## spenis HERALD

## Stenholm to discuss USDA plans <br> By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writter <br> On Monday, Big Spring residents will again get a chance to talk to Congressman again get a chance to talk to Congressman rounding the local USDA Research Station Stenholm will be at $S$ t. Paul Lutheran Church in Bis in Big Spring at 1.3.0 p.. o give area residents ar. update on the future of the USDA Research Station and other mpearch- tant information frortant informa <br> Washington. ago, Stenholm appeared at a Town Hall Meeting in Coahoma where he discussed issues regarding funding for the station. Dan Upchurch of the Lubbock Agricultural Research Station will also be in Big Spring with Stenholm to discuss the various issues with area producers. Stenholm is not pessimistic, but admits <br> budget, there could be problems for the two reasons - budget and location. research station, and not just the Big Spring station, but for research all over the time when tighter budgets have forced consolidation of several offices, country. During a Conservation Research Program seminar at the Dora Roberts Community Center last October, Stenholm discussed the research station with some 100 area farmers, but was angered at the fact that the USDA was proposing changes in management of the station - changes Stenholm had not been informed. <br> The research station is important for a variety of reasons, but non more import variety of reasons, but non more important than wind-erosion research, according to Lenorah farmer Myrl Mitchell, who will be one of many producers at Monday's meet- <br> ing. could come up at the meeting include the prospect of Farm Service Agency office con- solidations and Conservation Research Programs. <br> Dozens of area farmers have a particular interest in the meeting because the Big Spring station's personnel and programs Spring station's personnel and programs could be moved to Lubbock. Mitchell says that would be a mistake for forced consolidation of several offices, Mitchell says a move would most certainly mitchell says a move would most certainly As far as location is concerned, facilities are already in place and the research station in Big Spring is well known as a result of Bill Fryrear's work in wind erosion. Fryrear has been research leader at the sta"Bill (Fryrear) has don in the area of dry-land research and windrosion and a great service to the producers of this area,"' Mitchell said According to Mitchell According to Mitchell, the "Wind erosion is not as bad as conservationists think it is, because we do a much better job of farming than we used to," better job of farming than we used to," Mitchell said. "We are better at rotating our crops and we get better results because of our tillage methods. According to Mitch <br> According to Mitchell, the one thing that will get the attention of farmers, already will get the attention of farmers, already a tight-knit group, "is when someone (government) begins. talking about taking food off their tables."

High schools getting visits from HC reps By CHRYS GOFF

Representatives of Howard
College are scheduled to visit Biies spring High Schachol and
Sands High School Wednesid Sands High School Wednesday,
allowing seniors to apply for admission without ever leaving heir campuses.
In recent yeers, officials from
the college's student services financial aid, guidance and councialng oforices have evisited
high school's in the county, dishigh school's in the county, dis-
cussing the importance of high. cussing the importance of high-
er education with sophomores and Juniors.
However, this is the first time he students have had an oppor during the visits.
Forsan High School was the first to host the Howard College contingent on Feb. 12 .
Big Spring High School's ses. sion is slated for noon
Wednesday, while Sands High School's session starts at 1 p.m. chisits will also be made to Greenwood, Stanton, Garden city, Stering Citt, Grady,
Water Valley and Westron, Times for sessions on those campuses have not yet been set. They will be takiking to all id testing how munhancha Please see VISITS, page 2A News Editor thing to
Saturday.

Suspects in Mise robbery held by Alabama officers By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer
Two men and a woman are in custody in Mobile, Ala., in con-
nection with Mize. Early Saturday morning the Howard County Sheriffs
Department was contacted by the Mobile County, Ala. Sheriffs Department advising that their narcotics and vice. units had arrested two men - Denny Leon Roberts, 20, and David Houston Summers, 19 - and a woman, 17-year-old Catherine Lynn Edwards. They
Mize's home.

## Mize's home. <br> The three suspects have been charged with aggravated robbery

 and extradition procedures are pending.They and Big Spring resident Jonathan Shane Allen are charged with robbing Mize in her home on Jan. 22 Mize told deputies that she heard a noise and came out of a in her living room around 7:50 a.m. Jan. 22 . The men tied Mize up, moved her to a back bedroom and
demanded her car keys. The three were in her home for about an hour before finally taking off with her 1993 Mercury.
Allen was taken into custody by Abilene Police Department later that day after police received a call from merchants at the
Abilene Mall, reporting that a man in his early 20 s was trying to Abilene Mall, reporting that a man in his early 20s was trying to
use a credit card belonging to Mize.

## Museum offers culinary treat

 '80 Bites' event among leading money makers By JOHN A. MOSELEYWhatever your culinary
tates, chances are the Heritage Museum's fourth annual Around
fuind rais to plill offer some-
thing your palat
The event has become one the museum's biggest money making projects with money
not only coming from ticket prices - set at $\$ 7.50$ for adults donations and the voting for World's Greatest Chef' honors Museum Curator Angie Way
said she expects about 40 food exhibitors. "We'll probably
have more than enough cooks to fill the museum," she said noting that there are always of people interested in cooking. Friday afternoon, Way and her staff were busy putting
together a final list of partici pants. "Today is supposed to be ing," she added, "but we'll ge two or three more on Saturday Monday. That's always been


Dressed in Iranian costumes, kindergarten students passed out Iranian food during last year's "Around the World in 80 Bites"at the Heritage Museum. This year's event, set for ays Curator Angie Way e pattern igger and better each year " how geo was talking about

Trustees to award building contract

By John a. MOSELEY News Editor

If bids for air conditioning and heating improvements fall lion range, the Big Spring Independent School District may be able to accomplish even more than it hoped when voters
approved a $\$ 12.5$ million bond issue last year.
BSISD trustees are scheduled o award bids on the projects when they meet at $5: 15$ p.m.
Tuesday in the district's board room at Big Spring High School.
District officials expressed satisfaction with the bids they received for construction of the ing last week's bid opening.
Superintendent W.A. McQueary noted that the appar Mc low bids fell within the $\$ 10$ million range the BSISD board and its architect, Huckabee \&
Associates Inc. of Stephenville,

## anticipated.

"We had six very competitive
ids," McQueary said notin bids." McQueary said, noting hat the bids might allow trustees to approve all of the 18
alternate bids. "They certainly were within the range of wha
we expected. Hopefully, they'll give us a little 'wiggle' on the air conditioning and heating projects.
All six bidders were asked to ubmit a base bid on the schoo project and to submit bids on 18 could choose to add to the pro
The apparent low bidder on the project was Monterey the project was Monterey
Construction Co. Inc. of
Wolfforth, which submitted a Wolfforth, which submitted a base bid of $\$ 8,888,000$. Wit alternative bids totaled
Monterey Construction's bid
" is still the lowest at $\$ 9,564,400$

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| Call us at: | lower 40s. Wednesday, cloudy with |
| (915) 263-7331 | a chance of showers. High in the mid 60s. Low in the upper 30s. |

## Committee inv 1

has promised Democratic mem
bers they will be free to bers they will be free to raise
questions about Republican fund raising.
The ma i subject of the hearings will be questionable Democratic fund raising to sup
port President Clinton's re-elec port President Clinton's re-elec-
tion campaign. Thompson Republican worries of thursday when the first 52 subpoenas overwhelmingly focused on
Democratic practices Democratic practices.
But Thompson also wants sional fund-raising practices. Thompurisdiction sought by
BL-DISTRICT
PLAYOFF WINNERS!

## Members of the Sands Lady

 Mustangs display their bidistrict champlonship trophy after defeating mies, 76-41,Friday in a Class 1A playoff Friday in a Class 1A playoff
game in Sterling City. Head game in sterling City. Head
coach Leland Bearden is at far right. See related stor page 8A.
 exempt organizations in last year's campaigns. The
Republican National Committee Republican National Committee tax-exempt conservative groups paigns for efforts 1996 camThP congressional candidates. Thompson has requested an hire a giant budget so that he gators. Publicly, most of the objections to the budget and
road jurisdiction sought by broad jurisdiction sought by
Thompson have been raised by Please see PROBE, page 2A
however, Thompson's plans are internal GOP debate. see the need to be so fair, to look beyond Clinton and the ship aide who discussed the internal Republican debate on
condition of anonymity. "Once condition of anonymity. "Once dict how it will play out. Some of our members believe he is determined to tar a


## Obituaries

Georgia Ola Self

##  at 2 p.m. . Monday. Feb. 17 , 1990 , at Nalley. Pickie at Nalley.Pickie \& Welch Roswood Chapel with the Rev. E1win Collom, pastor of the  Coahoma, Internment will befriclating. Memorial Park. <br> Mrarsial Pelf died Saturday. Feb. 15 , at a local nursing home. 15, at a local nursing home. She was born on July 16, 1911 . She was born on July 16, 1911, in Throckmorto. She married Oscar E. Self in Oscar E. Self in 1928 in Vincent. He preceded her in death. Mrs: Selif lived in Coahoma for 52 yearas. she worked in restaurants and cafes for many yeers as a waitress and was a member of the First and was a member of the Fi. Baptist Church of Coahoma. Survivors include: three daughters, Eula Bell Fowler of Coahoma, Dorothy Faye Rucker Coahoma, Dorothy Frye Rucker of Houston and Caroly Holey of Mesquite, four sons. Everett Self of Green Forest, Ark., Robert Henry Self and Johnny Self, both of Cohnoma, and Weldon Self of Slaton; three Weldon Seif of Slaton, three brothers. Marshall Henry Seot brothers, Marshall Henry of Setter Creek, Calif., Mutt Henry of Melrose, N.M., and Arvil of Meirose, N.M., and Arvil Henry of Bis Spring; four sis ters, Edith Massey and Estelle ters, Alexander, both of Amarillo. Callie Lee Whorton of Alamogordo, N.M. and Gene Alamogordo N.M.M and Gene Terrio 인vis. N.M. .31 grand. children: and 36 great-grand. children; children. <br> children. Memorials may be made to the Family Hospice of Big Spring or the Building Fund at the First Baptist Church of

## Museum

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roam through the museum tasting each cook's wares, they will have an opportunity to drop
quarters into jars, thereby cast-
ing their vote for the best food. The cook with the most quarters at the end of the evening is
declared -World's Greatest Chef."
In past years, the event's
patrons have feasted on foods patrons have feasted on foods
whoge origins included Italy, Russia, Sweden, Germany,
Mexico, Greece, Egypt, China, England, Scotland, Finland and,
Tickets for those wishing to be tasters are currently on sale at the Heritage Museum. For
additional information, contact
Visits
Continued from page 14 gong ta cost and just college in
general. said Terri J. Newton,
HC's director tions. "We want to make it as
convenient for the students as possible, they are used to the high school setting, and they
are more at ease there, that is why we visit them (at the high Anyone needing additional information can contact Dr.
Amy Burchett at 264-5028 or

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Bids
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Monterey's bid was slightly Monterey's bid was slightly
less than N.C. Sturgeon Inc. of Midland's base bid of $\$ 8,929,761$
and overall bid of $89,708,681$ and overall bid of $89,708,661$
including alternates. The highest base bid submit. ted, $\$ 9.522,000$, came from J.W. Cooper Construction Co. Inc. of
Odessa, but with all 18 alternate Odessa, butwith an the package,
bids totaled into
Cooper's Cooper's $\$ 10,362,000$ bid was
slightly lower than the
$\$ 10,364$ 10,364,500 total of CSS Inc. of
Gatesville, which submitted a $\$ 9,496,000$ base figure. The other two bidders - BFW Construction Co. Inc. of Temple
and Lee Lewis Construction and Lee Lewis Construction
Inc. of Lubbock - submitted nc. of Lubbock alternates of
totals with and $\$ 10,327,000$ and
$\$ 000$, respectively. BFW's base bid
was $\$ 9,410,000$ and Lewis' was was
$\$ 9,170,000$.

Coahoma board to meet Monday COAHOMA -The Coahoma
Independent School District Independent School District
Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the board room of the administration building. board's agenda are:
Progress of baseball field lighting g project.

- Board training
- Coahoma City Council members' request to address the
board concerning the softball board concerning the softball - Approval of school auditors
for the 1997-98 and 1998-99
school years. school years.
abate
Consideration of asbestos abatement contract/ashestos
vearly maintenance contract.
- Consider the semester exemption pilot project.
- Consider a mainte - Consider a maintenance
agreement contract for the agreem
track.
- Fibe
- Fiber optic cable projects.
- Consider a request for a per-- Consider a request for a per-
Mary day for Gary Fox and Mary Rowell.
: Approval of election judges. - The first reading of a board
policy update. Constier changmg March board meeting date.
- Approval of the distri Approval of the district's
1997.98 goals and discuss the
"Next Step Process. -The review of contracts for
administrative and professional personnel.

Forsan ISD trustees reschedule meeting

 so boardroom.
Sands students win UIL contest awards Special to the HERALD
Several students from Sands
Junior High School competed in Junior Region 17 non-University
the Rent Interscholastic League Solo
competition in Lubbock recent-
The students and the awards
they won include: Adolio they won include: Adolio
Alaniz, eight grade, Division II, Alaniz, eight grade, Division II,
excellent; Sarah Clark, seventh
grade, Division grade, Division III, good;
Aubrey Foster, seventh grade Aubrey Foster, seventh grade,
Division I, superior; Leanne Miller, seventh grade, Division I, superior; and Chance Nichols,
seventh grade, Division I, supesevent
rior.
In addition, Phil Castro took
part in the UIL Solo competipart in the UIL Solo competi-
tion in Lubbock and received a
Division


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Probe Repubicans raising concerns,
according to several according to several Senate
sources, are the two most recent
past sources, areirmen of the National
Republican Committee - Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas and Sen.
D'Amato of New York. Also, the new chairman
Sen. Mitch McConnell Sen. Mitch McConnell of
Kentucky - joined others in voicing reservations about Thompson's investigation at a
GOP luncheon this week, the
sources said sources said. Gramm declined comment on grounds the lun-
cheon discussion was private,
spokesmen for McConnell and spokesmen for McConnell a
D'Amato did not respond requests for comment. tee raised $\$ 5.5$ million in soft tee raised $\$ 5.5$ million in soft
money under Gramm in the
1994 election cycle 1994 election cycle, and nearly
five times that $-\$ 26$ million five times that - $\$ 26$ million -
in 1995-96 under D'Amato's leadin 1995-96 under D'Amato's lead-
ership. Most of this money was
spent on ads boosting GOP canspent on
didates.
No evid
No evidence of improper fund raising by the senatorial com-
mittee has emerged in the
intense recent intense rec
Che issue.
But Dato is considered vulnerable next year, and several conservative colleagues raised concerns at Wednesday's
GOP steering committee luncheon that Democrats on
Thompson's committee would try to embarrass the New York
senator, the sources said. One senator, the sources said. One
GOP senator predicted Democrats would turn a spot-
light on D'Amato's raising huge sums of money from banking interests while serving as chair-
man of the Senate Banking Committee.
McConnell is the GOP's point man in opposing the leading campaign-finance $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { proposal } \\ \text { before Congress, a bipartisan }\end{array}\right]$ mefore rengess, sporsod in the
Senate by Republican McCain Senate by Republican McCain
and Democratic Sen. Russell Feingold of Wisconsin.
The measure, supported by The measure, supported by
Thompson, would outlaw soft-
money contributions money contributions, which go
to a party rather than a specific to a party rather than a specific candidate. It is an area in which
Republicans enjoy a significant
advantage over Democrats. advantage over Democrats.
Senate Majority Leader Trent Senate Majority Leader Trent
Lott, R-Miss., has pointelly
refused to make campaign finance reform a legislative pri-
ority. But several Republicans who oppose the McCain-
Feingold measure and other
proposed changes have raised concerns in recent meetings
that there could be a public groundswell for action if the
Senate hearings draw attention Senate hearings draw attention
to the ways both parties take advantage of loopholes in feder-

## Briefs

THE HERITAGE MUSE-
UM'S AROUND the World in 80 Bites is Feb. 22. Chefs are welcome to prepare a favorite exot-
ic recipe for the special
evening. As one of the featured evening. As one of the featured
cooks, you provide food samples
for at least 300 people. The for at least 300 people. The
event is from 5:3 to $7: 30 \mathrm{p}$ p. m .
Tickets are $\$ 7.50$ for adults and $\$ 4$ for children. Chefs will
receive two free tickets and a chefs pass. "World's Greatest Chef with the
winner to be presented an
award in their honor. All chefs must reserve their place by Feb. 15 and forms can be obtained by calling the Heritage Museum at
for the . Tickets will go on sale

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY continues its season enti-
tled "Celebrate the Symphony" with a performance Saturday,
Feb. 22 with Music Feb. 22 with "Music for the
Young at Heart." Performance

## Around The Town

 Man." "The Orchestra Sings' is
an arrangement for the instruan arrangement for the instru-
ments of portions of more familiar operas. Buy your tickets in advance at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's, the Chamber of
Commerce or First Bank of Commerce or First Bank of
West Texas. The Symphony Nest Texas. The Symphony
office is open in the afternoons
from 1 to 3 p.m. during the week of the concert for your
convenience or call 264-7223.
THE BIG SPRING BAND Boosters will have a meeting 7
p.m. Tuesday, in the BSHS p.m. Tuesday, in the BSAS
Band. There will be a special solo and ensemble performance by band members. For
more information call Cyndi more information
Marsh at $263-6705$.
LOCAL HUNTERS EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR Boyce Hale announces that a class of
gun and bow safety will be held in the Chamber of Commerce conference room on M
15, beginning at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , beginning at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Hale reminds us that Hore reminds us that anyone
born on or before Sept. 2, 1971, is required to succeessfully com.
plete this course before plete this course before they
can legally hunt in Texas The cost is $\$ 10$ and is a lifetime certification.
For further
For further information call
$267-6957$ or preregister $\begin{array}{ll}267-6957 & \text { or } \\ \text { Dibrell's } & \text { pun } \\ \text { Shop at at } \\ \text { Dis }\end{array}$ THE INTERNATIONAL LIT, ball meeting open to the public ball meeting open to the public
for positions available for coaches and board members. If
you're interested please attend you're interested please attend
the meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Training

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volun-
teers to deliver meals. teers to deliver meals.
If you can spare one hour per
week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to and deltuered Withrn the \&ent limits of Big Spring. If you can
volunteer, please cal
$263-4016$


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MORE INFORM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON 7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN A.M. AND
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items. must be mitted in writing. Mail submitted in writing. Mail
to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it
by the omice at 710 Scurry; by the omice at 710 scurry; TODAY
-Good 8hepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has ser vices at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend. -Acoholics Annonymous, 615

- Attles, 11 a.m. closed meeting Settles, 11 a.m. closed m
and 7 p.m. open meeting.
-Big Spring Evening Lion's
Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E . Third. Call Jan Noyes, $267-5811$. -Project Freedom, Christian
support group, 7 p.m. Call 263 .

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## Rancher lives different kind of dream

Tho ASSOCLATED PRESS
John Erickson grew up er. He got his wish, but it's a dog that keeps the bills paid on Erickson's Texas Panhandle
ranch.
In addition to being a rancher. Erickson, 63 , is the author of 45 books, including the "Hank the
Cowdog" series a set of Cowdog" series, a set of chil-
dren's books about a cowdog who defends the ranch araiog
all kinds of all kinds of critters while solv ing mysteries.
most Perryton residents aspire. "I have always enjoyed writing, but I never sat around
dreaming of becoming a writer. dreaming of becoming a writer. er," Erickson said.
"We figured writers came from everywhere else," he said
of the rural town. The books Erickson couldn't fathom interesting readers out-
side of the rural reaches of the

Panhandle can be found in read newspapers. And that's
more than 10,000 school more than 10,000 school
libraries. He's sold million copies of Hank books. "When it started showing up in schools around Dallas... place," Erickson said. "I was
surprised they could plare, Erickson said. "I was
surey could relate to the stories. I wasn't writing for The cown audience."
ture. "The Case of the Dancing Cowboy," is now in newsstands. The Dancing Cowboy" is an
11-part book that began publication in the Austin AmericanStatesman on Jan. 21. The book is available to any newspaper at no cost. children's literacy,", said Dift to Pego, director of " said David services at the AmericanStatesman. "Hank fans have come out of the woodwork this
month. I hope month. I hope this will be
repeated in other new repeated in other newwspapers.
It's encouraging children to
what we - as an industry -
need.".
"The Daticing Cowboy" is Erickson's version of recycling. The story is half of a Hank book he didn't like. Instead of throw-
ing it all away, he kept half. The story was too short to publish as a book, so he's
offered it through newspapers offered it through newspapers
hoping children might get interhoping children might get interpers and books.
"We got nothing out of it,"
Erickson said. "We're like Erickson said. "We're like
everyone else in print. There's
children everyone else in print. There's
children today who can't read or don't want to read and that has serious implications."
Hank first appeared in The Cattleman magazine, when Erickson wrote a series of 12 stories on humorous anecdotes
about ranching. Two of the 12 about ranching. Two of the 12
were fictitious accounts of Hank the Cowdog. with his manuscripts routinely
ers - before he started publish publishing company, Maverick The Devil in Texas ." 1982 book He had several short stories published, but "The Devil" was have published it had he not been working so hard to pro-
mote his stories. mote his stories.
Erickson went
Future Farmers of America Future Farmers of America
banquets, Lions Club meetings and similar functions to read his books. The stories that got
the biggest reaction - from the biggest reaction
adults and children those involving Hank. "They told me, 'You should do more with the dog,' "he said.
Hank the Cowdog has become its own industry. Aside from traveling to schools across the
nation, Erickson writes the nation, Erickson writes the
books, records audio books and contributes to a quarterly
"Hen contributes to a quarterly
"Hank Times" newsletter as
part of the character's fan club

## ess I ever saw' <br> Anguished LBJ called Vietnam 'biggest mess I ever saw'

 with flood of paroled sex offenders
## AUSTIN (AP) year before he began the large- Almost a year before he began the large- scale buildup in Vietnam <br> <br> ar, Johnson also worried that congress might run him out of

 <br> <br> ar, Johnson also worried thatcongress might run him out of} President Johnson called the
war "the biggest damn mess war "the biggest damn mess
ever saw" and lamented: "d don't think and lamented: " dor, and I don't think we can get
out." Johnson made the complaint In a May 27, 1964, phone consecurity with his national security adviser, McGeorge
Bundy. Tapes of the conversa tion, and another the same day with his close friend and political mentor, Sen. Richard
Russell of Georgia Russell of Georgia, were
released Friday by the LBJ released Friday by
Presidential Library.
ren They show that six month after he became president, Johnson agonized over what to
do about Vietnam and was tormented by the prospect of sacri ficing U.S. soldiers to
considered pointless considered pointless.
"It's just the bigge mess I ever the ," hige hest damn
Although he Although he believed public Ongress might run him out of
"They'd tried to withdraw. "They'd impeach a president though, that would run out,
wouldn't they?" he asked. He also spoke movingly of not wanting to endanger U.S. sol diers in Vietnam.
T've got a little old sergeant hat works for me over there at ren, and I and he's got six children, and I just put him up as Force and Natas Army and Air orce and Navy every time hink about making
"Thinking about sending that ather of those six kids in there ... and what the hell we're going
to get out of his doing it? It just makes the chills run up my

Fort Worth officials scramble to deal

FORT WORTH (AP) - Local and Fort Worth officials next house without a private con
FORT WORTH (AP) - Local
officials who spent much of the ofrcials who spent much of the
past year on a crusade to shut
down halfway houses have painted themselves into a cor${ }^{\text {ner }}$ With Tarrant County's last halfway house for paroled sex offenders County about to shut down, where will they put 92
recent parolees?
" "We as local officials have a
esponsibility to help solve this," said Fort Worth Councilman Bill Meadows
'Sure, we could say it's not our problem, it's the state's. But we need to take responsibility. We
got what we asked for, and we got what we asked for, and we
got it sooner than we expected." got it sooner than we expected." close down in two weeks. State law requires prison officials to send parolees back to their
home counties. Any sex offender seeking,
parole must file a "home plan" telling officials that family members have agreed to house
him or that he has been accepted into a halfway house. A sex offender convicted before 1996 who has accumulat sentenced time must be released. Many of those offenders also live in halfway houses. State Sen. Mike Moncrief, D
Fort Worth, plans to have a con Fort Worth, plans to have a con-
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eapecially the support shown to us in the recent loses of our
mother Mary C. sayes. Mom mother Mary C. Sayers. Mom
loved each and everyone of loved each and everyone of
you. Your kindness during our time of grief helped us with our sorrow. There are so minny
of you to thank that it is hard of you to thank that it is hard
for ua to list you all, but thank for us to lise you all, fut chanik
you our Wal-Mart family for going above and beyond the call.
cod
Cod Bless each of you. Sincerely,
Mary C. Sayers
and Fort Worth officials next house without a private con-
week to discuss the crisis.
tractor or appealing to Moncrief said last week that Correctional Services to keep $\begin{array}{ll}\text { several short-term options have the remaining house open past } \\ \text { been discussed. } & \text { March 1. }\end{array}$ One option was for Sheriff "I don't want a Scotch tape David wiliams to lease unused and baling wire solution,"
county jail space to the state to
Moncrief said. "'This requires a house the parolees, but real solution. We need to look at Williams rejected the idea, say- the big picture of sex offenders
ing his department lack jail statewide. Just like we didn't space and staffing to house Other he state administer a halfway want them all dumped on us, we can't expect another county to take ours when the (remainin e state administer a halfway house) closes

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"It does me, too," said Russell, Armed Services Committee. "We're in the quicksands up to what the hell to do about it." At the time, the government's At the time, the government's
stated Vietnam strategy involved sending a few thousand U.S. advisers to help train
the South Vietnamese to fight the South Vietnamese to fight
the North. The first U.S. soldiers sent officially for combat
arrived on March 8, 1965, and arrived on March 8, 1965, and
their numbers swelled to more than 500,000 , of whom 58,000 died
Minu died. Russell, Johnson repeated his "The more that I stayed awake last night thinking of
this.. it just worries the hell
out of me," he said. "It's
damned easy to get in war. But it's going to be awfully har. But to ever extricate yourself if you do get in."
Again he brought up the sergeant as an example. "What in the hell am I order-
ing him out there for?", ing him out there for?". he
asked. "What the hell is asked. "What the hell is
Vietnam worth to me? What the hell is Laos worth to me? What is it worth to this country?"'
While histo ans have writen While histor sans have written escalating U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the tapes offer an intimate portrait of just how
painful the dilemma was, said painful the dilemma was, said
Harry Middleton, director of the library.
"He was clearly tormented by


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## Our Views

## Felony DWI case

 was long overdueHWilk of to new 118th District Attorney Hardy tion of a felony DWI case
While we didn't check to see how long it had been since such a prosecution was attempted, we'll tell you hat we share the excitement of all those involved in house that an habitual DWI offender was taken off house that an habitual DW offen
A national survey in 1983 indicated that after 8 . m ., one in every 10 vehicles on the highways of this By was driven by a drunk driver. drop in the consumption of alcoholic beverages, had srown to a shade better than two in every 10 .
Other communities have worked aggressively to get drunk drivers off the streets. Our state legislators, years ago, gave us the tools to pursue those repeat
offenders so that not only could we get them off the offenders so that not only could we get them off the streets, we could put them behind bars as well. It's taken us a while to get there, but Wilkerson has made it clear that he intends to be an active and
akgressive prosecutor who will work with law akgressive prosecutor who with work with
enforcement to keep drunks of the roadways.

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relief plan, but Sharp aid he

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#### Abstract

wasn't going to do it. "Our role right now is to be upportive in a technical sense. else on the table, you might else on the table, you might confuse the issue," Sharp said Bush's plan would levy a 1.25 percent tax on businesses with There than 8500,000 in sales. above that amount, after the costs of raw materials and capi. tal investments are subtracted from the gross. Sharp sald he sharp sald he would help to $\underset{\text { approved by plan work if it i }}{\text { make }}$ Abill that would suspend the driver's licenses of those younger than 21 caucht with alcohol in their poseossion or alcohol in their possession or in their systems passed the Senate without objection. Sonate without objection. Sponsored by Sen. Royce Wpost. D-Dallas the legislation hits underage drinkers where it his underage drinkers where it "wheels." the Dallas Morning Nouss reported. Under West's bill, an under


ase drinker caught mither age drinker caught with even fines, community service and Innes, community service and
jail time.
Police would be allowed a
choice of either taking a minor who is not driving, but in pos. session of alcohol. to the police stations for a breath or blood
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would be similar to those assessed to minors caught dri ing under the infuence.
-College students would find It easier to get credit for cours es when they transfer under a bill passed by the Senate last week. Sen. Bivins, the meen sure s sponsor. said it would
not only make life easier for college students but also save tax dollars because students same courses.
school uniform bill authored by Sen. Harris. The measure would require a petition by par requiring uniforms. After development by a campus-leve committee, the uniform plan would have to be approved by the school superintendent an
voted on by parents before going to the school board for
-A state law requiring mo -A state law requiring motor
cyclists to wear helmets would be repealed for adults under bill the Senate State Affairs Committee approved. The com nittee voted $9-2$ to repeal the
1999 state law requiring motor cyclists - age 18 or older- to wear head protection. The bill consideration the full Senate for consideration. Committee ignored protest from environmentalists and voted 7.0 to confirm Barry
McBee's 1995 appoint chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation
Commission.

Government is notifying legal immigrants of cuts in Social Security benefits

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abled legal immigrants that
they are losing they are losing \$ocial security
benefits. benefts.
Letters
inme oing out to the year's welfare overhaul requiring cuts in assistance that take
effect in August and efrect in August an
September.
Immigrant-advocacy group are worried. "One of our greatest fears is have a rash of suicides among the very old and disabled
immigrants who are left with-
out any source of income or out any source of
medical
care," $\begin{gathered}\text { income or } \\ \text { Catholic }\end{gathered}$ Charities official Sharon Daly
told a House subcommittee told a House subcommittee
this week. Between now and the end of Administration is mailing out 900,000 letters informing legal immigrants of their status Security Income program. The Republican-crafted welfare law President Clinton
signed last year will cut off dis ability benefits to as many as 500,000 of the 803,000 noncitizens now drawing assistance. SSI provides an average
$\$ 425$ a month in aid for poo people who are elderly, blind
or disabled. Until now, this or disabled. Until now, this
help has gone to citizens and is the sole means of support,
said 88A spokesman Phil
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Seeking to Seeking to put a face on the cuts, immigrant advocates woman 71 -year-old Cuban band died in 1995, leaving her band died in 1995 , leaving her
in poverty. Her lack of English In poverty. Her lack of English
and deteriorating physical and mental condition make taking the citizenship exam a virtual impossibility, and her ailing
daughter is unable to care for her. A 53 -year-old woman who fled Vietnam's communist regime in 1975, relocating to
California with her husband and three children. After hospitalization for mental illness,
she lost touch with her entir she lost touch with her entire
family.
Authors of the welfare law Authors of the welfare law
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But they say it was imperative to rein in SSI's costs, which
have swelled in part because of have swelled in part because of
the growing numbers of noncithe growing numbers of nonciThe number of immigrants on
Sis grew fivefold between 1982 S8I grew
and 1994. and 1994.
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Nearly one in four elderly
noncitizens received SSI in
Sin 1994, compared with one in 25 of the elderly born in this
country.

Before DNC, Huand had Chinese contact WASHINGTON (AP) - While neys, Ty Cobb and John C. has asked Commerce to explain
he worked as a senior Keeney Jr., were not returned. why Huang went to the
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gs, Jotober 1995 indicate the kind
Ochinese ambassador's resi-
activities congressional
dence. "I am troubled" by the gs, John Huang regularly met
and
dined
with $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { activities congressional } \\ & \text { investigators are focusing on: }\end{aligned}$ Embassy officials.
When Huang left Commerce to begin a controversial stint as
the Democrats' top fund-raiser the Democrats' top fund-raiser among Asian-Americans, he
kept, his
Chinese Several embassy and consular officials were listed on his. Committee headquarters. Committee headquarters.
Some
Republicans Congress speak of ""potential economic espionage" in ques-
tioning whether Huang had improper contact with Chinese officials or with his former employer, the Indonesian conglomerate Lippo Group. Huang has denied wrongdo-
ing. Telephone messages seek-
ing comment ing comment from his attor

Clinton's intervention keeps American flying

WASHINGTON (AP) - A of the Allied Piots Association, strike by American Atrilines had ordered local strike leaders pilote was just forr minutes old
Saturday morning when President Clinton intervened to prevent the shuttering of the nation's largest domestic ciarri-
er at the start of a buisy holiday
weenend weekend. Whe pilots continue to ay, a three-member emergency take 30 days to propose a settle ment. The union and the airline then have 30 days to reach an agreement. Failing that
Congress could impose a settle
ment. resolved as soon as possible, ment authorizing the emergency board.
It was not It was not known when the
board will meet. Negotiators for the airline and its pilots can continue their independent
talks during the "cooling off" talks during the "cooling off" period while the board meets,
but a strike is not allowed. Early Saturday, negotiator for American Airlines and its pilots were getting ready to go
home to wait for the emergency home to wait for the emergency
board to come up with a way to settle their dispute.
American officiais said fewer
than 100 flights worldwide wer han 100 flights worldwide were threatened to spoil a holiday weekend for more than 40,000
travelers. travelers.
"If it hurt "If it hurt us at all it was less han a ${ }^{\text {a }}$ sad storm at one of our Al Comeaux, an air line spokesman.
The White Ho
The White House announced Clinton's decision after four days of marathon talks pro-
duced few results. Four minute duced few results. Four minutes own the airline. praised the president for
staving off a potential financial taving off a potential financial
disaster, union officials ques. tioned his decision. "There is no deal, there is no
contract, there is no labo contract, there is no labo peace," Sovich said. "I Sovich's strike announcemen elicited loud cheers at a meet-
ing of union members and their ing of union members and their
families in Dallas.Fort Worth the airline's headquarters. Boos greeted the news of Clinton's
decision. American's chief executive officer, Robert Crandall, thanked the president "for his
wisdom in preventing a strik wisdom in preventing a strike
that would have been very harmful to American's many constituencies and to the nation as a whole.'
Clinton sa
of speeding acted in hopes of speeding an agreement and "would have an immediate and public." public." In additi sengers, an administration study said the strike would
have cost about $\$ 100$ million have cost about $\$ 100$ million a
day and forced layoffs of 90,000 airline workers.
Clinton acted under the Railway Labor Act, designed to
protect the economy against labor strikes. A president had not invoked that law in an air line strike
decades. Unions have called two
strikes against American in the investigators are focusing on: Commerce telephone logs
show Huang called Lippo Bank in Los Angeles on Oct. 10 and
twice on Oct. 11. On that day twice on Oct. 11. On that day, his expense report showed a 85
tapi ride to the Indonesian taxi ride
Embassy.
The nex
The next day Hung, who was
cleared for top secret cleared for top secret official
information, was scheduled to information, was scheduled to
receive an intelligence briefing from the CIA''s liaisen to the
Commerce Department accord Commerce Department, accord-
ing to Commerce documents. ing to Oct. 12. Huang took a taxi On Oct. 12, Huang took a taxi
ride from the residence of the Chinese ambassador back to his
Commerce office. He oalled Commerce office. He called
Lippo Bank two more times within the next seven days. dence. "I am troubled" by the
expense reports, Solomon said. expense reports, Solomon said.
After leaving Commerce in December 1995 to raise money for the Democratic National Committee, Huang kept on
hand the telephone numbers of at least 11 officials of the at least 11 officials of the
Chinese Embasey or consulates. as well as husiness
Chinese businessmen. Chinese businessmen.
The Democratic Party event ally returned more than $\$ 1 \mathrm{mil}$ lilon raised by Huang because it
came from foreign sources or came from foreign sources
was otherwise inappropriate. was otherwise inappropriate. gation into improper fund rais ing reportedly is considering evidence that officials of the direct contributions to the

## Your Opinion Counts!


around the country to shut fight attendants voted to walk While airline executives With a strike looming, White Mediation Board. -Anthony V. Sinicropi, an House adviser Bruce Lindsey Unsor emeritus
Uroke awder broke away from reporters
about 11:45 p.m. Friday to take
calls from both parties. He was
told the union rejected cold the union rejected
American's final offer. He then went to the president's office in the White House residence to reak the news.
"If you're goin
 The president quietly tise executive order and signed it. The three members of the
Presidential Emergency Boar appointed by Clinton are:
Chairman Robert R. Harris of Maryland, a former chairman who led a special board that who led a special board that
resolved a national railroad dis. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { who led a special board that } & \text { The average American } \\ \text { resolved a national rairload dis. } & \text { Airlines pilot makes } \$ 120,000 \text { a a } \\ \text { pute in 1991. That board was } & \text { year. The average American } \\ \text { appointed by Congress. } & \text { Eagle pilot makes about } \$ 35,000\end{array}$ Cagle pilot make
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## Inmates in lock-step at Japan's prisons

Japan's toughest criminals in cells; tobacco is banned; TV were hard at work, bending obe-
diently over buzz-saws and diently over buzz-saws and
hammering together stools. Then a prison
Instantly, the factory nachines fell silent. With each in gray uniforms lined up meek-ock-step to the lunchroom. orisoners sat silently with their acks straight and eyes closed. No one thook a
hehave like this? Japanese prison officials say they have
he answer: unbending disci

The stricter the rules are, the oichi Watanabe, deputy war largest and oldest Strict is putting it mildly.
Prisoners cannot talk or look Phile working eating or fundamental human rights and
standards," the New York-based
Human Rights W Human Rights Watch said in a
995 report Critics say the prisons suffo ate inmates in an avalanche of oins, they allege are met with brutal punishment, including beatings and spells in "protec
tive cells," where prisoners immobilized in leather restraints have to lap up their meals like dogs and defecate
through slits ripped in their pants.
While prison officials deny abuse, they make no apologies or the strict discipline. They
are proud of the efficiency of are proutitutions.
"Even though there has been "Even though there has been
criticism that Japanese prisons have too many rules, withou
them it would be chaos," Watanabe said.
But corrections officials are
secretive when it secretive when it comes to pre-
cisely how they keep their charges in line. Prison rules are confidential, and a rare tour of
Fuchu Prison granted to The
tary confinement and protective used only to calm "berserk ment. Though the visit was limited, It left no question that Japanese prisons are tightly run places.
The times that prisoners ge up, eat, talk and sleep are rigid y set. Almost all inmates work 40 -hour weeks at one of 29 factories, making shoes, ceramics,
wooden toys, books and other Signs with detailed lists he health cline everywhere. In inmates are ordered to sit in ilence and are forbidden to ross their arms or legs. A sign in the communal bath features cisely how short their sideburns should be.
Prisoners are also isolatedworld. Telephones are off limits letters to and from prisoners are read and censored - or sim-
ply confiscated; visits are video-
taped or monitored by guards.

North Korean defection brings Cold War to Beijing
BEIJING (AP)-The Cold
War has resurfaced on Beijing's
chilly streets.
North Korean agents, waiting
in cars with darkened windows
and lurking under trees, gaze
everyy few minutes down the
street to the South Korean con-
sulate where the most senior
North Korean official ever to
flee the secretive Stalinist state
hides out.
Inside the white building,
South Korean officials ply the
72-year-old defector, Hwang
Jang Yop, with food, books and
probably questions. hoping to
tap his wealth of information
about the North's inner work-
ings.
China is caught in the middle.
Its police have guarded the
South Korean consulate since
Hwang got out of a taxi
Wednesday, walked in, and
asked for asylum.
The drama, including at least


China's Foreign Ministry said
Saturday the crisis could take Saturday the crisis could take
"a very long time" to resolve. caughaling up further in their to rival ry, it called on North and South Korea to resolve the crisis
Chinelves.uth Korean talks began Mfday. A North Korean
del Hwang's return, arrived in
Beijing on Saturday, and another 20 -member delegation arrived from Pyongyang on
Friday, South Korean media reported.
Chinese security forces laid spikes to puncture car tires on roads around the consulate
Saturday and moved in a truck with a water cannon, an
armored vehicle and extra men - preparing for a long wait. Chinese officers with AK-47 Py
rifles and helmets patrolled in ship
the early hours, part of extra
security measures China put in place after a North Korean car
sped toward the police cordon stopped a few feet short and drove away on Friday night.
North Korea threatened retaliNorth Korea threatened retali-
ation after Hwang defected ation after Hwang defected.
South Korea put its 650,000 . member military on higher
alert and tightened security alert and tightened security bt
airports, government facilities airports, government facilities,
foreign embassies and ports to prevent terrorist attacks. Hwang is a member of North
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Exchanging of hostages is resumed in Tajikistan

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tons. We don't need war. We the world's poorest countries, don't want war, Wejust want a The personal pillaging and change, in this He, Hust want a busi inefficlency for which Iobutu $\begin{aligned} & \text { nessman Luke Mikal, chatting } \\ & \text { on a a crowded his cronies are fannous is } \\ & \text { evident throughout the once- }\end{aligned}$ corner as dozens of others nodded in agreement. "People in this country ar tired. They support Kabila, even though they don't know what h will give them." The feeling is that anyone would be better than Mobutu would be better than Mobutu, whose 31 years in power have left mineral-rich Zaire among graciaus city of crumbling colo nial buildings and slums Goverhment ministries, eve Government ministries, even the all-mportant defense min- istry are housed in shells of istry, are housed in shells buildings with broken stai ways, cockroaches skittering on moldy carpets and bare bulbs dangling over rusted typewrit





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## Tracing early blaek success in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) - Patricia Prather wasn't sure anything
worthwhile lay in the paper scraps she requested from
90 y yearold printer's But Prather, an expert in black history and a seliftermed
urban archaeologist, knew how to excavate. And as she sifted the detritus from the long-ago Fifth Ward printing shop, some-
thing called to her. It was a thing called to her. It was a
weathered crimson volume, and weathere "Trimson volume, and 80 -year-otd typeface.
ontered another Prather bustling, driven, idealistic life of black Houstonians in 1915. Nearly unknown and extraordinarily rare - the printer's
wife and the Central Library may possess the only originals - the Houston Red Book was the brainchild of black editor
and pioneer Emmett J. Scott "A Compendium of Social, Proféssional, Religious,
Educational Educational and Industrial
Interests of Houston's Colored Population" is how Scott billed it, and he didn't much overstate the scope. Inside, the crisply printed voladdresses, statistics, photos, biographies and essays on the state of African-Americans in Houston. after slavery," explains Prather, who had heard of the volume but never saw one until that
day at the printer's in 1987 . "It day at the printer's in 1987. 'It We are ex-slaves and look what we've done.' I think it's a very raggadocious book. Prather, who reprinted a few Red Book but has no more left. hinks Houston's African American elite probably paid of the traditionally white Blue Book or Social Register. But the 192-page Red Book's message is than the Blue Book's. Mingled with photographs of exquisitely dressed black citizens, their schools and houses, and cata-
logues of their achievements essay after essay in the Red Book tells why its images matterean $\rightarrow$ ?
"Simply with a desire to rue inspiration through a permanent record of achievement ciate its value," the publishrewrote, "this book is dedicated to those who stand for the uplift." The result is a dense, para doxical portrait of hundreds of achievers whose parents were
slaves. Achievers like James S Rutledge, a railway postal clerk whose descendants still live in Houston.
Born on a Hempstead farm in
1876, Rutledge made his way to Houston in 1904, got a coveted job as a railway postal clerk, and helped found the all-black Employees in 1913.
Stolid and strong-featured, Rutledge personifies self-confiIn the group picture of the postal unionists, he stands with feet planted apart, looking
slightly upward as if at some far-off beacon.

Yet the reality Rutledge lived Wreat-niece, Gladys Rutledge
Edwards says. "I wourds says. I would still like to know get that job" in those segregated times, Edwards says.



Concho River yields unique booty of pearls SAN ANGELO (AP)
Spanish explorer Francisco
Vasquez $\begin{gathered}\text { coast-to-co } \\ \text { tiresome. }\end{gathered}$ Vasquez de Coronado was con- "We decided that we vinced that somewhere in the quit or open up a store, American Southwest the Seven Morgan said. "I opened the Cities of Gold existed. Years of searching cost the
lives of hundreds of lives of hundreds of Indian
guides and soldiers, who found little gold and lots of hardship along the way. Fast forward about 430 years Mann and Jack Morgan slosh ing through Fisher Lake in West Texas, spending their
days prying stunningly-colored pearls from thousands of native shells.
"We didn't know what we had when we found them," Morgan said. "We just kept
them up in a bunch of fruit
jars." The lavender and pink pearls The lavender and pink pearls
were no secret to folks around the Concho River, which runs from the west through San Angelo before flowing into the
Colorado. Area ranchers and Colorado. Area ranchers and
others had noted the pearls for years, although no one really capitalized on them until Morgan and Mann. began crafting their follection into jewelry, a unique array based on the funny-shaped
stones they stones they had stuffed into
their jars. their jars.
The artist
the pieces while Morgan handled the business end. The men sold their wares at shows
from Seattle to the Bahamas Eventually, Morgan said the store (Bart Mann Originals),
and it was his job to keep mas. and it was his job to keep makThe the jewelry." developed a national cult folowing. Before his death in 974, Mann created a number designs around the pearis,
from bunches of grapes and corn cobs using dozens of the iniest ones to golden mussel shell earrings.
Unlike trad Unike traditional pearls,
Concho pearls are rarely perectly round. Their draw is heir color. Most are pink, lavenders and deep purples. "It's the chemical makeup of the creeks and rivers," Morgan and mineral content. The "baroques," randomly to resemble tradition't begin are the most bizarre. The most popular are naturally shaped ments for hummingbine ornaOants. Others are even more dis"There's all the world looks that for child's top. It absolutely looks lathe "" seen turned on a janed Morgan in 1976. "That pearl's loose, and it's. not for sae. Someone wount it really bad."
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## SPORTS -2 icocion

 Inside-out duo shoots Lady 'Stangs into area round of Class 1A playoffsSands girls blast Miles; claim bidistrict crown $\frac{\text { By STEVE REAGAN }}{}$

## STERLING CITY - The defizling problem." faced the Miles Lady Bulldogs Priday night. <br> trated on Sands' interior players, Andrea Gillespie burned them from outside. If Miles xillended its defense to cover corched them inside. And Miles never <br> Gillespie and Floyd did the riday night, leading the Lady Mustangs (20-8) to a convincing e-41 bidistrict playoff victory ofer Miles at Sterling City Giliesple, a junior guard, from thre-point range to lead the Lady 'stangs' outside more oftep than not the bal.

Forsan falls into 3-way tie for second

HERALD Staff Report WALL - The Forsan

Buffaloes will end up playing
some extra games this season.
Whether or not they're in the
state playoffs, though, is still
up in the air.
The Buffoloes fell into a
three.way tie for the second
and final playoff spot from
District 8-2A by dropping a 46.
42 decision to the Wall Hawks
in the regular season finale for
both teams rriday night.
Forsan ended the season with
a 21-10 record, including a 7.-5
mark in district games. That
leaves the Buffs in a threeway
tie with Ozona and Winters for
the league's second playoff
spot.
Ozona and Winters will play
each other Monday, with the
winner of that game facing
Forsan at a site and time to be
determined Tuesday night to
determine the second plact fin.
isher.
If Forsan wins Tuesday
night, it will face Jim Ned, Big Spring's Tory Mitchell, left, collides with Terem Chaires
(35) of El Paso Parkland while shooting during their Class 4A (35) of El Paso Parkland while shooting during their Class 4A anmemmannan

## Li falls in finals of

ueanosmanteon- SPRIIG SPoris Roviour
Robert Hillger led Forsan
with 11 points, while Stephen
Osburn had 10 points for the Osburn had 10 points for the
Buffs.

Bulldogs, Buffaloes open playoffs Thursday champions of District 8-2A, will. open the state basketball play-
offs at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Thursday in The Bearkats finished second in District 7-2A behind Jim District 8-2A with a league
record of $9-2$. Overall, the Bulldogs finished the regular

Also Thursday, the Stanton
Buffaloes, ranked fifth in the latest Class 2A boys' poll, opens its playoff run with a
bidistrict contest against District ${ }^{5.2 \mathrm{~A}}$ runner-up
Tahoka. That game will be county Coliseum in Snyder County Coliseum in Snyder.
Stanton finished the regula


Class 2 A poll, in the
of the state playoffs. Frinala night the burfs and
Wall entered the second half tied at 24.24, but the Hawks
edged ahead on an 11-8 third
quarter, and held on down the stretch to take the victory Hsuan Li of Big Spring High
School finished second in Boys A singles Saturday at the West
Texas High Schoo Championships in San Angelo. Li advanced to the finals o a $6-4,2-6,6-2$ decise dropping seeded Jeremy Earl of Lubbock Coronado. Li won his firs
round match by default, defeat ed Blake McElmurry of Odessa Permian in the quarterfinals
and downed Jason Soto of San Angelo Central $6-3,6-3$ in the semifinals to set up with match with Earl.
"It was a hard-fought battle way." BSHS coach Ralph either said of the boys' final. "That
kid from Lubbock was just too on' for Hsiao-Hsuan.
Earl advanced to the finals With a $6-0,6-1$ victory over Jef astle of Big Spring. Castle ha eached the semis with a $6-2,3$

\section*{| Odessa in the first round and a |
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| $7.64,6,6.6-4$ victory 0 ver team |}




 Odessa Permian.
Also, Kaegan Welch and
Devon Swafford recorded
Devon Swafford recorded
major upset when they downed major upset when they downed
the third-seeded Flores-
McKnight team from McKnight team from Lubbock
Coronado 0-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the Coronado 0-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the
Boys A Doubles quarterfinals Welch and Swafford eventually Welch and Swafford eventually
fell in the semifinals. And Brent Schroeder and
Sterling Hellman advanced to the consolation semifinals of the consolation semifinals of ing out.
Big Spring hosts its annual

## Late Big Spring charge falls short vs. Parkland

## By DAN DECKER

## ALPINE - George Quintero cored 30 points to lead the EI ${ }^{\text {Pasino }}$ | 2.77 victory over the Bie |
| :--- |
| Spring Steers in a class 4 A | Spring Sters in a class $4 A$ bidistict tlayorf game at sul ins  The Matarors sed throulhout the geme, but had to hold off  the sters spring rally that saw points of the lead twice in the fourth quarter. Firse got into abig hole in the first halt, BSHSS coach Gary Tipton said. "We mode a rut at them in the final perid them in the final period cosed to otithin thre twice bise    proud of my team and their perrormane Tipton sid that the Tipton said that the Steers needed to do two things to win azain  handie the Matatars's press and they had to win the battre for rebounds. The mixed, he added.

"We handled their press, but
we dian't convert. Thes. shots.
just didnt to
go in, Tipton said.
"As for rebounds, we came points
 reboundsearly, and that hat heped them attempt 41 first half shots
compared to only 29 for $B 1 \mathrm{~g}$ Spring. "They beat us on the boards where we dug our hole," Tipton said. Steers also, hurt them
The Stives at the fre threm selves at the free throw line, chances. But the Steers didn't go away. half, Big by only eight at the even tighter in the second half twice pulling to within three points in the fourth quarter
before finally falling short at the end. chances at the end." Tipton chances at the end," Tipton
said. "But the game was a lot
closer than the final score cated."
Justin Myers led the Steers (14-15) with 19 points, followed
by Greg Wollenzien with 15 points, John Smith with 13
points and Chad Warren with Joining Quintero in double figures for Parkland were Deante Munn with 20 points,
and Jose Duarte and Milk
Dilks, both of whom scored
pionships artis

This was the final game for enior, smixh and follow Foresesh Aheron Brotiow and Ben hllario. Tipton Satad he Would remember theid Asa



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## Founder of CGA

 recalled
## By STEVE REAGAN

 Staff Writer\section*{| The Chicano Golf |
| :---: | :---: |
| Association lost one of its |} founding fathers last wee

when Natividad "Nate" Nunez

helped found the CGA in 1972,
along with long-time members Charley and Albert Gonzales, Jimmy
Reyna.
the Hispanic community for golfing," said friend and fellow
CGA member Billy Pineda "Back in the ' 70 s, golf was not as popular as it
he cared about it
he carer the direction of Nunez
Und others, the association and others, the association
grew from less than 15 mem
bers bers in 1972 to a peak of 125
members. And not just Hispanics belong to the organization, Pineda said.
"Without him, the association may not have become as
strong as it is now," Pineda said.
But Nunez was not just pas sionate about golf, his friend
said. said.
"He was an ... advocate for sports," Pineda said. "He was
just an outstanding guy. You'd see him all the time at high school games, junior high games ... He was well-riked in
the community. Everywhere he went, he made friends." This year's CGA member
ship drive tournament, sched $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { ship drive tournament, sched } \\ & \text { uled for today at Comanche }\end{aligned}\right.$ uled for today at Comanche
Trail Goif Course, will be par tially de
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Tee times are between 10 a.m. - noon, and refreshments
will be served. For more inforwill be served. For more infor
mation, contact the golf course mation, cont.
and 264-2366.

Andrea Gillesple, right, of Sands shoots one of her alx threeseorial 20 poilits as Sands won $76-41$.


## Little-known driver starts 30th 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (A Dale Jarrett get most of the With rapidly escalating pursDale Jarrett get most of the es, it is not inconceivable that
attention in Sunday's Daytona
Gordon will bank more than 500 , few in a crowd of 150,000
will notice Dave Marcis will notice Dave Marcis.
Marcis, 55 , has five victories in three decades on the His only distinction is circuit. will be his 30th consecutive start in what they
Great American Race. "Ilt's probably a number that
will never be broken because today's drivers don't because drive that many years to make get pretty wealthy if they're acend in good equipment. years. I'm still doing it to make a living."
Marcis, Marcis, who starts the race from the 24th position on the his career. Jeff Gordon, the 25-year-old heir apparent to Earnhardt's throne as the king
major impact.
Nowhere has that been more evident than here. In July 1994,
Earnhardt had commitments Earnhardt had commitments
that precluded testing prior to that precluded testing prior
the Pepsi 400 . Enter Marcis. the Pepsi 400. Enter Marcis. up the car," Marcis said. "Dale up the car," Marcis said. "Dale
came down here, ran it three laps, and put it in the garage."
"Then he went out there and put it on the pole. It's a good put it on the pole. It's a good
feeling to know that I have a good feel for a car and that someone like Dale respects my
years and my knowledge." It doesn't end there, however.
Earnhardt's teammate, Mike Earnhardt's teammate, Mike
Skinner, won the pole for the Skinner, won the pole credits Marcis. "He's been a huge asset,""
Skinner said. "He's taken me Skinner said. "He's taken me out drafting. He's shown me
the way around this race the way around this race
track." And he couldn't find a better tour guide. After all, no one has been around it more than Dave been arou
Marcis.

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## Pickings are good in free agency, if the price is right <br> THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Whip out those checkbooks. The NFLs
under way
Need a cornerback? There are plenty to pick from led by
Pittsburgh's Rod Woodson, a membe
team.  Derri
good on
long tim How about a running back
Terry Allen yards and 21 rushed for 1,353 Washington last season
Those three were among 319
unrestricted free agents, available to the highest bidder starting Friday. Well, they are sort of available.
The proble
ones teams want under a salary cap that increases by bust
$\$ 701,000$ to almost $\$ 415$ millin $\$ 701,000$ to almost $\$ 41.5$ million for 1997. What's involved is
some creative massaging of the some creative massaging of the
cap, sometimes cutting high-
priced players to free up priced players to free up
money, and then re-signing
them to lower priced contracts later.
The full free agent class totals 505 players but the main attrac-
tion are the unrestricted free agents, available to the highest bidder.
That group is headlinea by 11
members of the Super Bowl members of the Super Bowl including MVP. Desmond
Howard, and 13 Pro Bowl players.
Kick returner Howard
expects a hefty hike from last
season's $\$ 300,000$ and might be season's $\$ 300,000$ and might be
too expensive for Green Bay's taste, since the Packers must
also concentrate on retaining also concentrate on retaining
regulars like, nose tackle
Gilbert Brown, linebacker Wayne Simmons, defensive end
Sean Jones and Pro Bowl cen Sean Jones and Pro Bowl cen-
ter Frank Winters, who are all ter Frank Winters, who are all
on the unrestricted litst, along on the unrestricted list
with kicker Chris Jacke.
Many teams are expe
Many teams are expected to
deal with their own free agents
first before shopping for fresh deal with their own free agents
first before shopping for fresh
faces:
The The New York Giants, for
one, reached a contract agree-
ment Friday with starting ment Friday with starting
defensive tackle Keith Hamilton and free agent punter
Scott Player. Hamilton, a fixScott Player. Hamilton, a fix-
ture in the starting lineup
since 1993 , was an unrestricted ture in the starting lineup
since 1993, was an unrestricted
free agent. Contract terms were not immediately available, but
neports say reports say the five-year veter-
an will get $\$ 10$ million over तive
years.
The Washington Redskins are
The Washington Redskins are
also committed to re-signing defensive tackle Sean Gilbert,
their franchise player, and cortheir franchise player, and cor-
nerback Tom Carter, their transition player.
Wash ington Washington was the only
team in the league to designate team in the league to designate
players in both categories Franchise players are guaranteed a minimum offer matching the average of the top five
salaries at their position and stansition players get an aver-
age of the top 10 salaries age of the top 10 salaries at
their position. their position.
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ing more than cold, hard cash. ing more than cold, hard cash.
In fact, two of them signe In fact, two of them signed
Friday - Oakland cornerback Terry McDaniel re-signed with the Raiders and linebacker
Chad Brown moved from Pittsburgh to Seattle.
Jerome others are running back
Centers, defensive fack Larry
Culd William
Centers, defensive end William
Fuller, linebacker Sam Mills
Fuller, linebacker Sam Mills,
cornerback Darrell Green and
special teams player John
Henry Mills. Offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman, also a Pro
Bowler, is unrestricted, but has Bowler, is urrestricted, but has
announced his retirement. Signings were expected to
continue today with quarter back Jeff George hooking up
with the Oakland Raiders. Agent Leigh Steinberg sa
Friday that Friday that the quarterback
agreed to terms with the Raiders on a
lion contract
"It's pretty much done," tuning the language. Jeff is the
process of flying to Oakland
Hopefully process of flying to Oakland.
Hopefully, we'll have every.
thing done by thing done by (today). They've
scheduled a news conference."
George, who sat out most of
last season after being released
by Atlanta after an ugly sideline scene with coach sune
Jones, was atop the list of Jones, was atop the li
available quarterbacks.
The move by George could
leave the chies
trancisco backue Francisco backup Elvis Grbac,
who is looking for fulltime
work, or perhaps Houston's work, or perhaps Houston's
Chris Chandler, who was given
permission by the Oilers permission by the Oilers to talk
with the Chiefs. Other quarterwith the Chiefs. Other quarter-
backs for sale faclude Heath
Shuler. a washout at Shuler, a washout at
Washington, Rodney Peete,
released in a cost-cutting move released in a cost-cutting move
by Philadelphia and Rick
Mirer, expected to be traded by

## SPRING

## Contunod tom peosea

 second, 10 shots back of Lake was third, another 10 shots Big Spring ended the tournanent with a team total of 666Individual scores were: Sammy Rodriguez, $\quad 77-79=156 ;$ Rudy
Gamboa, $\quad 83-84=167 ; \quad$ O. Hernandez, $81-86=167$; Dusty Bailey, $84-87=181$; and Blath BSHS coach said the team's gouth - the top five players are sophomores showed this weekend. We're just inconsistent right
ow,", Simmons said. "We've We didn't room to improve. Stockton. We've got a lot at Fort numbers we have to a lotoid if we The Steers retul.
next Freers return to action Me Tall City Invitational a held at Midland Country Club
and Greentree Country Club while Greentree Country Club. while junior varsity play will
be held at Ranchland Hills CC
and Hogan Park Golf Course.

SANDS

His sentiments were echoed
y Floyd. by Floyd.
"I feel like we've got a better chance (than in the past)," she
said. "In the past, we've had some standout tasayers, but this
year we don't So everybod yar we don't. So everybody Tonight, we did that." Candy Day scored 16 and
Nellie Garcia 14 points to lead Miles.
Robert Lady 'Stangs will face playoff game at area-round
Tuesday at Forsan

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When is a snake not exactly a snake? Recently, Dr. John Key of Big John released h grip, his
Spring told a story about a
father took charge of the leg $\begin{array}{ll}\text { water moceasin, and the story } & \begin{array}{c}\text { portion containing the snake. } \\ \text { To make sure about the }\end{array}\end{array}$ has remained a vivid memory To make sure about the
for him ever since childhood.
snake, Mr. Key laid the cut-off When he was about 8 years pant leg on the ground. And, to old, he and his family lived in Mineral Wells. One day, on a
family picnic at the home $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Mineral Wells. One day, on a } & \text { green, slimy form emerged. } \\ \text { family picnic at the home } & \text { The crowd all burst out } \\ \text { ranch, John, his brother and a } \\ \text { laughing and continued so for a }\end{array}$ cousin aske
they go to
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The ir
parents
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them to be
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had been laughing and continued so for a
good while. As the laughter good while. As the laughter
subsided, John said " "A frog up your pant leg really does feel your pant lees
EDITOR'S NOTE: The follow1, 1987 Big Spring Herald. Several years ago, the
armadillo gained some notoriarmadino gained some notori-
ety in a TV commercial as the critter who stole the "National Beer of Texas." Although this commercial had nothing to do
with deer hunting, deer hunting had something to do with
an armadillo.
around th
"We'll
promised.
promised. careful," the boys my brothers, Charlie and
As they approached the water Ranch in Val Verde County.
snake was up his pant leg. and We had hunted for most of yelled for his brother to "go get deer. Disgusted, we decided to "Graty." your brother replied, Grab your pant leg and hold John grabbed his pant leg
Jith both hand with both hands and squeezed move.
After what seemed like hours (actually only a few minutes),
his dad and an uncle arrived at the scene.
"Did he bite you?" Mr. Key asked his son.
II don't think so, but do
int something to my pants." John pleaded.
His dad to ight and he would cut the pant leg off rather than run the risk
of the snake striking. Mr. Key proceeded to cut the pant leg off from around the lump that held the snake, thinking John
must have been lucky to have must have been lucky to have
grabbed the snake by its head. In the meantime, John's was helping cut the pant aff After cutting, he laid the open eeing this, quivered at the thought of being cut on if the
nake had actually bitten him. Carefully, John's dad readied

Lady Raiders shoot down Baylor
Thompson scored 25 points to
pace. Kacy Moffitt's. lay-in for
lead No. 16 Texas Tech to a 79 . $\begin{array}{ll}\text { lead No. } 16 \text { Texas Tech to a 79- Baylor, with Tech's Crystal } \\ 60 \text { win over stubborn Baylor in } & \text { Boles drawing her third foul }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Saturday afternoon. } & \text { 12 } \\ \text { 13:34 to go. }\end{array}$
Behind 43.26 at halftime, Baylor launched a rally that
had the Lady Bears snapping at the heels of Texas Tech (16-6, 8 . 4 Big 12 ) for much of the sec
ond half. ond half. A $12-2$ run to open the second
half, keyed by Nicol two 3-point field goals, brought Bayor distance of the Lady goal capped the run, trimmin goal capped the run, trimm
the Baylor deficit to $45 \cdot 38$. eer. Disgusted, we decided to
return to the pickup, but before we did, I suggested that I
walked to the east side walked to the east side of the
pasture. pasture.
armadillo rooting in a dry wash. I thought to myself, Why not catch this beer-steal-
Leaning my gun on a Leaning my gun on a
mesquite tree, I slipped to with-
in a few feet of the armadilt in a few feet of the armadillo
and made a mad dash toward him. He bouded when he saw me He bounded when he saw me,
and around and around we went. Before long, I was tired, going to catch him, it would have to be soon.
I made one last effort. When I
got close, I dived. Dust rose about us, and when it settled, I
had the armadillo. had the armadillo.
I don't know why, but I just I don't know why, but I just
sat there I was startled when my brother Charlie asked, "You have a running fit?"
"Hell, no. Can't you see I sarcastic reply.
"You did all that to catch an armadillo?",
must be nuts." a nut truthful, I did feel like tor


Major leaguers begin reporting for spring training
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Forget the snow and slush.
It's time to break out the bats Baseball players started reporting Friday at training camps across Florida and rizona, the start of $71 / 2$
weeks of spring training that lead up to season openers on april 1 . "Spring training is a refresh-
r course," New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine said at Port St. Lucie, Fla. "It's when you set the foundation."
Valentine, who replace Dallas Green last August, Dants his players to have clean
wast chins and unadorned ear lobes. Beards and earrings are out.
So is the two mile morning Sun Green instituted.


#### Abstract

the end of the day " hardest at the end of the day," Valentine said Friday. "The conditioning


 shogram is the last thing wepo. I want the fatigue to do. I want the fatigue to set in
after they leave. I want them to after they leave. I want them to
leave tired and inspired." eave tired and inspired."
At Peoria, Ariz., Seatt Mariners pitcher Randy Johnson said he will go slowly in spring training after surgery in his back.
Hoping to throw off the top of the mound in a couple weeks winner sounded cautiously
wintimistic about returning to

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| lion over 10 years. |  |
| ine that we would do an $\$ 85$ |  |
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| dent Tom Schieffer said. "But I want to be sure I understand |  |
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| 6.65 million, one-year con- |  |
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| agency after this season. |  |
| Both sides had talked about |  |
| his pre-surgery form. <br> Tuesday. <br> "The biggest concern I have "I have been throwing for 15 |  |
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| is, will I be able to be the same to 20 minutes from between 90 |  |
| aredominate a game periodical- ${ }^{\text {and }}$ and my arm is fine," dohn |  |
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| (ill $\begin{aligned} & \text { said. "I possibly could th } \\ & \text { off the top, but I haven't }\end{aligned}$ |  |
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| month ago," he said. "I am not and it might flare up my back |  |
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| sure a lot of people are At Fort Myers, Fla., the |  |
| skeptical, but I'm very confident that in time I will be back |  |
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| to my form." |  |
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| France during the late $1400^{\prime}$ s. | age. |

## Students are singing and playing their hearts out <br> Py KRELE JOME <br> Adams, sixth chatr. <br> Juanita Valdez. - French horn quartet, superi- Tuba/euphonium quartet, superior rating: Jason Ball, <br> \author{ Arhur Olague. 

} Tiffany Hancock, Natalia Tucker, Lesile Phinny, Martin, Kayla Smith, Jackie Molina and Amber Johnson.
Their high .school counterTheir high.school counterparts also performed well, on their vocal solos during the San Angelo contest. Jill Allen advanced to the state solo and
ensemble contest in San Marcos this summer. She sang -Class I solo.
Class III solo winners were Lyumen Hamilion, Kim Elmore II sololets were Daniel Clark and Randy Overton. In Big Spring, Runnels Junior recently had all-region band area 4-A Aiddrews. All of the had been working on the all region muge and 200 student
 Gatrinemg individual they the music for three judge/ Find the players on that particular instrument. Some of the students placed first chair, mean-
ing they were the best on that instrument that day.
Tejal Patel was first chair on the fute out of 26 flute players. was Ashley Thomas, fourth whair, And Chelsea Churchwell,
Valeria Aguirre was unani-
mously chosen by the judges to mousiy chosen by the judges to out of 29 players. Corrina Lava received third chair; Cameron Felty, fifth chair; Aaron
Schooler, sixth chair; Athena Hale, seventh chair; Billy Morgan, ninth chair and Jim Walters, 13 th chair. Half of the Big Spring players.
Big spring players.
Drew Mireles received firs chair on baritone and Shasta Fuqua received a second chair rating. They competed against Oscar Bustamante was firs chair on percussion out of 20 students trying out and Tye and Devin Collier, fith chair Landon Atkins originally tied for first chair on trombone but a tie breaker placed him secchair and Matt Lovely eighth chair from a total of 20 players. 8ixteen saxophone players tried out for seven positions on the
band with Isaac Kremsky makband with isaac Kremsky mak-
ing second chair; Kevin
Walker. thind chair and Austin

Harria said, "Probably the mataicinitic minn
 Redriguez received 13th chatr. Riciky Yanez made third chair
out of six tuba players trying out. Harris addod, uThe most important thing about all region band is working on afin. cult music to become a better musician. We are very proud of
everyone who can iven work of this musie Thie Idea of all.
region band is taken region band ts taken figm the idea in athletics of all-district
team. The only difference being that the all-region band com.
prised of the best ared mum prised of the best area musiclans will actually get together tor a performance. As a treat or
reward, the students that made the band will go back to Andrews and perform a concert for parents, friends and famiThe al-region band concert is scheduled for March 1 . The stuand the morning of the concert Montery High School Band Director Andy Sealy. The students are preparing for the UIL
concert and sight-reading con concert and sight-reading con-
test in April. Everything done in preparation for all these con tests is through the efforts of
all three band directors includall three band directors includ-
ing Harris, Frank Truex and Dean Boyles.
Other Runnels and Goliad
students attending the students attending the try-outs included: Gena Baeze, Apri
Ward, Chelsea Helsley; Erica Ybarra, Jaime Pineda Adalinda Calderon, Ryan
Moses, Michael Roffers, Kell Moses, Michael Roffers, Kelly Navarro and Nathan Smith.
Harris commented, "They aleo Harris commented, "They also
worked hard and improved and will make the Big Spring bands
 Ensemble contest in Monahan Feb. 1 consisting of bands from 1-A to $4-\mathrm{A}$ districts. The stu
dents recelved either superio or excellent ratings by the
fudges. Judges.
One jud
One judge said one of the fute trios from Big Spring was The trio consisted of Josna Adusumilii, Licia Doll and
Farrah Schooler. They received a superior rating. Adusumill also received a superior rating for her oboe solo and Mader Gray received a superior rating was unable to attend the con test because she was performing at the all-region orchestra get a chance to compete at the 5-A competition later on. Another flute trio received a superior rating and consisted of
Madera Gray, Maria Hino Madera Gray, Maria Hinojos trio with Dusty Clayton, Waggoner was also rated sunie rior. Flute quartet rated supe Anderson, Licla Doll, Farrah Schooler and Stephanie Talbot received a superior rating.
Other winners included:
Other winners included: rating: Jenniffer Davdidson, Stephanie Castaneda, Grady
Pedigo and Nick Puentes Pedigo and Nick Puentes. excellent rating: Dusty Clayton, excellent rating: Dusty Clayton
Kristin Barrera, Jeanje Tedford and Stefanie Waggoner

- Saxaphone quartet, superior rating: Jessica Cobos, TTim
Pator, Matt Quisenberry and
- French horn quartet supert Mouting: DJ Graves, Melissa Mouton, Br
Rachel Ray.
- Brass qua
- Brass quartet, superior rat- Brass sextet, superior rating: Sandra Gainey, David ing: Lupita Barraza, Jessie Ashley Simmons.

These Coahoma High School students recenontly won First Division ratings on their vocal solos at Region II Solo and
Ensemble contest in San Angelo. Soated, left to right, are: Kim Ensomble contest in San Angelo. Seated, left to right, are: Kim
Elmore, Ashleo Smith, Jill Allon and Lauren Hamilton. Back
row, 竍 to right, aro: Daniel Clark and Randy

- Brass sextet, superior rat-
ing: Michael Correa, Glen
ng: Michael Correa, Glen Craven, DJ Graves, Amanda
Hensley, Joe Rainwater and Hensley, Joe
Quin Tyler.
- Percussion ensemble, supe
ior rating: Pokey Graves,

Some of the Some of the ensembles will
perform at a band booster meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Band Hall. Those who received a
superior rating advance to state


Muinbers of the Goliad Middle School Band also competed at the all-region tryouts. Pictured left to right in the frone froment are: Ryan Moses, Austin Adams, Athena Hale, April Ward, Gena Baeza, Jamio Pineda, Tegal Patel, Ashely Larson, Erica Ybarra and Chelsea Churchwell. Back row, left to right are: Mich
 These members of the Big Spring High School band recently competed at the UIL Solo and Ensomble compention in Androws.
some of the ensembles will perform at a band booster meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. In the high school band hall. Pictured left to right are: Sandra Gainey, Matt Holt, Ashlie Simmons, Matt Fleharty, Joo Rainwater, Quin Tyler, David Moore, Arthur Olagae, Amanda Hensley, Michael Correa, Lupha Barraza, Glon Craven, Jason Ball and Jesse Bravo.

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## Valentine, how do I love thee? Let me give you a chew toy

Aor heart-shaped box of cookkes terned sweater for my sweetheart. A heart-embroldered pil-
low for my sweetheart, my one and only - my dog.
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easier to shop for than men. Shopping for a man means standing in front of a 2 -footWide gift display, attempting to with a pataloy necktio or a carwhating mitt.
Shopping for a dog means
that, from a $56-$ cent rawhide to
a $\$ 656$ miniature chalse lounge,


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paper like that, no wonder there are so many dos products are there. No wonder there are dog le bomber jackets and doggie pisors. mo wonder and doggie sun visors. No wonder there are heated loungers to keep dogs
comfy and raised dog-bowl stands to support their grateful little necks.
Ulitimately, though, it is dogs meaning of giving. After all when we give gifts to our dogs we don't expect flowers or
candy or jewelry in return. candy or jewelry in return.
Maybe a wagging tail is truest Valentine's gift of all. $\bullet 1997$ by King Feature
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Mombers of the Runnels Junior High Band recentily competed In all-reglon band tryouts. Pictured on the front row, leff to Socond row, loft to right: Cameron Folty, lsaaci Kromsky, Kovin Walker, Eloy Leal, Vanessa Rodriquez and Drow Moralos. Back row, Joft to right are: Ricky Yanez, Valoria Agulrre, Aaron
Schooler, Jason Martinez and Matt Lovelady.

## Willberg-Halfmann



## Leach-Stafford

Cindy Leach, Deer Park, and
Roger Stafford, Pasadena, Roger starrord, Pasadena, exchanged wedaing vows on
Jan. 4, 1997, in the Second
Baptist Church in Baptist Church in Pasadena with Dr. Rick Davis, pastor of She is the daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Kenneth Leach, Deer and Mrs. Kenneth Leach, Deer
Park. He is the son of Jo Ann
stafford and the late Bill
Stafford Sand Spren Stafford, Sand Springs. The couple-steod before twin candelabras twined with
English fvy and calla lilies and Greek pedestals topped with white cascading roses. Nathan King was the gui-
tarist and Adam Manning and Guy VanSise were the pianist. Vocalists were Shelly Brasel,
Nathan King and Guy VanSise. Nativen in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white floor-length gown with a skirt
covered in satin and topped covered in satin and topped
with tulle lace covering the bodice and trimmed in sequins and pearls all coming to deep points in tront and back. The attached to a circlet of white satin roses.
She carried a bouquet of red roses and white baby's breath.
Matron of honor was Ava
Flower girl Smith, niece of the bride, and ring bearer was Brandon Best man was Barry Staffor brother of the groom, Wichita Chad Hudspeth, Steven served as ushera
Following the ceremony, a
reception was held in the fel. reception wati.
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The groom's white satin's table featured a gol̃d bows and beading. It fea tured a German chocolete cake with an Arkansas Razorback The bride is a 1992 graduate attended San Jacinto University in Pasadena. She is currently employed by The Mustard Seed Da
in Pasadena. The groom is a 1985 graduate of Coahoma High School, 1987 graduate of Howard College and a 1991 graduate of San
Angelo State University bachelor of science degree. He is currently the youth minister at the Secon
in Pasadena.
Following a wedding trip to San Antonio and Fredericksburg, the couple wil


## Sanders-Wolske <br> 

## GETTING WHO'S ENGAGED <br> WHO



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## Sheila Burdette and daugh.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center
Robert Rose, Cleveland, Ohio He does accoun
struction work.
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Denver and Freda Cashatt, Mt. Pleasant. He works for Trackers sports Network out of
Las Vegas, Nev., and she works for Affolter Contracting Const. Jana Velsquez, Austin. She is
employed by Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency
Jim and Leah Finley, Wichita Falls. He is employed by the City of Big Spring.

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find out who,
what, where,
when \& why
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Tracey Woodroft Owen and both of Lubbock, wiil oxchange wedding vows on April 5, 1997, at the First United Mothodist Church in
Lubbock with Chris Kiesling, Lubbock with Chris Kiesiling,
associat pastor, officlating. She ls the daughter of Dr.
and Mrs. Ray Owen, Big and Mrs.
Spring.
Ho Is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Cralg Wallace.

## STORK CLUB

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 MILITARY Army Staff Sgt. Demetra A. as a recruiter with the U.S. Army Recruiting Station,Bellingham, Wash. She is the daughter of Pearley H. Crawford, E1 Reno, Okla.,
and the granddaughter of Sallie B. Green, Big Spring.
She is a 1980 graduate of Big Air Force Aïrman Daniel L. all of Big Spring.
Lucero Hilario, $8: 53$ a.m., Feb.
7, 1997, girl, five pounds $111 / 4$ ounces and $181 / 2$ inches long;
mother is Norma Hernander. mother is Norma Hernandez. Grandparents are Ruben and
Margie Hilario.

Israel Saiz, 7:10 p.m., Feb. 7, 1997, boy, five pounds 13
ounces and $193 / 4$ inches long. parents eran emaria Loulise sair rand ismael Salz.
 and Mrs. John Saiz, Sr.

Tyler Lee Nairn, 2:28, Feb. 6, 1997, boy, seven pounds 15
ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Melissa Rodriguez and Michael Nairn.
Grandparents are Ruben and and Mark and Pam Nairn,
Troop.

Briana Nicole Mendoza, 8:51
a.m. Feb. 11, 1997, five pounds $141 / 2$ ounces and $181 / 2$ inches long; parents are Jennifer
Velasquez and Santos Mendoza,
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Santos Mendoza, Sr . and Bosque, all of Big Spring.

Debra Cheyenne Coate, 10:36
a.m., Feb. 11, 1997, seven a.m., Feb. 11, 1997, seven
pounds and $1 / 2$ ounce and 20 $1 / 2$ inches long; parents are
Matthew and Christina Coate. Grandparents are Larry and Deble James, Temple, Okla.,
and David Coate, Oklahoma
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Aypy Pfc. Bicande Cppzales termed Intrinsic Ao, Sivatise took place at Camp Doha, Kuwait. The soldier is part of the 1500 member Task Force 1-5 He is an automated logistical specialist with the 1st Cavalry Division and is the son of
Faustion and Maria Gonzales of Big Spring.
He is
He is a 1994 graduate of Big
Spring High School.

Navy Hospitalman Donna C. Spindler, daughter of Joseph recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, 11. The 1994 graduate of
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DEAR ABBY: This letter is in
response to the woman whose
husband had recently confessed response to the woman whose
husband had recently confessed
to an affair. She signed herself,
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Mear
Hear Heart."
She said
she did$\begin{array}{lll}n^{\prime} t & \text { know } \\ \text { of } & \text { any } \\ m & a & \mathbf{r} \\ \text { m }\end{array}$. mares
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-and I -and I
want to
are many assure her that there are many
that have. My husband and I had been
married only four months when he got re-involved with a woman he had an affair with
during his first marriage. during his first marriage. she got so upset she told her
husband, and it was mayhem after that!
1 told my husband that the
affair had not changed my love afrar him, but it HAD deeply
for him
wounded me and after wounded me in affected my stay and work it out only if he was willing to go to counseling with me and work to earn my
trust. He was more than will. ing, and we found a wonderful counselor who helped us
achieve our goal - to heal and strengthen our relationship
"I Love Him" expressed cern that her husband would grow tired of her pain. She's correct in that she does need
someone else to confide in. Her someone else to confide in. Her her husband to carry alone, and the pitfall in confilding in friends is that they are usually
not as objective as a counselor would be.
If I may offer a bit of advice, as part of a couple who has suc-
cessfully navigated this trauma: Find a good counselor with whom you both feel comfortselor and each other and be patient with yourself and your Also, if you have children,
don't take for granted that you can shileld them from your pain they, too, have a counselor they BECAUSE OFIT IN ATLANTA DEAR STRONGER: That's who's walked a mile in her perseverance in your marriag are to be admired. And so is
your generosity in speaking out DEAP A personal matter. that I asked you to help me find my deceased wife's relatives so
that I could give them her family album. Because of your col umn, i was able to locate a man ralsed together with my wife
by Mrs. A. Hemenover of 1300 San Pablo Ave. in Oakland. So him. He is 80 years old. I hope he can identify some of the peoup with two great-grandchil-
dren, and some valuable infor mation about my wife's back ground, too. (She had told me

Abby, the C.I.A. should put you under contract! The response of your readers was swiff, graclous and sin
cere. From coast to coast, they

## Menus

| Continued from page B3 <br> WEDNESDAY - Sloppy Joes French fries; salad pickles/onions; cookles/peache and milk. <br> THURSDAY . Taco salad; ranch style beans; salad; cheese/taco sauce; pears and milk. <br> FRIDAY - Turkey roast/gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; Jell-o with fruit and milk. <br> NOBODYASKS FOR ITT <br> Help STOP Sexual Assaults <br> Call 263-3312 <br> Aepe Citele Sorvicea/Big Spring |
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sent information and offered
their help and encourage their help and encouragement.
I have talked to several of th Hemenovers. Abby, you have fred up a great new interest in amazing feat, and all in less than one month! An observation: When my
daughter sugzested yought she said, "Some people read sports, editorials, finance and funnies, but EVERYBODY reads Dear Abby." She was cur-
rect. So thank you very much for being there and bringing my search to a successful con-
clusion. - GAYEL CHEW MEDFORD. ORE.
DEAR MR. CHEW: I have DEAR MR. CHEW: I have
often said that my readers are
the most generous and caring the most generous and caring
people in the world - and your people in the world - and your
letter illustrates that I wasn't exaggerating. I'm pleased that your problem was so quickly
and happily resolved. Thank you for a dandy day-brightener.
DEAR ABBY: The letter about church bulletin bloopers in a recent column reminded
me of a funny thing that hapme of a funny thing that hap-
pened in our church some time ago. It made me glad that I had
learned to learned to speak our language
by rote as a child. Just imagine by rote as a child. Just imagine
the agony foreign born adults the agony foreign-born adu to speak English, with all the
inconsistencies in pronouncin inconsistencies in pronouncing
words with similar spellings words with similar spellings -
with "ough" in them, for example.
In this instance, a priest visiting from India was saying Mass, and typically the priest
reads the Gospel aloud. This Gospel reading was about a
woman who was preparing to bake bread when Jesus came to visit. Naturally, she suspended her preparations then, and put her 'duff' on the table
I don't think the priest ever
understood why that was greetunderstood why that was greet-
ed with such laughter. - R.F.
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Michelle Steward (left), Jeff Moss (middle) and Pookey
Graves Graves recently received a Superior Rating at the UIIL
Solo and Ensemble contest for their percussion ensem-
ble.


## Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by Feb. 17. The next ecipe Corner is scheduled for Feb. 26.
Readers are encouraged to submit poems, short stories and photographs. Some photo suggestions: children or pets doing funny or intéresting things. We Ple
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woodwind instruments. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Madera Gray, Lori Maines, woodwind instruments. Pictured in the front row, left to right are: Madera Gray, Lori Maines, Maria Hinojos, Farrah Schooler, Licia Doll, Angela Strum, Stephanie Talbott and Tramaine
Anderson. Second row, left to right are: Jennie Tedford, Josna Adusumilli, Nick Puentes, Grady Pedigo, Amador, Gonzales, , Stefanie Waggoner, Stephanie Castaneda, Dusty Clayton,
and Jennifer Davidson. Back row, Ieft to right are: Kristin Barrera, Juanita Valdez, Jessica and Jennifer Davidson. Back row, left to right are: Kristin Barrera, Juanita Valdez, Jessica
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# Business <br> - Harris Lumber honored- Page 6B USSDE - County Agent- Page 6B <br> Public Records- Page 5B <br> Classifieds - Page 8-10B <br> <br> Company leaving mark with hand-crafted buckles 

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#### Abstract

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## WELCOME BACK



Despite cold, wet, snowy weather, several hundred residents welcomed Furr's Cafoteria Dospite coid, wot, snowy weather, soveral hundred residents weicomed FEO Ken Reimer;
back to the Big Spring area Wednesday. Pictured are Furr's President and CEO Big Spring Mayor TIm Blackshear; Lisa Jones (scissors) and her husband Furr's Manager Rodney Jones; and Furr's Chairman Kovin Lewis, during the ribbon cutting coremony.
Approximately 1,600 people passed through Furr's doors after the store officially opened.

## Farmers benefit from USDA decision to relax land-conservation rules

WASHINGTON (AP) -
Under pressure from farmers. Under pressure from tarmers.
the Agriculture Department on
Wednesday relaxed the new ellWednesday relaxed the new ell-
giblity rules it proposed last land conservation program. The action brought immedi. ate criticism from agribusiness that millions of ac ductive farmland could remain But Agriculture Secretary land-Idiling Conservatio Reserve Program would be tar geted to environmentally sensi-
tive acreage. Even though land is elligible for the program
doesn't mean USDA will accept it, he said. "The days of enrolling vas
amounts of productive farm land are over," he sald. Farmers are pald not to farm
the land for 10 years and get the land for 10 years and get
federal help to plant grass and rees on it.
About two-thirds of the atilon's crop land, or about 240 or the program under the ules issued Wednesday, up rom about half under the stan Eligible land will be rated

## ronmental benefits of taking already are required to follow conse land out of production.

 $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{ll}\text { conservation rules, and wind } \\ \text { Congress capped the program }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { con } \\ \text { erosion was added to the }\end{array} \\ \text { last }\end{array}$ last year at 36.4 million acres. rently y diled under the program. ncluding 22 million acres expire this fall. The department predicted thenew rules would lead to an additional 2 millior acres of land being retired in the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas. percent.
Crop prices are unlikely to be affected, however, because
there won't be any major shins there won't be any major shift
in where the Idled acreage is
located, sald Brian Willot, an agricultural analyst at th University of Missouri

## The Senate Agriculture

 Richard Lugar, R-Ind., wassharply critical of the depart. harply critical of the depart
ment for easing the eligibility tandards. The action could erode congressional support for the program, he sald.
The rules proposed last fall set a minimum erosion standard that much of the land now
in the program couldn't meet in the program couldn't meet. Subsequent changes make eli-
gible land where farmers
ronmental factors on which
USDA will evaluate bids by USDA will evaluate bids by Grain companies want as
much reserve land put back much reserve land put back
into production as possible, which would drive down crop prices, and environmentalists
want the program targeted want the program targeted
toward preventing water pollu-
tion by retiring land along
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streams and rivers.
i"We continue cerned about the very broad
elligibility criteria that USDA
has set forth in regulations for has set forth in regulations for
the Conservation Reserve,'
said Ken Cook, president of the said Ken Cook, president of the
Environmental Working Environmental Working
Group. The National Grain and Feed
Association said too much produstive crop land would be ell-
gible for the program.
Glickman said it was necessary to expand the elligibility rury to expand the eligibility
rund to at a "quality pool" of land to enroll in the program. Farmers will have from
March 3 to March 28 to sign up
for the program at local Farm March 3 to March 28 to sign up
for the program at local Farm
Service Agency offices. Detailed informatton will be
available at FSA offices March available at FSA offices March

## Week full of opportunities for area farmers

and a metal tip. Tom Mix,
Then came Tom
Hopalong Caisidy and Gene
Aurry.
"The siliver screen had a lot
to do with the popularity of
belt buckles and other Western
stuff," says Donald Yena, a
Western artist and collector
from San Antonio. And the
early rodeos, especially the big
ones out West, helped get them
started. They don'thave any-
thing to do with the old
American West, as far as I
know."
Belt-buckle ploneers include
mmigrant who United States around 1910 Bohin learned to cowboy in
Montana and later set up a saddle shop in Wyoming. In 1922 paydirt.
"He did all of that silver gear
for the Lone Ranger and Roy,
Rogers and Hopalong Cassidy,"
says James Nottage, vice presi-
dent and curator of the Autry
Museum of Western Heritage
in Los Angeles. "You can name
almost any of the Hollywood
Western performers and they
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WASHINGTON (AP) -
highway satety group is calling for a continued freeze on the
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## Ranch management school stresses reality over theory

FORT WORTH, (AP) - have just run It inefficiently. Maria Muzquiz takes her edu-
cation more seriously than the cation more seriousiy than the
average college student, and There's much more at risk han grades for the 23 year-old University's ranch manage ment program.
if she uts cla If she cuts class, Ms. Muzquiz
might miss a lesson on for example, when and how to give vaccinations to a herd of young cattle. That missed lesson
could lead to lost profts and an ond to her family's 59,000 -acre ranch in northern Mexico near the Texas border. If feel that responsibility in a who inherited the burden in who inherited the burden in she was left to tend the ranch.
"He managed it really well. "He managed it really well,
but he didn't keep anything on paper. He kept it all in his head. ... If I hadn't come up here I think that ranch would
have just gone to nothing. We have just gone to nothing. We
would have had to sell it or liq-



Texas workers on a treadmill
When inflation is factored in, the wages paid to Texas employees haven't
increased in 25 years. Workers made an average of $\$ 6,900$ in 1970, and in 1993 took home about $\$ 22,9000$. But, when adiusted to account for the
higher cost of living, salaries today are about the same as they were in 1970 .


Chamber division schedules retail development seminar herald Staff Report
tion and opportunities, cus-
tomer and special service plans, special event planning and merchandise presentation
and adjacencies. He has

How to succeed in business
and do it profitably will be the ocus of a Feb. 27 seminar sponsored by the Big Spring
Area Chamber of Commerce's Retall Development Division The RDD has contracted with The RDD has contracted with sent the seminar from 6 p.m. to p.m. at the Dora Roberts "ommunity Center.
How can I make more
money without spending a whole lot more?" will be the topic of the seminar, with
Penning giving participants 10 Penning giving participants 10
Penning is a college instructor; an executive in the Eddie Bauer Management Team; and
author of the Retailer's author of the Retailer's
Notebook, a newsletter focusing on issues and programs to stimulate sales growth and promote forward planning for
retallers.
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Most, If not all, students who
enroll in TCU's unique nine. enroith in TCU's unique nine-
month program are under simimonth progr
Or, as ranching program
director James Link director James Link said: you ... emotionally or academically.. But it isn't going to be
nearly as bad as when nearly as bad as when you get out there and lose a family
farm or lose your job because of your incompetence."
Link said the school was set
up for that reason 41 years ago up for that reason 41 years ago
by ranchers who noticed a gap in the labor force - there weren't enough ranch man. agers who had both practical
on-the-range experience and on-the-range experience and
the business acumen to avoid financial pitfalls.
Although tradit
Although traditional agricul-
ture schools such ture schools such as Texas
A\&M taught the science of Agriculture, managerial skills, economics, marketing and accounting, they weren't tying
the knowledge together in a
research and we can't afford to
dwell on theory." Link said.
"We've got to cut to the chase." Spend any length of time Spend any length of time
talking with teachers in the program and you're likely to hear the theme echoed
and over: reality matters. "That's what we work o here," sasd Gary We work on
year instructor an 11 . year instructor at the schoo
"Theory is theory. We try Theory is theal Reality, as in which breed of cattle can be economically
raised in a given climate? raised in a given climate? How
many cows can be fattened 100 acres of a given grass? How should fences be built to protect an area from overgrazing?
How soon must a calf be vact How soon must a calf be vacc
nated? What vaccine is mos economical? Obviously, there's more to ranching than rounding up
dogies. In fact, there are no riding or roping classes at Cowboy U. most of the students grew up
on ranches - and much of the on ranches - and much of the
actual coursework has little to actual coursework has litt
do with handling animals.

Featured subjects include how to manage labor, comply
with government regulations with government regulations, balance the books, pay taxes
and invest profits - classes right out of a university school of business management. Incompetence in any one of
hose areas can bankrupt a ranch.
"We're making these students put an economic analysis on
everything they do, because too many people have gone broke in our business thinking of it as a vocation when it's really a
business," Link sald. usiness," Link sald.
That's not to say the
22 students enrolled in the program wile away all their hours in the classroom. By May, they'll
have traveled thousands of miles in the school's fleet o rucks to talk with ranchers al ver the region.
ocated for its proximity to nearly every type of ranchland maginable from grasslands along the Gulf Coast to the
West Texas desert to the plains West Texas desert to the p
of Oklahoma and Kansas.

## Wheat fields showing

 more promise for ${ }^{9} 97$The the vast farmland around
Wheeler County, there isn't a hint at the bounty beneath the snow-covered terrain this time of year.
Come Come spring, many are hope will yield an amber bounty for the first time in four seasons. We've had the best wheat we've had in several years this Tipps, a 46-year veteran of farming the eastern Texas Panhandie. "We've had the
moisture and everything. It's done great."'
There's not much to see now. Wheat stalks ceased growing
once the soil got cold enough, once the soil got cold enough, and ranging cattle gobbled up
much of the stubble that sprouted late last year.
When the crop begins greening up this imenth in prepara: ing up this harvest itime in May, farmers are optimistic that three years of subpar produc-
tion will end with a flourish. tion will end with a fiourish. lot better than they were a year

the Texas Wheat Producers Association. "We've seen a the crops still are in need of a good rain. Recently, we're just

starting to see whe starting to see wheat being stressed (by dry weather)."
Where normal production Where normal production in
years past has been more than years past has been more than
100 million Texas bushels. growers have barely pushed 75 , million recently. Just enough
snow and rain has kept falling this year to keep everyone hopeful, yet tentative.
Texas usually ranks about fifth nationally in wheat production, most of it coming in Plains of central West Texas
Dallam Dallam County, in the northwestern corner of the
Panhandle, is the leader. knew that drought had pretty much done them in. Now, they're ready to reap a pro
for the first time in years. "Right now, about everything is holding its own," Mosier said.
professors but actual ranchers in the fleld.
Back in th Back in the classroom, Link
and three and three other teachers who required with students all are required to keep an active
hand in ranching a require hand in ranching, a require-
ment that helps keep the focus on reality.
Link, who has taught at the
school 20 years school 20 years, also leases land and runs cattle in Texas
and his native Kansas. "I've bought the cattle. I'm
paying the interest. paying the interest. I'm paying dies, it's coming out of my pocket. I've got a very strong
vested inter vested interest in that market,",
he said, pointing to the he said, pointing to the com-
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going up and down right now Before they graduate, stu. dents are expected to take all one major project. They're asked to draw up spe cific plans and strategles, from
the bottom up, for making the own ranches back home mor profitable. Link then review - and grades - the plans as if loan to the student's "ranch." Former students who hav earned Ph.D.s in other area say the ranching school's
project is more diffcult. Maybe that's another reason me ranching students seem so work.


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## Caring workers key to

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food processing provides more food processing provides more in quality or an overlooked area could harm more than
mere profts. mere profits.
to end up on someone's table,." said Crites while looking at a bag of dehydrated vegetables at
Basic Vegetable Products. Basic Vegetable products.
Crites feels a big responsibiuty to make sure nothing is wrong with anything that leaves the plant. Knowing she
has done her job well gives a has done her job well gives a
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She started working at Basic
Vegetable Products in 1979 on "the belt" in process control and defects. The company
dehydrates peppers, carrots dehydrates peppers, carrots
and celery for use in soups and
salad dresings salad dressings and other dishCrites checked vegetables for proper cuts, weight and made
sure no foreign matter got mixed in with the product. She worked her way up the
ladder, becoming a quality service technician, then worked in the bacteria lab before
becoming a supervisor. becoming a supervisor.
"When I left the lab. doing up to 400 test s sper day on
the product," Crites sald.

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