Officials getting the word out about 26th annual county fair

Staff Writer

It may seem a bit premature to be talking about the Howard County Fair in January, but the Aug. 31, opening day will be here in a hurry, according to Howard County Fair Association board member Tammy Watt.

"This year will be the 26th annual fair and it will be here before you know it," Watt said.

Watt and several fair board members recently attended the

Texas Association of Fairs and Exposition convention in Houston and returned with several new ideas for the Howard County Fair.

"This year we're going to open the fair on Monday, Aug. 31 and close it on Saturday, Sept. 5," Watt said.

"Several factors contributed to this decision including the Permian basin Fair in Odessa, which is usually around the same time as our fair."

"We will be closing our fair on Labor Day weekend instead of

starting, which will still give Watt said. "There will be some people Sunday and Monday to celebrate the Labor Day holiday," Watt said.

"I'm also excited because we will have a new carnival this year, which was highly recommended to us.'

The new carnival is Tip Top Amusements out Las Cruces, N.M. and Monahans and is an up-and-coming attraction, according to Watt. Tip Top will be replacing the Gene Ledell Carnival.

"We're luck to have them,"

different things with this carnival that we've never had before."

"We brought back a lot of new ideas and saw many new and exciting things we hope to incorporate into the Howard County Fair this year," Watt

Last year, the fair board began the fair on opening day at 4 p.m. because it was the silver anniversary of the Howard County fair.

This was Watt's second time going to the convention.

great ideas from people who operate fairs on a much larger scale, but some of the ideas can be scaled down to fit what Howard County does, according to Watt.

"We had a good convention," Watt said. "Our primary focus was to find a new carnival and we did."

"We would still like to have everything lined up for the fair by mid April," Watt said.

"We have a lot of attractions returning and what we need to do now is get things lined out. Some things we can't set up that fast, but we're still going full speed ahead."

One of the new board members this year is Debby Valverde, who attended her first fair board meeting this week as well as attended the Houston convention.

"What I tried to stress to the board was how important it is to not only involve children in the fair, but teens as well because the fair really is a family event," Valverde said.

How to avoid those of 1040 blues

What's the best tip? Be prepared

ax season does not have to be a frightening experience, but knowing what tax law changes are for 1997 filings could help.

It pays to be prepared well in advance of the April 15 deadline, according to Big Spring accountant Glen Fillingim.

"People should make sure they have 1099s from the financial institutions they do business with and have all deductible expenses together, such as credit card bills and returned checks from banks," Fillingim said.

Fillingim added people should very carefully analyze their expenses and income for the taxing

"If people find out they are having trouble preparing a return, it may be time to have someone else look it over or have a professional do it." Fillingim said. "Honest mistakes are made, but there is a big difference between tax avoidance (which is legal) and tax evasion (which is not legal)."

Here are some changes and some advice from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that could

Free Tax Help -

Are you aware of all the resources the IRS makes available to you? To get the inside scoop on all free IRS tax services, order Publication 910. It describes year-round services, tax time assistance and frequently requested publications. To order Publication 910, use the order form in your tax package or call 1-800-829-3676. Here are some

Braille and Large Print Materials -

Federal tax materials in Braille are available at Regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in conjunction with the Library of Congress. These materials include Publication 17. Your Federal Income Tax; Publication 334, Tax Guide For Small Business (for Individuals Who Use Schedule C or C-EZ); and Forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ, and Schedules A and B, with instructions. Large-print copies of Form 1040, its



schedules and instructions are in Publication 1614. Large-print copies of Form 1040A. Schedules 1. 3 and EIC, and their instructions are in Publication 1615. The copies can be used as worksheets to figure your tax.

Do you or someone you know need help with your basic tax returns?

If so, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) may be of service to you. Both provide specially trained volunteers to prepare basic tax returns. VITA and TCE volunteers help older individuals, those with disabilities, and non-English speaking taxpayers with their taxes in locations convenient to their customers. Call the IRS office for the nearest location.

Do you have a problem Tax Problems with the IRS that has vet to be resolved? The Problem Resolution Program (PRP) can help resolve problems that you haven't been able to settle through normal channels. Call the IRS and

ask for PRP. **Errors Slow Refunds -**

Mistakes on an income tax return can slow down processing while the IRS writes to ask for corrections or missing tax schedules. Any refund that is due will also be slowed down. Many of the more common errors could easily be eliminated if people took the time to double check tax returns.

After completing the return, review each line to be sure that the right information is on the right line. Double check math to avoid mistakes in figuring total income, taxable income, balance due or refund amounts. Make sure that name(s) and Social Security number(s) are correctly written on each form and schedule. Also check the address. Changes can be made right on the label.

Many people make the mistake of using a tax amount from the wrong column in the tax table, or they forget to sign and date the return.

One last reminder to those rushing to meet the tax deadline on April 15th at midnight, put the correct postage on the envelope before dropping

Tax time doesn't have to be too taxing — if you take time to prepare and follow a few tried-and-true rules

In Today's Herald: Tax Time '9

A special guide to tax changes and how they might benefit you

Taxes may be constant, but tax laws change ax law changes could dependent; \$6,050 for heads of No one who has more than ment account (IRA) contribu households; and \$6,900 for mar- \$2,250 in investment income



affect the bottom line of vour 1997 income tax return. Here are some changes you should know about from the Internal Revenue Service.

Each year, there are changes to the tax rules, some due to new laws, some to changes provided for in previous laws. The following are some of the more common changes that could affect most people's income tax returns

Individual Changes -Personal exemptions are

worth \$2,650 for 1997 returns.

For people who do not itemize their deductions, the standard deduction has increased. The new amounts are \$4,150 for single people who cannot be claimed as another person's

ried people filing jointly or may claim the EITC qualifying widow(er)s. People who are at least 65 years old or blind get an extra amount added to their standard deduction. The standard deduction is limited to the larger of \$650 or earned income for people who can be claimed as dependents by another, and to \$3,450 for married persons filing separately.

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The earned income tax credit (EITC) increased in 1997 for working people who qualify. The amount a person can earn and still be eligible for the credit increases, too.

Another change to the EITC relates to people with investment income, such as interest, dividends, rents and royalties.

And finally, the EITC will be denied to any individual who is not authorized to work in the U.S. In order to claim the credit, the taxpayer (and spouse, if married) must have a valid Social Security number.

A valid taxpayer identification number will be required for each dependent or qualifying child as a condition for claiming a dependency deduction or a dependent care credit for the child.

Other changes affecting this year or future tax years will affect punitive damages received for personal injury or sickness, qualified state tuition programs, individual retiretions for spouses who do not work, a nonrefundable credit for certain adoption expenses, and medical savings accounts. **Business Changes**

The 1997 standard mileage rate for using one's car for business is up a half cent to 31.5 cents a mile. The special rate for rural mail carriers is up to 47.25 cents a mile.

And for 1997, the maximum wages and self-employment income subject to Social Security tax is \$65,400.

Employers who were to begin making tax deposits electronically as of January 1, 1998, now have until July 1 to begin using the Electronic Federal Tax

See CHANGE, page 3A











Today, mostly sunny. Highs 65-70. Sunday night, fair. Lows 30-35. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs 65-70. Monday night, fair. Lows 30-35. Extended forecast, Tuesday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Highs 60-65.

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Cotton named Martin County C of C man of the year By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Stanton High School Athletic Director Mark Cotton, whose **Buffalo** football team took the state 2A Championship title, was named Man of



Thursday. Martin County Chamber of Commerce gave Cotton the title

also honored longtime residents Bob and Dorothy Deavenport for community service.

"He was very humble about it all," said Paul Evans, chamber board president. Cotton was presented with a plaque, after an introduction that built suspense about the secret honoree.

"I got a lot of biographical information from (Cotton's) wife. Brenda," said Reggie Franklin, chamber board member who served as master of ceremonies for the banquet.

"He was real shocked,"

he ever knew this was going to happen."

"I never expected," confirmed

Cotton. "It was a very humbling experience."

Evans said Cotton's dedication to the young athletes he coached was a big part of the decision to name him Man of

"I try to treat them like I treat my own children," Cotton said. "I think that's true for the whole coaching staff."

Also at the banquet, Bob Deavenport, longtime Martin

at its annual banquet, which Franklin added. "I don't think County Judge, and his wife, Dorothy, were honored.

"They've both done a lot for Martin County," Evans said.

Franklin said the Deavenports always went "the extra mile" in many projects for the chamber of commerce.

Overall, the banquet, which is the chamber's way of celebrating its accomplishments of the last year, was probably the best ever. Evans said.

Cotton said he is not sure how he can top his award.

"I'll probably have to retire,"

OBITUARIES

Billie Edmiston

Graveside service for Billie R. Edmiston, 70, Odessa, were 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mrs. Edmiston died Thursday, Jan. 22, at Medical Center Hospital.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1927, in Bloomburg. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Big

Survivors include: one son, Mack Edmiston, Odessa; one daughter, Shirley Dowdall, San Jose, Calif.; her mother, Jean S. Culpepper, Odessa; and three grandchil-

Arrangements under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Inc., Odessa.

Doll Moffitt

Graveside service for Doll Cooper Moffitt, 95, of Athens, will be 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Cushing Cemetery,

Mrs. Moffitt died Saturday, Jan. 17, at Trinity Valley Medical Center in Palestine.

She was born on Sep. 1, 1902, in Kern and was a former member of the Nazarene Church.

Survivors include a son, James Robert Cooper, Anaheim, Calif.; three daughters: Inez Lee Nelson, S.C.; Betty Lloyd Mitchell, San Angelo; and Virginia King, Big Spring; and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of the Foster & Brown tion Funeral Home, Athens

William Campbell

William Franklin Campbell, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday at his home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home

BRIEFS

HERITAGE MUSEUM MUR-DER MYSTERY Night is planned Jan. 31 with a pre-game reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hosts are needed for various murder mystery games to be played by teams of eight. Call 267-8255 for more information.

HISPANIC WOMEN FOR PROGRESS will sponsor a graduation dance for the class of 1998. Graduates from Big Spring and the surrounding area are asked to call Cindy at 263-1242 to indicate interest. Responses are needed by Jan.

A FREE COMMUNITY SEM-INAR is planned Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. in the first floor classroom at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Dr. Guido Toscano will discuss headaches. The public is invited

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIA-TION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course Tuesday Feb. 10-11, at Wednesday, South, Canterbury Lancaster>

. Classes are set for the activities room from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Attending both sessions entitles students to a 10 percent dis-

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MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Howard County Commissioners' Court

Howard County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to consider the following items:

 Presentation of the monthly financial report.

·Executive session with Indigent Health Care (IHC) Director Irene Dominguez.

 Discussion of an agreement for mutual aid in disaster assistance.

 Discussion and acceptance of a contact with Scurry County for housing of jail inmates.

·Discussion of courthouse and library renovations and discussion of architectural contracts for the old and new buildings with Construction Administrator

count on auto insurance for three years. Tuition is \$8 per

Reserve a spot in the course by calling 263-1265 during business hours. Call Mary Louise Traczyk at 267-2070 for more information

COATS ARE NEEDED FOR Big Spring State Hospital

patients. Donations are requested of large men's and women's coats, to be brought to the Community Relations Office, or call 268-7535 for more informa-

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF **HEALTH** will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP WITH income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, Mondays from 9 a.m.-noon beginning Feb. 2, continuing until March 30.

This program is open to all senior citizens, and those who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and may be able to receive earned income credit. There is no charge. Call 263-4211 or 398-5522 for more information.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY ·Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

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City Council The Big Spring City Council will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at city hall to discuss the following issues:

·Public hearing regarding the completion of a waterline replacement project in the College Heights area.

·Final reading of a resolution showing willingness to accept the Juvenile Gang Suppression Unit Grant.

 Consider a request for the Northside Community Center to install lights on its basketball court.

·Consider first reading of an ordinance calling for an election to be held on May 2, 1998. Offices on the ballot will include that for mayor of the city of Big Spring and for the coucil District 5 seat.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth

TUESDAY

 Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 •Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to

7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal •Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the

Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor. •Big Spring Alliance for the

Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 unnels (formerly the TU building). Call Sondra at 267-

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

·Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

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·"Healthy Horizons," an educational seminar provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Home Health, 600 Main. For more information call 267-1314.

THURSDAY

 Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

·Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

·Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic

Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Alcoholics Anonymous, noon

to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. FRIDAY

 Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited. ·Good Shepherd Fellowship

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to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon,

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. ·Open birthday night, covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays. SUNDAY

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 Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

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meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor. ·Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a

child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by the southeast door. Call 267-2769. •VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m.

VFW Hall.

 Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m. VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077. ·Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

Doctors taught dangers of antibiotics

BALTIMORE (AP) Instead of writing prescriptions for antibiotics, pediatricians are being taught to treat some childhood illnesses with oldfashioned remedies: bed rest, plenty of fluids and patience.

The idea is to curb the overuse of antibiotics, blamed for much of the emergence of dangerous, drug-resistant bacte-

"We have a real public health crisis on our hands," Dr. Bernadette Albanese, a Johns Hopkins School of Public Health professor, said Friday. About 50 million times a year,

doctors in the United States pre-

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shouldn't, usually for viral infections such as cold or flu. Albanese said. A study published this fall found doctors wrote 12 million antibiotic prescriptions in 1992 for respirato-

not bacteria. Antibiotics are only effective on bacterial infections, such as •Good Shepherd Fellowship ear infections, pneumonia, bloodstream infections and

ry infections — 90 percent of

which are caused by a virus,

meningitis. Albanese is directing a twoyear \$250,000 pilot program in Baltimore funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention aimed at changing the practice. If successful, the program could go nationwide.

Twenty-two physicians in Baltimore and five surrounding counties will be taught about the proper use of antibiotics.

The program also seeks to change patients' expectations of a cure-all. Pamphlets outline the dangers of the improper use of antibiotics and the rise in resistant bacteria. The pamphlet explains that children rarely need antibiotics for colds, cough or bronchitis, sore throat and sinus infections.

"There is increasing pressure on us for a quick fix. They want their children to get better quickly," said Dr. Daniel Levy of the Maryland Chapter of the Academy American Pediatrics. "But God gave us a wonderful immune system to combat infections. What happens is that most people get better on their own.

Besides overuse of antibiotics, drug resistance has been blamed on the failure of some patients to take their medicine properly. Some patients stop taking their medication once they feel better but before the infection has been knocked out, enabling the hardiest germs to ... survive and multiply.

ing antibiotics can be seen in the threefold rise of pneumococcal infections resistant to penicillin in Maryland since the 1980s, doctors say. Not only do people treated with antibiotics harbor resis-

The danger in overprescrib-

tant bacteria but they can pass the bacteria to people never treated with antibiotics. Children, who are prescribed antibiotics three times more fre-

ularly at risk. Take the case of 3-year-old Ariana Broadway. She was hospitalized last year with pneumonia and a blood stream infection when two frequently-used antibiotics didn't work. She required 10 days of intravenous antibiotics and two weeks of

quently than adults, are partic-

oral antibiotics at a cost of more than \$10,000.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

· HECTOR MELENDEZ, 18, was arrested on local warrants. • ROBERT GONZALEZ, 34, was arrested on local warrants.

• DELAND SAVELL, 39, was arrested on local warrants. CRIMINAL TRESPASS

WARNING reported in the 3300 block of E. Marcy · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 200 block of Runnels; in the 1600 block of

Wood. • THEFT reported in the 1600 block of Gregg; in the 1500 block of Wood; in the 1800 block of E. Marcy; in the 300 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

 MARCOS CHAVERA, 42, was arrested for bond forfeiture/burglary of habitation, bond forfeiture/DWI 3rd or more, driving while license suspended or invalid.

• HECTOR ALVIDREZ, 18, was arrested for bond forfeiture/burglary of building and bond forfeiture/burglary of building. · JERRY THOMAS STAN-

HOPE, 28, was arrested for

revocation of probation/driving while license suspended. • JEFFREY HAZALEUS, 20, was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

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Other business changes for this year or future tax years affect depreciable property, work opportunity tax credit, orphan drug tax credit, excise taxes and health insurance deductions for self-employed persons.

For more information on tax changes, call 1-800-829-3676 and get Publication 553, Highlights of 1997 Tax Changes.

The IRS has tax forms, publications and other information

on-line. available Access through the internet via the World Wide Web (http://www.irs.ustreas.gov); transfer protocol (ftp.irs.ustreas.gov); or Telnet (iris.irs.ustreas.gov). To access by modem, dial (703)321-8020.

For those with access to a fax machine and not a computer, IRS can provide the most commonly used forms, many of the instruction sheets and the TeleTax topics. Dial (703)487-4160 from the fax machine.

-CARLTON JOHNSON

Tax changes could effect business' bottom line

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Several tax law changes could affect the bottom line of your 1997 income tax return and some of those changes include effecting businesses. changes for reporting large cash sums and changes involving educational assistance. Here are some of those changes to look

New Law Gives Tax Refunds to Some Employees: Employees who participated in employer-provided educational assistance plans from 1995 through 1997 could be entitled to refunds because of recent tax law changes. The Internal Revenue Service has set up special procedures to make it easier to get these refunds and to expedite the processing of refund claims sent to the IRS.

The new law reinstates Internal Revenue Code Section 127's annual exclusion from income of up to \$5,250 of educational assistance benefits, retroactive to January 1, 1995. However, the new law does not extend the tax benefit to graduate-level courses that begin after June 30, 1996.

Employees who paid income taxes for 1995 on excludable

educational assistance benefits 1040X and instructions by call- that total more than \$10,000 dur entitled to refunds. Employees can claim these refunds from the IRS by filing a Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," if they have already filed a 1995 tax return. To do this, the employee needs to obtain from the employer a Form W-2c, "Statement of Corrected Income and Tax Amounts," showing the corrected wages for 1995, and needs to attach the Form W-2c

to the Form 1040X. To expedite the processing of these amended returns, taxpayers should print "IRC 127" in the top margin of the Form 1040X. If this is the only adjustment to the original return, taxpayers will need to put only their name, address, Social Security number and tax year on the Form 1040X, sign the form, and attach the Form W-2c. The IRS will compute the refund based on the Form W-2c data provided and will process these amended returns as quickly as possible.

Employees who previously paid Social Security and Medicare taxes in 1996 or 1997 will usually get these tax refunds from the employer that provided the educational assis-

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BEST TIP

Continued from page 1A it in the mail.

For those expecting a refund this year, there is Direct Deposit, which means a faster tax refund.

People who choose Direct Deposit can have their income tax refund deposited directly into their savings or checking accounts. Direct Deposit is more secure because there is no check to get lost, and takes the Treasury less time than issuing a check. So people may get their refund sooner and they don't have to make a trip to the bank.

Direct Deposit is available to people who file their federal income tax returns electronically, use Form 1040PC or send their returns to IRS through the mail. Those who file by mail should fill in the "Refund" area of their tax return.

People should check with their financial institutions to make sure they accept Direct Deposit, including joint refunds into individual accounts. They can also verify the correct routing transit number and deposit account number.

There are some limitations. Direct Deposit cannot be used when filing a prior year return. Also, Direct Deposit will not occur if the name on the tax return and bank account do not match. Nor will there be Direct Deposit of refunds into foreign bank accounts. If the Direct Deposit cannot be done, the IRS will send a check instead.

Direct Deposit is available for use on Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ.

-CARLTON JOHNSON

Tax revenues bolster Howard County coffers By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

When it comes to tax season most residents instantly think of income taxes and wonder whether or not they will receive a tax return for the previous year, but taxes don't always have to involve bad news.

Sales taxes, for instance, can signal strength or weakness in the economy.

The most recent State Sales and Use Tax Report for 1997 covering the second quarter of last year was recently released by the State Comptroller's Office.

Howard County had 721 business outlets in all industries report total gross sales of

The 1997 second quarter sales figure for Howard County represent a 1.3 percent increase from second quarter sales in 1996 when 859 outlets reported total gross sales of \$148,625,030.

Use tax purchases for Howard County in the second quarter of 1997 totaled \$570,485 and the total amount of second quarter sales subject to the State Sales and Use Tax was \$42,124,046.

Surrounding counties reporting second quarter sales in 1997 include Andrews with 393 outlets reporting sales of \$52,952,199; Borden with 4 outlets reporting sales of \$112,898; Dawson with 310 outlets reporting sales of \$48,608,184; Ector

sales of \$822,396,842; Glasscock with 18 outlets reporting sales of \$1,875,538; Martin with 86 outlets reporting sales \$27,124,633; Midland with 3,490 outlets reporting sales of \$1,145,504,405; Mitchell with 187 outlets reporting sales of \$14,686,274; and Scurry with 415 outlets reporting sales of \$75,717,877.

Statewide, second quarter gross sales for 1997 totaling \$137,305,907,566 were reported by 360,316 outlets, which represents a 5.9 percent increase over second quarter sales from 1996 reported by 435,895 outlets totaling \$129,682,194,708.

In the retail trade division, Howard County had a total of

with 3.464 outlets reporting 399 outlets report gross second quarter sales of \$66,796,276. which represents a 1.7 percent decrease over 1996 gross sales of \$67,958,879.

Statewide, the retail trade division had 195,096 outlets report second quarter sales of \$53,594,965,545 an 8.4 percent increase over 1996 sales of **\$49.45**3.071.053.



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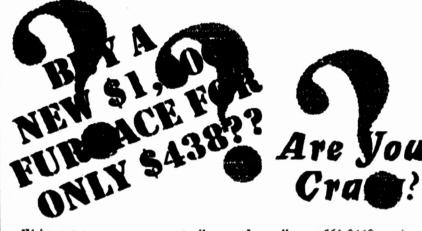
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Those ol' 1040 blues

On Page 1A (top photo), Big Spring resident Enrique DeJesus takes time to pick out a 1997 tax form on a recent visit to the Big Spring Post Office. Several residents have already received their W2 forms and are hopeful of receiving an income tax refund this tax season; (bottom photo) Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles (seated) is going over the county tax roll with tax office employee Saundra Bloom. As county residents prepare for the federal income tax season, Sayles' office also reminds residents that 1997 property taxes become past due after Jan. 31. Stories and photos by Carlton Johnson.



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OUR VIEW

Provide children with alternatives to gang lifestyle

hen one thinks of small towns such a Big Spring, gangs don't usually spring to mind and city officials want to keep it

The city took a first step toward revamping the police department's gang suppression unit recently when the city council gave tentative approval to a res olution accepting a juvenile gang suppression grant from the state Criminal Justice Division.

If the five-year program is approved by both the city and the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, the \$249,000 grant will take effect Oct. 1 It will be used for salaries, equipment and an addi-

A previous gang-suppression unit was discontinued by BSPD after staff cuts resulted in the loss of seven positions in the department.

Many residents believe Big Spring to be relatively free of gangs and gang-related trouble, but make no mistake: They are here, and officials believe they are to blame for an increase in the severity of juvenile

"Juvenile problems are pretty much city wide," Police Chief Lonnie Smith said. "Around 1991 or so. the problems we saw were generally vandalism, but in the last six to eight months, a lot of the juvenile crime we've seen has been acts of violence or threats of vio lence ... The problems have been continually grow

To Smith's credit, he said his department will combat this problem through education, "whether we get this grant or not." BSPD will continue to work with the local school district and Teen Court to combat juvenile crime, he said.

We wholeheartedly support efforts to lessen gang influence in our city, but we believe the effort must be a three-pronged one punishment, education and providing alternatives.

Getting tough on gangs is fine, but that is merely reacting to the problem. Solving the problem involves educating our children about gangs and how to best avoid them. Also, we should do everything in our power to provide youngsters with alternatives to a "gangsta" lifestyle.

Children are just like everyone else they want to to be wanted and respected. If the only place they can feel like they belong is in a gang, that's where they'll go. This community's job is to show them a better way.

OTHER VIEWS

Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who has been investigating the so-called Whitewater case, now has new allegations against President Clinton to look into, and needs to proceed quickly for the nation's sake.

While the new charges have emerged out of the Paula Jones case, they are far more serious than that civil suit. If the court found that Clinton had in fact sought sexual favors from Jones, he would face fines and horrendous publicity. But the new charges involve perjury, suborning perjury and obstructing justice. Adamantly denied by the president and his attorney, these are criminal matters. felonies, and they could destroy the Clinton presidency if proven true.

According to The Washington Post, which broke the story along with the Los Angeles Times and ABC News, a woman named Linda Tripp secretly tape-recorded conversations with a woman named Monica Lewinsky. On the tapes, Lewinsky, now 24, reportedly tells of an affair with Clinton when she was a White House intern a few years ago. She supposedly makes a devastating assertion, namely that Clinton told her

to lie about it to Paula Jones' attorneys as they tried to build evidence of a pattern of

The story reports as well that Lewinsky said on the tapes that Clinton had his good friend, Vernon Jordan, instruct her on what she should say. Lewinsky, the Post says, gave an affidavit earlier this month in which she swore she had not had a sexual relationship with the president. Quoting unidentified sources, the story says that the president also denied the alleged affair when he was recently deposed in the Jones

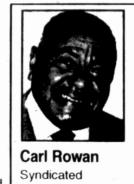
Tripp, who had been hired at the White House during the Bush administration and who has been involved in another allegation against Clinton, worked with Lewinsky in a Pentagon office. She turned the tapes over to Starr. He was allowed to expand his investigation after Attorney General Janet Reno sent his request to a court panel whose authorization was required. What he has to do now is what he has not always done in the past — move expeditiously.

> Jay Ambrose Scripps Howard

'Move over, this is your president'

the presumption of innocence that we Americans enjoy. I am aware that President Clinton has not

been convicted of anything in connection with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky Still, I have heard enough



Columnist about sex and Bill Clinton over the last decade to convince me that he suffers from a power-driven

Mr. Clinton seems to think that young women are among the spoils of his political triumphs, and that his power guarantees him a large supply of females who will suffer his assaults in silence. His disease is not new to this town.

sickness of the libido.

In 1965, when I headed the

U.S. Information Agency, I was approached by an emotionallyshaken White House employee who told me of her first duty trip to the Texas ranch where President Johnson often retreated. She said she awakened in the wee hours of her first night there in terror, certain that someone was in her room. When a little pencil flashlight was shone on her face, she was too terrified to scream. Then she recognized Johnson's voice saying, "Move over. This is your president." She said that, intimidated, she moved over

She insisted that she didn't want to file charges or expose LBJ. She just wanted a comparable federal job where she would be beyond the president's predatory reach. I telephoned Johnson's aide, Bill Moyers, and within 24 hours that woman had a new job.

Some say that the worst thing about Clinton and the charge that he had an 18-month sexual affair with then-21-yearold Lewinsky is that he lied about it in sworn testimony

and committed subornation of perjury by telling her to lie about it. I say that if Clinton did have a sexual relationship with Lewinsky, which he denies, the worst thing is the abuse of overweening presidential power in the exploitation of a federal employee.

I detest the cliche "where there's smoke there's fire," but I understand why so many Americans are using it regarding Clinton, given the fact that numerous women — including Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones and Lewinsky — have accused him of sexual exploitation. Such abuses of power are

commonplace in Washington, in the White House, federal agencies, and on Capitol Hill. It was said that during the Nixon administration everyone speculated on who was doing what to whom; during the Johnson administration everyone knew who was doing what to whom; and during the Carter administration everybody knew that there wasn't anybody doing anything to anybody.

That was meant to express

the boredom of the Carter years but it ought to be seen as a compliment, because Jimmy Carter and Harry Truman are the only presidents during my time covering Washington who seemed never to let power throw their libidos out of control.

Numerous people have said to me, "I can't believe Clinton is dumb enough to get involved with a 21-year-old woman and think it would stay a secret." Apparently Clinton doesn't yet understand the change in the media since the days of John F. Kennedy and LBJ.

More dangerous is the fact that since the sexual revolution began young women don't keep quiet about sexual affairs to protect their reputations any-

We may never know whether Monica Lewinsky's taped claims about sexual encounters with Clinton are the sordid truth or fictional boasting. But it is obvious that Clinton had his brain in his groin when he made himself and the presidency vulnerable to this scandal.

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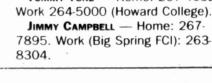
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The South: An emotional designation ing beside the mailbox. It looks

I was born in Georgia. She was born in Alabama. I grew up in Montgomery. She blossomed in Birmingham.

There should be few differences in our allegiances, espe cially con-

sidering we both did time at the same col lege and for several different newspaper chains. We think a lot alike we always



laugh at the same

jokes, especially the ones life plays on us. But every time my good

friend visits from faraway Virginia, we have this discussion. I rhapsodize about the Deep South, and she holds forth on the merits of Virginia's progressive gentility. I talk about starch and soul and she shoots back with good schools and sophisticates.

In the reading audience of her suburban weekly, she says, are Gen. Colin Powell and TV

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We take a back road, one she remembers well, and out the car window she sees the litter on the roadside, the wrecked cars left to rust in front yards. "Looks and feels like

Georgia," she says I think, but do not say,

'Well, I could take you to curb and-gutter land, the cookie-cut ter suburbs, and see if that looks more like Virginia. But we have been down this

road before, worn ruts in it. and both of us always arrive at different destinations. I can't defend the litter, except to say the white truck with county prisoners hasn't been by in a long while. But the messy yards with drums full of garbage and scattered plastic toys and satellite dishes, at each nucleus a mobile home, those can be explained. This is a working man's land, free of subdivision covenants and improvement committees.

Try looking beyond, I want to say, at the as-yet- undeveloped piney woods, the creeks not hung with million-dollar houses, the room to breathe. Look at the face of the woman stand-

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DeMent albums, one that describes the most appealing vision of heaven I've ever heard: "Fifty Miles of Elbow Room.' When the whole South con-

forms to a Southern Living look of uniform prosperity, when we've all been to school to lose our accents, when the landscape is manicured and mowed, all of us will be poorer I recently read a Flannery

O'Connor quote used in a Paul Greenberg essay to great effect. She said, "The anguish that most of us have observed for some time now has been caused not by the fact that the South is alienated from the rest of the country, but by the fact that it is not alienated enough, that every day we are getting more and more like the rest of the country, that we are being forced out not only of our many sins, but of our few virtues. Greenberg was writing of his

Arkansas, and how he would hate to see the South become merely a geographical, not an "emotional designation.

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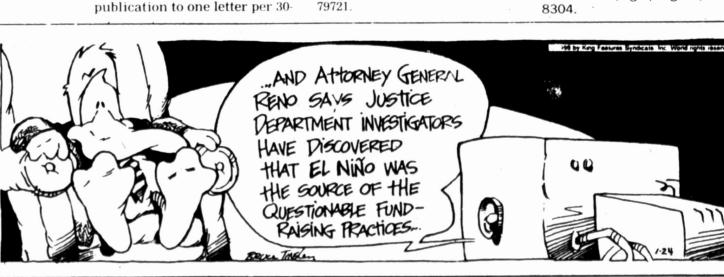
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After acquittal, Mowbray family plans to go on with life

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — For mal people." 10 years, Susie Mowbray was Mrs. Mowbray spent nine ecutors failed to prove their either in prison or fighting to years in prison after being con-

Now she has begun living a life of freedom after being acquitted on charges of killing her husband.

"We're going to do life without prison, without courts, without attorneys - without that big black cloud over us," Mrs. Mowbray said after being found innocent Friday at her retrial in the 1987 death of her husband.

"We're going to do it like nor-

victed in 1988 of killing

Brownsville Cadillac dealer Bill Mowbray for \$1.8 million in insurance money. She was released last-year

after an appeals court granted her a new trial, ruling prosecutors had suppressed blood evidence that could have supported her argument that Mowbray killed himself.

On Friday, after a two-week trial and two days of delibera-

Mowbray innocent, saying proscase because of the "improper handling" of evidence by local law enforcement officials.

At a victory party following her acquittal, Mrs. Mowbray and her family discussed their plans for the future — plans they had avoided making over the past decade.

"We have choices now," Mrs. Mowbray said as she sipped champagne on the back porch of a friend's house.

"We haven't had choices for tions, a jury found Mrs. all these years, and now we do.

I don't even know what all those choices are."

The immediate includes making the rounds of the talk show circuit.

Even as she celebrated, Mrs. Mowbray and her daughter, Cricket Burnett, were arranging a trip to New York to appear on the "Today" show.

After that, Mrs. Mowbray intends to return to Dallas, where she has been living with her daughter since being released from prison last year.

"We'll probably take it one day at a time," she said, adding

that she has no specific plans. "After all I've been through, I sincerely feel like I will make the best decisions that are right for me.

Mrs. Mowbray's son, Wade Burnett, said he doesn't know what the future holds for him or his family.

"I haven't been an adult and not had to deal with this. So I can't say I know what it's going to be like," said Burnett, who was 16 when his mother was convicted of killing his stepfather.

Burnett, a law student who

dug up the evidence that led to his mother's new trial, said he will return to law school at Louisiana State University.

"I haven't even bought books this semester," said Burnett, who missed the first three weeks of the semester to attend his mother's trial, at which he served as the defense team's lead investigator.

Although he is scheduled to graduate this summer. Burnett said he doesn't know whether he will ever practice law after living through his mother's legal nightmare.

Bush raising more cash than Mauro

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. George W. Bush raised more money from out-of-state sources in the last six months than Land Commissioner Garry Mauro raised from all sources, according to computer analysis of the two men's recent campaign finance reports.

Meanwhile, 18 big-dollar donors — giving contributions of at least \$10,000 gave more than half the money Mauro raised between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1997.

Mauro, the only Democrat running for governor, got about 1.120 contributions for a total of \$802,804.

Bush, who faces one little known opponent in the March 10 Republican primary, raised \$7.9 million from about 24,860 contributions.

After expenses, Bush had \$12.7 million cash on hand at the end of the year. Mauro had \$345,096.

"We set a goal of raising \$1 million in 1997. We surpassed that goal," said Mauro campaign spokesman Billy Rogers, adding that Mauro is not concerned that most of his money came from a small group of donors.

"The bottom line is that more than 1,000 people thought enough of Garry Mauro's campaign to write a check. That does show strong support." Rogers said.

Karen Hughes, Bush's spokeswoman, said Texans should note that "18 liberal Democrats are bankrolling Garry Mauro's campaign."

"That compares to the diverse group of Texans, Republicans and Democrats, who support Gov. Bush," she said.

Ms. Hughes said the nearly 7,000 donations Bush got from outside of Texas (\$1.2 million) came from friends the governor made while an owner of the Texas Rangers, while he was in business and during his father's year's as president and in Washington, D.C.

Rogers said Bush's cam paign should be concerned about the percentage of money the governor raised from businesses and political action committees.

Of Bush's total contributions, about 260 businesses and PACs made 302 donations for a total of \$1.3 million. That was about 16 percent of the

"It's no surprise that every special interest group in Austin has contributed to Gov. Bush's campaign,' Rogers said. "That's because as governor, Gov. Bush has put corporate families first."

Ms. Hughes called it more important that "the overwhelming majority (of the governor's contributions) came from Texans who appreciate Gov. Bush's leadership.

Ms. Hughes noted contributions to Bush from Democrats Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock (\$2,500) and state Rep. Hugo Berlanga, of Corpus Christi (\$500).

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Cattlemen: Oprah editors cut pro-beef comments

AMARILLO (AP) — Jurors in a lawsuit against Oprah Winfrey got to see parts of her show on food safety that the rest of the nation did not, and a group of Texas cattlemen say the differences cost them \$10.3 million.

Winfrey's editors kept most of a food safety activist's warnings about beef in the final version of an episode while cutting comments about the meat's safety, lawyers for cattlemen suing the talk show host claimed Friday.

ple and scared the markets," said plaintiff Bill O'Brien, owner of Texas Beef Group who described the cattle market as airing. "The markets reacted to the way the show was produced and the way it was delivered."

Ms. Winfrey, her production company and food safety activist Howard Lyman are being sued by a group of Texas cattlemen who say they lost millions when cattle prices plunged

"The Oprah show scared peo- after her April 16, 1996, show on Ms. Winfrey and Lyman ness. "dangerous foods." Ms. Winfrey announced on the air that she was swearing off hamburgers.

The cattlemen are seeking to "dead" in the days following the recoup alleged losses of \$10.3 million as well as unspecified punitive damages.

The defense blames the beef industry's price drop on drought and other factors.

Jurors have been shown uncut videotape and the edited version of the show.

On Friday, they watched as

referred to the feeding of processed livestock to cattle as the United States last summer. 'feeding cows to cows," or in similar terms, nine times.

The practice of rendering dead livestock into pelletized feed was common in England until it was discovered that mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, probably was spreading that way.

A month before the broadcast, the British government linked BSE to a similar human sick-

The practice was outlawed in A plaintiffs' chart showed that

two-thirds of what Lyman said made it past editors, while remarks promoting the safety of beef were edited out.

Ms. Winfrey's attorney, Charles Babcock, responded with his own list of statement's made by his client during the show, many of which contained cautionary phrases like "could" and "may.

AG: Eight-liners unconstitutional

AUSTIN (AP) — Casino-style try, those licenses may be susmachines known as "eight-liners" are unconstitutional, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has ruled

Resembling slot machines, eight-liners are estimated to generate more than \$100 million annually in Texas. More than 20,000 in use at truck stops, convenience stores, veterans' halls and other sites, officials esti-

Morales, whose legal opinion Friday carries the force of law, said the machines meet the legal definition of a lottery.

The Texas Constitution requires the Legislature to "pass laws prohibiting lotteries and enterprises" other than church bingo games, charitable raffles and the state lottery. The attorney general said any

business owner convicted of face up to a year in prison and resemble Las Vegas casinos." a maximum \$4,000 fine. If the business is licensed to

pended or revoked, Morales said.

"The Texas Constitution strictly prohibits gambling except in narrow cases where it has been amended," Morales said. "These gambling devices clearly violate the law.

Eight-liners have been a source of controversy for sever-

Gov. George W. Bush backed a bill to crack down on the machines, but it was killed during the 1997 legislative session by groups saying the machines were helping veterans and charities raise money in bingo halls.

"This opinion clears the way for prosecutors to vigorously enforce our laws against casinostyle gambling machines, and I urge them to do so," Bush said. "Texans do not want our neighowning such a device would borhood shopping centers to gambling machines."

Cindy Rugeley, a spokesparticipate in the bingo indus- group representing small busi- the opinion.

ness owners who operate amusement machines, said Morales' opinion doesn't clarify the law and is premature.

She said the issue of whether eight liners are constitutional is about to be ruled on in court.

"This issue is eventually going to be settled by the courts," she said. "I'm kind of surprised it came out when it did because there are four suits (already in court)."

Electronic gaming machines are classified under state law as amusements as long as players won noncash prizes or coupons redeemable for items with a value of not more than \$5 or 10 times the cost of a single play. whichever was less.

Ms. Rugeley said Morales opinion "would make kiddy games in pizza parlors and at the state fair and other places

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco chairman of a task force created woman for Amusement, Music by Bush to strengthen the sell lottery tickets, alcohol or Operators of Texas (AMOT), a state's gambling laws, praised

Lawsuit challenges rap music investment ban

on state agencies investing in companies with artists whose time." songs promote violence or State degrade women is under attack in state district court. A lawsuit challenging the

measure was filed Friday in Austin, said the Recording Industry Association of America.

Besides the industry group, those named as plaintiffs include a firefighter, law enforcement officers, public school teachers and former state employees concerned over their pension funds.

The ban "not only plainly violates the free expression rights of artists, it also plays politics with the retirement funds of Texas state employees," said Cary Sherman, RIAA senior executive vice president and general counsel.

"This law will affect a wide

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas ban variety of music and cost pensioners millions at the same

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, who sponsored the measure, stood by it as a way to ensure tax dollars don't benefit what he has called irresponsible behavior.

The restriction — the first of been portrayed by supporters as applying to "gangsta rap" and similar music

systems as well as state departments and universities. Besides lyrics regarding violence or denigration of women, the ban targets those that promote illegal drug use, criminal street gang activity and acts including pedophilia.

"It doesn't surprise me that the industry would do this," Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said

But he added, "It makes me sick at my stomach to think that there are teachers in Texas and that there are law enforce ment officers in Texas firefighters in Texas – that would defend these people's actions so far as distributing lyrics that advocate rape, that advocate assault on police offi its kind in the nation - has cers that advocate assault on women, that advocate illegal drugs. .

"It is unbelievable to me that It applies to public retirement any teacher in Texas would join this lawsuit simply in the name of more earnings for his or her retirement plan. I just cannot believe that I'm, hearing that," Ratliff said.

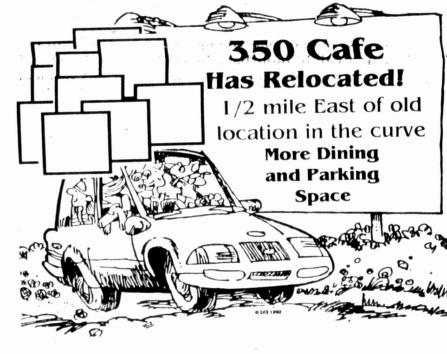
The ban was approved in last year's state legislative session when it was added to the 1998-99 state budget as one of numerous "riders," or spending-related provisions.

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Cold War giants battle for hearts and minds of Cubans

Over the past four days, Cuba has witnessed a delicate duel between two figures from the Cold War still on stage. Each man, in his own way, is trying to evangelize Cubans.

Fidel Castro is ever the gracious host, so solicitous toward his distinguished guest that he claims to preach similar ideas.

Pope John Paul II is equally polite, making his points but softening his rhetoric so as not

At stake are two visions of Cuban society: John Paul envisions a more open and freer land where the Roman Catholic

Church can play a major role in Vatican as practicing Catholics. the life of Cubans; Castro, at the least, wants to sustain an aging revolution.

There was Castro at the airport, welcoming the staunch anti-communist from Poland and assuring him that "we feel the same way you do about many important issues of today's world.'

At a private meeting at the Palace of the Revolution, Castro gently asked John Paul about his health and enlisted him for a picture-taking session with the Maximum Leader's two brothers and two sisters — the women described by the

Fernando Vega stuck three

The signs read "Ingles Para

Los Ninos" — English for the

children — in support of a con-

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dren in their native languages.

But the placards proved a lure

to some of the very people

thought to be most supportive of

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"Senor, what do you have to

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Vega, a retired airline

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signs in his front yard.

And then Castro made a surappearance at the University of Havana, his alma mater, when the pope came to speak of democracy and freedom to Cuban intellectuals. The Vatican said the presence of Castro, who joined in the

John Paul was not without his own eloquent gestures. Twice at the airport when he arrived from Rome and at the university — he put his arm around the shoulder of Cuban Cardinal Jaime Ortega. It was the pope's way of showing that the archbishop was his man in Havana.

fought to build in the late 1960s.

kids learning English, overcom-

ing language barriers," says

Vega, now honorary chairman

of the "English for the

"It was supposed to be about

While the revolutionary government never broke relations with the Vatican, it has had few contacts until recently with the Cuban church.

The week's duel actually began in Rome on Nov. 19, 1996, when Castro called on John Paul at the Vatican and extended an invitation that before had been impossible.

There had been talk of an earlier invitation, for a quick stop aligned with the Soviet Union.

more priests, more access in the media for the church.

For the pope, that was only the start. And if Castro had any doubts about John Paul's intentions, they were clearly dispelled by John Paul's Christmas message to Cubans.

"I hope that after my visit," John Paul wrote, "the church may continue to have ever more liberty that is needed for its mission.'

The visit has certainly given Castro some of the recognition he had been seeking, allowing him to bask in John Paul's pres-

The invitation carried a cost: • John Paul's criticism of the U.S. economic embargo, in line with the Vatican's general opposition to such measures, was

also unquestionably welcomed. But as the days went on, John Paul's intentions became clearer, summed up in his homily

Saturday. True freedom, John Paul said, includes "recognition of human rights and social justice" and that change must come "through peaceful and gradual means.

He stressed that Catholics, locked out of power in the revolution, must regain a voice on the island.

Students set off avalanche

in France EMBRUN, France (AP) Hiking past a yellow-and black avalanche warning flag whipping in the wind, the 32 students and six adults began their snowshoe trek across five feet of new snow high on

an Alpine ridge. Suddenly, the fragile powder gave way, sweeping the group down the mountain in tons of choking snow that smashed into a thick forest of fir trees. Nine students and two adults were killed in the

Friday avalanche One of the children, who was not identified by name, told French radio and TV that ski monitors had told them to be "on the alert" for the possibility of an avalanche.

"We knew there was a danger, but we when't really afraid," he said.

The warning flag indicated the danger of an avalanche as four on a scale of five when the students began their trek along the mountainside above the Orres ski station near the Italian border

The six adults in the group included at least four professional guides who decided Thursday night to go ahead with the outing despite being aware of the heightened risk of an avalanche.

Mountain police said the weight of the 32 French private school students ages 14 to 16 and their adult chaperones set off the deadly snowslide, which came on the final day of students' longplanned winter holiday. Some of the children died when the snow slammed their bodies into trees. Others suffocated.

"It's the group itself which set off the slide (of snow) on its path," said Lt. Laurent Jaunatre of the mountain

police in the area. "It's clear they had no business there.

Nine children were injured. one of whom remained in serious condition Saturday.

A special government plane carrying grieving parents. survivors and coffins containing the dead students took off Saturday evening from the Alps bound for a military air field outside Paris.

"It's one of the most horri ble things I have ever seen. It's such an injustice, such a heartbreaking thing," said Bernard Kouchner, France's health minister, who accompanied the students and par ents and sheltered them from the press.

Judicial authorities began an investigation into whether the ski monitors ignored safe ty warnings, which were post ed Friday after the heavy snowfall.

"This drama could have been avoided if all the safety regulations had observed," Capt. Gerard Valich, of the mountain police rescue team, told LCI television.

Heavy snowfall, which is common in the Alps, vastly increases the risk of avalanches. Outside the chalet where the students stayed Thursday night, a warning flag alerted skiers to the new dangers.

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tive seeking to halt bilingual Children" movement. "That's

in Havana en route home from a Latin American pilgrimage in the 1980s. But the idea was rejected by the Vatican because at the time Cuba was closely

Initiative puts bilingual education under microscope and a chronic shortage of native-language teachers.

> 'We constantly get at least as many new students as we redesignate, so it almost looks as though we're standing still when we're not," said Lydia Stack, a coordinator for the San Francisco public school's Language Academy. Bilingual education programs

> exist nationwide, with particular concentrations of non-English-speaking children in Texas, New York, Florida and Illinois.

But California's public schools account for more than half of the estimated 2.44 million non-fluent students nationwide. Those 1.4 million California students, fully onequarter of the state's public school enrollment, are predominantly Spanish-speaking.

Because of a shortage of teachers and textbooks, only about 30 percent of the children who need language help get core'subjects - math, science and social studies - taught to them in their native languages. Mostly, that's Spanish, although some youngsters get at least some lessons in such languages as Arabic, Russian, Chinese, Korean and Japanese. Unz, who once challenged

Gov. Pete Wilson for the Republican nomination, has spent more than \$300,000 of his own money on "English for the Children.' For his trouble, he's been

called a political opportunist and even a racist.

Critics wonder why a single man with no children, a computer millionaire who lives in the rarified environs of Palo Alto, has such an interest in the education of immigrant children. He simply shrugs.

"I don't see why it's controversial to teach little children English," Unz says.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A passion to dismantle the bilin- whether they question all voters or specifically Hispanics. It also has gained support from at least one high-profile Latino educator, Jaime Escalante, the toughtalking educator depicted in the

The program's biggest prob-

lem, many say, is the number of

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not happening anymore." The initiative would require public school pupils to be taught in English, except when parents specifically ask for bilingual help. Children who come to school speaking little or no English would spend their first year in "a sheltered English immersion class," as described by initiative author Ron Unz, a Silicon Valley software executive and one-time

candidate for governor. Early polls, including one by the San Francisco-based Field Institute, show the June 2 ballot initiative is backed by more enthusiasm only boosted his than two-thirds of voters,

cient" students earned "proficient" status. Although that percentage is slightly higher than in recent years, even supportive educators concede at least 10 percent of the non-English speaking students should move on to profi-

cient levels each year. They say

the system falters under a con-

stant flow of new immigrants

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Source: Lewinsky said to be ready to admit affair WASHINGTON (AP) Monica Lewinsky is offering to testify that she did have a sexual relationship with President Clinton, if Whitewater prosecutors will give her immunity from perjury, a source familiar with the negotiations said today.

Such a posture leaves open, however, what Ms. Lewinsky would say on the most serious allegations against Clinton: whether he or his friend, Vernon Jordan, encouraged her to lie about the relationship under oath.

The developments came as Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater prosecutor, was continuing to subpoena witnesses and gather evidence in the probe of whether Clinton conspired to cover up the alleged affair with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

Starr in the first volley of negotietions on a possible plea agreement for the young woman. She signed a sworn affidavit on Jan. 7 explicitly denying any sexual relationship with Clinton and would face perjury charges if that document no longer squares with

Those Friday night talks ended without a deal, but a source familiar with the talks said Ms. Lewinsky's attorney made clear to Starr that she would admit the affair if protected from prosecution herself. Speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, the source would not say what, if anything, Ms. Lewinsky was prepared to tell Starr about Clinton and Jordan allegedly conspiring to get her

The New York Times reported today that Ginsburg said Ms. Her chief lawyer, William Lewinsky was not prepared to Ginsburg, met Friday with flatly accuse either the presi-

dent or Jordan of asking her to first approached her a week lie about it.

Starr and Ginsburg were expected to meet again today, but Ginsburg, who refused to comment on the substance of negotiations, said he was waiting for the prosecutor make a move. "He's got to call me. He needs my lady," Ginsburg said

Meanwhile, the investigation steamed forward, with Jordan, Clinton's longtime friend and confidant scheduled to appear Tuesday before a grand jury to explain why he helped arrange a job and get a lawyer for Ms. Lewinsky in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Ms. Lewinsky is heard on secret tape recordings telling a friend and Pentagon co-worker, Linda Tripp, that she had an affair with Clinton and that he encouraged her to deny it.

Ginsburg confirmed that pros-

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ago, provided she participate in a sting operation against Clinton and Jordan. Ginsburg did not accept the offer immediately and it was not renewed.

Clinton met with his Cabinet Friday, denying the accusations once again. "I'm going to be fine, and you will be, too, and let's all hang in there," he was quoted as telling his department heads.

"I believe the allegations are completely untrue," said Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "I'll second that. Definitely," said Commerce Secretary William Daley.

Developments in the investigation have been swift:

-FBI agents obtained a search warrant for Ms. Lewinsky's apartment, sources close to the case confirmed on condition of anonymity. One person familiar with the taped ecutors offered Ms. Lewinsky, conversations said they have 24, immunity when FBI agents Ms. Lewinsky saying that

Clinton gave her gifts — a dress, a hat pin and a copy of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass." Ms. Lewinsky also received a subpoena to testify before the federal grand jury.

-Ms. Lewinsky told Ms. Tripp in the taped conversations that a dress given to her as a gift by Clinton contains a semen stain from the president, according to news reports, citing people who had heard the recordings. Such evidence would interest prosecutors because it could provide a DNA

Lawyers familiar with the tapes, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Ms. Lewinsky is heard telling Ms. Tripp that the president often telephoned her at home and engaged in explicit sex talk.

Officials familiar with the debate among Clinton's advisers said the president's legal team — including private attorney David Kendall, longtime

friend Bruce Lindsey and White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff - were urging a measured response. Their argument, the officials said, was that it would not be wise to release too many details.

-A courier service in Washington was subpoenaed by prosecutor Starr for records and testimony about nine packages it delivered from Ms. Lewinsky at the Pentagon, where she then worked, to the West Wing of the White House last October through December.

Employees of the courier service were expected to appear Tuesday before the grand jury. Jordan also is expected to testify that day.

Although Ms. Lewinsky denied an affair with Clinton under oath, lawyers and others familiar with the taped conversations said Ms. Lewinsky told Ms. Tripp that she performed oral sex on him numerous

Prosecutor 'squeeze' a much-used tactic

WASHINGTON (AP) — First, investigators took Monica Lewinsky to a hotel room and questioned her for hours. After she refused to cooperate, prosecutors told her she was a target of their investigation.

The tactics used by special counsel Kenneth Starr mimicked the high drama of prime time TV as he moved to win Ms. Lewinsky's help in his investigation of allegations linking her with President Clinton. But the tactics actually are standard procedure for investigators trying to move a case to a higher level.

"It's kind of working your way up the food chain," said Chicago lawyer Howard Pearl, a former federal prosecutor.

What Starr wants, according to several former federal prosecutors who are not involved in the case, is a cooperative witness in his investigation. He's putting the squeeze on Ms.

Lewinsky to get it. It would be explained to her get their statements on tape. that she is a target of the invesigation and could be prosecuted, but here's a way out of it," said former federal prosecutor

John Rowley. That is precisely what her lawyer, William Ginsburg, said happened when the former White House intern was confronted by federal agents this month at a hotel in northern

Virginia. Ms. Lewinsky said in an earlier deposition that she did not have an affair with Clinton. But in taped conversations with a friend, sources said she talked about the affair and disclosed that the president and his close friend, Vernon E. Jordan Jr.,

suggested she lie about it. It is not clear whether Ms. Lewinsky would agree to testify

about the alleged effort to get her to lie.

Talks between Starr and Ginsburg were expected to resume Saturday, the source

Ginsburg spent much of Friday giving interviews in which he criticized the way his client was treated.

In one appearance, he acknowledged that "squeezing, threatening" is part of a prosecutor's job.

But in another, he said the efforts by investigators to pressure his client "should frighten anyone who is involved in the process here in America."

Starr responded that comments suggesting Ms. Lewinsky was mistreated "are wholly erroneous."

If Ms. Lewinsky had cooperated when initially confronted by prosecutors, Pearl said the next step probably would have been to have had her make a recorded call to Clinton or Jordan to

Now that the matter has become public, "her usefulness to them in that regard is gone," said Pearl.

Another former federal prosecutor, James Cole, said prosecutors generally have three alternatives in trying to get a witness' testimony.

The most desirable, because it helps preserve a witness' credibility, is to persuade someone to plead guilty to a charge and then cooperate with the investigation, he said.

The second choice is to provide immunity in exchange for a witness' cooperation, but that can open the witness to accusations of being bought. The worst alternative is to prosecute someone and wind up with an uncooperative witness.

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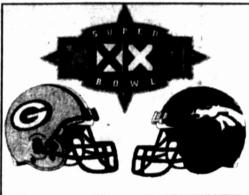
SAN DIEGO — Finally.

It's down to a matter of hours before the Green Bay Packers attempt to repeat as NFL champions against the Denver Broncos, who are a miserable 0-4 in Super Bowls.

A matter of hours before John Elway either succeeds as the sentimental favorite, or loses the Super Bowl for the fourth time in his otherwise excellent career.

A matter of hours before NBC, left out of the NFL's record \$17.6 billion TV package, signs off after 33 years of televising pro football.

And a matter of hours before Mike Holmgren springs another motivational ploy on his Packers, who on Sunday can become just the second NFL fran-



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chise to twice win consecutive Super Bowls. The Packers won the first two Super Bowls, then came back after a 29-year absence to beat New England 35-21 in last year's title game

The night before that game. Holmgren spread bundles of cash totaling \$48,000 - the winner's share - ona table in front of his team.

"Money's great," strong safety LeRoy Butler said. "He had it on a blanket and he was like, 'This is what we can have if we win the game.' And guys were like, 'Wow!' It was a lot of money and it made guys realize that 'Yeah, we're doing it for the ring, but monetary value will always play a big part

Holmgren said getting all that money into the room was tough.

'It did open up the eyes of some of the younger players," Holmgren said Friday, the last day the coaches met the media. "They had no idea they were getting paid for this game. It was fun to do it.

He won't show them the money this year, but will think of something.

'We're already motivated, but he likes to have a lot of fun, kind of loosen up a little bit because you can get into a game of this magnitude and not sleep and maybe you're not able to sleep because of that," Butler said.

Also Friday, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said he would support a reinstatement of instant replay to aid game officials' calls on critical plays

Last year, the competition committee, headed by Holmgren and George Young, proposed a new replay system built around coaches' challenges. It was voted down 20-10 (it needed 23 votes to pass) because many coaches objected to using timeouts to make challenges.

Tagliabue said during his state of the league address that a similar plan might pass this March at the owners' meetings in Orlando.

The Packers, led by three-time MVP Brett Favre, have been loose this week. Special teams ace Travis Jervey went surfing. Holmgren has ridden a Harley-Davidson motorcycle to practice every day and took a ride up the coast one

The Broncos have been much more businesslike. But they've also had to deal all week with their underdog status and the inevitable mention of the AFC's 13-game Super Bowl losing

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To virtually all, this Super Bowl is John Elway's

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SAN DIEGO John Elway arrived at his first Super Bowl in 1987, at age 26 already of heroic stature for orchestrating the 98-yard drive that won the AFC championship for the Denver Broncos.

It was Elway vs. the New York Giants that year; Elway vs. the Washington Redskins a year later, and Elway vs. the San Francisco 49ers two years after that.

When it was over, it was Opponents 3, Elway 0 by a combined score of 136-40, three more NFC victories in a string of 13 straight Super Bowl wins for the conference.

Now, at 37, Elway is back for John Elway IV, in this case Elway vs. the Green Bay Packers today, probably his last chance for a Super Bowl ring.

Defending champion Green three-time NFL MVP at 28 and a lot like Elway in his younger a quarterback who could evade most rushers, gun the ball through defenders at 90 mph or sling it way downfield.

"He was my idol," Favre said. "He could do things I could only dream of doing. He was someone you wanted to watch because you always want to watch things in sports that are out of the ordinary.

"Now that I can do some of those things, it's like looking in a mirror

In some ways, so is this Super Bowl.

While the Packers are favored by nearly two touchdowns, the fifth straight time an NFC team has entered the game a double digit favorite, they are very similar to the Broncos.

Besides Elway and Favre. there are running backs Terrell Davis of Denver and Dorsey Levens of Green Bay, and offensive systems that are variants of the California offense introduced by Sid Gillman and perfected by Bill Walsh.

Coaches Mike Shanahan of Denver and Mike Holmgren of Green Bay came to their jobs after interning as offensive coordinators in San Francisco, where Walsh and George Seifert won five Super Bowls with that

Despite all that, this has been Elway's week and Elway will be the sentimental favorite when the game begins at 5:18 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium known as Jack Murphy Stadium when Doug Williams and the Redskins beat the Broncos 42-10 in the second of Elway's three

Elway still shudders when he

points in the second period after the Broncos had taken a 10-0 lead. "I still can't believe it," he

plays in 13 minutes and we're out of it. But these Broncos are better

said. "Five touchdowns in 19

and more resilient. They're better because Davis

ran for 1,750 yards this season, making Elway only the second most important player on the offense. And the defense is bigger and more physical than the defenses of those 1980s Broncos.

They also had to overcome adversity, becoming only the fourth team to win three games as a wild card and make it to the Super Bowl.

In 1996, the Broncos finished 13-3, after starting 12-1 and clinching home field in the AFC with a month left in the regular season. Then they were shocked by Jacksonville 30.97 in their first playoff game.

This year, they started 6-0 and seemed headed for another AFC West title

But they lost in Kansas City. lost in Pittsburgh, lost in San Francisco and ended up 12-4, second to the Chiefs in the division and forced to enter the playoffs needing to win at least twice on the road to reach San

They started by avenging the loss to the Jaguars, beating them 42-17 at Mile High Stadium. Then they beat Kansas City and Pittsburgh on the road and made it to their fifth Super Bowl. If they lose, they become the first franchise to lose five

"I call it our revenge tour," said Gary Zimmerman, the Broncos' left tackle. "It made it sweeter to get here by beating the teams that beat us.'

Green Bay's road was a little

But the Packers, who beat New England 35-21 in last year's Super Bowl, started shakily, losing two of their first seven and looking unimpressive in most of their five wins.

"We didn't know exactly how to act," Holmgren said. "People expected us to blow everyone out. We ended up trying not to lose instead of trying to win."

Then Holmgren gave players time off during their bye week and they came back looking as good as last year's champs, beginning with a 28-10 victory over New England in a replay of the '97 Super Bowl.

Green Bay enters the Super Bowl with 10 victories in its last 11 games, the only loss to previously winless Indianapolis, 41-

Lady Steers rally for 50-48 win Cole's free throws provide

difference in physical game

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO Spring's Lady Steers manage to come from behind in the standings and take their seventh consecutive District 4-4A girls' basketball championship, they will be able to look back at Friday night's visit to San Angelo Lake View as a turning

In fact, that pivotal moment be even be further defined as the instant when Big Spring coach Ron Taylor looked at the five players he had standing on the court with 1:32 left to play and the Lady Steers holding a 48-47 lead and asked which one of them wanted to shoot a pair of free throws awarded in a double foul situation.

Senior post Nadia Cole stepped forward, said she wanted to take the two shots and promptly nailed both, providng the **margi**n in a 50-48 Lady Steers victory over Lake View's

"Coach Taylor had been telling us that we seniors were going to have to step up and make a difference," Cole said in explaining why she didn't hest tate for an instant in volunteer ing for the pressure situation. *Tm one of those seniors. It was time to step up and get the job done.

Those two points allowed Cole, whose playing time is limited by back pain created by a ruptured disc, to finish the night with six points her 2 for 2 showing at the line being the lone bright spot in forget table 13-of-38 free throw shoot ing by the Lady Steers.

"I think Nadia was mad at herself ... knew she'd missed a couple of easy shots from the field earlier in the game." Taylor said. "She knew that's where she could contribute."

The win, which improved the Lady Steers to 14-9 on the season and 4-2 in district play, and thanks to Sweetwater's 50-39 win over Andrews Friday night, leaves Big Spring just one game off the 4-4A lead.

For the Lady Steers, the visit to San Angelo was exactly what Taylor had predicted — a tight game in which turnovers and free throws would make the dif-

In the first two minutes, the Maidens took a 4-0 lead, only to see Big Spring catch fire from close range and rattle off 12 unanswered points — all but two coming from inside the

Midway through the second quarter, the Lady Steers enjoyed their biggest lead, a 19-

But the Lady Steers, plagued by poor free throw shooting and a number of ball handling errors, would score just four more points coming off a couple of jumpers by post Keesha Lott in the next three minutes and see the Maidens

take a 24-23 lead. Marlena Light managed a free throw with 41 seconds and Lott managed a steal and layup with 28 seconds before the half to give Big Spring a 26-24 lead at the break

The Maidens returned from the locker room and immediately went on the war path, rattling off eight quick points to take a 32-28 lead and costed to a 36-34 edge with eight minutes left in the game

With just one second gone in the fourth quarter, Lake View

See LADY STEERS, page 10A



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Big Spring post Nadia Cole (54) puts up a shot over the outstretched hand of Lake View's Stacy Bartz (22) during the third quarter Friday night. Cole sank two crucial free throws in the closing minutes to give the Lady Steers a 50-48 win over the

Lake View holds off determined Steers effort

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO It's become ing an all too familiar scenario Big Spring's Steers are capable of almost staying with the best teams District 4-4A has to offer. only to see the opposition pull away in the closing minutes.

The result being, of course, that the Steers saw their record drop to 4-18 overall and 1.3 in 4.4A play Friday with a 70-54 loss to San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs.

"We played well again these kids really go out there an battle people hard, but we get ourselves into a position where we have to start taking

we invariably get hurt," Steers coach Gary Tipton admitted.

The Steers, giving up a considerable edge in heighth to the Chiefs, just refused to quit Friday time and time again. battling back when it appeared as if Lake View was on the verge of turning the game into a blowout

Despite the Chief's size advantage, Big Spring's front line kept the Steers in the game much of the night

In the first period, it was Chauncey Ford and reserve post Casey Cowley who combined for 10 points in the final four minutes to trim a sevenpoint Lake View lead to just three, 17-14. And in the second Andy Hall to pull within seven. See STEERS, page 10A

Wollenzien's seven points that led the way allowing the Chiefs to enjoy no more than a 34-30 edge at intermission.

But late in the third quarter, after a couple of 3-pointers from Justin Myers had again—throw line to complement the trimmed a significant Lake View lead to just three, the Chiefs pulled out to an 11 point. margin behind the play of swingman Kendall Jones and posts Cody Renfro and Jorge Villarreal.

Even when foul troubles prevented them from working as aggressively in the paint as they would have wished, with Myers and swingman

Unfortunately, Big Spring would score just three more points another long-distance shot from Myers providing them while the Chiefs managed eight points from the free dominance Renfro and Villarreal asserted in the paint.

Ford and Wollenzien would both take an early seat after fouling out, but the Chiefs' size advantage not only allowed them to dominate the boards, but to give the Steers problems offensively

"We missed some shots we Wollenzien and Ford combined - normally wouldn't have missed

runnerup last year, Parnevik shares Phoenix lead with Verplank final threesome. He was alone at 204 another former Phoenix champion last year in a record-setting 26-under on Nos. 17 and 18.

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. Jesper Parnevik, runnerup in last year's Phoenix Open, and Scott Verplank shot 5-under-par 66s Saturday to move from three shots back to share a two-shot

The smiling Swede and Verplank, who won the PGA Tour's Qualifying School tournament in November to regain his playing privileges, took 54hole totals of 11-under 202 into Sunday's final round.

Paul Stankowski will complete the

after shooting a 67.

Defending champion Steve Jones, Frank Lickliter and Vijay Singh, who

won at Phoenix in 1995, were at 205. Lickliter had a 66, while Jones and Singh settled for even-par 71s on a day when occasional wind and fast greens made the TPC of Scottsdale layout unforgiving to most.

Halfway leader Kelly Gibson, 9-under to start the round, skied to a 76 and was in a six-player group at 209.

John Daly, Tom Watson, Larry Mize and Brent Geiberger and Lee Janzen,

(1993), were four shots off the lead.

Daly shot a 66 in what he called his best round in years, but Geiberger carded a 72 after finishing the last three holes of the second round Saturday morning.

He was one of 13 players who were still on the course Friday night when darkness forced postponement of the round. With the completion of the second

round, 73 players made the cut at even-Jones beat Parnevik by 11 strokes four of the last five. His only bogey of the round, a twoputt from 15 feet after driving his tee shot on No. 10 into a fairway bunker,

knocked him back to 7-under after a two-birdie performance on the front Parnevik got the shot back with a 20foot birdie putt on No. 14, two-putted from 30 feet for a birdie on the next

hole, and sank 2- and 5-foot birdie putts

258. But he was shaky on the back nine Verplank, a 33-year-old diabetic for the second straight round, and whose problems keeping his card are Parnevik birdied the last two holes and related to his struggles with the disease, also bounced back from bogey problems on the front nine and had an even bigger finish.

Four of his five birdies and an eagle came on the back nine.

He eagled the 332-yard 17th hole by driving onto the green and one-putting from 40 feet.

That gave him sole possession of the lead until Parnevik holed out on No.

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New Mexico	1	3	7	7
Odessa	1	3	8	9
Frank Phillips	1	3.	5	10
Western Texas	0	4	5	14

Howard 65, New Mexico JC 44 Midland 81, Clarendon 72; Frank Phillips 69, Western Texas 57; South Refugio 2, White 1.

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Clarendon	0 4	8 6

Midland 82. Clarendon 66: Frank Phillips 77, New Mexico Military 70;

South Plains at Howard, Frank Mexico JC, Odessa at New Mexico

High Schools

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3-point goals: Wall 4 (West 2 Hoelscher, Braden). Records: Wall is 10-13 overall, 3-3 in District 8-2A, Forsan is 12-10, 3-2. JV score: Wall 38, Forsan

Stanton 72, Tornillo 38 STANTON — Madison 2, Ricky Simer 4, Graves 5, Hull 10, Adams 4, Cobb 6. Washington 9, DeLeon 3, Randi Simer 2A; Tornillo is 11-12, 1-4. 5, Moore 4. Totals 33 2-3 72
TORNILLO — Hernandez 6, Estrada 2, Calderon 24, M. Hernandez 6. Totals

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arden City 98, Sanderson 31 SANDERSON — Luevano 15, Castro

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Records: Garden City is 19-3, 1-0 in District 30-1A. Sanderson is 0-1 in 30-

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13 23 13 21-70 White Motor Co. Stanton over Brown

10 16 16 20-62 Fence Co. 8-0, Cowboy's over BSI 6-2,

Records: Eula is 15-9, Coahoma is Ups & Downs over Hardison Appliance

16-8. JV score: Eula 26, Coahoma 17.

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O'Daniel 257; hi sc ind game women
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COAHOMA — Lain 28, Gwyn 18, Joycee Davis 246; hi sc ind series men
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Wall 57, Forsan 36 FORSAN — Walker 2, Gamble 2, Davis 8, Gaston 14, Jackson 5, Voight ow 3. Totals 13 8-14 36. Sykes 2, Weatherford 9, Braden 18, Krutschmer 18, Waltispurger

Robertson Body Shop 78-82, A Timeless Design 76-84, Hardison Appliance 75-13 13 16 15-57 85, Federal Oil 71-89, Tonn Cleaners WALL 3-point goals: Forsan 2 (Gaston, Bristow); Wall 2 (Weatherford, Braden). Records: Wall is 10-13 overall, 3-3 in 63.97 District 8-2A; Forsan is 12-10, 3-2.

Garden City 64, Sanderson 42

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SANDERSON — Escamilla 13, Rodriguez 9, Cantu 4, Kennedy 14, Sanchez 2, Totals 17 79 42.
GARDEN CITY — Scott 2, C. Hoelscher 4, Hoch 17, S. Hoelscher 8, core by Quarters: SANDERSON 10 13 7 12-42 G. CITY

Wall 40, Forsan 25
FORSAN — Crow 3, Crouch 4, Hughes 4, Evans 4, Proctor 10. Totals 10 5-11 25.

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3 point goals: Sanderson 2 (Kennedy 2). Records: Garden City is 912 overall, 1-0 in District 30-1A; Sanderson is 5-40

STANTON — J. Smith 2, Herm 16, J. hi sc team series Big Spring Music Cobb 3, Davis 12, Louder f1, C. Cobb 6, Washington 25, C. Smith 7, Totals 29 Music 757, hi hdcp team series Loan

TORNILLO - Silva 5, Garcia 9, Escobar 2, Delgado 6, Castro 6, Silva 6, Villarreal 10. Totals 19 4-6 44. Score by Quarters: 22 9 14 27-72

3-point goals: Stanton 2 (Herm 2); Tornillo 2 (Garcia, Delgado). Records: Stanton is 9-1 overall, 5-0 in District 6-

LOCAL BOWLING

3-point goals: Stanton 4 (Hull 2, over Big Spring State Park 8 0, Flo's over Triple T Auto 8 0, Tough As Nails Peggy Huckabee 582; most over average and Simer, Graves); Tornillo 1 Yellow Rose over Kelly's Cafe 8 0, over GM & Skull Fragments 6 2, Chili game ABC Tim Helmstetler 71.

Fifth Wheels tied Hester's Mechanical 4
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Thompson 2.

Score by Quarters:
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TUESDAY COUPLES
RESULTS-Big Spring Farm Supply over Chili Peppers 8-0, Tough As Nails over GM & Skull Fragments 8-0, Triple T Auto over WGAS 6-2, Burgess Auto over WGAS 6-2, Burgess Auto over Worken Grill split Campbell Contracting 4-4, Mobile Home Park over Ghost Team 8-0, Large Boys over team 14 8-0. Willia's Large Boys over team 14 8-0, Willie's Boys over Bud Light 6-2; hi sc ind game Mike Elliott 277, hi sc ind series Nea Anderson 687, hi hdcp ind game Ne 62, Fred's Contracting tied Federal Oil
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> 4, Campbell Contracting 4-4, WGAS 2-6
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2246; hi hdcp team series Cowboy's MEN'S CAPROCK RESULTS-Willie's Boys over Team 14

82-78, Fred's Contracting 81-79, Morris

RESULTS-Halfmann's General Store

over Arrow Refrigeration 8.0. Slow Starters over A Timeless Design 6.2. Spanky's over The Astros 8-0, Conoco

over Morris Robertson Body Shop 6-2.

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STANDINGS- Parks Agency, Inc. 104
56, Big Spring Mobile Home Park 104
56, White Motor Co. Stanton 93-67,
Brown Fence Co. 92-68, Ups & Downs
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27-76, Early Cover Bud Light 8-0, Tough As Nails over WGAS 8-0, Scotty's Bar N Grill over GM
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team series Willie's Boys 2583. STANDINGS-Tough As Nails 16-0 Willie's Boys 14-2, Triple T Auto 14-2 Large Boys 12-4, Big Spring Farm Allan's Furniture split with M&M's 4-4.
Loan Stars over Fifth Wheels 6-2, H&R
Block over Miller Time 8-0, Western 8-8, Chili Peppers 6-10, Campbell Fine 4, Guerrero 18, Frysak 9, Schmitz Auto over Security State Bank 8-0, Big Contracting 4-12, Bud Light 2-14, WGAS 2-14, GM & Skull Fragments 2-14.

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game man Jeremy Smith 300, hi hdcp series man David Backhouse 710; hi sc 4.4. Bob's Custom Woodworking 2.6 game woman Joycee Davis 266, hi sc series woman Joycee Davis 657, hi hdcp game woman Joycee Davis 293, hi hdcp series woman Joycee Davis 738. Awesome 4 678; hi sc team series hi sc team game Big Spring Music 673. hi sc team series Big Spring Music 1754, hi hdcp team game Big Spring Music 757, hi hdcp team series Loan team series Awesome 4 2448, Denny's STANDINGS.H&R Block 91-53,
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Robertson Body Shop 83-59, Spanky's
Helmstetler 233, Ron Burton 213; hi sc 83.61. Western Auto 82.60. Slow series ABC Richard Rowden 626. Ton-22 9 14 27-72 Starters (unopposed) 81-55, M&M's 80-9 13 8 14-44 64, Big Spring Music 74-68, Allan's game ABC Tim Helmstetler 263, Richard Rowden 261, Tony Shankles 231; h Store 70.74, Powder Pistols (postponed) 70.60, Arrow Refrigeration 68.76, Conoco 68.76, Loan Stars 66.76, Fifth Wheels 66.76, A Timeless Design 64 Dana Whatley 173, Peggy Huckabee 172; hi sc series WIBC Peggy Huckabe 483, Dana Whatley 449, Debra Barto 437: hi hdcp game WIBC Debra Bartor RESULTS Burgess Auto over Large 259, Dana Whatley 221, Pegg Boys 8-0, Bud Light over Big Spring Huckabee 205; hi hdcp series WIBC RESULTS-Head Hunters Beauty Salon Farm Supply 6-2, Morehead Transfer Debra Barton 641, Dana Whatley 593,

Nicklaus' streak to end at Masters

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One of the great streaks in sports will end at the Masters in April when Jack Nicklaus plays the last of his 145 consecutive major championships.

The United States Golf Association on Friday did not offer a special exemption to Nicklaus for the 1998 U.S. Open, ending a run of consecutive major championships played that started in 1962.

Gathering in Tucson, Ariz., for its annual meeting, the USGA gave special exemptions for 1998 to Pat Bradley and Beth Daniel in the Women's Open and Peter Oosterhuis in the Senior Open.

No exemptions were granted for the U.S. Open, but a rules change allowing the top 20 on the final World Golf Rankings of the previous year into the tournament meant that three

big names not otherwise eligi-- Tom Watson, Fred Couples and Jumbo Ozaki can play.

Nicklaus has played in all four of the majors each year since turning pro in 1962 and has played in 152 of the professional majors dating back to the 1957 U.S. Amateur, when he

qualified as an amateur. The decision of the USGA, which has offered Nicklaus five invitations in the past, neither surprised nor upset him.

... As far as I'm concerned, I didn't expect the last couple,' he said from Hawaii, where he is playing this weekend in the Senior Skins game. "They've been very kind to me through the years, and I've enjoyed my association with the USGA in playing in Opens and USGA events.

"Obviously, I hate to see anything come to an end, but all

good things must come to an end someplace. As I've said many times, I don't want to be competing when the USGA thinks I might be taking up a spot for some younger player, somebody who can be more competitive."

The streak could continue if the 58-year-old Nicklaus decided to go through qualifying rounds to get into the U.S. Open, but he has said he wouldn't do that.

Nicklaus, Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones and Willie Anderson are the only four-time winners of the U.S. Open. Nicklaus played in his first Open as a 17-year-old amateur in 1957 at Inverness in Toledo and has not missed one since -41 consecutive years.

Last year, Nicklaus played in on his fifth special exemption since 1991. He finished 52nd.

Nicklaus has not finished in the top 20 in the U.S. Open since 1986 when he was eighth.

IT'S TIME

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beat them, or Pittsburgh and beat them," Shanahan said. "It doesn't matter what anybody says. I told the team, 'Talk is cheap, let's show people what we can do on the football field.'

The Broncos are just the fifth wild-card team to make it to the Super Bowl. Only one, the 1980 Oakland Raiders, won it.

Elway is back in the Super

years. He'll be returning to the scene of one of Denver's Super Bowl disasters, a 42-10 loss to the Washington Redskins 10 years ago.

"John Elway knows what's

ahead of him; what type of team we're facing, and he's been working his lifetime for this type of opportunity," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said.

Holmgren said he's admired Elway for years.

"But any sentiment, as far as Bowl for the first time in eight his fourth game and all that, I Anderson.

don't involve myself in that. My job is to prepare our team to beat him and beat Denver. That doesn't change my personal feelings for John Elway. And I think he knows that. But he also knows what I have to do."

As expected, the Packers placed backup receiver-special teams player Don Beebe on injured reserve due to a strained hamstring and replaced him on the roster with practice squad receiver Ronnie

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38. That defeat came a week before the Dallas game, which the Packers won 45-17.

With apologies to Favre and Levens, who ran for 1,435 yards, defense is the reason for Green Bay's successful season.

Favre, who shared his third straight MVP award with Detroit's Barry Sanders, is certainly the most dangerous player on the roster. But it's the defense that keeps him from forcing the ball into trouble, as he did earlier in his career.

The Packers have allowed formations to read and using only 109 points in their last 10 strong safety LeRoy Butler and

victories.

The key is Gilbert Brown, the nose tackle who is listed at 345 pounds and is almost impossible to move when healthy. He's missed two-thirds of the

a variety of injuries but says he's fine now. "Three forty-five? Is that what

they say? He looks to me like 400 and quick," Shanahan said. allows defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur to open his bag of tricks, giving Elway multiple

Packers' plays this season with had three sacks. Denver's defense isn't quite as solid — it's last in the league in

the swift linebacking corps led

Reggie White, 35 and ham-

pered by a bad back, can still be

a force in big moments. In his

first Super Bowl last year, he

by Brian Williams to blitz.

average yards per rush allowed. That means that while both teams point to Davis as the key, If Brown can contain Davis, it the game may still come down to Elway, who has led 44 gamesaving drives in his 15-year career. He said he will ponder retirement after Sunday's game

win or lose.

Sports Briefs

From staff and wire reports

Lady Mavericks teams fall in Snyder tourney openers

Goliad's Lady Mavericks teams dropped their opening games in the Snyder Seventh-Grade Basketball Tournament, the "B" team suffering a 34-19 setback at the hands of Snyder's host team, while the "A" team

was a 30-20 loser to Sweetwater. Krystal Long scored eight points in leading the Lady Mavs "B" and Rachelle Guinn had six. Guinn also recorded nine steals, while Amanda Sellars and Eve Tobar had four apiece.

In the "A" team's loss, Ashley Smith had eight points to lead

the Big Spring effort, while Esha Ward. Courtney Brock dominated the boards with 10 rebounds, while Ashley Smith and Trina Cooper had eight and six car-

oms, respectively. **Hunter** education course scheduled for Feb. 19-21

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, has been scheduled for Feb. 19-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at Third and Gregg

Participants must pay a \$10 fee. Class sessions are slated for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 19-20 and from 8 a.m. until noon on

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The course's instructor will

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be Boyce Hale. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, call 267-6957 or

Big Spring's Carl Coleman going in ACU Hall of Fame

Carl Coleman of Big Spring is among a group of five former people elected to the Sports Hall of Fame at Abilene Christian

Coleman, who was a threeyear letterman in football at ACU and graduated in 1939, was later a highly-successful high school football coach at pecos, Stamford and Big Spring from

1942-1955. During those 14 seasons, Coleman's teams compiled a 97-49 record. His 1953 Big Spring Steers team was the state runner-up.

He and the other new members of the hall will be officially inducted on Saturday, Feb. 21.



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Playing like a man possessed, Raef LaFrentz returned to the

Kansas lineup Saturday and led

the third-ranked Jayhawks to a

devastating 30-point halftime lead and an 88-49 win over

Texas Tech, their school-record

56th straight victory in Allen

LaFrentz scored 31 points, one

off the career high he had

against Arizona on Dec. 2, and

had 15 rebounds as Kansas (22-

3, 6-1 Big 12) gave Texas Tech (8-

8, 2-4) its worst loss since a 42-

The Jayhawks set the school

record for consecutive wins at

home in their 100th season of

basketball. Kansas had not lost

at home since Missouri defeated

the Jayhawks 81-74 on Feb. 20,

Dominating both ends of the

court, the 6-foot-11 LaFrentz

scored on a variety of turn-

around jumpers, short jump

shots, putbacks and dunks. He

made consecutive 3-pointers,

the second giving Kansas a 70-30

inspired by the return of the

preseason All-America after he

had missed nine games because

of a broken finger on his right

hand. LaFrentz, an All-America

last season, had been leading

the team with 21.2 points a

game and 11.4 rebounds at the

Texas Tech was 4-of-29 from

the field in the first half, failing

to score for the first seven min-

seemed

lead with 8:36 left.

His teammates

point defeat to Baylor in 1987.

Field House.



Intrepid 'critter' trapper finds mice with antlers almost impossible to find

When I arrived at the Circle K Ranch near Dolores, Colo., this past August, I found squirrels, chipmunks and mice seemed to have taken over the lodge

open door was, to them, an invitation for some of these critters to come in and they die Some chip-

munks



Hale

climbed over the fireplace wood while others invaded the kitchen

One had the nerve to climb upon the prep table and sit up as to say, "I'm hungry. The owners of the Circle K

declared an emergency. As "cute" as the chipmunks were, something had to be done. So Al asked me if I would trap and dispose of the mice, squirrels and chipmunks. The consensus was to trap the mice and dispose of them by incineration to prevent possible spread of bad

germs The chipmunks and squir rels were to be live trapped and then removed to another

I baited and set 12 mouse traps and Al purchased a live trap for me to catch chip-

munks and squirrels. Soon I had caught 40 mice. and was catching chipmunks

pretty often I burned the mice, and as I

caught chipmunks. I relocated

them some two miles from the ranch.

I continued to catch mice a few each day. And after six days, I had caught 16 chipmunks and four squirrels. The

mice count was nearing 60. By this time, I had reduced the critter population to a level that we could live with. The cold nights also slowed

their activity. About mid-September, we halted our harvest of chipmunks and squirrels, and for a month we did not see any of them in the lodge.

Declaring the varmint emergency over, we put away our live trap. But I continued trapping mice.

In October, many hunters arrived for the first rifle hunt which opened Oct. 11, 1997. Among them was Blain Blakslee of Pennsylvania who is a taxidermist. He came with his father Bill along with seven other hunters.

Shortly after Blain arrived. he presented Joan, Al's wife, with a large box.

Joan opened the box, and lifted a glass frame covering a mounted squirrel and an antlered mouse.

Those of us who were in on the eradication of mice and chipmunks, marveled at such a coincidence — that a person in Pennsylvania would mount and present to Joan Cannon the very things we had worked so hard to eliminate

for a month Blain did not know that we had an "on going" war for these critters

You know of all the mice I caught, not one of them had a set of antlers. Just my luck!

in scoring with 24 points a game, was 1-for-10 from the field in the first half and had only two points. Carr, who has scored 30 or more points four times this season and 20 or more in 12 of Tech's previous 15

games, did not score until 2:12

was left in the first half. He finished with 16 points. It was lowest point total for a half of the season for Tech. The previous low was 22 points in an 81-62 loss at New Mexico on

Dec. 20.

Tech was outrebounded 35-13 in the first half and found itself in a dogfight for every loose ball, often with LaFrentz in the middle of the action. LaFrentz had 13 points and 11 rebounds in the first half as Kansas took a 44-14 lead.

The Jayhawks took a 16-0 lead with LaFrentz scoring six points. He hit a short turnaround jumper with 18:15 to play in the half for his first points since he was injured Dec. 26 during practice in a collision with Eric Chenowith, the backup center who played a key role as Kansas went 7-2 in LaFrentz's absence.

Tech did not score until Stan Bonewitz hit a 3-pointer with 13:09 left in the half. Bonewitz hit a jumper with 11:57 to play, and that was it from the field for the Red Raiders until Carr's basket with 2:12 to play ended a 21-0 Kansas run.

LaFrentz had two baskets as Kansas scored the first six points of the second half, and then scored on a reverse dunk

Cory Carr, leading the Big 12 with about 15 minutes to play for a 52-17 lead.

Duke 72, Virginia 65

LaFrentz leads Kansas to 88-49 win over Tech

Trajan Langdon scored eight of his 15 points over the final 3:54 and top-ranked Duke survived a rare scare in its season of runaway victories, beating Virginia 72-65 Saturday.

The Blue Devils (18-1, 7-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) came in having outscored their opponents by an average of 30.8 points. But they couldn't shake the Cavaliers until Langdon scored on a drive with 3:54 left and then added a 3-pointer with 2:58 to play, giving Duke a 63-56

Virginia (10-10, 2-5) closed within two points several times in the second half, but each time the Blue Devils answered, keeping intact a remarkable streak in which they've only trailed once after halftime all

Missouri 80, Iowa 79

Kelly Thames made two free throws with 5.6 seconds left in overtime as Missouri, down 14 points early in the second half, beat No. 10 Iowa 80-79 Saturday. its fourth victory over a ranked opponent in a month.

Missouri (11-7) also beat No. 20 Maryland on Dec. 30, No. 25 Oklahoma State on Jan. 14 and No. 3 Kansas last Monday night. This time, the Tigers rallied from a 46-32 deficit with 18:43, and handed Iowa its first loss in 15 games when leading at halftime.

Kent McCausland's fifth 3-

pointer with two seconds to go in regulation-gave Iowa a 70-69 lead. But Jeff Hafer completed a three-quarter court inbounds pass to 6-foot-11 Tate Decker, who made the second of two free throws after being fouled near the basket to force the extra period.

Utah 67, UNLV 54

Michael Doleac and Hanno Mottola each scored 12 points in the first half as No. 4 Utah broke open the game early Saturday and beat UNLV 67-54 to remain unbeaten.

Utah (17-0, 5-0 Western Athletic Conference) ensured its best start ever by shutting down UNLV's offense for long stretches of the game. The game was essentially over after the first half, with Utah leading 40-20 and UNLV unable to sustain any offensive momentum.

UNLV (9-8, 2-3) made a brief run late in the second half, pulling within 65-54 on a threepoint play by Kaspars Kambala with 26 seconds left, but never seriously challenged the Utes.

Connecticut 63, Syracuse 54 Richard Hamilton scored 24 points and No. 8 Connecticut used its smothering defense to beat No. 15 Syracuse 63-54 Saturday in a battle between the

Big East's top two teams. Connecticut (17-3, 7-2) won despite missing two key players, forward Kevin Freeman and backup forward Antric Klaiber.

The Orangemen shot just 31.6 percent for the game.

STEERS

time of his injury.

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tonight," Tipton inside explained. "Of course, that's going to happen when you're having to adjust your frajectory as much as we were.

Myers' five 3-pointers allowed him to finish with 20 points and a share of game-high honors

with Lake View point guard Alonzo Robinson. Ford would add 12 more, but Wollenzien and Hall were only able to muster seven points each in support.

Conversely, Villarreal had 19

points for the Chiefs and Renfro added 14 more. Jones finished with nine.

With the win, Lake View

improved its record to 14-8 on the season and to 2-2 in District 4-4A play

The Steers now have one more road trip before retuning to the confines of Steer Gym. Big Spring travels to Fort Stockton Tuesday to close out the first half of district play.

Lake View 70, Big Spring 54

Myers 1:5 3:5 20, Jonathan Watson 0:0 0:0 0, Andy Hall 3:0 1:1 7, Bandy Rollins 0:0 0:0 0, Greg Wollenzien 3:0 1:4 7, Casey Cowley 2:0 0:0 4, Chauncey Ford 5:0

2-4 12. Totals 15 5 9-17 54. LAKE VIEW — Alonzo Robinson 8 0 4-5 20, Clav Elliott 0 0 0-0 0, Manuel Lozano 0 0 2-4 2, B.J. Brown 1 0 0 0 2, Woody Lyte 0 0 0 0 0, Grant Freeman 1 0 0 1 2, Kendall Jones 4 0 1 2 9, David Pollock 0 0 0 0 0, Michael Williams 0 0 2 2 2, Jorge Villarreal 8 0 38 19, Cody Renfro 4 0 6 9 14. Totals 26 0 18 31 70.

3-point goals: Big Spring 5 (Myers 5). Fouled out: Big Spring:Wollenzien, Ford; Lake View-None. Total fouls: Big Spring 26; Lake View 16. Records: Big Spring is 4 18 overall. 1:3 in District 4:44, Lake View is 14-8, 2:2.

LADY STEERS

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guard Bridget Leifeste hit a pair of free throws — the Maidens were only 17-of-32 from the line themselves to take a 38-34

Maggie Haddad and Lott combined to tie the game at the 7:02 mark, but the Lady Steers were unable to maintain their intensity and were again down by two when Maidens point guard Christi Bulloch hit a pair of free throws.

As had been the case in the two teams' first meeting at Big Spring, however, Lake View was unable to capitalize due to foul troubles.

By the game's end, three of

the Lake View starters — Amy Rodriguez, Leifeste and Stacy Bartz – were seated on the bench with five personals.

Even more damaging, however, was the loss of sophomore post Hillery Lee to an ankle injury with exactly four minutes showing on the clock

As a result, the Lady Steers were able to claw their way even and take a 47-46 lead at the 2:36 mark when Cole scored from inside the paint. Haddad make it 48-46 with a free throw at the 2:27 mark.

Desperately trying to get back into the game, the Maidens scrambled for every loose ball. In the process, Bartz drew her fifth foul at the 1:32 mark

attempting to take the ball from Spring's Traci Bellinghausen. In the process, Bulloch fouled also Bellinghausen — an infraction the officials termed intentional.

When Bellinghausen missed the first two free throws, Taylor asked for volunteers and Cole responded.

"All year long our Achilles heel has been free throw shooting," Taylor admitted. "We work on it every day and make shot after shot at the line, then we get in a game and look like we've never shot them before.

"But when we absolutely had to have them, Nadia stepped up and wanted to make them."

Lott paced the Lady Steers with 17 points, while Light was

the only other Big Spring player in double figures with 10. Lee led the Maidens with 14 before going down with the injury and Bulloch added 10 more.

BIG SPRING — Krissi McWherter 0 0 0 4 0, Keesha Lott 7 0 3-8 17, Amy Jackson 0 0 0 0 0, Maggie Haddad 2 0 2 7 6, Traci Bellinghausen 1 0 2 4 4, Kara Hughes 3 0 0 1 6, Marisa Smith 0 0 1 2 1, Marlena Light 2 1 3 10 10, Nadia Cole 2 0 2 2 6. Totals 17 1

LAKE VIEW — Bridget Leifeste 0 0 5-6 5, Christi Bulloch 1 0 8-11 10, Hillary Lee 5 1 1-4 14, Angela Hogea 0 0 0-0 0, Stacy Bartz 4 0 1 3-9, Amy Rodriguez 0 0 1 2 1, Cassey Irvin 2 0 1-4 5, Erica Hernandez 0 0 0-0 0, Candace Simpson 2 0 0 0 4, Nicole Turner 0 0 0-2 0, Totals 14 1 17-32 48.

Score by Quarters:

Jackson 0.1, McWherter 0.1); Lake View 1.5 (Lee 1.1, Irvin 0.2, Bulloch 0.1, Rodriguez 0.1). Rebounds: Big Spring 22 (Lott 8); Lake View 42 (Lee 11, Bartz 10). Fouls: Big Spring 27. Lake View 30. Fouled out: Big Spring Lott; Lake View Rodriguez. Leifeste, Bartz Lumovers: Big Spring 26, Lake View 27. Records: Big Spring is 149 overall, 42 in District 4.4A; Lake View is 13.11, 2.4.

Floyd continues Skins dominance

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KOHALA COAST, Hawaii The Senior Skins Game continues to be Raymond Floyd's domain for now

Floyd, seeking his fifth consecutive victory at the Mauna Lani South Course, won five skins Saturday. He collected \$100,000 of the day's \$210,000 with a birdie at the 403-yard

Hale Irwin, last year's leading player on the Senior PGA Tour, got \$50,000 with an 18-foot birdie putt at the 398-yard sev-

That was all the winnings for the day, leaving \$390,000 on the table for Sunday's final nine

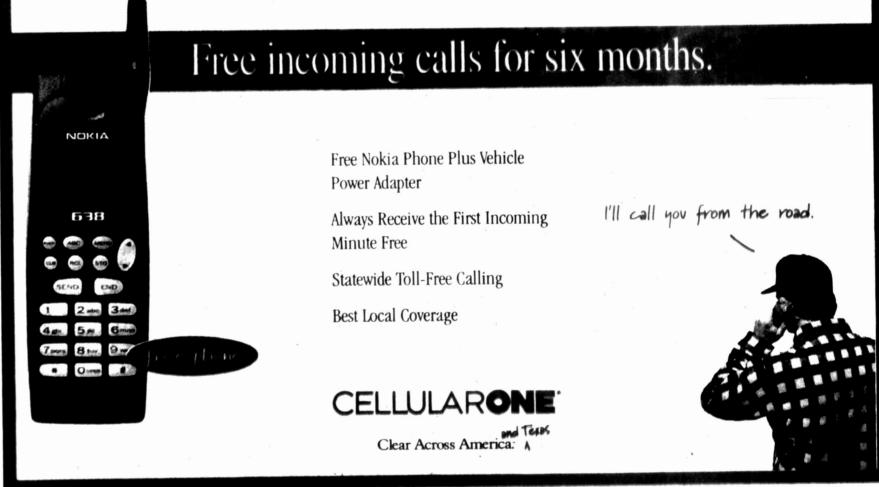
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Harris Conservatory of Assistance Kee Assistance Ke WISH YOU WERE MERE

hen Betty Franklin was growing up in Lenorah, she used to sit with her Min Lenoran, she used to the face "glued to the window" in the family home, looking out at Scenic

"I thought it was beautiful," she recalled, "and I knew I had to go there."

It wasn't long before she did. Betty married her husband, Fred, when she was only 16 and they lived in Big Spring. But the little girl from Lenorah still yearned

It wasn't until 1991, after both retired, that the Franklins began to realize that dream. Their first trip with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Travelers was to Hawaii.

"We had wanted to go," Betty said. Her husband was visiting with some friends, including Joy Decker, then director of RSVP. She suggested he and Betty could organize a group tour.

Soon the RSVP Travelers was born. Seven years later, the Franklins are still coordinating trips for the group, working with current director Nancy Jones and travel agent Lena Bilbrey.

This year, among the planned excursions is a return to Hawaii, which the Franklins plan to take as a celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, which is

Any adult is welcome to take the tours. RSVP earns a portion of the proceeds, using the money for such things as office equipment and special programs. The agency, which operates mostly with grant money, places retired people in volunteer positions in Big Spring and the surround-

Interested people can get more information at the RSVP Travel Showcase today at 2 p.m. at Dora Roberts Civic Center. The travel agency and RSVP representatives will be on hand, with summaries of each planned trip for 1998.

Among the excursions set for this year are the Hawaii trip, a 10-day tour April 9-18 with a seven-night cruise and tour of Pearl Harbor.

June 1-6, the group will travel to Branson and Eureka Springs. This tour features musical performances by the Osmonds, Shoji Tabuchi, and Country

Aug. 15, a day trip will take the group to see "Phantom of the Opera" in Fort Worth. Oct. 6-9, they will travel to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

A "Smoky Mountain Christmas" is planned Dec. 9-16, with tours of Dollywood, the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, N.C. and Pigeon Forge's

The Franklins have taken several trips since they started the group in cities; an Alaskan tour; a Branson trip; trips to Canada and the Amish country in Pennsylvania

and Ohio. "We come back with friends we didn't have before," Betty 'said, adding that, since they often spend days together on a tour bus, the

group gets to know each other pretty well.

"That makes the trip," she said, "we have a lot of fun on the bus." Travelers change seats regularly, so they get to know the others in the group.

"It's been a wonderful opportunity for us," Betty said.

"I couldn't do this if it weren't for Fred and Betty, said Nancy Jones, RSVP director. "These trips are a wonderful way for people to get together and have a good time. And they do

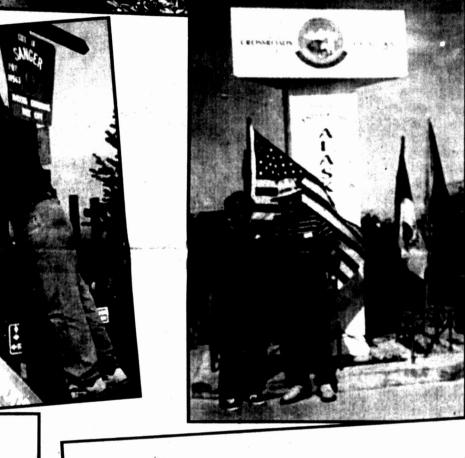
have a wonderful time. Reunions of some tours bring travelers back together for sharing of photographs and momentos. New travelers are often recruited by the Franklins at senior citizen's dances throughout

the area. For the Franklins. RSVP Travelers has opened up a new world. They have pen pals from all over the country, and several other countries, and look forward to each trip as a new adventure. This year's return to Hawaii will be their first

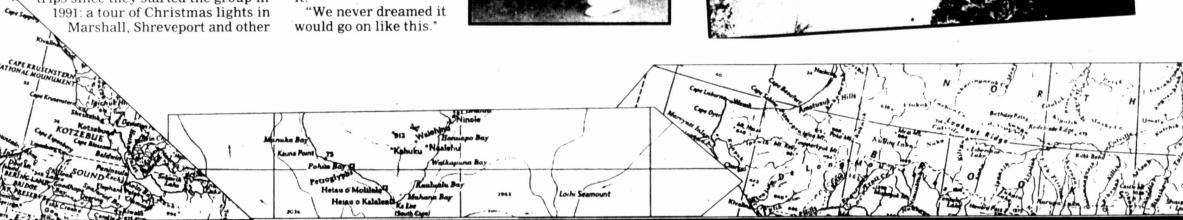
cruise. "We never expected to continue this," Betty said. "As far as I was concerned, that first trip was

The photos are all from the travel scrapbook of Fred and Betty Franklin, who coordinate the tours for Retired Senior Volunteer Program. At left, Bridal Veil Falls, from the Agawa Canyon Train Tour, August 1996; Below, left, traveler David Rhoton nails a Big Spring sign to the Watson Lake Sign Post Forest in Alaska; Below, right, Fred and Betty Franklin pose with the last mile marker on Alaskan Highway in June 1995; Bottom, left, the Franklins on their first RSVP trip, Hawaii in 1991. Below, right, the natural bridge on Mackinac Island, Michigan, July 1996.

OSTORY BY DEBBIE L. JENSEND







Sick as a dog (but not as noble) on Super Bowl Sunday

I'm sick. My eyes run. My nose runs, and I am a step away from dehydration. Chills come on the heels of bouts of fever and vice versa. My joints ache and I am nauseated. I

have a headache. I think I have Parvo virus.

The sickest patient I've ever seen (who recovered) was my dog, George, when he had

One morning he was a healthy, active dog, standing his watch and being loyal. By mid-afternoon he was down on the porch, and by evening he couldn't lift his head.

The next morning he was still there and I could count his ribs. The weight he lost

overnight was unbelievable.

The vet came and diagnosed the oven Parvo. He said the rapid weight loss was dehydration; that it played a big part in losing animals to the virus. He left some medicine that might help.

If I could just get him to drink water. "That's the key," he said as he patted us and left. "Make him drink water."

Poor George. He hadn't eaten in about 18 hours. He couldn't lift his head. How could I make him drink?

I pulled a roast from the deep freeze and put it in a pan with a cup or two of water and some instant gravy mix. I salted it good. Then I salted it some more. Real good.

I covered it with foil, put it in

and went out on the porch to with George The barn cats were

gathered around, on the verge of singing hymns and I ran them off.

Eunice Choate Columnist George

didn't open his eyes, but he was breathing. He wasn't dead yet. I sat there while the roast

cooked, dipping my hand in

water and touching it to his mouth. In a few hours, I could smell

the roasting meat through the screen door. My stomach growled and I think George's did too. He hadn't eaten in over 24 hours.

The meat was tender when I took the foil off the pan and stirred up the gravy. I cut off a hunk and chopped it into tiny pieces. Stirred in some gravy.

It smelled so good I took a bite and the salt nearly strangled me. I added a little water to George's bowl and took it to him.

The cats were back. It was the smell of the roast. They thought it was a party

I dipped my finger into the shredded roast and put it under George's lip. When I checked a while later, the meat was gone although I hadn't seen him swallow. I wondered if dogs could eat by osmosis.

When my husband come home, he patted George and went inside. Almost two tablespoons of the meat was gone. I poured a puddle of water under the dog's mouth. If he wanted to drink, he wouldn't have to lift his head.

Inside, my husband was having a roast sandwich. He drank a lot of water that night. George drank his water, too. and he survived. But he was the sickest animal I'd ever

George looked noble in his

struggle. I don't. My eyes are weak and glassy. and my nose is big and red. My throat feel like it's been sprayed with that non-stick cooking stuff. My hair smells like a little boy's head under a wet toboggan. But I'll get over

Not that anyone really cares today. Today is Super Bowl Sunday and no one will pay any attention to me. They'll be living it up, eating pizza and cheering for Green Bay.

I can moan all afternoon and they won't hear. I'll have to get

my own water. I hope the Broncos win.

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Translating real life to fiction can be tricky, but the authors of "Perfect Cover" have accomplished this feat remarkably well. Joyce St. George provides the facts and experience that make this novel riveting. For six years she was a special investigator for the Special Prosecutor's Office, an arm of the New York State Attorney of General's office.

In this role she focused on the investigation and prosecution of corruption within the criminal justice system of that state. Linda Chase is the author of three published books.

Based on actual events, the in the New York City special she can become a "character"

a phone call in which the woman charges that an officer the

force has beaten her and con tinues to harass This investigation leads

Tina into

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Pat Williams Paperback Book Reviewer

other high crime areas, the potential witnesses are frightened of the law and few are willing to cooper-

The other side of Tina's job fictional character of Tina includes her trying to obliterate Paris works as the only female her daily police demeanor so force.

"Perfect Cover." Linda Chase Prosecutor's Office. Tina takes which will take her undercover. While it becomes much like playing a part on the stage, Tina and the other officers are aware that one slip of the tongue or the recognition of one bystander on the scene, can completely destroy their cover as well as whatever background work has preceded the particular moment.

Interspersed with Tina's daily activities is the parallel story of a rapist loose in the communi-

Several young women have survived the rapist's attack, but as he becomes more successful. he delights in using his gun to kill his victims. He also begins sending faxes to the SPO's office which taunt the police, but these cleverly written messages also give hints that he may be a member of the police

Chase and St. George are

adept in their ability to give the story vivid suspense. Just as in real life, they present situations as predictable, but they frequently provide a bizarre twist as each unfold.

To balance the power and severity of ensnaring fellow workers of often-vile offenses, the authors are resourceful in building action that depict the necessary and mundane side of each police officer's job.

"Perfect Cover" is a well-written and exciting novel.

It also presents one of today's social problems in such a manner that the reader must examine his/her own feelings about the frequent predicament of balancing political and moral values within local law enforcement organizations.

RATING: (***) three out of four= Entertaining and worth-

HUMANE



SPOT (pictured)-male American Bulldog, white with black spots, neutered, very energetic, 1 year old

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with brown markings, neutered, very playful.

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years old, spayed. NIPPER-male mixed breed. black and brown 1 1/2 years old, neutered.

ROCKETTE-female, Australian Shepard mix, white and grey, 5 years old, spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35.

New research suggests middle-aged mothers may live into 100s

By ROGER DOBSON

The Guardian

New research suggests middle-aged women who can have a baby without fertility treatment may be around four times more likely to survive to be 100

Researchers at Harvard University have found that women who were naturally fertile and capable of conceiving in their forties and fifties are more likely to live longer. One possibility is that an as yet unknown gene may switch off the ovaries to protect women from the dangers of childbirth as they get older

The longevity of women who are fertile in their forties may also be nature's way of making sure their children are looked after as they grow up. Menopause in women and the reason for it occurring midway through life rather than at the termination, has long fasemate. ed scientists

Only one other mammal, the pilot whale which suckles its young for up to 12 years, spends a significant proportion of its life in a similar postreproductive state

Although menopause occurs on, average at 51, plus or minus a vear or so, fertility has already declined dramatically At the age of 40, it is half what it was at its peak, and for those women who still menstruate at 50 fertility can be down as low as one percent of its peak

Some people believe menopause is a result of us liv ing longer now, but there are references to it in Cleopatra's

The question has always been why does the reproductive ystem stop long before the rest if the vital organs," says Dr. Ruth Fretts, a specialist in the obstetries and synecology department at Harvard and a Imember of the team that car-A theory which we

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born in 1896 and found that those who lived to be 100 were four times more likely to have had children when they were over 40 than women born in the same year who survived only to their mid seventies.

She says that the ability to have children in the forties and fifties may be the main indicator for longevity

The team also believes it's proof that some women age more slowly than others, with a later menopause, as well as late onset of the diseases of old age like Alzheimer's because of a Buddy have spoken to many protective feature of extended - clubs and organizations in the

They also found that women who lived to 100 were also fit and healthy/until the end of their lives, reinforcing the theory that middle-aged fertility can give protection against some disease, possibly because the women have a longer exposure to naturally occurring

estrogen.
The difference in speed of body aging has been noticed in

Although people born on the same day remain chronologically the same age throughout their lives, their individual aging processes may well be different

Philip Steer, professor of obstetrics at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital in London, says "Maturity is not a simple function of chronological age. Some babies mature more quickly than others, just like others walk more readily Similarly, some people are fit and healthy at 75 and others are old and doddery

The possibility of a link between middle-aged female fertility and extended lifespan has important implications However, artificial tertility enhancing techniques are unlikely to have the same kind of effect and nor is hormone replacement therapy

Although hormone replace ment therapy has been linked to a lowering of risk for some diseases, and as an anti-aging seent at is not thought to rupact as much on lifespan as are fertility

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Marr's award proves dream can come true

Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Corey Howard Marr, director of the Animal-Assisted Therapy ent of the Preston E. Harrison

the Texas Department of

Program was named the recipi-Award. Corey has been in Big Spring only 3 years, but his presence has made an impact that will far outlast those years. Many have heard Corey speak, accompanied by his friend and constant companion, Buddy. The volunteers at BSSH are committed to building a building to house the animals used in the Animal-Assisted Program, thus Corey and community. This hard-working and dedicated young man is an asset to our hospital and to our town, and now he has brought

Austin with the top award in the animals will have their new home, and

it all start-Corey, and a dream proud of you, Corey.

Martin Luther King Day was celebrated by patients

and employees at BSSH with a cake made especially for the holiday by Gale's Sweet Shoppe. Volunteers provided the cake and Gale has offered to donate items for the patients from his new bakery and sandwich shop.

Kathy

Higgins

State Hospital

Once again, Big Spring State recognition to BSSH state-wide. patients enjoying chips, dips, Hospital has returned from Hopefully, this time next year, and drinks during the big game. The Volunteer Council also makes this possible. These are the ways volunteers spend the money they make on fundraising projects:

Speaking of fund-raising Valentine Project Chairman, Don Newsom, announced plans this week for Valentine's Day. "Flowers, balloons with bears and singing telegrams will be offered again, and a new item for the western lovers will be a horseshoe with balloons. Get vour orders in early and help support our volunteer project," stated Newsom. Orders will be delivered Friday, February 13. Call the office for more infor-

Community response for coats was great. Spring Tabernacle and College Baptist Super Bowl Sunday will find Church brought plenty to get

us through the crisis. We still need men's clothing and large ladies sizes, but we accept all clothing. If patients can not wear it, we take it to the

A new volunteer job will be passing out magazines and cards during coffee breaks in the ATD atrium. Magazines in good conditions and not too outdated are always needed. also, artificial flowers, baskets and pots. Remember us as you are spring cleaning. Office help is needed for filing. To volunteer or to make donations call the Community Relations office, 268-7535.

Kathy Higgins is the Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital, which include the Volunteer Services and Public Information Department.

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Sul Ross State University has named its Dean's · 1997 fall semester.

Students on the fall honor list from Big Spring include: William Dale Dupree Interdisciplinary Studies

conferred 195 degrees and certificates during commencement ceremonies Doc. 20 in Alpine

Those who received degrees in the fall semester of 1997 include: Miriam Wallace, Master. Education, Counseling.

.The Texas Tech University awarded over \$259,500 to approximately 425 recipient for the 1997-98 academic year Awards ranged from \$200 to \$2,000 for each recipient.

Lenae Michelle Moore was awarded the Percy Ruth Price Memorial Scholarship. She is the daughter of Lynn and Jill Moore of Big Spring

Sul Ross State University

Newcomer Greeting Service Gerry G. and Debbi Leopard.

by Fiberflex Inc Frank and Tracy Olivas and

He works for H-E-B Terry and Rosalinda Sims.

son Sherwin and daughter

employed by the Texas Department of Corrections.

Dana Murray and sons Charles and James, Mt. Juliet, Tenn She works for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Ward and Marla Grisham and daughter Lauren. College Station. He is employed. Oklahoma City, Okla. He works

Jeff Clants, Blackwell, Oklahoma. He is employed by

Conoco Natural Gas. Scott Edwards, San Angelo.

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TUESDAY-Stew, cauliflower & peas, salad, cornbread, milk, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/rolls,

THURSDAY-Chicken, potatoes, carrots, fruit, milk/rolls,

FRIDAY-Steak, potatoes, broccoli, pea salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

SANDS SCHOOLS MONDAY-Bar-be-que on bun,

cake, milk. TUESDAY-Fish w/tartar sauce, pork & beans, salad, fruit, batter bread, milk

ranch style beans, french fries,

WEDNESDAY-Frito salad, pinto beans, corn bread,

cobbler, milk THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Burritos, scalloped potatoes, corn, pudding milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS MONDAY-Riblet/bum or cheeseburger, french fries/cat-

sup, fresh fruit, pudding, fruit drink, milk. TUESDAY-Country steak or chicken nuggets, mashed pota-

toes/gravy, peas & carrots, fruit cobbler, hot roll, milk. WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande or baked potato, refried beans,

lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, fruit drink, milk. THURSDAY-Chili cheese fries or beef fajita, buttered corn, lettuce/tomato salad, fruit cup,

fruit drink, milk. FRIDAY-Choice of sandwiches, potato chips, vegetable soup, apple wedges, fruit drink, BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Pizza (chicken patties/gravy, whipped potatoes) vegetable sticks, peaches, grapes, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips (meatball sandwich) whipped potatoes, green beans, corn on cob, orange, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Jambalaya (chef salad, crackers), salad refried beans/cheese, banana,

THURSDAY-Hamburger (stuffed baked potato, crackers), salad, french fries, applesauce, fruit freeze bar, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili-cheese dog (hamburger stea, whipped potatoes), fried okra, jellow/mixed fruit, pickle spears, milk

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Taco beef pie (ham & cheese sandwich) pinto beans, salad, fresh fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Smothered steak (burrito, fries), rice, broccoli normandy, jello w/fruit, rolls,

WEDNESDAY-Chicken ten-

ders w/gravy (chalupas), mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, fruit cup, milk.

THURSDAY-Pizza (teachers only: salad or baked potato), fries, fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-taco salad (corndog, fries), peach cobbler, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS MONDAY-Steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad, milk,

TUESDAY-Frito pie, ranch style beans, salad, crackers, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers,

french fries. salad. pickles/onions, pudding, milk. THURSDAY-Stew, corn, cornbread, banana bread, fruit,

FRIDAY-Fajitas, ranch style beans, spanish rice, salad, fruit churros, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, salad, corn, peanut butter bar.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti, black-

eye peas, salad, cookie, garlic bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sliced turkey roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello/fruit and whipped cream. hot rolls, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef & bean chalupas, spanish rice, salad, cheese, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham & cheese sandwiches, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, cookie, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL MONDAY-Chili-mac, peas, pears, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Egg roll, chicken rice, stir fry veggies, fruit, hot bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chili and beans, corn, peaches and cream, cornbread, milk. THURSDAY-Chicken teriya-

ki, potatoes, broccoli & cheese, fruit, hot roll. FRIDAY Mr. rib sandwich,

potato wedges, salad, pickle, orange slices, milk.

GRADY SCHOOLS MONDAY-Pizza, corn, fruit, bars, milk.

dessert, milk. TUESDAY-Beef & bean burrito, spanish rice, dessert, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey, potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk. THURSDAY-Super nachos,

fruit, dessert, milk. FRIDAY-Ham & cheese sandwiches, chips, fruit, dessert,

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Corn dogs, potato wedge, pork and beans, jell-o,

WEDNESDAY-Lasagna, cabbage slaw, corn, sliced bread. gingerbread with whipped topping, milk.

THURSDAY-Burritos, chili and cheese, tossed salad, spanish rice, pear halves, milk.

FRIDAY-Sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, french fries, rice crispi

Woman seeks millions in supposed sweepstakes winnings

By PAUL WILBORN

St. Petersburg Times

TAMPA, Fla. — Ina Brown, 76, knows she's a big winner. Repeated letters from American Family Publishers promise prizes up to \$11-million. But the money never arrives.

Now Brown is looking for her millions in federal court.

The Tampa woman is one of two plaintiffs named in a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday against American Family Publishers alleging the company owes millions to people identified as winners in sweepstakes solicitations. The lawsuit says the company used the mails to deceive and defraud consumers.

Henry Valenzuela, one of Brown's attorneys, is asking a judge to certify Brown's lawsuit as a class action.

If that happens, the class could include any of the millions of Americans who ordered a magazine or other product from the company in the mistaken belief they were a

"By responding, every one of them completed a contract," Valenzuela said. "We believe (American Family) made legitimate offers. It is time for them

to stand behind those offers.' Citing federal racketeering laws, the lawsuit alleges that American Family Publishers used the mails to "defraud recipients through deceptive and misleading mailings,' Valenzuela said.

Lonni Miller, a spokeswoman American Family Publishers, said Tuesday the company had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment.

The second plaintiff in the lawsuit is Daniel Gibby, a Tampa lawyer who received a letter from American Family last year that said Gibby "AND ONE OTHER PERSON HAVE BEEN ISSUED THE WINNING NUMBER WHOEVER

LEAST \$6,000,000 — GUARAN-

TEED!" Gibby responded to the letter and later wrote asking for his winnings but was rebuffed by the company, Valenzuela said.

American Family is being investigated by the Florida Attorney General's Office for what state Attorney General Bob Butterworth has labeled "reprehensible" and "deceptive" trade practices.

Since September, the St. Petersburg Times has documented 12 cases in which people have flown to Tampa thinking they were sweepstakes winners, only to be turned away by guards at a company office.

Guy Burns, the other lead attorney in the suit, said the lawsuit came after the attorneys learned of the sweepstakes problems through stories in the

Last week, American Family Publishers voluntarily halted the distribution of two solicita-

RETURNS IT FIRST WINS AT tion letters after a Baltimore woman, Marilyn West, flew to Tampa thinking she was a sweepstakes winner.

West and her two daughters were turned away from the office of Time Customer

Solicitations for American Family Publishers carry a Tampa return address. They are processed here by Time Customer Service, which is a sister company of American

Both operate under the corporate umbrella of Time Warner.

Ina Brown was ready to go to Time Customer Service last fall after receiving a prize notification with a 24-hour response deadline. She called and was told that the office was guarded and closed to the public.

Like many other elderly sweepstakes contestants, Brown's house is filled with magazines and sweepstakes solicitation packages.

IN THE

USS Maddox Destroyer Assoc. Reunion (DD168, DD622 and DD731), July 9-12, Minneapolis,

Contact: Bill and Joyce Metcalf; 12686 W. Hwy 55; York, S.C. 29745; 1-803-222-3180.

Army Sgt. Danny G. Moreno has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

Moreno is an equipment records and parts specialist assigned to the 10th Aviation Regiment at Fort Drum, Watertown, N.Y.

He is the son of Suk Cha Seitz, Newhall, Calif., and Adolfo G. Moreno, Big Spring.

PFC Santos Martinez III from 118th Military Police Airborne Company Fort Bragg, N.C., is on leave before being transferred to Ft. Clayton, Panama.

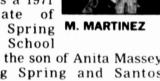
awarded the A r m y Achievement Medal for meritorious ser vice.

He will be accompanied by his wife, former PFC Melissa S. MARTINEZ Martinez, who was also stationed at Fort

Bragg before her discharge. She is the daughter of Sylvia Garcia Slaton.

He is a 1971

graduate of High School



and is the son of Anita Massey of Big Spring and Santos Martinez, Jr. of Dallas. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Flores of Big Spring.

CLUBNEWS

1948 Hyperion Club

Following their program. theme for the year, "World Elbow FCE Religions," the 1948 Hyperion Club had as their guests Dr. Mazaffar Hussain and Dr. Shahid Muhammad. Introduced by Katie Lara, the speakers topic was "Understanding Islam and the Muslims." They related that Muslims believe in one, unique, incomparable God, in the Angels created by Him, in the prophets through whom His revelations were brought to mankind; in the Day of Judgment and individual accountability for actions; in God's complete authority over human destiny and in life after

Jan Foresyth presided at the Syndicated Columnist, about business meeting in which memberships to the YMCA. Refreshments were served to 19 members by cohostesses Mary Miller and Al Bettle.

Elbow Family Community Education Club met in the home of Lola Kelly on Jan. 15, 1998 for the first meeting of the New Year.

Olnee Menges conducted the meeting, introducing Jowili Etchison, The F.C.E. Council President. Roll call by Secretary, Lola Kelly, was answered by 9 members telling "What I wished by parents had

named me Committee reports were received by chairpersons. Lola Kelly reported on an article written by Jeff Miller,

international affairs concernmembers voted to sponsor two ing McDonald-Douglas and congressional monies. She urged congressman and continue to be alert to governmental affairs.

Jowili Etchison then conducted installation program for the new club officers for 1998. At the conclusion of the installation, Olnee Menges presented a short program for the members commitment to the club and community. Members participated by reading short thoughts about the virtues needed by members to help the club function and meet it's goals for the New Year.

The next meeting will be Feb. 5 and the public is invited. For more information about time and place please call 263-6819 or

County-wide

The Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, will take place March 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Howard College Auditorium.

The bee includes local students up to 8th grade, both those in public schools and home schools.

For information about how to obtain practice books, which contain rules of the competition and spelling words, call Pat Williams at the Herald office, 263-7331.

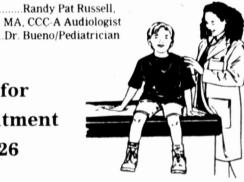
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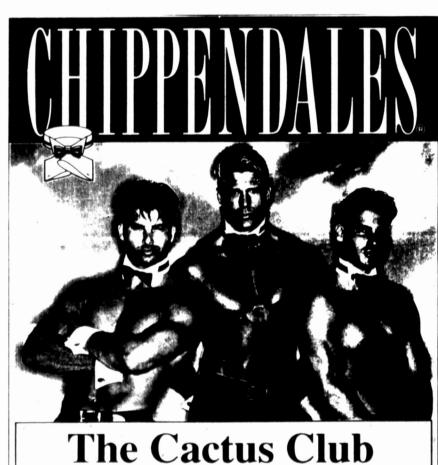
Wheat, Big Spring, and Gene and Geneva Kail, Midland. Sarah Alayna, girl, Jan. 12, 1998, 4:56 p.m., 7 pounds 10 1/4 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Justin Moran.

Austin, and Penelope I. Moran, Big Spring. Grandparents are Ricky Acuff, Midland, Debbie Chamness, Big Spring, Jack K. Moran, Joaquin, and Sue

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Court hands FCC second defeat in local phone service battle

eral appeals court has again set back federal regulators' attempts to open up the \$100 billion local telephone business to competition.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told the Federal Communications Commission it cannot require local Bell telephone companies to open their networks to competitors at certain prices as a prerequisite for entering the long-distance field.

"We applaud the court's ruling today which reaffirms that the responsibility to regulate the prices local exchange companies charge competitors belongs to the states," said SBC Communications in a prepared statement from San Antonio.

.The court on Thursday previous ruling issued in July

located in St. Louis.

That earlier ruling said the FCC lacks the authority to set prices for would-be rivals to lease pieces of existing local phone networks or buy local service and resell it to customers. Only the states can do that, the court said.

The Supreme Court is expected to announce Friday whether it will review the appeal panel's July decision.

Thursday's 15-page order responded to suits filed against the FCC by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, which represents state telephone regulators, and all five regional Bell phone companies.

"I am disappointed that two after

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fed- by the same court, which is delay the benefits of competition for the American public," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard.

> An FCC spokeswoman said the commission has not decided whether to appeal.

> Local Bell companies and state regulators praised the court's ruling.

"This really removes a major road block to long-distance competition," said BellSouth spokesman Bill McCloskey. James Ramsay, assistant general counsel to NARUC, responded: "This is very good news for states because it sends a strong signal about how the court should view the scope of state authority.

Long-distance companies the were disappointed by the rulordered the FCC to abide by a Telecommunications Act, yet ing. "Today's decision provides another court decision will still one more reason why the

Supreme Court should step in FCC intended to give and settle these important issues," AT&T said.

In July the 8th circuit dealt the FCC a major blow by throwing out key parts of its regulations aimed at opening the local phone business to competition. Thursday's order was another major setback for the commission.

State regulators and the Bell companies had argued that the FCC was trying to evade the court's ruling by reimposing the pricing standards the court struck down.

The FCC laid out the pricing and other requirements in an August order rejecting regional Bell telephone company Ameritech's request to provide long-distance service to customers in Michigan.

With that detailed order, the

Ameritech and other Bell companies a regulatory road map for government approval of long-distance applications.

"A more clear violation of our mandate could hardly be imagined," the 8th Circuit wrote in its order Thursday. "This attempt to reassert the vacated pricing rules by imposing them as conditions for entry by the Bell operating companies" into the long-distance business "does by indirection what we told the FCC ... it could not do," the court said of the FCC's pricing language in the Ameritech order.

The FCC has cleared none of the Baby Bells to offer long-distance service in their local phone markets.

After the court stripped the FCC of pricing authority in

July, FCC officials said they would consider ways to regain lost ground.

State regulators and the Bells asked the appeals court to throw out the pricing standards section in the order denying Ameritech's long-distance application.

State regulators have been moving forward with their own pricing rules in an effort to bring local phone competition to customers.

The ruling is the latest salvo in a battle between federal and state regulators over who has authority to organize telephone deregulation.

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A 1996 telecommunications law deregulating the communications industries permits local and long-distance companies to enter each other's businesses subject to federal and state regulatory approval.

Lawmakers haggle over flow of funds

AUSTIN (AP) — In a bow to Texas lawmakers, Attorney General Dan Morales on Thursday said he's making minor changes to the state's \$15.3 billion tobacco settlement to allow first-year funds to flow through the Texas Legislature.

Lawmakers — particularly the chairmen of the House and Senate budget-writing committees — are upset that Morales had earmarked the first year's payout of \$1.2 billion for several health-care funds. Under the Texas Constitution, lawmakers have the authority to decide how to spend state funds.

Morales said now that the money will go through the Legislature, he expects lawmakers will "rubber stamp the first year's spending.

"Rubber stamp was his words," asked Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "I take pretty strong exception to the words 'rubber stamp'.

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant. said he and House Appropriations Chairman Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, still will ask the Texas Supreme Court to block parts of the settlement dealing with state spending if the Legislature's authority to determine how the funds are spent is usurped in ahy way.

The settlement, announced last Friday, is the largest recorded against the tobacco industry, which has denied all Wrongdoing as part of the agreement.

Scott Williamson, a spokesman for the tobacco industry, said that Morales' decision will not affect the deal and that spending the money is a state issue.

!The settlement is pending before U.S. District Judge David Folsom. Before the agreement was announced, Ratliff and Junell asked to intervene in the case to prevent the Legislature from losing its power over state spending.

Ratliff would not say Thursday whether he was satisfied with using the Legislature to funnel the

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Franklin and Son Tire owners, Terry Franklin (left center) and son Reggie Franklin cut the ribbon during a ceremony sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce celebrating the businesses new location. The Franklins are joined by chamber members and member of the Ambassadors group during the ceremony. Franklin and Son Tire is at 408 Runnels.

Supreme Court rules against former law partner in whistleblower case

who was expelled from her law firm after blowing the whistle on another partner whom she suspected of overbilling has lost an argument in the Texas Supreme Court.

In a 6-2 ruling, the Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a decision by a lower court to overturn more than \$4 million in damages awarded to Colette Bohatch, who had been a partner in the Washington office of the Houston-based law firm Butler & Binion.

Ms. Bohatch contends she was told by the firm in 1990 to find another job after she reported that the managing partner of the office, John McDonald, was overbilling Pennzoil, the office's chief

Ms. Bohatch said McDonald was taking long lunches, shopping trips and practicing photography during office hours and billing Pennzoil for 11- and 12-hour work days when he would only put in three to four

The firm looked into the allegations. Pennzoil's then inhouse counsel, John Chapman, said Pennzoil was satisfied that the bills McDonald was submit-

AUSTIN (AP) - A partner ting were reasonable, according to court records.

McDonald responded by informing Ms. Bohatch that Pennzoil wasn't satisfied with her work. Roughly a month after she had raised her concerns, Ms. Bohatch was told to leave the firm.

She sued, arguing that she was retaliated against.

A Houston jury in 1993 ruled in her favor, awarding her \$57,000 for past lost wages, \$250,000 for mental anguish and \$4 million in punitive dam-

The judge in the case cut the award to \$851,000, which was cut even further by the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston in

The appeals court reduced the award to \$35,000 and also awarded her \$235,000 in attorney fees. The Texas Supreme Court upheld that ruling.

"Such duties sometimes necessitate difficult decisions, as when a lawyer suspects overbilling by a colleague," the court said in its majority opin-

"The fact that the ethical duty to report may create an irreparable schism between partners neither excuses failure to report nor transforms expulsion as a means of resolv-. ing that schism into a tort."

dissenting opinion authored by Justice Rose Spector and joined by Chief Justice Tom Phillips said: "The court's writing in this case sends an inappropriate signal to lawyers and to the public that the rules of professional responsibility are subordinate to a law firm's other interests."

The ruling was praised by Butler & Binion attorney Richard Countiss.

"If any one person doesn't want to be a partner or if all of the other partners don't want a single person, they have a right to reform that partnership without it leading to massive damages," Countiss said.

Countiss said Ms. Bohatch's claims against McDonald never were substantiated.

"I think the fact that the client (Pennzoil) said from the outset that it was not overbilled is a pretty strong indication that Ms. Bohatch was going to have a tough time with her complaint," Countiss

The ruling was criticized by the group Texas Citizen

Cotton prices now being viewed on a global scale

Many people have asked me competitive on the world marover the past few weeks how the cotton farmers in Howard County fared this year.

My responses have been mixed. Most producers made a

good yield but had a lot of cost the crop make that g o o d yield. No producer is getting as much for their crop as t h e y

David Kight County Agent

to get, primarily due to the fact that U.S. Farm Legislation is designed to put the U.S. farmer in direct competition with the world.

It makes no difference that the cost of labor, equipment and other inputs are cheaper in most cases in other parts of the world. It also makes no difference that other countries subsidize their farmers and ranchers to make them more

Cotton farmers are in a world market. Cotton production worldwide in 1997 was approximately 90 million bales. Consumption is projected to be 90 million bales. But there is a carry over of approximately four million bales from previous years, therefore, cotton prices are less than desirable.

Agriculture is facing a longterm problem. Because of narrow profit margins and high risks, there are fewer and fewer people who want to be involved with the production of agriculture. On average, producers across the U.S. are getting older and there are fewer people who are willing to take their places. Some that would like to be involved are cautious because of economics:

The fact is that it is to our benefit to put agriculture in a profitable situation. The current situation that most producers face is one where there is more to lose than there is to gain and in the end we will all

Keeping an eye on Texas

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ore than 10,000 Texas school children entered art work in the Texas Tomorrow Fund poster competition. First place winners, announced in January, will receive a four-year Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarship. Winners of second through fourth place will receive U.S. Savings Bonds



Brandon Hooten, a fifth grader at Whitaker Elementary School in El Paso, won first place in the elementary school division. A detail of the entry is above.

SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller



Savannah White, an eighth grader at Springtown Middle School near Fort Worth, won first place in the middle school division. A detail of the entry is shown above

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Recreational fishing a \$3 billion industry in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) Anglers eager to cast their lines in Texas waters. nenowned worldwide as fertile territory for hefty bass, spent just under \$3 billion in 1996, a recreational fishing trade association estimated in a recent

The American Sportfishing Association, in an analysis prepared for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, calculates that the direct spending on recreational fishing had a net \$6.3 billion ripple effect on the Texas economy, supporting some 80,000 jobs.

Only California derived more bang for the buck from recre-

ational fishing than Texas with \$2 billion alone attributed to an economic effect of \$7.1 billion, the Virginia-based trade group said, estimating the national economic output of recreational fishing at \$108 bil-

"People don't realize how big recreational fishing is," said Phil Durocher, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's director of inland fisheries. "It is big business.'

By contrast, he said, commercial fishing in Texas is less than a billion-dollar business.

Of that \$6 billion in Texas economic output. Durocher said probably \$4 billion derives from freshwater fishing, with

bass aficionados. "Over 50 percent of my anglers in Texas fish for black bass, so that's where our emphasis is, that's where the money is," Durocher

Fishing professionals attribute the state's success largely to the Parks and Wildlife Department's aggressive management of resources, as well as its stocking and conservation practices. Many cite Lake Fork, about 70 miles east of Dallas, as the department's crown jewel. The reservoir, which dates to 1981, is

renowned for its trophy bass. 'Texas Parks and Wildlife

has to get all the credit for creating the type atmosphere they have for trophy bass fishing,' said Kerry Stafford, a full-time fishing guide on Lake Fork. "They are protecting the big

A state study estimated that fishing at Lake Fork pumped more than \$27 million into the local economy in 1996 alone. And most of that money derived from out-of-town or out-of-state anglers. Durocher said, a pattern that holds for other Texas lakes as well.

"They come from Chicago. North Carolina. ... Some from Canada, from England. I've got 10 people coming in in March

fishing for four days and more days and spending more they're from all over the money on each trip," said world," said Glenn Adkins, a full-time guide on East Texas' Lake Sam Rayburn.

Stafford, the Lake Fork guide, believes fishing in Texas remains on the upswing.

"I don't think we're coming anywhere close to our peak,' he said.

The Sportfishing Association says the number of anglers has remained stable over the last five years — estimating the national figure at 35 million, 2.6 million of them fishing in Texas waters. "Even though the number of anglers has not increased, anglers are fishing

Vishwanie Maharaj, the association's director of economics.

The study's economic impacts were calculated using multiplier models developed by the Commerce Department and the Bureau of Economic Analysis to determine contributions at the retail, wholesale and distributor levels.

Among the items included were lodging, transportation, access fees, bait, ice, tackle boxes, rods, reels, camping equipment for fishing, waders. special clothing, fishing licenses, books and magazines.

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Southwest earnings rise

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co. said Thursday its fourth-quarter earnings nearly tripled due to strong passenger

bookings and cheaper jet fuel. The Dallas-based airline earned \$80.5 million, or 35 cents per share on a diluted basis, compared to fourth quarter 1996 earnings of \$28.2 million, or 13 cents a diluted

Analysts surveyed by First Call Corp. had expected earnings of 27 cents a diluted share.

Revenue increased 17 percent to \$975.6 million, compared to \$831.8 million a year earlier.

Southwest chairman Herb Kelleher said the airline was able to keep costs down in the quarter mainly because of low fuel prices.

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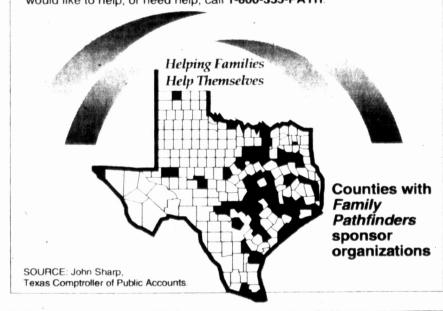
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Supermarket banks sweeping the nation, offer various services

By JAMES E. CAUSEY

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE - Customers are getting more than corn flakes, butter and eggs at grocery stores these days.

At stores across the country. they are opening checking accounts, taking out auto loans even applying for mortgages.

Supermarket bank branches started in the 1970s as a novelty. Today, with more than 6,000 branches nationwide, they are one of the most visible signs of changes sweeping the personal financial service industry.

"Grocery store banking has been the fastest growing distribution channel for financial services since 1994," said Tom Hidell, chief operating officer of the International Banking Technologies in Atlanta, an instore bank consulting firm.

The growth in grocery store branches is part of the trend toward convenience in which mega-supermarkets offer everything from full take-out meals to health care and financial services, Hidell said. In-store branches, for example, allow customers to do their banking

until 8 or 9 most evenings. For banks, supermarket locations are an affordable alternative to stand-alone branches. The typical grocery store branch costs about \$200,000 to construct, compared with about \$1.5 million for a freestanding site, banking experts

"We can easily open five grocery store sites for every one free-standing site," said Doug Levy, president of Milwaukeebased Guaranty Bank.

In addition, grocery store sites usually require smaller staffs: two full-time employees vs. eight to 10 for a stand-alone

branch, Levy said. And grocery store branches are profitable. For example, a high-performing supermarket bank employee can sell 50 percent more checking accounts, 40 percent more consumer loans and 100 percent more credit cards per month than the average branch banker.

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"Grocery store branches are more profitable because they are exposed to 15,000 to 20,000 customers (a week) that currently don't do business in their bank," Hidell said.

"We stress convenience, and our grocery store locations offer convenience for our customers.'

One banker described having a grocery store location this way: "We're the only bank in this town of 20,000 that has a supermarket in our lobby." At Guaranty, about 50 per-

cent of the bank's new business

is generated by its supermarket branches, Levy said. Grocery locations make sense because people have busy schedules and need the convenience, said Henry Karbiner, president of Tri City National Bank, which has 15 grocery store sties. "We're open 70

p.m." Minneapolis-based Norwest Bank is easing into the grocer market in this area. In addition to its teller-staffed supermarket branches, Norwest was the first in Wisconsin to offer interactive kiosks in grocery stores, where customers can deal with a bank teller via video monitors, said J. Lanier Little, regional president of Norwest Bank for Wisconsin

and Illinois.

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Minneapolis-based Financial Corp. is using its bank branches to increase its presence in the Milwaukee area. TCF has four grocery store sites locally, with plans to open another early this year. Of the company's 230 offices nationwide, 60 are supermarket branches. Last month, TCF National Bank Illinois agreed to acquire and operate 76 bank branches in Chicago-area Jewel/Osco stores.

Wisconsin-based banks are following a national trend, Supermarket bank branching grew 35 percent during 1997, according to International Banking Technologies.

By year-end 1997, there were 6.443 bank branches in U.S. supermarkets, up from about 4,788 in 1996 and more than double the 3,142 in 1995.

Memphis-based National Commerce Bank Services predicts the number of in-store bank branches will hit 7,500 in two years.

"Convenience is the main reason for the growth, so Iwould suspect the trend will continue as more people work. and have busier days," said Walt Heller, a spokesman for Progressive Grocer magazine.

Supermarket banking does have a downside for the banks:



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Bids are to be opened and read

aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 with award to be made at a Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the waive any or all formalities 1706 January 18 & 25, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the City Council Chambers, 310 Nolan until 2:00 p.m., February 5, 1998 for Parking Lot - 4th and Johnson Streets Specifically, the project consists of constructing concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter and HMAC parking lot

Immediately following the closing

ime for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened ids will be tabulated and present ed to the City Commission for award on February 10, 1998. Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a quaranty that the Bidder will enter in the forms provided within seven (7) days after notice of award of contract to him Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond

will not be considered. a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000. Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are n file in the office of the City of Big Spring. Texas and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R. Lubbock, Texas 79412 Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill. Smith & Cooper, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 4010 Avenue R. Lubbock, Texas 79412 (Phone (806) 747-0161) for a price of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, (of each set of docuopened, the entire deposit will be

refunded Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project no less than the general prevailing rated and wages which have been established by the Secretary of

All qualified applicants will receive onsiderations from employment without regard to race, color, reli gion, sex or national origin. Bidders n this work will be required to omply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifi

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority grant by the City Council of the City Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids v Tuesday, February 3, 1998, for contractor for Recycling and Transporting Material Bids are to be opened and read

East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council Bid infor mation and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Contro Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a gen eral description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities

The Executive Committee of the Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will hold a public hearing for any interested citizen wishing to speak to the committee The meeting will be held in the hospital auditorium on February 5 1998 at 9.30 a.m. Any citizen wish ing to address the committee may schedule an appointment through the Quality Oversight Departmen of the Big Spring State Hospital P.O. Box 231, Big Spring, Texas 79721 Telephone 915-268-7242 Big Spring State Hospital complie with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Title VI. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities ACt 1990: the Age Discrimination Employment Act 1690 January 25 & February 1, 1998

NOTICE TO BIDDERS sealed proposals addressed to Mayor and City Council, City of Big Spring, Texas, for the construction of airport improvements at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark TxDOT CSJ No 94-01-031 will be received at the Big Sprin McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 200 Rickabaugh Drive, Building 1106 Big Spring, Texas, until 11 00 AM February 5, 1998, then publich opened and read. Any bid receive after closing time will be returned

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11th Street, Austin, Texas 7870 2483 or physical address 150 E Riverside Drive, South Towe Austin, Texas 78704, (512) 416 4516, upon deposit of Fifty dollar (50 00) per set. The deposit will b refunded upon return of the con plete bidding documents in goo condition within fourteen(14) cale dar days following opening of th

Minimum wage rates have bee predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the specifical

Cashier's check, certified check bank money order bank draft or state or national bank in t amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price stated in the proportion to the Owner or a bid bond in porate surety authorized to acceptable to the Owner, musquarantee that the bidder if si cessful, will enter into a contrac and make bond in accordance will tions. The Owner reserves the right to retain any check, bank mone der or bank draft as liquidate damages in the event the bidde als are opened and before official ejection of the bid by the Owne or if successful in securing th award of the contract, the success ul bidder fails to enter into the cor tract and fails to furnish satisfacti

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each the full amount of the contract price, executed by a surety compa ny or surety companies authorized to execute surety bonds under an n accordance with the laws of th State of Texas

The Owner, in accordance will Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964(42 U.S.C. 2000d et seg.) and 49 CFR Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs the Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that will affirmatively assure that minor opportunity to submit bids esponse to this invitation and w not be discriminated against or grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for a award. The (DBE) Goal is 13%. The proposed contract is subject 49 CFR Part 23 concerning the participation of disadvantaged business enterprises and is under and subject to Executive Orde 11246 of September 24, 1965 and

The proposed contract is subject to the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990. A pre-bid conference concerning this project will be held at 11:00 AM on January 27 1998 at the Big

SUNDAY, JAN. 25: Your specialty

PUBLIC NOTICE aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307

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In general, the work consists rehabilitate Runway Taxiway B, and the aircraft park ing apron, reconstruct Taxiway (pavement marking, install wind cone and segmented circle market drainage improvements, seeding and related items of work Bidding documents may be exained at 1 City Hall, 310 No

Street, Big Spring, Texas 2 Parkhill, Smith & Coope 4010 Avenue R. Lubbock, Texas Austin, Texas 78704

Bidding documents may be obtained at TxDOT Aviation

All proposals submitted must have a Child Support Statement com pleted with the name and social security number of the individual sole proprietor and each partne ership interest of at least 25% of he business entity submitting to

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The Owner reserves the right t reject any irregular proposal and the right to waive technicalities of the Owner and conforms to nances pertaining to the letting of construction contracts

to the Equal Opportunity Clause contained in the bidding docu

Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark City of Big Spring

By: Tim Blackshear, Mayor 1705 January 18 & 25, 1996

HOROSCOPE HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

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becomes making and spending money this year. You have a strong sense of intuition; follow through on it. Your instincts can get you what you want. Don't do anything halfway; give 100 percent. If you are single, romance blooms because of your vitality, self-confidence and ability to state your desires. Your animal magnetism speaks, and admirers listen. If attached, there will be more chemistry than usual between you and your mate. You are clear about your wants, but you also need to be responsive to your partner's. CAPRICORN helps you sort things out.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are right on top of it all. You might be more touchy than you realize. Be careful about internalizing anger or hurt; at this time, it could backfire. Use your instincts with a parent or older relative. Bring others together for a family outing. Tonight: In the limelight.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take off for the day with a loved one or friends. You are high-voltage material. Discussions are active and reveal different perspectives. Be adventurous. Examine your energy, and be focused. Make calls, and reach out for others. Tonight: Try something exot-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One-to-one relating is important, though you must also give attention to the crowds and your friends, and perhaps make a "must" appearance. You exude vitality and enthusiasm. People naturally rally behind you. Be more conscious of your image. Tonight: A late night.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen to what others say. Communications from a distance are important. Break past rigid thinking, and open up to newness. A trip or a visit could prove relaxing, yet recharge you. There is nothing like a midwinter break. Tonight: Go for a different approach.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get into a project, and get the job done. Ask a partner to pitch in and help. Though this is an odd time, he might express his concerns and needs. Talk through a question that has been bothering you, Exercise, to let off steam. Tonight: Get a

head start on tomorrow.**** **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your imagination opens doors and adds to provocative moments with a new friend or partner. You find that another expresses his feelings, sometimes in a hard way. You are high energy, but your temper could easily explode. Tonight:

Naughty you!****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get down to basics. Though you might feel charged, you still need to honor your energy levels. You only have so much! Streamline excess work, errands and other obligations. Take care of foundations, and build from that point. Tonight: Just do your own thing!****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are imaginative, innovative and exciting. Others want some of your magic or attention. Talks are active, and you flirt a healthy amount. You add romance where there wasn't any. Share more of your feelings, pastimes and ideas. Tonight: Illuminate another's life.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Be more concerned with your finances and how you might overspend on the home. Perhaps reorganizing and inexpensive decorating are in order. Be sure of yourself when dealing with a cantankerous family member. Tonight: Keep it low-key.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Be direct with communications. You are lively and full of personality. You might race around, with a lot to do. Be indulgent with others, even if they are a bit difficult. Others seek you out, to have a good time. Talk about strong feelings. Tonight: Visit friends.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are acting out pent-up emotions. It is important to be direct about what you are feeling. Do not go off spending wild amounts. You would be welladvised to get centered and reflect on your situation. Instincts are right. Don't get into negativity. Tonight: A quiet night.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have a sudden energy surge and are willing to accomplish what you need. You are prone to tell another off if you don't like what he says. Realize the tone in your voice could say more than the words. You are in control, so act like it. Tonight: Do exactly what you

want!**** **BORN TODAY**

Sportscaster Ernie Harwell (1918), actress Dinah Manoff (1958), journalist Edwin

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Newman (1919) For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 740-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc.,

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Syndicate Inc. Locked car, trunk and garage are no challenge for thieves

DEAR ABBY: My wife locked learned from this incident: her purse in the trunk of her car at the shopping mall before she went inside to walk around

When she was ready to leave h opened the trunk to get her purse. It was gone! Both the car and the trunk

with

friend

had been Columnist locked but a thief had opened her locked car and used the release lever to open the trunk.

Abigail

Van Buren

She never locked the trunk release lever because it was so handy to use. (It was handy for the thief, too.)

Not only were her purse and

its contents missing, so was the garage door opener she always left clipped to the visor. However, my wife didn't need it when she arrived home because the thief had left the garage door open for her. Our

Many people leave the garage door opener clipped to the visor; it's so convenient. Since my wife had her keys with her, the thief did not get them, but he gained access to the house through the garage. (The thief got our address from the license registration in the glove compartment.) He parked in our garage, closed the door, and

house had also been pilfered!

loaded the stolen items. Several lessons can be Always carry your garage door opener WITH you, as if it were the key to your front door, and install a deadbolt lock between the garage and living area. DO NOT leave the trunk lever unlocked, and if you are going to put your purse in the trunk, do it before you arrive at the shopping mall.

incident is that the thief or thieves could still have been in the house when my wife returned. Please don't use my name. This is a sensitive issue

The scariest thing about the

because I had told my wife many times to carry the garage door opener with her, and I should have had the deadbolt installed sooner. — POORER AND WISER NOW IN WASH-**INGTON STATE** DEAR POORER AND WISER:

Your wife learned a very expensive lesson — but it could have been far worse. Thank you for reminding my readers that the interior of their cars is vulnerable if a thief is serious about breaking in, and that a garage door opener in the wrong hands is as good as an "open sesame" for Ali Baba and the 40 thieves. (And that's no exaggeration!)

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, selfaddressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447. Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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