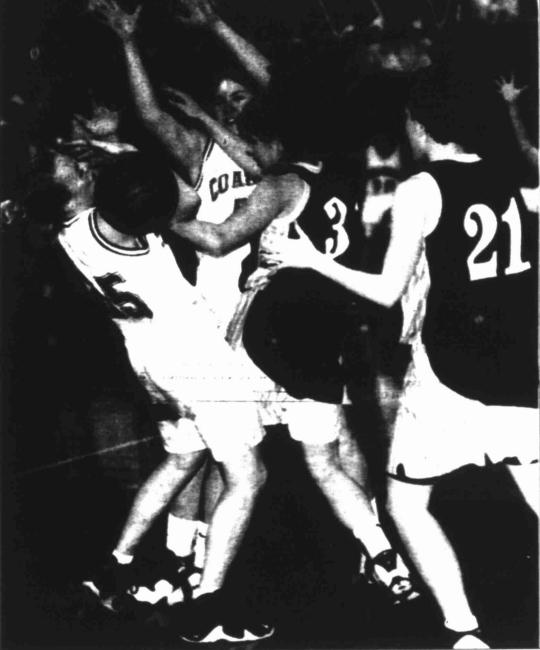
Much of the Bulldogettes' success had been the result of the height advantage provided by senior posts Jayci Roberts and Suzanna Woods.

But the Lady 'Lopes seemed to solve the problem as the third period began, rattling off a string of 10 unanswered points to take a 23-19 lead at the 3:07 mark.

Just as quickly, however, Roberts and Wood reasserted themselves - Roberts scoring from underneath and drawing a foul that created a three-point play, and Wood flashing into the lane for a par of short-range goals.

As a result, the Bulldogettes owned a 26-23 edge going into the final eight minutes. That lead increased to five points when Wood scored her final two points of the game, nailing a couple of free throws at the 4:00 mark.

Post responded with a three-point play from post Kenda Looney and Coahoma's



Coahoma's Karen Sterling (25) and Suzanna Wood (45) collide with Post's Manuela Hernandez (33) as all three attempt to pull down a rebound. The loose ball was picked up by Post's Kelly Moore (221) and converted into points that proved crucial in the **Bulldogettes' 37-32 loss.**

Kortney Kemper answered with a drive another frustration for coach Kim Nichols into the lane that gave the Bulldogettes a 32-28 lead with 3:36 left.

Neither teams would manage another field goal, and the Lady 'Lopes would win it at the free throw line

While the Bulldogettes failed to score again, missing on three final free throw opportunities, the Lady 'Lopes hit eight of 12 freebies in the closing minutes to take

Junior forward Davida Gregory did most of the damage, hitting 5-of-6 down the stretch, finishing the night as the game's

only double-digit scorer. Gregory's 12 points were supplemented by post Manuela Hernandez's eight points, while Woods paced the Bulldogettes with

The evening's nightcap proved to be See COAHOMA, page 28

and his Bulldogs, as Post made it a varsity sweep with a 60-58 win.

Following virtually the same scenario established in the girls' game. Coahoma jumped out to an early lead and held on until the fourth quarter.

Senior guard Brett Bennett and sophomore post Chase Ward led the way for the Bulldogs, getting crucial help inside from Jamie Howard as they claimed a 16-10 lead after the first eight minutes and expanded that margin to nine points, 34-25, at half-

By the start of the fourth quarter, how ever, the Antelopes had pulled to within four. 46-42, and with five minutes left in the game, the two teams were deadlocked

Thomas' death leaves friends. family in shock

MIAMI (AP) - Nearly 12 hours after Derrick Thomas died, his family and friends remained at Jackson Memorial Hospital. consoling one another and sharing their memories of the nine-time Pro Bowl line-

They congregated on the third floor of the rehabilitation center, the place where Thomas was recovering from a paralyzing car crash last month.

Coaches, teammates and childhood buddies sat alongside Thomas' relatives, all of them still shocked by his sudden death Tuesday

Thomas probably died from a massive blood clot, doctors said. He was 33.

'We're all in a situation at this juncture where I don't think any of us can appreciate the personal loss former Kansas City Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer said

Thomas was being transferred from his hospital bed to a wheelchair on his way to when he uttered something to his mother and his eyes rolled back, said Dr. Frank Eismont, a neurosurgeon at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

The Chiefs linebacker, who held the NFL record of seven sacks in a game, went into car-

dio-respiratory arrest, he said. Doctors have not determined an exact cause of death, and an

autopsy may be performed. Blood clots are more common in people with paralysis. Eismont said. Thomas was on

medication to prevent clotting. "His family is devastated. We all are." said Spencer Hammond, who played alongside Thomas at Alabama and spent much of Tuesday with Thomas family "It's very

upsetting. Thomas death surprised everyone, mainly because of the progress he had made in just a short time since his

injury "Derrick was an extraordi nary person and was breaking all the records while he was here." Dr. Barth Green said.

Thomas was driving a car during a snowstorm on Jan. 23 as he and two friends headed to the Kansas City airport to fly to St. Louis for the NFC championship game. He lost control of the car, and it overturned at least three times. Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49. were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car.

Stanton's boys, girls guarantee themselves spots in playoffs

HERALD Staff Reports

PLAINS — Stanton's Buffaloes made certain they'll reach the Class 2A boys' basketball playoffs for a sixth consecutive season Tuesday evening, by taking a 62-53 win over Plains Cowboys in a

District 3-2A action. After trailing 13-9 at the end of the first quarter, the Buffs took control of the game by dominating the boards against a

Blaine Smith and Jeremy Hull scored 14 points apiece in leading the Buffs to the win that improved their record to 17-5 overall and 6-2 in district play. David Butler came off the bench to add

13 to Stanton's total. It was the Buffs' second win over 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

easy win over Plains' Cowgirls, cementing a spot in the girls' playoffs as well, by finish third in the 3-2A race.

Lady Bearkats claim District 4-1A crown

STERLING CITY - Garden City's Lady Bearkats won the District 4-1A girls' basketball championship Tuesday night with a tougher-than-expected, 57-53 win over Sterling City's Lady Eagles.

"It was another one of those that we build a big lead and then see them come out and hit six three-pointers on us in the fourth quarter," first-year Lady 'Kats head coach Mike Wallace said after surviving the Lady Eagles' fourth-quarter bid for an upset.

Garden City led by as much as 20 points in the fourth quarter before Sterling City cut the margin to within four on the three-point shooting by guards Lisa McIntire and Janet Thomas.

The Lady 'Kats survived the rally. thanks in no small part to the 23 points produced by guard Kyndra Batla, who had six three-pointers of her own on the night. Post M'Lynn Niehues added 13 points for Garden City, while Summer Eoff chipped in 11 more.

The Lady 'Kats will play either Marathon or Buena Vista, representatives of District 3-1A, at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Odessa College in the bi-district play-

To prepare for that challenge, Garden City will play host to Wall's Lady Hawks at 7 p.m. Friday in a practice game for

Borden County squads sweep Westbrook teams

WESTBROOK - Borden County's Coyotes and Lady Coyotes took no prisoners Tuesday night in a couple of District 18-1A games against

Westbrook's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats.

In the evening's opener, the Lady Coyotes rolled to a 97-48 win over the Lady Wildcats, finishing district play with a spotless 8-0 record and denying Westbrook a win in 18-1A action.

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 double-digit scoring parade with 12

The nightcap saw Trent Pepper score a game-high 26 points and Justin Lawrence add 14, as the Coyotes rolled to

a 55-44 win over the Wildcats. After getting off to a see-saw start, the Coyotes fell behind at halftime, 23-17. Still trailing by five going into the final eight minutes, Borden County exploded for 24 points down the stretch to win going away.

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EAST

Florida posts wire-to-wire win over Kentucky, 90-73

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

As impressive as the victory was, the way No. 12 Florida handled it might have been even more telling.

Only moments after their wire-to-wire 90-73 dismantling of No. 11 Kentucky on Tuesday night, the Gators were looking ahead instead of celebrating what once would have been considered a monumental win.

Sophomore Mike Miller led the effort with 11 points and a career-high 18 rebounds.

The victory put Florida (18-4, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) into a three-way tie for first in the SEC East with Kentucky (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 there's a long way to go.'

The postgame atmosphere was much different than last season, when Florida beat Kentucky at home to thrust itself into the national spotlight. After that victory, the Gators

celebrated like national champions. Point guard Teddy Dupay

into the crowd by the school's first half and spent the rest of athletic director as he played to the game holding off Kentucky the frenzied student section.

This time, the crowd was just as pumped, but the players shook hands and quietly shuffled off the court. It seemed as though they expected this and so much more in this season of increasing expectations.

"Sure, it's great to beat a team championships," said Donovan, second straight victory in the a former assistant at Kentucky. "I hope these guys understand that this is one game. We still have to go back and play them in Lexington.

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday, Purdue beat No. 6 Michigan State 70-67 and No. 16 Oklahoma defeated be kicking on all cylinders. We Kansas State 85-64.

The Wildcats came into Gainesville having gone 13-1 since splitting their first eight games and raising questions, whether their dynasty was in

Certainly it isn't, although the

Full-court trapping the tion, the Gators took a 34-17 lead half.

Florida got the lead up to 19 points early in the second half. Kentucky got the deficit down to 76-66 with three minutes remaining, but committed a turnover when it had the ball

with a chance to trim it to eight. Florida scored the next seven with their tradition and their points, and the Gators had their series after dropping 11 of the previous 13. It was Florida's largest margin of victory in the series since 1992.

> I thought we just got beaten pretty soundly by a very good team," Wildcats coach Tubby Smith said. "We didn't seem to seemed to be more interested in talking instead of playing tonight, so these are the results.

> Kentucky's Jamaal Magloire was among the biggest talkers.

Drawn into trash talk with most of the Florida team and Gators made it look that way at some of its crowd, Magloire drew his second foul four minutes into the game and his third Wildcats into a state of frustra- three minutes into the second

COAHOMA

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at 52-all.

Neither team would score for the next 21/2 minutes, but Post's Billy Crawford snapped the drought with a jumper from the lane.

The Antelopes added scores from guards Jarrett Vickers and Michael Huff and Crawford added another basket from close range to give Post a 60-55 lead with 27 seconds remaining.

Coahoma's Chase Davis gave the Bulldogs a chance, however, when he was fouled on a threepoint attempt and hits all three free throws he was awarded.

After forcing a Post turnover, the Bulldogs had one last chance with 3,2 seconds remain-

Unfortunately, a desperation three-point attempt by Ward bounded harmlessly off the back of the rim at the buzzer. allowing the Antelopes to improve their record to 10-13 on the season and 3-5 in District 3-

The Bulldogs, on the other hand, dropped to 8-18 overall and 0-8 in district action.

Crawford finished the nigh with game-high honors and 16 points, while Michael Huff added 15 points and Jarrett Vickers chipped in 10 more.

Coahoma responded with four players in double figures, paced by Bennett's 15 points. Ward finished the night with 13 points, while Howard had 11 and Chris Harding added 10.

In girls' junior varsity play, Coahoma's young Bulldogettes finished the season with a 21-4 record, posting a 48-30 win behind Stephanie Sparks' 20 points.

GIRLS' GAME

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Gregory 2 0 0-2 4, Yvonne Lopez 1 0 0-0 2. David Gregory 2 0 8-10 12. Kelly Moore 0 0 2-6 2. Camie Payne 0 0 0-0 0, Emily Smith 0 0 0-0 0, Vondie Gradine 0 0 0-0 0, Kenda Looney 2 0 1-1 5, Manuela Hernandez 4 0 0-0 8. Totals 12 0 13-21 37.

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Score by Quarters: POST 10 9 7 6-32 Three-point goals: Post 0; Coahoma 1 (Lang). Total fouls: Post 16, Coahoma 20.

Fouled out: Buchanan, Roberts, Technical fouls: None. Records: Post 26-1 10-0 Coahoma 16-13, 5-5. JV score: Ccahcma 48,

BOYS' GAME

POST — Jarrett Vickers 5 0 0-1 10 Michael Huff 5 1 2-2 15. Justin Gorman 1 1 0-1 5. Tyrone Jefferson 4 0 0-0 8, Clinton Curtis 0 0 0-0 0, Billy Crawford 8 0 0-1 16 Jeremy Payne 0 0 0-0 0, Raul Ortiz 3 0 0-0 6 Totals 26 2 2

COAHOMA - Mario Garcia 1 0 0-0 2, Tommy cruz 0 0 0-0 0. Tyler Marshall 1 0 0-0 2, Chris Harding 5 0 0-0 10. Stephen Henry 1 0 0-0 2, Brett Bennett 3 3 0-3 15. Chase Davis 0 0 3-3 3. Chase Ward 6 0 1 2 13, Jamie Howard 5 0 1 4 11. Totals 22 3 5-9 58. Score by Quarters:

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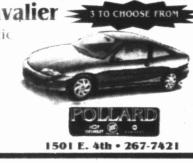
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The Commission has established Docket No. 21950, "APPLICATION OF TXU ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT BUSINESS SEPARATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 39.051 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY ACT" for TXU Electric's Business Separation Plan application. In addition, in Order No. 1, the Commission severed matters from TXU Electric's Business Separation Plan pertaining to Competitive Energy Services. The Commission has established Docket No. 21987, "COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES ISSUES SEVERED FROM APPLICATION OF TXU ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT BUSINESS SEPARATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 39.051 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY ACT" to address these matters related to Competitive Energy Services. The application was filed pursuant to the Public Utility

Regulatory Act (PURA) §39.051, which requires electric utilities to (1) separate its business activities from one another into a power generation company, a retail electric provider, and a transmission and distribution utility; and (2) separate from its regulated utility activities its customer services business activities that are otherwise already widely available in the competitive market. TXU Electric petitions the Commission for approval of its business separation plan filed pursuant to PURA §39.051(e), approval of its separation plan for competitive energy services filed pursuant to PURA §39.051(a); and approval of a good cause exception so that TXU Electric may continue to provide its e-Wise' Low-Income Program until January 1, 2002.

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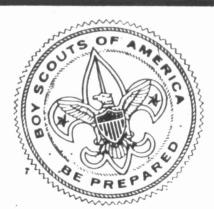
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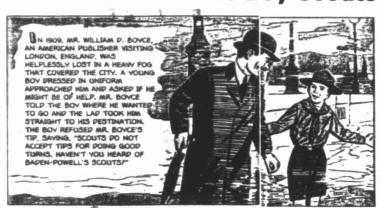
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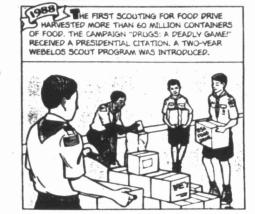


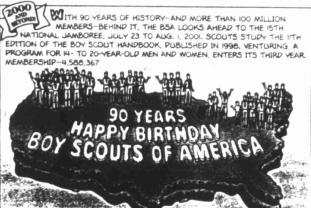
















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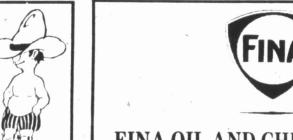
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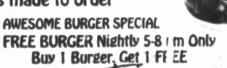






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ment. Sometimes you might go

to emotional and financial

extremes. You are very sensi-

tive and often take others' com-

ments personally. Step back,

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might see situations differen

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into your life from out of the

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vibes out into the world and

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You might not be exactly sure

what to do with a friend. Listen

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and ideas. Tonight: Beam in

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

****Take charge at work. You

deal with the unexpected better

than most do. A phone call

from another at a distance

causes you to take another

point of view. Listen to your

inner voice. You know what to

do and when. Tonight: Get a

*****Reach out for another;

stay sure of yourself. Your per-

spective might change once you

hear his version of what is

going on. Just because you

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

nd. ARIES reads you cold.

Difficult

what you want.

good night's sleep.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10:

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Others chip in, especially when a kink appears in the road. You clear out a lot very quickly because of a willingness to adopt new methods. • Your awareness of what others expect helps you professionally. Count on a partner. Tonight Togetherness counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*****Others aim to please, and you respond in kind. You could easily go to emotional extremes with family, wanting them to know just how much you care. Use your dynamic imagination at work and with interpersonal relationships. Tonight: Accept an invitat ion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Emphasis is on your work and your ability to accomplish. Your efficiency is important to a boss, but calls and social events could heavily distract you. Popularity soars. Clear out work so that you can enjoy yourself. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

*****Spontaneity and news carry you in a different direction than you had anticipated. Your mood equals your spending, which is likely to be opulent and overly indulgent. Listen to your mind; it might be trying to encourage you to rein yourself in. Toni ght: Let

the good times roll. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

****The unexpected occurs. Once more, you have pulled the financial wild card. You can deal with what comes up, though presently you are in the mood to be a bit indulgent with a loved one. Family is your focal point. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *****Your vitality naturally draws unusual opportunities to you. Others might choose to disagree, but you can convince them that your way is the best way. Make and return calls. Don't exaggerate your feelings right now. Extremes reign.

Tonight: At a fav orite spot. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***You have a strong sense of what to do with finances. Go in a different direction. Listen to vour instincts. A dream might have more significance than you want to give it. A friend eggs you on, but you are going to be the one who pays

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DEAR DR. BERWIN: That's a

relief. Read on: DEAR ABBY: I am the director of the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition. I recently read the follow-up letter in your column about inhalantrelated death. Unfortunately, incidents like this occur all too

frequently. More than 340

deaths have been reported to us

since 1996. Education and

awareness are the prime prevention tools in dealing with this problem. I would like to share another issue that has recently arisen that a number of people have contacted me about. One of the major shoe manufacturers has

a new product — a basketball

shoe filled with helium. Their

promotion for the shoe includes basketball stars who talk as if they have just huffed helium. Abby, these are role models for young people who look up to these athletes. Some might say that if it's OK for these people to huff helium, then it's only a short leap of the imagination to assume it's OK to try something that could be far more deadly. -HARVEY WEISS, DIRECTOR, NATION-AL INHALANT PREVENTION COALITION DEAR MR. WEISS: The peo-

ple responsible for that ad must have helium in their heads instead of brains. "Huffing" is not cool; it can be deadly. Readers: The National Inhalant Prevention Coalition has a Web site that provides

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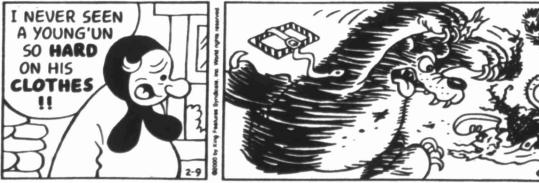
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326 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

On this date:

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert William



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Bureau was established.

In 1933, the Oxford Union, Oxford University's debating society, endorsed, 275-153, a motion stating "that this House will in no circumstances fight for its King and Country," a pacifist stand widely denounced by Britons.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an American victory Japanese forces. In 1964. The Beatles made

their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1971, the Apollo 14 spacecraft returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1983, in a dramatic reversal from 50 years earlier, the Oxford Union Society at Oxford University rejected, 416 to 187, a motion "that this House would not fight for Queen and Country." In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V.

Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko. Ten years ago: Perrier Group

of America Inc. announced it was voluntarily recalling its inventory of mineral water in the United States after tests showed the presence of benzene in a small number of bottles.

Five years ago: Former Sen. J. William Fulbright died in Washington at age 89.

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