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RELIEF ROUTE MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on Feb. 18 to gather public input on the proposed truck relief route west of Big Spring.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center. 100 Whipkey Drive. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 7

SAFETY SEMINAR

Safety is the major theme of a program and dinner scheduled Thursday in Big Spring.

The Pipeline Group's annual Public Education Contractor Awareness Program, is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Big John's Feed Lot will cater the dinner. which is free to anyone involved in excavation-related activities in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties.

Following the dinner. a program stressing the importance of accident prevention will be held.

To RSVP or for more information, call 800 982-8752.

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Tune: 9-1-1 board off key

Calls for resignations, thorough investigation

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

In a scathing half-hour address Tuesday, the newest member of the Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District board called for the resignation of its managers

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and an investigation into what he called "legal fiscal like we anđ irregularities.'

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the noon meeting, said budget statistics, previous | county." board minutes and other docushow ments

that the board is guilty of spending. excessive unwise businesses practices and violating both its own policy and state

"When these things happen, it doesn't matter if. it's by intent or ignorance, from negligence or incompetence; there are consequences. Tune said. "One thing is certain. The type of legal and fiscal irregularieies pre-

sented here routinely prompt resignations."

Board members immediately denied the allega-

"He made us sound like we are all crooks," said board chairman Melinda "We have Hernandez.

nothing to hide. have worked hard to build up 9-1-1 for the citizens of this county." Among the

alleged actions Tune questioned were that: The

director

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board knowingly violatfor the citizens of this ed state law. Tune said Hernandez. Melinda Hemandez.

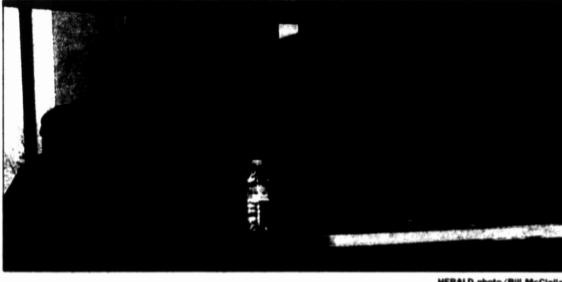
> Sullivan and board member Stanley Bogard signed a deed of trust on the proposed new 9-1-1 building at 610 Main St. on Feb. 21, 2002, when by law they could not legally sign the document until Feb. 25. "I asked the board why they chose to ignore state law and close

9.1.1 board chairman

tract was soon to expire See 9-1-1 BOARD, Page 5

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explained that the con-



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Tommy Tune, right, asks questions of fellow Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District managers during the board's meeting Tuesday. Also pictured are District Director Tommy Sullivan, left, and Heath Hughes, certified public accountant for the district.

Council will seek removal of city-appointed manager

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Citing a "crisis" in the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and the Big Spring City Council said Tuesday they would seek the removal of Don Nell Luce from the board.

"We are in crisis with 9-1-1 District." McEwen said

Removal of Luce will be considered at the next council meeting.

time consideration of the

"The concern for the council members is that we have a 9-1-1 District that appears to be headed towards a time when they are insolvent if they are not insolvent right now."



removal of Don Nell Luce," McEwen said. 'She was a municipal appointee a couple of years ago, or a year and a half ago. The concern for "I was instructed to put the council members is in the near future with on the agenda for next that we have a 9-1-1

headed towards a time when they are insolvent if they are not insolvent right now."

McEwen said he will be trying to set up a meeting

District that appears to be See COUNCIL, Page 3

City to consider 'designated' private property parking

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

While it won't keep Big Spring residents from parking on their lawns, an ordinance being considered by the City Council would require that residents who do so park only in a designated area of their property.

"Basically what we tried to do, without unduly burdening anybody, we tried to set up where you can't park all over your yard," said City Attorney Jean Shotts, who drafted the proposed ordinance. "We tried to set it up

where you don't even have to park on pavement, but you do need to designate an area where you will park, and once you designate it, stay there.

The ordinance would allow property owners without paved parking areas to designate an unpaved parking area on their property 22 feet wide and 70 feet deep. Records of the designations would be kept at city hall.

The ordinance calls for a warning in the case of property owners who

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have not yet designated a parking area and for fines up to \$200 per day for vio-

Several citizens at the meeting voiced their

opinions of the proposed ordinance. "What is the city coun-

cil's right to tell me that I can't let my mother out by the porch so that she doesn't have to walk so far?" said resident Wesley Taylor. "If she decides to stay a little longer, I get a ticket so the city gets

Resident Alton Hall presented the council with photographs of his neighbors parking on their lawn.

"The only thing that they use the driveway for is access to the yard," he See PARKING Page 5

said. "They rarely, if ever, park in the driveway or on the street."

Other concerns, such as whether recreational vehicles or trucks would be allowed to park on lawns, or what to do in the case of a home with curb-and-gutter streets and no curb cut, were discussed.

"We're going to have our committee meet again next week," Shotts said. "We're going to discuss things like RVs to what happens if your existing

Big Spring girls have special connection to shuttle Columbia

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Columbia Space Shuttle will live in the hearts of five Big Spring teen-agers, not only because of its historical significance, but also because of a special connection to a girl their own age.

The news of the shuttle's crash left 13-yearolds Sophia Gonzalez, Nadia Garica, Randye Phillippe, Danielle Jeter and Samantha Boehriner with one thought -Laura Husband, the daughter of Rick Husband, commander of Space Shuttle Columbia.

'My mom woke me up,'

Garica recalled of first hearing the news. "She told me to turn on the TV and it was showing on every channel and then Sophia called me and we were just talking on the phone listening to it. My mom asked me if I knew it was the Columbia that Laura's dad was on ship, if I knew it was her."

Last summer, the Big Spring teens participated the 2002 TCDA Children's Honor Choir with Laura, who was also a member of the group.

"She was really sweet." Gonzalez recalled of meeting Laura. "She was

See SHUTTLE, Page 5



Big Spring teens Sophia Gonzalez, left, Nadia Garica, Danielle Jeter, Samantha Boehriner and at top Randye Phillippe sang with Laura Husband, the daughter of Rick Husband, mander of Space Shuttle Columbia, in the 2002 TCDA Children's Honor Choir. The iris said Laura was first in their thoughts upon hearing about the shuttle crash.

Obituaries

John Wells

James Wells, 70, died Monday morning at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hollenbeck-Cahill Main Street Chapel with entombment at Oakhill Cemetery Mausoleum. Survivors include one son, Steve Wells of Big Spring. Big Spring arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

TUESDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

→ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

→ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

→ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

→ Alcoholics Anonymous meets-from 11 a.m. to 1noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6

→ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second — Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

→ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

→ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

→ New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call

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Take note

→ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 7-8-16-35 Bonus number 26

Estimated jackpot: \$200,000

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-21-27-33-35

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-4-7

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-7

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 1100 block of East 11th Street and in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION IN A VEHICLE was reported in the 2200 block of South **Runnels Street.**

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Circle Drive, the 2700 block of Central

Drive and the 1000 block of North Main Street. • DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported at Wal-Mart.

block of East 13th Street. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird Street. \$704 cash was report-

LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1100

 BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700. Reported stolen from a rental or storage facility was electronic equipment

worth \$1,200 and household goods worth \$1,900. THEFT was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon. Electronic equipment worth \$350 was reported stolen.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASSING AT A HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 500 block of South Bell Street. \$200 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

 GINA RENE NORRED, 45, of 1313 Harding was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on charges of theft \$50 to \$500 and criminal trespassing.

 ADAM ANTHONY STARR, 18, of 710 Douglas was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

 JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 27, of 1409 E. Sixth St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of South Anderson.

THEFT was reported in Luther.

「A Volunt**e**ers

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social

Anyone who cannot come in on Monday mornings or who is handicapped and needs at home assistance or, anyone needing further information — should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

Citizen's Police Academy to hold a spring session

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Police Department and Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association have announced a spring session of the Citizen's Police Academy.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 9:30 for 13 weeks, beginning Feb. 27.

During the academy, participants will get an upclose look at the daily activities of local law enforce-

Participants will be exposed to a variety of topics. including department organization, state and federal laws, arrests, search and seizure, traffic stops, defensive tactics and firearms. There are role-playing exercises where academy students are placed in potentially dangerous situations — simulated, of course. And students are also given the opportunity to ride with a patrol officer during a shift.

Participation is open to qualified residents of Howard County who are at least 18 years old. Enrollment is limited and based on the order in which applications are received.

Graduates of the program become members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, which helps with a number of activities in Big Spring.

The academy was formed in 1994.

Applications are available at the Big Spring Police Department, 400 E. Fourth St. For more information, contact Leubner at 264-2595.

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Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC class-

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Dance, Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, 8:30-12:30. Members and guests welcome.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry beginning at noon, \$7 per plate, carry outs available and delivery is able from11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3203 W Hwy 80. 2084. Everyone welcome

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY

Community Room.

MONDAY Howard County Archaeology Society meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Howard County Library

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 47 will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter House located at Seventh and Abrams.

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Assocaiton will meet Feb. 17 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

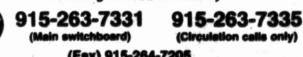
Thursday. Cloudy. A chance of showers in the morning then showers Likely in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 Mph. Chance of rain 60 percent..Thursday night...Cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the mid50s. Chance of rain 50 per-

Friday.Becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s..Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 50s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.. Washingtons birthday... Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in The lower 60s.

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TASB outlines preferred superintendent traits

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Effective communicator, creative and innovative and the ability to work in partnership with the board of trustees just a few of the desired characteristics the community wants in the next Big Spring Independent School District superintendent.

After meeting with individual groups and the public last week, Kathee Lupton, Texas Association of School Boards search consultant, presented an overall report to BSISD trustees Tuesday of what the community expects and/or wants from the new superintendent.

From the information gathered, TASB compiled a list of qualifications and characteristics that will be printed in a brochure and sent out of potential

"I think that maybe this is broad enough and general enough and expresses the desires of the community and the board and the students and teachers and faculty."

> Terry Wegman, **BSISD trustee**

applicants.

'Its pretty general but we have to be general so that we'll get a good pool of applicants," Trustee Terry Wegman. "I don't feel we need to get real specific in certain things because we might exclude somebody whose great in one area and has a weakness in maybe another area.

"I think that maybe this is broad enough and general enough and expresses the desires of the community and the board and the students and teachers and faculty.'

The list of qualifications:

• Is able to work in partnership with a board of trustees; providing timely and accurate information about the district; presenting sound recommendations for action; and building a climate of candor, mutual trust and cooperation.

· Is an effective communicator with superior interpersonal skills who can make and defend difficult decisions that are best for students.

 Demonstrates a successful record of fiscal planning, management BSISD. and projecting future needs.

with a comprehensive view of education, understands the value of technology, is creative and innovative, has proven successful in increasing achievement levels of all students and has a firm commitment to the full development of all children.

• Is a visionary leader with the ability to build broad consensus in support of district goals and to plan strategically to ensure the development of education programs and the use of the district's facilities, resources and personnel effectively.

 Has a broad spectrum of successful experience. including teacher, campus principal and central office in a district with demographics similar to

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• Is a motivational leader who is attentive to • Is an education leader staff morale and has proven ability in building an effective management team engaged in collaborative planning, problem solving and decision mak-

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in carrying out its mis sion.

• Is skilled in being involved with community groups and organizations: and is able to effectively present the goals of the district to gain support.

 Possesses and exemplifies high moral standards and personal ethics with a background of complete integrity.

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Coahoma Mayor Bill Read and Forsan Mayor James

"If we vote to remove Ms. Luce from the board, one of the other communities would also have to move in that direction," McEwen said. "This is just a courtesy to them to let them know this is where we are heading and let them know that we would like to see it placed on their agenda to at least consider the same type of action.'

Luce and Big Spring City Councilman Tommy Tune are the two 9-1-1 Board members appointed jointly by the three cities of Howard County.

Howard County is responsible for appointing two members to the board. Currently those two are Chairperson Melinda Hernandez and Stanley Bogard. The fifth board member is Zack Johnson, appointed by the county fire marshal.

Luce declined to comment on the council's decision this morning.

The city had requested that 9-1-1 District Director Tommy Sullivan attend the council meeting to explain items in the board's 2002 financial statements.

Hernandez responded with a letter saying "Mr. Sullivan will not be attending the Feb. 11, 2003. City Council meeting." The letter gave no reason for Sullivan's decision not to attend the meeting.

This morning, Sullivan cited a committee meeting to hear presentations on a new fire truck for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Sullivan is the chief of the HCVFD.

"I already had some business for Tuesday night," Sullivan said this morning. "My truck committee with our FEMA grants, we had some reps coming in to do some presentations on their trucks and stuff."

McEwen said the council needs information from the 9-1-1 District to understand the district's financial situation.

"When they say, 'No, we're not going to come talk to you and we're not going to give you any information,' you're left with a situation where you've got to draw your own conclusions."

McEwen said the council has legitimate concerns about the district's spending practices.

We have tried to get

information from the 9-1-1 Board and the district as to the view of this year's budget," he said. "What we have found out is that their according to records, their reports, so far this year they're \$30,000 off of where their budget is. In other words if you look at their budget as opposed to where they're at right now, they're at a negative \$30,000 after the first quarter. Trying to find out if that makes sense and if they had some big items, we can't get an answer, and that's why we wanted Mr. Sullivan here tonight."

Other council members expressed dissatisfaction with the 9-1-1 District.

"The things that we heard the mayor bring up today are unheard of. Unheard of," Councilman

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Garcia. "The things that board the has done are strictly taboo. We are responsicommunity.

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board. They're responsible to the city council. The municipalities that appoint them are responsible for how they operate. They're not responsible for how they operate, we are. I think that when we ask them to come

before denying usis a slap in the face. We ask them to come, they come.

Staulcup STAULCUP said she's disturbed by the allegations presented at the meeting.

can come to some amica-



"From what I have reviewed I'm extremely concerned by the way the financial process of the 9-1-1 has been handled," she said. "I'm hoping that we

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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> **Hank Bond** Publisher

Managing Editor

Bill McClellan News Editor

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again the ugly question of where citizens can park their cars on their own property has reared its ugly head.

I have one question. Does the city council have nothing better to do than sit around trying to find ways to make the working man's life hard-

I wonder what other ways they will come up with to limit the owner's us of his property.

Are they going to decide what color we can paint our homes or what grass we can plant? That makes as much sense as regulating where home owners can park their cars.

I now expect a visit "Green from the Gestapo." Anytime that my family complains, the "Green Gestapo" stops by to see if they can give us a citation. This includes bringing milk crates to stand on so they can see over a six foot fence.

We were told to prune our trees, that hung over the road. We did. While They had also been growing for a long period of

I also have a problem with a civilian organization enforcing city code. All I can say is that I do

> WANDA KING **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Wilderness Camp inmates and officers, we wish to express our thanks to a local business that provided a wonderful meal of Mexican food and all the trimmings served by La Posada Restaurant on Friday Jan. 17, at the **Dora Roberts Community** Center.

The invocation was given by Everett Bender and the inmates enjoyed a video of the Festival of Lights. Those that participated in the lighting project truly enjoyed it, as each could remember the work they did on particular scenes and see how it looked at night. The video shot by Carpenter.

Anyone wishing to reward the inmates that do so much work for our we were driving through community, can contact other neighborhoods, we me. This a quarterly noticed that many of the event, the next meal will trees hung over the road. be in April so call 263

PAT SIMMONS

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Ree Anderson

Dear Lord, may we be generous receivers of your love and joy.

NASA believes, let bygones be

hock gives way to grief, and grief to anger. And there is going to be a lot of anger, I predict, over the explosion of the space shuttle Columbia.

Sometimes tragedies are acts of God and sometimes tragedies are acts of man, and so far this tragedy has all the earmarks of a manmade



failure. But let us not prejudge. After all, NASA says it really, really wants to get to the bottom of things, right? And just look at how NASA behaved last time

seven astronauts were

incinerated.

On Jan. 28, 1986, the Challenger space shuttle developed a problem in its propulsion system. The right rocket booster sprang a leak in the frigid air and, 73 seconds after takeoff, the shuttle exploded, killing all on board.

A company called Morton Thiokol made

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that faulty booster. That explosion was investigated by something called the Rogers Commission, named for its chairman William Rogers, former attorney general under Dwight

Richard Nixon. The Rogers **Commission eventually** found that the seven were not killed by divine intervention or by the inherent dangers of space flight. No, it found the astronauts were killed by

massive human foul-ups.

Eisenhower and former

secretary of state under

This is the way The New York Times put it: "In a low-key but stern indictment, the commission's 256-page final report chronicled a long history of engineering and managerial mistakes. of refusing to recognize the serious problems with the solid-fuel booster rockets, of a breakdown in quality control programs and of repeated failures to pass vital safety information along from lower levels to key decision-makers.

"The report also said that Morton Thiokol Inc. had designed a faulty rocket joint, had taken no appropriate action to fix it and had opposed

suggestions made by NASA engineers in the late 1970s that the joint

Not that the Rogers Commission blamed Thiokol for anything. No, the commission was very careful not to blame anybody. As Rogers said in a Rose Garden ceremony, 'We were not asked to assess blame, and we have not assessed blame."

Rogers said that in a sense "a lot of us are to blame" for the accident, including the Ronald Reagan administration. Congress and the media, "all of whom made the optimistic assumption that the space shuttle had become operational instead of remaining a risky developmental program."

Got that? Anyone who was bamboozled into believing that the space shuttle was safe was just as guilty as the people who failed to make sure it was safe.

But in December 1986, and Morton Thiokol lies of the Challenger astronauts.

be redesigned.

Me, I don't quite buy that argument.

the federal government agreed to pay more than \$10 million to the fami-

That sounds like a lot of dough, but it averages out to only about \$1.4 million per family. That same year, a judge in New York awarded \$7 million to a baby who was treated negligently at birth. In Florida, a couple got \$7.2 million because their insurance was wrongfully canceled. In Maryland, a 17-yearold boy was awarded \$4.1 million in a diving accident.

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What happened to Morton Thiokol? In the months following the tragedy, Morton Thiokol, which admitted no wrongdoing in the Challenger explosion, was paid \$34.1 million in "bonus incentives" for its "superior performance."

And in 1992, the George M. Low Trophy, which is NASA's annual "quality and excellence" award, was bestowed on Thiokol's Space Operations division.

So don't expect a whole lot from the current investigations into the Columbia disaster and into the private contractors that currently run the shuttle operations. Because when it gets

right down to it, NASA believes in letting bygones be bygones.

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issing is a wonderfulthing. The season of excessive kissing takes place between Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day.

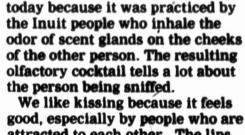
Some human cultures didn't kiss naturally. They had to learn it.

The people who live on the island of Mangia in the South Pacific knew nothing about kissing until Europeans arrived in the 1700's and showed them how to do it. Cultures that don't kiss are a joyless group.

TUMBLEWEED One scientific journal says kissing started millions of years

ago when women chewed up pieces of food and passed them directly from their lips to their babies' mouths. This could have led to kissing as a sign of affection between mother and child, then

spread to other relationships. The practice may have started in India, where around 1500 BC the custom of rubbing and pressing noses was a precursor for lip kiss-



attracted to each other. The lips and tongue are two of the most sensitive areas of the body, packed with nerve endings. Feelings of passion cause a surge of chemicals in the brain similar to those brought on by parachuting, bungee jumping or other such activities. The chemicals are called neurotransmitters and attach themselves to pleasure receptors in the brain, resulting in euphoria and elation.

When feelings of passionate love are absent, kissing lacks that extra chemical spark that makes it memorable. An example is when an eight year old is forced to kiss **Aunt Gertrude**.

Science calls kissing philematology and says it has all kinds of physiological effects. Your pulse rate goes up, your blood pressure rises, the pupils in your eyes get

bigger and you breathe deeper. Matrimonial studies prove that a man who kisses his wife good-bye when he leaves for work every morning averages a higher income that does the fellow who doesn't kiss his wife good-bye.

In medieval Italy kissing wasn't taken lightly. If a man and woman were seen embracing in public they could be forced to

It is estimated the average person will spend nearly two weeks kissing.

The first kiss in a movie was in 1896. The movie was THE KISS. The 1927 movie DON JUAN had the most kisses. Mary Astor and Estelle Taylor got 127 kisses from John Barrymore. The longest movie kiss was three minutes, five seconds between Jane Wyman and Regis Tommey in the 1941 movie, YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW.

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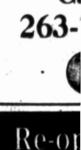
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and they were concerned that the third-party buyer would step in and purchase the property," said Tune.

He said they further violated law when they adopted the budget amendment (for purchase of the property) on March 12. "It also means the board was spending, and authorizing spending, before they themselves had acted to change the budget. No governmental entity is allowed to do that under law," Tune said.

— The board violated its

own policy. Tune said the board agreed to sell Sullivan a district-owned vehicle for \$6,000 at 0 percent interest, and when Sullivan had trouble making the payments, agreed to "buy back" sick time so that it could be used to help pay off the debt. He said documents show board members then decided to "forgive" the remaining bal-

ance of the note as a bonus for 170 hours Sullivan worked but had not charged to the district.

Then, Tune alleged, Hernandez further violated policy by authorizing a week of vacation time to be credited to Sullivan without board approval.

The city councilman also questioned what he said appeared to be excessive renovation and equipment costs for the new office, and questioned the board's decision-making process. He said the board's lack of discussion about the purchase of the building infers that the board either violated the Open Meetings Act or simply gave the process little thought. He said the board never questioned the fact that the director consistently offered one choice of vendor and one choice of price, or that some of the contracts went to members of the Howard



SULLIVAN TUNE

Volunteer Department. Sullivan is chief of the department.

Tune further said budget numbers show a loss of \$37,909 for fiscal year 2001-2002, and a projected loss of \$77,308 for the present fiscal year.

"The projected loss of over \$115,000 in reserves in just two fiscal years is stunning," said Tune. "What do we do in five years when the balloon note comes due?... The immediate and long-term fiscal outlook is grim indeed; we're going broke fast. This board is a complete failure in managing the budgetary affairs of the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications

District."

Hernandez disagreed. saying the board has acted properly in all its dealings and made a wise choice in purchasing the building. She noted that the 9-1-1 District rents out a portion of the building for \$1,000 a month, leaving \$457 a month for the district to have to pay.

"We want the public to have faith in us," said Hernandez. "We owe the public some answers and we will do that as soon as we can."

Like Hernandez, Sullivan said the board complies with the law and makes use of a certified public accountant, auditors and an attorney, which it keeps on retain-

"We are doing everything the law says we have to do," said Sullivan, who added "My job is technological. I work for the board and do what they say."

Tune wanted responses to his allegations but did-

n't get immediately get

any. "We were not prepared for this," said Hernandez. who added that she has no intention of resigning. Other board members concurred.

"I've done nothing wrong. This board has done nothing wrong," Hernandez said.

Tune disagreed. "They did a bad job. There should be resignations. There should be investigations, though not

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necessarily criminal," Tune said. "The numbers

really do the talking. They tell it all."

In other action, the board agreed to suspend notice of a 90-day clause it had invoked that would discontinue 9-1-1 call taking for the city of Big Spring and to negotiate a new clause with the city. They also approved the 2001-2002 outside audit prepared by Don McKee.

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driveway's only one car wide, will you be able to expand it to two cars? I think we're going to set it up where we can allow that. Just some details that we need to work out. Sometimes the devil's in the details.'

In other business, the

council:

· Approved on first reading an ordinance calling for city election on May 3. Council members Oscar Garcia, Precinct 2; Tommy Tune, Precinct 4; Greg Biddison, Precinct 6; are up for reelection.

· Approved authoriza-

tion of an agreement with First Southwest Management for arbitrage rebate services.

 Approved replacement of two main lift pumps at the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$12,574

· Approved emergency repairs for the landfill

baler belt at a cost of \$47,250.

 Heard a presentation of a racial profiling report by Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

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nice. I felt so bad when I found out."
One of the selected pieces, "An American Anthem," arranged as commemorative piece to recorded during the concert and used as the first

tle crew members after lift-off. At first hearing the news, the girls didn't connect the tragedy to the same astronaut who was introduced during the

wake-up call for the shut-

concert. · "It just shocks me," Phillippe said. "I was watching the news all day that day. When you're connected to it, it makes you more emotional."

"If feels like you went up to them," Gonzalez added.

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"After I saw that I started playing the tape or CD," Jeter said.

Each of the girls signed a condolence card provided by the girls' former choir teacher, Kathleen Tedesco. that was sent to Laura. None said they really knew any work to console her.

"You lose a dad — what

do say to them when you lose a dad," Phillippe

"I'd probably just hug her and cry," Jeter said. "Lots of crying," Boehriner added.

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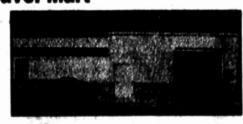


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AUSTIN (AP) - A bill that would require public schools to hold a minute of silence so students can

pray, meditate or reflect came under scrutiny by

The legislation by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San

Antonio, would replace current law that gives

school districts the option of holding a period of

silence, during which students may reflect or med-

"It is my view, looking at our society over the last

four decades, at least, there has been a coarsening

of society, I would call it. There is more violence in

However, he repeated during a Senate Education

"This a reflection, meditation or prayer" bill, he

said. "In fact, as I have said before, we won't know

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Governor wants to cut government programs

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AUSTIN (AP) — Texas responsibility — two said. can cope with its tight budget by cutting and saving \$9.5 billion in gov-

ernment programs while avoiding raising taxes, Gov. Rick Perry told legisla-Tuestors day.

Perry, who last month criti-

cized in some circles for his recommendation that zero be spent in every budget category, said in his speech more specifically where he thought some cuts could be made. Once again he emphasized his opposition to

"Texans elected us to set priorities, not to raise the price of government," Perry said in his State of the State address.

new taxes.

He proposed saving \$3.8 billion in the next twoyear budget cycle by reducing current state agency spending levels by an average of 9 percent, although he proposed increasing public education spending by \$500 million.

The Legislature has the power to cut, spend and tax. Perry can only make suggestions. He does have veto power over bills.

Some Democratic lawmakers called on Perry to go further in explaining his recommendations.

We hope the governor will resubmit his budget to explicitly spell out his funding priorities, illustrate his cost savings and do what the people of Texas elected him to dolead," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine.

Gallego said if the state wants to ensure economic

themes of Perry's speech — it must invest in the education and health of children.

One of Perry's suggestions is reducing Medicaid, the program that helps poor people pay for medical care, by 6 percent. The governor did not say specifically where cuts should come within Medicaid, but he said legislators need to "examine the structure, benefits and costs of programs like Medicaid.'

"So there are many. many questions that have to be raised. We don't want to be penny wise and pound foolish," said Zaffirini, vice chair of the

Committee. The governor also said \$1.7 billion can be shaved from the budget by adopting many savings suggestions recently offered by Comptroller Carole Keeton Stravhorn.

Finance

But Perry appeared at odds with the comptroller

"The governor's recommendations seemed to be a little hard in their hits on higher education. But again, we're going to look very carefully at this during our budget process."

Some of his legislative

allies later said Medicaid

savings can be achieved

through such measures as

maintaining the current

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However, Sen. Judith

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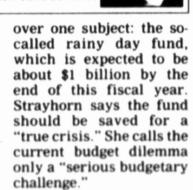
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Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst



Texas is facing a \$9.9 billion shortfall in the coming two-year budget cycle. The current biennial budget is about \$114 bil-

Perry wants to use \$350 million, or about onethird of the rainy day fund, for a new Texas Enterprise Fund to help lure new businesses and Nobel laureates to the

"The best way to avert future rainy day scenarios is to grow our economy," Perry said.__

more employees and The governor also eligible restated his desire to clients less likely to regisclose loopholes in the ing our budget process," ter for health care, she state franchise tax, to stop Dewhurst said.

what he called lawsuit abuse and to end unfair homeowners insurance pricing practices.

Perry said it may take longer than the current legislative session to change the state's school finance system, dubbed by some "Robin Hood." But he said an alternative needs to be found.

House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, has said he wants substantial work begun on school finance this spring, and that a special legislative session soon after may be necessary to complete the

Some legislators want the existing share-thewealth school finance system overhauled quickly.

"We will work our fingers to the bone in the **Education** Senate Committee to do it in the session," Sen. said Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, chair of that committee.

The regular legislative session runs through June 2.

Perry also said up to \$1.4 billion could be saved by:

Improving estimates higher education income, reducing special item projects in higher education and asking community colleges to pay more for health insurance costs.

Changing the point of collection for the constitutionally dedicated gas tax. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst praised Perry's speech, but had some reservations.

"The governor's recommendations seemed to be a little hard in their his on higher education. But again, we're going to look very carefully at this dur

They may be doing something else because it is actually 60 seconds of silence."

the schools," Wentworth said.

lawmakers and others Tuesday.

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The first workshop is set from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 Blvd.. LaForce Midland.

A second workshop will be held on Thursday, March 27, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. That workshop will be held at the University Center in Room 210.

The workshops are identical and will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for a school board with a better understanding of

what is involved in being trustees. elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to

Monday, March 3, Region 18 **Education Service** Center in Midland

be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school

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DOHA, Qatar (AP) - A man believed to be Osama bin Laden calls on all Muslims to support Iraq in any future war with the United States, urging Iraqis to stage suicide attacks and lure American troops into bloody urban battles to inflict "big casualties."

He also suggests Saddam Hussein is an infidel, but says Muslims should back him nonetheless in the war

against "the Crusaders."

U.S. officials said they believe the voice on the tape is that of the elusive bin Laden. Secretary of State Colin Powell said the comments, broadcast on Tuesday, bolstered U.S. allegations that Iraq is harboring al—Qaida operatives.

The raspy voice was broadcast by the Al-Jazeera satellite television station on the first day of the major Islamic holiday Eid al-Adha as millions of Muslim pilgrims were performing the hajj, or pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

'We stress the importance of martyrdom operations (suicide attacks) against the enemy, these attacks that have scared Americans and Israelis like never before," the man identified as bin Laden said.

Lawmakers say allies betray U.S.

 WASHINGTON (AP) — Angry lawmakers say U.S. allies have betrayed the United States and the NATO military alliance in a dispute over a possible war with Iraq.

Some lawmakers suggested the survival of the alliance may be at stake - a concern voiced by Secretary of State Colin Powell. He told senators Tuesday that NATO and U.N. alliances could fall apart because of a reluctance to provide military support sought by Turkey, the only Muslim NATO member.

Powell was returning to Capitol Hill on Wednesday to appear before the House International Relations Committee, whose leaders have strongly backed President Bush's tough line on Iraq.

The panel's top Democrat, Rep. Tom Lantos of California, said in remarks prepared for the hearing that he was "particularly disgusted by the blind intransigence and utter ingratitude" of France, Germany and Belgium, which have blocked a U.S.backed plan to improve Turkey's defenses against any attack from neighboring Iraq. The three countries, which favor giving U.N. weapons inspectors more time in Iraq, see the plan as making war more likely.

"If it were not for the heroic efforts of America's military, France, Germany and Belgium today would be Soviet socialist republics," Lantos said. "The failure of these three states to honor their commitments is

beneath contempt."

rned up against North Korea

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Raising the stakes in the nuclear standoff with North Korea, the U.N. nuclear agency is turning to its last and most solemn option passing the dispute to the Security Council for possible sanctions on the reclusive regime.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's 35-nation board of governors was all but certain to refer the standoff to the council in an emergency closed-door session set for Wednesday afternoon at the nuclear agency's headquarters in Vienna.

An agency official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that a resolution declaring North Korea in noncompliance of its obligations under international accords was prepared weeks ago and would be adopted today.

The U.N. nuclear agency's director—general, Mohamed ElBaradei, who gave the board a report last month saying North Korea is not keeping its promises, has suggested that the U.N. nuclear watchdog has little choice after having been backed into a corner by months of intransigence on the part of the North.

The crisis began in October, when U.S. officials said North Korea had admitted having a nuclear weapons program in violation of a 1994 agreement.

Shuttle debris headed for Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Thousands of pieces from space shuttle Columbia have been loaded onto trucks headed for the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, where the investigation into the disaster will be conducted.

The first deliveries of debris that had been scattered across Texas and Louisiana — which offer the best clues to the cause of the shuttle's breakup — were expected to arrive today. The investigative panel looking into the Feb. 1 disaster also was scheduled to arrive at the center Wednesday.

The initial loads of debris left Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana on two 18-wheelers Tuesday. The debris will be laid out in a 50,000-square-foot hangar on a grid marked by yellow and blue tape. The nine-member inquiry board will have offices in the same hangar.

Highmark charged with fraud

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Justice Department accused the nation's ninth-largest health insurer of filing millions of dollars in false Medicare claims and demoting an executive who sought to stop the practice. In a civil complaint unsealed Tuesday in Philadelphia, prosecutors said that for almost a decade, Pittsburgh-based Highmark intentionally misapplied Medicare rules to avoid paying insurance claims and instead passed the costs on to the govern-

The lawsuit seeks triple damages against Highmark for the money prosecutors say it owes to the Medicare program.

The suit also alleges the company harassed and then demoted Elizabeth Drescher, an employee who had led an effort to reform the company's billing practices.

At one point, Drescher told her superiors that the company could owe the government as much as \$20 million for mishandled claims.

Drescher initially filed the suit in 2000, but it was kept under seal while the government investigated her allegations. The Justice Department has joined the suit, and plans to file its own complaint against the company.

Highmark's chief attorney, Anne Shearon, denied that the firm intentionally filed false Medicare claims and said Drescher had never been punished for her work.

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Steers close out season with loss to Levelland

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Levelland Loboes closed out the Big Spring Steers' 2002-2003 basketball season on a sour note Tuesday night. Lévelland had five players reach double figures offensively and rolled to a 105-62 victory in front of a large crowd in the Levelland gymnasi-

With the loss, Big Spring closed out its first District 4-4A march under first-year, head coach Jim Kinnear with an 0-10 record. Levelland improved to 6-4 and garnered the third-place playoff

The Steers, despite a 20-point effort from Jordan Cobb, held their own for much of the first quarter. Big Spring, which also benefitted from a double-digit performance from Alvin Russell, poured in 14 points in the first quarter.

Levelland, 19-12 overall, staged a late surge in the first and took a 24-14 lead into the second peri-

The wheels came off the Big Spring wagon in the second. Levelland pounded out a 29-11 run in the the frame and took a `with a strong offensive effort in 53-25 advantage into the first

Big Spring, which hampered 27 points in the frame and

itself throughout the contest became the second 4-4A team to with turnovers, found its game in the third. The Steers pushed in 16 points in the frame and went into the fourth quarter trailing 78-41.

Overall, the Steers committed 30 turnovers in the game. Levelland didn't do much better against a hustling BSHS defense, turning the ball over 22 times.

The Loboes, who finished behind Lubbock Estacado and Frenship in the District 4-4A standings, cemented the win the final eight minutes of the regular season. Levelland pushed in reach 100 points against the Steers. Estacado hit the century mark earlier this year.

Big Spring also played well down the stretch. The Steers pumped in a game-high 21 points in the fourth quarter.

Cobb, who went a perfect 5-of-5 from the free throw line, finished the game as the Steers' top scorer, netting 22 points. Clayton Weaver, Wes Smith and Josh Pedigo also turned in strong outings as well, scoring eight points apiece. Nathan Teeters and Kyle Flenniken added six and five.

Overall, Big Spring finished the season with a 2-30 record.

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Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

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all area Little League College's Brett Smith at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.- A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

4-person scrat

A four-person scram-ble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fee will be \$75

out the area are field ing teams this year.

Watkins tosses 2-hitter in debut

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Alex Watkins gave the Big Spring Lady Steers everything they needed Tuesday afternoon in their 2003 softball season opener. She hurled a twohit gem and drove in two runs in the Lady Steers' 3-0 win over Midland Greenwood.

"Our timing is a little off right now, but we did a good job overall," sald Big Spring head coach Dan Arista. "Alex did a good job mixing in her pitches

The Lady Steers, who are scheduled to begin play tomorrow in the Fort Worth Brewer Invitational Softball Tournament, jumped on top quickly. Leina Braxton opened Big Spring's offensive bag of tricks with a first-inning single. She advanced to second moments later on a sacrifice bunt by Erica Stewart.

Braxton raced home on a passed ball later in the inning, staking the Lady Steers to a 1-0 cushion.

That was all the support Watkins needed. The Big Spring ace allowed Greenwood just two hits over the next six innings and faced eight of the 26 batters she faced.

The Lady Steers tacked on a pair of extra runs in the sixth to seal the con-

After Whitney Hufford had drawn a walk, Laura Olague lined a single into the outfield. Hufford advanced to third on the play, drawing a throw that enabled Olague to advance to slide into second.

Watkins followed Olague's single with a two-run infield hit that the GHS third baseman fielded and threw into right field.

Buffs wrap up 3-2A title

Forsan returns to playoffs after 6 year hiatus

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor The Forsan Buffaloes can finally officially say what almost everyone in the District 3-2A circle has whispered over their past two months:

They're the best. Forsan had four play ers score into double digits Tuesday night and rolled to an easy 69-44 win over Stanton. The win gave Forsan the 2003 District 3-2A basketball championship and sends the Buffs into the state playoffs for the first time since 1997

"I'm not sure when the last district championship was, but it's been a while since our last playoff. We're excited about the opportunity." said head coach Terry McDenald

With the victory over Forsan Stanton. improved to 23.5 for the year and closed out its District 3.2A slate with a 91 record. The win also sends Forsan into a playoff date with either Alpine or Ozona.

The Buffaloes put the finishing touches on its championship effort with a stellar fourthquarter effort against Stanton. Forsan outscored Stanton by a staggering 19:8 margin in the final eight minutes of the regular sea-

The Buffaloes, powered by Brent Huff and Matt Ellis, opened the game with a tear. Forsan jumped on Stanton early, building a 7-point cushion, at 20-13, in the first quarter.

They stretched their advantage to 33-23 at the half.

Huff finished the contest as Forsan's top scorer, throwing in a gamehigh 16 points. Ellis

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HERALD photo/Bruce Scho Coahoma's Cory Mulkey drives past a defender during a recent game. The Bulldogs clinched third place in the District 3-2A race Tuesday night with a thrilling 62-61 win over

Last-second shot enables Coahoma to end Colorado City's title dreams

By TOMMY WELLS

the Colorado City Wolves.

Sports Editor

Toby Jackson probably woke up as the most popular athlete in Forsan Wednesday morning. He did, after all, help Forsan snap a 6-year playoff drought when he put back an offensive rebound with just seven seconds left and spurred the Coahoma Bulldogs to a 62-61 win over the Colorado City Wolves.

With the Colorado City loss, Coahoma enabled cross-county rival Forsan to clinch the District 3-2A championship. Both Colorado City and Coahoma will advance to the state play-

offs as well. Coahoma will advance as the 3-2A third-place team and face either Lubbock Roosevelt or Idalou in the first round.

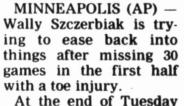
Colorado City, which had entered

Tuesday's game in a tie for the District 3-2A lead, held the upper hand in the early minutes of the game. Jacobie Russell poured in shot after shot in the first two quarters and helped the Wolves roll to a 34-24 halftime lead.

Coahoma, which had three players score into double figures, cut Colorado City's lead to four, at 46-42, in the third by reeling off an 18-12 spree.

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T'wolves dump Mavs on final shot



At the end of Tuesday night's game, he looked like he rediscovered his shooting touch.

Szczerbiak's from the corner as the final buzzer sounded gave the Minnesota Timberwolves a 100-98 victory after they squandered a 17-point third-quarter lead against the Dallas Mavericks.

"I'm just trying to take good shots and make shots when I get them,"

said Szczerbiak, who had 21 points, nailing his shot from 17 feet to give the Wolves their 10th straight home victory.

On an inbounds play with 1.6 seconds left, Szczerbiak set a jarring screen on Eduardo Najera for Kevin Garnett and darted to the corner. "That's the shot Wally

always makes," Anthony Minnesota's Peeler said. Dirk Nowitzki had 34 points and Michael Finley

had all 21 of his points in the second half for Dallas. which had its four-game road winning streak

The Mavericks, who trailed by as many as 19 in the first half, led 98-95 with 1:17 left.

chances to take the lead. and Minnesota had three of its own _ finally seizing it on Szczerbiak's shot.

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uled to continue this weekend. More than 400 area

youths are participating in the league this year.

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on a basket by Nowitzki with 1:35 remaining. Garnett — who had 26 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists — converted a three-point play to tie it Dallas had three

Finley, for all his success in the second half, made a mistake on the Mays' last possession by rushing a 3-pointer that bounced high off the rim



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"It was a stupid play," Finley said. "I wasn't thinking out there."

Said a smiling Szczerbiak: "Oh, boy. I couldn't imagine what our coaches would say if we took that shot.'

Added Dallas coach Don Nelson: "I'd like to have a radio headset to communicate with them during the game, but you can't. Finley feels bad about the situation. You just have to deal with it and go on.'

Garnett, the MVP of Sunday's All-Star game after scoring 37 points in 41 minutes, received a hearty ovation during the introductions and helped the Wolves surge ahead with 11 points in the first quarter.

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Wes Longorio and Trey Kuykendall also hit double figures, scoring 12 and 10, respectively.

led Tullie Louder Stanton offensively. He finished the game with 16

points. Forsan's first playoff appearance in six years will take place either Feb. 21 or Feb. 22, depending on the outcome of the Alpine-Ozona race.

After carrying his team or much of the game, Garnett was the decoy on the final play.

"They all swamped toward me and left Wally open. I'm happy for Wally," said Garnett, who was hugged hard by Szczerbiak in a celebration on the court.

"He felt like my little nephew," Garnett said. "Wally's been through a lot. If his toe hadn't been a problem, he would have been beside me in Atlanta" at the All-Star game.

After battling the team with the league's best record Tuesday, the Wolves . travel to Cleveland on Wednesday for a matchup with the NBA's worst.

Just as the Mavericks' 112-109 win in Dallas on Jan. 30 was, this game was playoff-like in its intensity. Six technical fouls were called.

The Wolves used an aggressive fast break and tough play in the paint against the perimeter-oriented Mavericks.

"That's how you've got to play against Dallas," Szczerbiak said.

The Mavericks, who went into All-Star weekend with the league's best record (38-10), came out of the break looking rusty in the first half. They trailed by as many as 19.

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Ginobili helps carry San Antonio to 116-111 victory over Blazers

a go-ahead 3-pointer with 42 seconds left in overtime — his only field goal of the game — as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Portland Trail Blazer 116-111 Tuesday night.

Ginobili's shot came on the Spurs' third chance during that possession. San Antonio was able to two offensive grab rebounds to keep the posalive. session even though Portland contended Tim Duncan committed an over-the-back foul on one of them.

Duncan had 36 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists to lead the Spurs, who won their sixth in a row. Malik Rose had 21 points and 15 rebounds and Tony Parker had 22 points and eight assists.

Rasheed Wallace scored 25 points to lead the Blazers, who had a fourgame winning streak snapped. Dale Davis had a strong game with 15 points and eight rebounds. Scottie Pippen had 19 points, six rebounds and six assists.

The end of regulation was filled with drama and controversy.

Tim Duncan sank a pair

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) of free throws with 2.0 quickly picked up his sec-- Emmanuel Ginobili hit seconds left to give the Spurs a 102-100 lead

Duncan was fouled by Pippen while going for a rebound after a miss from the right corner by Wallace. That Wallace even had a chance to shoot was controversial. Pippen rebounded a miss along the baseline with about 20 seconds left and was granted a timeout in the air, even though he landed out of bounds.

Following a timeout after Duncan's free throws, Pippen fouled on the inbounds pass and hit two free throws with 1.3 seconds left to tie it up.

A 20-footer by Stephen Jackson rimmed out at the buzzer, forcing overtime.

Portland guard Bonzi Wells was ejected with 25.8 seconds left in the second quarter for arguing with referee James Capers.

Wells was tossed after a loose ball foul was called on the Spurs' Rose.

After Capers called the initial technical, Wells continued to complain. Capers made it clear he had heard enough, but Wells continued

ond T, and an automatic ejection.

Several Blazers players coach Maurice and Cheeks complained throughout the quarter. about, the officiating. Wallace played just 11 minutes in the first half due to foul trouble.

The exchange came in the middle of a 13-3 Spurs run that gave San Antonio a 51-44 halftime lead.

With Wallace on the bench with three fouls. Duncan and Rose dominated, combining for 10 points and nine rebounds in the second quarter.

But Portland regrouped at the break and got back into the game with an 11-

2 run early in the third. From there it was seesaw, intense game.

San Antonio played · shorthanded. missing centers David Robinson, who returned home prior to the game with soreness in his right hip, and Mengke Bateer, who was not with the team due to personal reasons.

Robinson, who is in his final NBA season, also missed the Spurs' last game before the All-Star break with the same ail

Lady Buffs to face Wall Friday

Buffaloes will begin their Garrett Coliseum. The playoff quest Friday night game is scheduled to start against the Wall Lady at 7 p.m.

The Stanton Lady Hawks in the Dorothy

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They outscored the Wolves by an 18-15 clip over the first 7:53 of the fourth quarter, pulling to within 61-60 before Jackson came up with his game-winning shot.

Jackson finished the game with 13 points.

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Cory Mulkey led all Coahoma scorers, netting 19. Kelby Kemper added

Russell led all scorers with 22.

With the win, Coahoma finished the District 3-2A race with a 7-3 record. They finished the regular season with a 16-11 mark.

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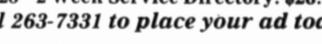
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Understand your limits, and you might stay out of trouble. You do have a tendency to go overboard. Consider options more carefully that involve your professional life. This year you get to prove that some things can come easily.

such as your work. You might have a tendency to overindulge a bit too much. Learn when to say "no." Learn to express when you have had enough. You gain through networking. If single, you are likely to meet someone quite special this year who just might be the one! If attached, the two of you will just plain enjoy yourselves together, no matter where you are. CAN-

CER chips in. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Opportunity knocks on your door. You might feel as if you would like to take off and head in a new direction. The question is: Why not? Allow more pleasure, laughter and interaction into your work situation: As a result, you will notice that others respond better in general. Tonight:

In the limelight. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You will want to reach out for others and keep conversations rolling.

You know how extreme a situation can get and just how much can happen if you let go. You're inclined to run with the ball right now and let it all happen. Tonight: Say "yes" to a

loved one. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Handle finances in your normally astute manner. knowing what you want and what works for you. Communication ties you in closer to a loved one you care about. Before you let go and celebrate, take time to balance your checkbook. Tonight: Indulge a little.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** The Moon beams you into the limelight. Now stop and take a good look at what will make you happy. Laughter surrounds interactions, especially those with associates and people in your day-to-day life. Don't push when charm might work. Tonight: Keep smiling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Step behind a situation. A co-worker lets you know just how much he or she cares about you. Carefully review a heartfelt, personal matter that involves your work. Through sensitivity, you can make your workplace all the better. Take your time with a decision. Tonight: Wander off by vourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Handle a personal matter more directly that involves a child or loved their best foot forward; why

one. This person depends, in some sense, on your good graces. A meeting proves to be unusually beneficial if you keep your objectives in mind. Reach out for those around you. Tonight: Find your friends.

Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** If you're not a boss, put yourself in the position of "leader of the gang." Your understanding because of your ability to identify with others. Others push and pull in different directions. Curb a need to go to extremes. Stay on top of decisions. Tonight: Work

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Reach out for someone. Consider what is important, and find that information. You have unusual sources. Use them to the max. You come up with a most appealing idea that others can back. Learn to keep a secret just that a secret. Tonight: Follow your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 Dec. 21) ***** Listen to a friend. This person might have good intentions, but he or she is also a source of general wildness. You might want to think twice before jumping on this bandwagon because of the end results to your life. Just decide how much you can withstand. Tonight: Allow the good times to roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 Jan. 19) ***** Others put shouldn't you? With all the good will that surrounds you, you could make waves. Work as a team, and you'll gain results quickly. Let others express their feelings. Teamwork proves very powerful. Tonight: Allow another to have it his or her way

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Take your time finishing up details. You could be much happier if you just keep a low-key pace. Clear your desk and get done what you need to. A coworker could choose to clear the air in an important discussion. Feelings run deeper than you were aware of. Tonight: Play it easy:

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You understand much more than you realize about a loved one or a child. Think through a decision more carefully that surrounds a long-term love relationship. Feelings are abundant. Sort them out before you make a major decision. Tonight: Play away

BORN TODAY

Country singer and actor Tennessee Ernie Ford (1919), French painter, graphic artist Zao Wou-Ki (1921), entrepreneur L.L. Bean (1873).

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I'm a police dispatcher in Vermont and have attended a great deal of training regarding domestic violence. The letter from "Winnipeg. Canada," set off alarms in my head. She said her husband had moved her to a new city and wanted to sever all ties with her family. I hope she will read the following precautions from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

Predictors of Domestic

1. Did he grow up in a violent family? People who grow up in families where they have been abused as children, or where one parent beats the other, have grown up learning that violence is normal behavior.

2. Does he tend to use force or violence to "solve" his problems? A young man who has a criminal record for violence, who gets into fights, or who likes to act tough is likely to act the same way with his wife and children. Does he have a quick temper? Does he overreact to little problems and frustration? Is he cruel to animals? Does he punch walls or throw things when he's upset? Any of these behaviors may be a sign of a person who will work out bad feelings with violence.

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to possible drinking or drug problems, particularly if he refuses to admit that he has a problem, or refuses to get help. Do not think that you

can change him. 4. Does he have strong traditional ideas about what a man should be and what a woman should be? Does he think a woman should stay at home, take care of her husband, and follow his wishes and orders?

5. Is he jealous of your other relationships - not just with other men that you may know - but also with your women friends and your family? Does he keep tabs on you? Does he want to know where you are at all times? Does he want you with him all of the time?

6. Does he have access to guns, knives or other lethal instruments? Does he talk of using them against people or threaten to use them to get even?

Does he expect you to follow his orders or advice? Does he become angry if you do not fulfill his wishes or if you cannot anticipate what he wants?

8. Does he go through extreme highs and lows. almost as though he is two different people? Is he extremely kind one time and extremely cruel at another time?

9. When he gets angry, do you fear him? Do you find that not making him angry has become a major part of your life? Do you do what he wants you to do, rather than what you want to do?

10. Does he treat you roughly? Does he physically force you to do what you do not want to do?

Please tell Winnipeg to Diane

pay attention to these signs. Gagnon. Dispatcher, University of Vermont Police Services Dear Diane Gagnon:

Thank you for sending us such excellent information. Any woman (or man) whose partner displays one or more of these signs should consider getting help or getting out. For more information, contact the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence at www.ncadv.org. Those who need more immediate help can call the hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) (TDD: 1-800-787-3224).

Dear Annie: My father is Jewish, and my mother is Catholic. Although Mom has not converted, she goes to Temple on every Jewish holiday, and is raising my sisters and me to be Jewish.

Three years ago, I had my Bat Mitzvah, a traditional Jewish rite of passage. I practiced my Torah portion for seven months in preparation for the day. It was a lot of fun and a memorable experience, except for one thing. My grandparents on my mother's side refused to come. They do not accept my Jewish upbringing. They didn't even go to my parents' wedding because they objected so strenuous-

I realize it's hard for them to accept the way I am being raised, but I cannot accept their blind dismissal of my religion. They have never made any effort to look into my faith. While I cannot claim to know everything about Catholicism, I am not as clueless about their religion as they are about mine.

Next year, my younger sister will have her Bat Mitzvah. My parents are divorced now, but my mother still goes to Temple. How can I get my grandparents to attend my sister's Bat Mitzvah? -- Torn Because of Religion

Dear Torn: You cannot force your grandparents to be more tolerant of your religion. Their objections are both emotional and deep-seated, and their beliefs will not permit them to be flexible on the subject It is good that you are proud of your heritage Since your grandparents are not likely to change their tune, however, try to accept them as they are And mazel tov on your sis-

ter's upcoming Bat Mitzvah. Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to 'Granny in the who received some pornographic materi al from her teenage grand daughter. Last year, my pre-teen niece sent me a link to a porn site. After discovering she also sent the same link to my 8-yearold son, I contacted her parents to let them know. They were distraught and outraged

It turns out my niece did not actually send this email. A virus had infected her computer, and this message was sent to everyone in her address book. When I clicked on the link, it was then sent to everyone in MY address book as well. After many tears, some apologetic phone calls and a cleaned-out hard drive, the issue was finally resolved.

Please tell "Granny" just because the granddaughter's screen name appeared as the sender, she should not automatically assume the girl is guilty. - Indiana Aunt

Dear Indiana Aunt: Several readers suggested the granddaughter's computer could have a virus that sent the e-mail to everyone in her address book and that Granny now may be spreading the same attachment to all her friends and relatives. Those who haven't already done so should install reliable antivirus software as a precaution against such slime. Our thanks to everyone who wrote.

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LAGUNA WOODS, Calif. (AP) Viola Cady Krahn is still diving these days, although not competitively. Then again, she's 101

"Nowadays I just go out to the end of the board and push in," she told the Los Angeles Times recently.

Krahn will be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in January 2004.

The hall recently added a master's category to honor those who have won world. national or regional championships and have compet ed for at least 16 years.

Krahn has done it for something like 80. In the early 1920s, she won several junior national diving championships. As recently as last year she entered diving competitions, although she was the only one in her age group.

In August, she donned a

bathing suit and dived into a pool for "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno.

"A lot of Olympic athletes serve as role models and inspirations for the young kids, a said Bob Duenkel. the hall's executive director. "But somebody like Vi Cady Krahn serves as an inspiration for the older

LONDON. _ Supermodel Naomi Campbell is seeking a ruling by the House of Lords in her legal battle with a British newspaper over its reporting about her drug problèm.

Campbell asked for permission to challenge a ruling by Britain's Court of Appeal, which overturned a lower court decision against the paper, the Daily Mirror.

The 32-year-old British model objected to a February 2001 article that reported her drug addiction and included a photograph of her leaving a Narcotics Anonymous meeting in London.

Last March, the High Court upheld her claim of a breach of confidentiality, awarded her \$5,710 in damages and ordered the Daily Mirror to pay her legal

But the paper took the case to the Court of Appeal, which reversed the judgment in October. Campbell had claimed that she felt 'shocked, angry, betrayed and violated by the article. But the appeals court said she'd lied by saying that, unlike other models, she didn't take drugs, stimulants or tranquilizers.

spokesman .Campbell's law firm. Schilling & amp; Lom, said Friday that the model has asked for permission to appeal the ruling to the Law Lords, which could overturn the Court of Appeal.



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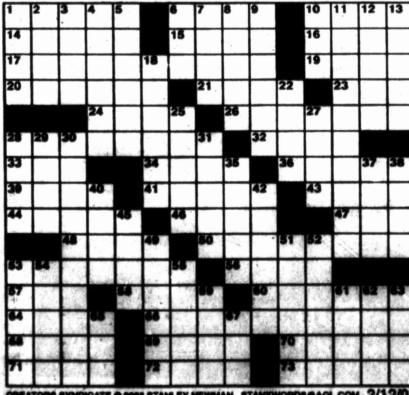
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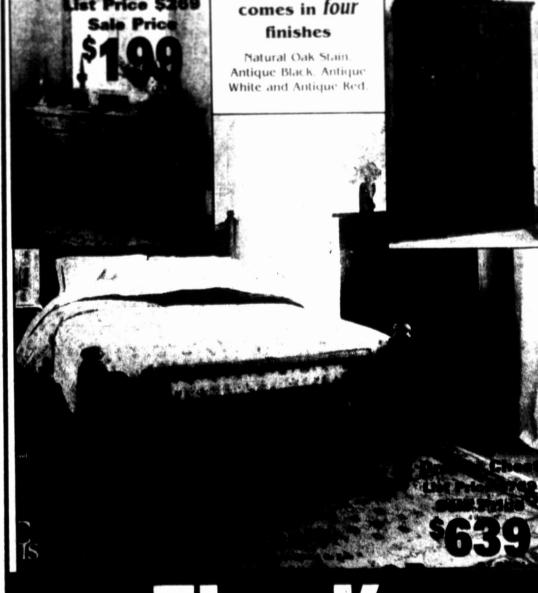
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approaching, and while thoughts should be turning to love and romance, more likely than not they are veering more toward panic as couples everywhere scramble to find the perfect romantic gift for each other.

The present doesn't necessarily have to be expensive, but it should be personal - after all, you know your significant other or spouse better than anyone else. Here are five fabulous gift ideas, some that put a

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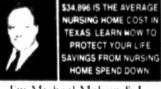
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The easiest method is air-drying. Roses can be dried individually or in small bunches. Remove leaves from stems and make sure that they are bunched loosely and that there is enough air circulating throughout the bunch. Hang the rose bunches upside down in a dark, dry, warm room. When the stems are dry and rigid (which should take about one to two weeks), the flowers are ready to be stored or used.

Another method to dry your roses is to press them. Weight pressing is a simple way to preserve individual or small bunches of roses. Simply place roses (whole buds or just the petals) between the pages of a heavy book. You may want to line the pages with wax paper to protect the book. Close the book and place something heavy on top. After two or three weeks, the flowers will be ready to be stored or used.

Once your roses are dried, they can be used in a myriad of ways. Whether you simply use the petals as potpourri, or you use the full blooms to create an elegant arrangeyour Valentine's Day roses will last for the remainder of the year. For an elegant look, place your roses, along with some floral accents, between two panes of clear glass and frame them. Flewers such as strawflowers. statice. larkspur, delphinium, safflower, baby's breath and mimosa are also ideal for drying and will make beautiful accents to your dried roses.

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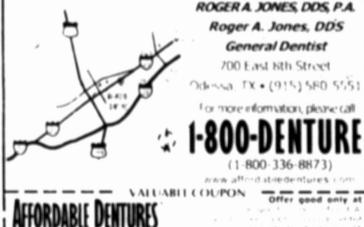


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experts. The Crutchfield.com, a leading source for online electronics, suggest two camcorder options. The first

is the Sony DCR-TRV240 digital8 camcorder, which offers the great quality and PC editing features of a digital camcorder for about the same price as an analog camcorder. You can stream video to your loved one over the Internet using most PCs, without any fancy equipment or esoteric set-up. And if you're nervous, the SteadyShot feature keeps the shakiness out of your production.

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For non-cooks, a trip to your fishmonger and a stop at the liquor store

you need to add is candle-light. If you really, want to make the evening unforgettable, hire a violinist to serenade you over dinner. Or how about a picnic for two in the living room? Pack your own hamper or stock up on take-out at the local deli, spread a blanket on the floor and let the romance begin.

4. Do something you hate — This gift involves the ultimate sacrifice, but could prove the most meaningful. This year, do something that is strictly for your loved one, not for you. For example, if your wife has always wanted to take ballroom dancing lessons, but you never "found the time," surprise her by registering are all you need to put for a couples class. Or, if

your husband is a big football fan, but you always head for the hills when the big game is on, plan a game day party; or better yet, get two tickets to the next home game.

5. Give the gift of time No. we're not talking clocks or watches here. We're 'talking quality time. This one can go one of two ways — you can give the gift of time together or the gift of your partner needs most.

If you're part of a twocareer couple whose jobs make it hard to spend time together, sync your Palm Pilots for a weekend getaway to a local bed and breakfast. If, on the other hand, your spouse is tired of being at home with the kids and needs some personal time, set up a trip to a day spa. Or, you can take the kids to visit your parents and leave your spouse home alone to luxtime alone, whichever uriate in the peace and quiet of your own home.



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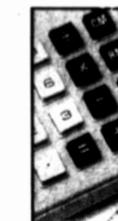
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