

DeLay's testimony, record conflict

HOUSTON (AP) — House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, who wants President Clinton ousted on perjury charges, is facing questions about whether he told the truth about his status as chairman of a Houston pest control company in 1994.

DeLay testified under oath in a lawsuit in 1994 that he had not been an officer of Albo Pest Control Co. for two or three years.

In the same deposition, he backtracked, saying he was uncertain whether he had ever formally resigned.

But three months later, the Sugar Land Republican listed himself on congressional financial disclosure forms as president or chairman of Albo from 1985 through 1994.

The U.S. House document he signed under penalty of fine and

imprisonment listed him as the company's chairman in 1994.

DeLay is also listed as a "registered agent" of Albo Pest Control from 1991 through 1994 on the annual Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Reports filed with the state comptroller's office.

DeLay spokesman Michael Scanlon told the Houston Chronicle for a story in Saturday's editions there was nothing to the allegations and dismissed them as politically motivated.

"These are statements and allegations made by political enemies of Tom DeLay. They're being made for political purposes and political purposes only. You have to take them at face value," Scanlon said.

He added that DeLay does not plan to comment on the allega-

tions.

DeLay's deposition came in a lawsuit by ex-partner Robert Blankenship who alleged that DeLay and another man unjustly cut him out of the business. The lawsuit ended in a confidential 1995 settlement.

Blankenship's lawyer, Gerald De Nisco, said Friday it is now clear that DeLay "either lied in the deposition or lied when he filled out that disclosure form."

Asked if DeLay was trying to limit his financial liability in the case by denying he was an officer of the company, De Nisco said, "That's my read on it, of course."

The differing stories portrayed in the deposition and DeLay's financial disclosure forms are the subject of an article in the New Republic magazine due out Monday.

Judge orders FBI records released in jail probe suit

ANGLETON (AP) — The FBI must release more than 20,000 pages of documents collected during its probe of a videotaped jail shakedown in which guards used stun guns and dogs to subdue Missouri inmates, a judge has ruled.

Friday's decision by U.S. District Judge John R. Froeschner came in a civil lawsuit filed by 25 Missouri inmates against Brazoria County, Sheriff Joe King and three deputies.

The records include the Missouri Department of Corrections' internal investigation into the incident, medical records on the inmates' conditions and witness statements.

The inmates' attorney, Lynn Klement, applauded the judge's decision but said he "seriously doubts" the materials will have much impact on the case.

"I don't think there are any surprises out there now; everybody knows what happened."

The lawsuit stems from a 1996 shakedown at the Brazoria County Detention Center, videotaped for training purposes.

The tape, later uncovered by The Facts newspaper, showed inmates being kicked by guards, bitten by a police dog and shocked with stun guns.

Four sheriff's deputies and a jailer have been indicted on federal criminal charges for their roles in the incident. A trial date has not been set.

The FBI records initially were sought by Otto Hewitt, an attorney for Capital Correctional Resources Inc., a private prison company that ran part of the jail.

Hewitt subpoenaed the FBI for the records in August, and no one objected. But when he filed a motion in November compelling the FBI to produce them, the Missouri Department of Corrections intervened, saying the documents it gave the FBI were privileged and protected from disclosure.

The materials "will shed a good bit of light" on the various claims made by the inmates, Hewitt said.

"They may have a big impact on the liability and damages in this case," he said.

Tiny school district fights for survival

ASHERTON (AP) — With state regulators promising to pull financial help from a tiny school district, its educators say a miracle is needed to keep classrooms open and avoid being gobbled up by a larger system.

Hundreds of Asherton residents want their insolvent district to stay alive. But the Texas Education Agency has made it clear it will no longer prop up the district following declining student enrollment and a long-term financial crisis that left it with a million-dollar deficit.

Although the TEA is recommending that Asherton consider consolidation, residents have organized a group to save the system of 340 students from being absorbed by Carrizo Springs Independent School District. It has about 2,400 students 10 miles northeast of Asherton.

Many residents want to preserve their heritage, said Asherton Elementary School secretary E. Jaimes. Her parents, Victor and Juanita Martinez, moved from Laredo to Asherton in 1925 and helped build the community.

"They had very little schooling, but we got the best education, thanks to them. They were pioneers. They would be the first to fight this thing if they were alive today," she said.

About 300 residents attended an open meeting Thursday night at Asherton High, with many urging their district to remain independent.

"One hundred percent were against consolidation. They want us to pursue any other avenue, so we cannot turn and betray them," Carlos Navarro, an Asherton school board member, said Friday.

Members of the citizens' committee named "Save Our Schools" want to seek the financial assistance needed to keep the district from forced consolidation.

Fund-raising efforts range from student activities such as car washes to 50 local residents who have united to buy 50 lottery tickets, with the first \$1 million of any winnings to be donated to the school district, said Interim Superintendent Claudio Salinas.

The superintendent called the public hearing to explain the system's financial condition to the Dimmit County community.

Asherton school funds are expected to run out by the end of May.

Series of abandoned babies called 'anomaly' by officials

HOUSTON (AP) — Last week, a woman on her way to work found a newborn boy wrapped in a bedsheet beneath a shrub.

The next day, a hospital security guard discovered a baby girl, still covered with placenta and blood, in a knapsack outside the emergency room.

The babies are among five found abandoned in the Houston area in slightly more than a month — a situation that local officials insist is not a trend but an alarming anomaly.

Harris County Children's Protective Services usually handles about 15 cases a month of abandoned children of all ages and sees another 15 teen-age mothers who want to give up their children for adoption, said spokeswoman Judy Hay.

"But with newborns (left) laying out like this in very dangerous situations, we are used to one, maybe two a month," Ms. Hay said.

"It's an anomaly," she said, adding that she has contacted children's agencies around the country and found no other regions experiencing an increase in abandonments.

Some mothers who abandon children have told child welfare officials that they considered the baby a burden and not a living human being, Ms. Hay said. They also underestimated the amount of support they would

have gotten from their families, she added.

"It can involve homelessness with women in their 20s, with women that have other children. It can involve poverty, drugs," Ms. Hay said. "Somehow they can't cope with the pregnancy or they don't want their family to know because the family will insist they raise the child."

Sylvia Franzmeier, program manager for adoption services at Delpelchin Children's Center, said women who have contemplated abandoning their children feel helpless.

"They don't have any resources to be parent of the baby," she said. "I think that anybody who follows through with abandonment must feel like there are no choices. They are pretty desperate."

However, Ms. Franzmeier noted that Delpelchin and other adoption agencies can give them advice and help, and that all adoptions are confidential, even if the mother is a minor.

The baby girl found Thursday outside Rosewood Hospital is expected to be released from the hospital Monday. She will be placed in a foster or adoptive home, Ms. Hay said.

The boy, discovered Wednesday, was in good condition at Texas Children's Hospital.



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President Clinton calls for end to male-female wage gap

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton called Saturday for a new, \$14 million initiative to close the gap between men's and women's wages, and new legislation to enforce equal pay rights.

"When a woman is denied equal pay, it doesn't just hurt her," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "It hurts her family, and that hurts America."

Last summer, the president's Council of Economic Advisers reported that women earn about 75 cents for every

dollar a man earns — an improvement from the 58 cents on the dollar that women earned when President Kennedy signed the 1963 Equal Pay Act.

"We can be proud of this progress, but 75 cents on the dollar is still only three-quarters of the way there, and Americans can't be satisfied until we're all the way there," Clinton said.

His \$14 million proposal, part of the massive fiscal 2000 budget he will submit to Congress on Monday, would:

—Triple the number of enforcement workers at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

—Provide technical assistance to employers on how to comply with equal pay laws.

—Create public service announcements alerting women to their rights.

As Labor Secretary Alexis Herman put it: "I have yet to go to the grocery store to buy a \$1 loaf of bread and have the cashier look up and say, 'Since you're a woman, it's 75 cents.' Working

women pay the same — and should be paid the same."

Clinton additionally used his radio broadcast to call on the new 106th Congress to pass, as one of its first acts this year, the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was introduced in the Senate by Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and in the House by Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.

The legislation would allow women to sue their employers for unlimited compensatory and punitive damages,

in addition to the limited damages and back-pay awards now available under federal law to remedy pay violations. Compensatory and punitive damages are already available for wage discrimination based on race and ethnicity.

The Daschle-DeLauro bill would also prohibit employers from punishing workers who share salary information and would increase training for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission workers who handle wage discrimination claims.

House prosecutors map strategy for Lewinsky deposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Impeachment prosecutors expect Monica Lewinsky to support an obstruction of justice charge against President Clinton with "almost total recall" of her conversations with him and her interpretation of what he said, House officials familiar with the strategy contend.

The prosecution team believes that Ms. Lewinsky "has a lot of information if you ask the right questions," said one House official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., a soft-spoken former federal prosecutor and small-town lawyer, was assigned to question Ms. Lewinsky. He must skillfully use the former intern's interpretation of events to overcome Ms. Lewinsky's statement that

"no one ever asked me to lie, and I was never promised a job for my silence."

Bryant is expected to ask Ms. Lewinsky about her false affidavit in the Paula Jones case, an attempt to get her a job after she appeared on the Paula Jones case witness list and Oval Office secretary Betty Currie's retrieval of presidential gifts from the former intern.

The House team has promised to stay away from intimate details of her sexual relationship with the president, and any questions even at the edge of the subject would be approached gingerly.

Bryant will use impressions received a week ago when he and two other managers informally interviewed Ms. Lewinsky, House sources said.

The officials said the man-

agers left Washington's Mayflower Hotel after the interview with the impression that Ms. Lewinsky felt "very comfortable" with Bryant, who demonstrated his concern by asking her about the difficulties she has encountered since her affair with Clinton became public.

The managers also viewed Ms. Lewinsky as an extremely intelligent, even-tempered witness with — as one source said — "almost total recall on Clinton. She was breaking her neck to tell the truth."

Ms. Lewinsky's closed deposition will be the first of three approved by senators in Clinton's impeachment trial, which is in recess until Thursday. Questioning of presidential friend Vernon Jordan is scheduled for Tuesday and of

White House aide Sidney Blumenthal on Wednesday.

The Lewinsky testimony is also crucial to Clinton's lawyers, who will have their first chance to cross-examine her.

All the testimony will be videotaped and reviewed by senators, who are expected to decide next week whether to make the depositions public and whether to seek live testimony by Ms. Lewinsky or others.

Bryant is virtually certain to question Ms. Lewinsky about two crucial dates in late 1997, after her Dec. 5 appearance on the witness list in Mrs. Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against the president.

On Dec. 17, Clinton called Ms. Lewinsky after 2 a.m. and told her about the list. Ms. Lewinsky testified earlier, "I believe that I

probably asked him, you know, what should I do," and "He suggested ... Well, maybe you can sign an affidavit."

Prosecutors contend that both Ms. Lewinsky and the president knew she couldn't file a truthful affidavit because that would reveal the affair they both had worked diligently to conceal. So Clinton reminded her of a cover story they had used before to explain their relationship.

"You know, you can always say you were coming to see Betty or that you were bringing me letters," Clinton was quoted by Ms. Lewinsky as saying. She testified, "I knew exactly what he meant."

While Ms. Lewinsky said Clinton never explicitly told her to lie, Bryant could point to Ms. Lewinsky's testimony that offered another interpretation.

"I think I also said that ... it wasn't as if the president called me and said, 'You know, Monica, you're on the witness list. This is going to be really hard for us. We're going to have to tell the truth and be humiliated.'"

A second key date is Dec. 28, when Ms. Lewinsky discussed with Clinton what to do with subpoenaed presidential gifts. Later that day, Oval Office secretary Betty Currie came to pick them up from Ms. Lewinsky's apartment.

"At some point I said to him, 'Well, ... maybe I should put the gifts away outside my house somewhere or give them to someone, maybe Betty.' And he sort of said — I think he responded 'I don't know' or 'Let me think about that,'" Ms. Lewinsky testified.

States mull fed role in school accountability plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's education proposals sound awfully familiar to California lawmaker Kerry Mazzoni. Since last year, no school in her state can simply promote a failing student, a restraint Clinton would like to see nationwide. And this year, California lawmakers will seek millions for teacher training and state power to close failing schools — also on Clinton's latest national wish list.

"We're doing much of the work. We're ahead of much of the work," said Mazzoni, a Democratic assemblywoman who chairs the education committee. "The degree to which they can allow us to operate without strings will reflect the degree to which we will be successful."

As states and districts push forward with plans to ensure that tax dollars give children a good education, educators are divided over whether Clinton's proposals will help or hinder them.

"States are pretty much driving this vehicle, not the federal government," said Chris Pipho, a spokesman for the Education Commission of the States, a bipartisan alliance that Clinton chaired when he was

governor of Arkansas.

Clinton's proposals are "more of a bully pulpit," Pipho said.

The president has promised to seek budget funds and send Congress a bill to ensure that schools stop promoting students who are failing, teachers are qualified to teach subjects they are assigned, states fix or shut low-performing schools, parents get annual report cards on schools' performance, and schools maintain disciplined classrooms.

The bill would tie the more than \$15 billion states get from the federal education budget to those goals, Clinton said.

But the Education Department has no specifics about how it would work. And some states are crying foul, said James A. Watts, of the Atlanta-based Southern Regional Education Board research group.

"There should not be a common prescription for all 50 states any more than a state should have a common prescription for all its districts," said Watts. "Federal support can make a difference. But states can do the diagnoses and decide for themselves how to use those resources."

At least 48 states and nearly 40

large city districts already have so-called accountability systems. But they vary. Thirty-six states issue school report cards, which grade performance like a student report card. But only 16 states give themselves the authority to shut down or takeover a failing school.

New York has closed three schools, Oklahoma closed two and, Texas and New Mexico state authorities have overhauled 50 others, according to a recent survey, although no states have taken over schools from their districts.

Even if a federal remedy is needed, it's unlikely Clinton's plan would win necessary votes from the Republican-controlled Congress or support from Republican governors, who believe the president is attempting to get political mileage out of the issue.

Congressional Republicans have rejected nearly all of Clinton's education proposals since he was elected president.

"The question is, are they going to reflexively recoil, or are they going to work with Clinton to advance a substantial proposal?" asks Andrew Rotherham, who heads a schools project at the Democratic Leadership

Council, also once chaired by Clinton.

Kati Haycock, director of Education Trust, which lobbies to improve student achievement, believes the federal role should actually be stronger to prod the states lagging behind. States moved slowly on federal requirements to account for student progress under a 1994 law, she notes.

But Anna Cowan, a Republican lawmaker in Florida who chairs the state senate education committee, says the devil is in the details, "and the details are best handled at the local level."

Some states, for example, are one year behind in overhauls, and only six states tie promotions to test scores.

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Authorities say the culprit first struck Jan. 20 about 10 p.m. when he approached a man returning home. The victim handed over \$17 and the suspect wheeled away, police spokesman Sherman Ackerson said.

On Jan. 26 about 4 a.m., the same suspect confronted a man at a busy intersection and again demanded money, police said. This time, when the victim handed over a coin purse containing only about \$10, the robber grew frustrated and threw the money back at him.

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Family of condemned killer thankful for pope's intervention

REEDS SPRING, Mo. (AP) — For Darrell Mease's mother, it was never a matter of whether, but simply when, her son's death sentence for killing three people would be commuted to life in prison.

"We were listening for this, Darrell and I were listening for this for years," Lexie Mease said Friday. "We didn't know how long we would have to wait, but we knew it would happen. We weren't depending on man. We were depending on God."

Gov. Mel Carnahan spared her son's life Thursday after an extraordinary face-to-face plea from Pope John Paul II. While everyone from political pun-

dit to religious leaders were flabbergasted, Mease had told his brother, Larry, to expect something remarkable.

"He said he didn't know when it would happen. But he snapped his fingers and said, 'When it does it will be just like this. And everybody will know about it,'" Larry Mease said about a death row visit with his brother last Sunday.

Mease, 52, was facing execution for the 1988 murders of a former drug partner, the man's wife and the couple's paraplegic grandson. The governor had previously considered 27 death sentences and commuted one.

"If somebody told you the pope was going to come over here and do that, you'd think they was crazy," said Larry Mease.

Mease's 71-year-old mother said she had never been in contact with any representative of the pope, and didn't believe her son had either.

The area Mease grew up in is a collection of hardscrabble farms and ramshackle old homes mixed in with shiny new vacation cabins, horse stables, fancy restaurants and antique shops for tourists visiting Branson.

It's an area that Mease hopes to return to someday and take up the ministry. He renewed his faith shortly

after going to prison and has said often that God has been his lawyer during all of his appeals.

"Vietnam and his first wife, that seemed to put him on a different path," said his brother, recalling how Mease had come home from the war in the 1960s disillusioned and cynical.

Mease got married and had five children, who range in age from 13 to 18. But he has said that he turned to drugs and drifted away from the church during that time. He was divorced twice.

After living in Kansas City for a time, he returned home to the Ozarks and eventually found work as a carpenter. One of the people he worked for

was Lloyd Lawrence, who Mease has said also taught him how to make the drug methamphetamine.

In a confession he later recanted, Mease said he had hidden along a path near the Lawrences' secluded house and shot them with a 12-gauge shotgun. He later contended the confession had been obtained illegally.

Mrs. Mease refuses to discuss the killings. Reminded that her son's sentence is now life without parole, she smiled and said the same prayers that saved his life will eventually set him free.

"You can come back and see us when he comes home," she said.

Reno rejection of Ickes probe dims GOP support for counsel law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are predicting the demise of the independent counsel law now that Attorney General Janet Reno has rejected a special prosecutor investigation of alleged perjury by former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes.

Acting minutes before a deadline Friday, Reno told a special court her six-month inquiry found "no reasonable basis to believe that any additional investigation would ... prove that Ickes' testimony was knowingly and intentionally false."

"There is clear and convinc-

ing evidence that Ickes did not intend to lie" when asked what the Clinton administration did about a 1995 strike by the Teamsters union, Reno concluded in an analysis of the case.

The Teamsters had contributed to Democrats in 1992, and Ickes was central to gathering the money for President Clinton's re-election campaign.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate committee that referred Ickes' testimony for scrutiny, was disappointed by Reno's decision.

"The demise of the independent counsel law when it

expires this year may be the most notable 'achievement' of her tenure as attorney general," Thompson said.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the decision "spells the death of the independent counsel statute."

Reno herself has ordered a study of whether the law should be amended when it comes up for renewal.

"Janet Reno has defied the spirit and the letter of the independent counsel statute ... Her investigation has become a sham," said Rep. Dan Burton,

R-Ind., chairman of a House committee investigation of campaign financing. "The attorney general is once again protecting the president and his friends."

Clinton sounded a note of vindication. "I have always had confidence that Harold Ickes acted lawfully and appropriately," he said in a statement. Ickes' attorneys said they were "gratified."

Reno's decision cut off another possible avenue for transferring a portion of the Justice Department's campaign finance investigation to an independent counsel, a prospect raised by

Ickes' fund-raising role.

Late last year, Reno also refused to order independent counsels to investigate Clinton and Vice President Al Gore over fund raising.

The Justice campaign finance task force, which has charged 15 people including prominent Democratic fund-raisers, continues a "vigorous investigation into allegations of illegal activity surrounding the 1996 elections," Reno said.

Ickes was accused of lying in a Sept. 22, 1997, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee deposition about

administration efforts on behalf of the Teamsters in a strike against Diamond Walnut Co.

The Senate panel asked: "What did the administration do regarding the Diamond Walnut strike?"

Ickes responded: "Nothing that I know of."

The question was repeated but there were no follow-up questions defining the terms more precisely.

"The questions asked of Ickes were ambiguous and his answers were truthful under a reasonable interpretation of the question," Reno said.

A year later, bomber still eludes capture

MURPHY, N.C. (AP) — It's been almost a year since Billy Stiles got the phone call he will never forget. The sheriff asked him to bring a tractor up the mountain, and there he found a gray, 1989 Nissan pickup stuck in the mud and surrounded by federal agents.

The pickup belonged to Eric Robert Rudolph, wanted in the bombing of a Birmingham, Ala., abortion clinic.

Rudolph is still a fugitive, despite a \$1 million reward and one of the most intensive, expensive manhunts in U.S. history.

FBI agent Woody Enderson says the federal and state law enforcement agencies hunting for Rudolph believe he still is hiding somewhere in the 580,000-acre Nantahala National Forest, a rugged, remote area at North Carolina's western tip.

"We think he's alone and he's

been alone," said Enderson, leader of the Southeast Bomb Task Force.

But he concedes the experienced outdoorsman holds an advantage over his pursuers.

"He's been up here 16 or 17 years and we don't know all the routes he has traveled and the places he's been," he said. "But now we can say we do know some of them."

Task force leaders refuse to say what the manhunt has cost, but it easily has run into the millions of dollars. Several helicopters used in the search are parked outside the agents' large command post in nearby Andrews.

On Jan. 29, 1998, an explosion killed a policeman and maimed a nurse at the New Woman All Women Health Care in Birmingham.

That night, Rudolph rented a video in Murphy, bought a large

cache of food and supplies, and vanished.

Initially sought as a material witness in the bombing, Rudolph quickly became the prime suspect.

Charges were filed after nails and other evidence were found in his home in Murphy, his pickup and a rented mini-warehouse.

Later, he was charged in three Atlanta-area bombings, including the 1996 Olympic park bombing in Atlanta, in which a woman died.

Since Feb. 9, 1998, the day Stiles towed away Rudolph's pickup, there has been just one reported sighting of Rudolph.

That was July 11, when health food store owner George Nordmann told authorities Rudolph had come to his home in nearby Nantahala and taken six months' worth of food and supplies, along with his pickup.

The manhunt and the more than 200 agents who poured into the area initially thrilled and impressed some residents.

Feelings have changed.

"We're constantly cracking jokes about how Rudolph has managed to outwit them," said Jerimi McManus, a waiter at ShoeBooties Cafe in Murphy.

"Rudolph has really become a legend. It's funny how someone from little old Murphytown is beating the FBI's best people."

When he towed away Rudolph's pickup, Stiles remarked: "Nothing in this county has ever been this big."

Now he views the matter differently. "Nobody says too much of anything about it these days," Stiles said.

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Planes fire at Iraqi sites in "no-fly" zone

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — U.S. warplanes patrolling the "no-fly" zone in northern Iraq fired on Iraqi air defense sites in six separate incidents Saturday, U.S. officials said.

The warplanes returned safely to the Incirlik air force base in southern Turkey, and damage to the Iraqi sites was being assessed.

It was apparently the biggest number of incidents in one day since confrontations between U.S. and British warplanes and Iraqi missile sites started up last month in the northern "no-fly" zone.

All the confrontations took place near the Iraqi city of Mosul, said a statement from Operation Northern Watch at Incirlik.

The first incident occurred when a U.S. Air Force F-15E responded in self-defense after being targeted by Iraqi radar, the statement read.

Two other U.S. warplanes then launched precision-guided missiles at the missile launchers at the site, it added.

It remained unclear whether the Iraqi sites ever opened fire on the planes in any of the incidents, a U.S. military spokeswoman in Incirlik said on condition of anonymity.

Later, U.S. F-15Es, acting in self defense, fired missiles on four more Iraqi sites, a statement said.

A U.S. Marine EA-6B Prowler fired a missile after being targeted by a radar-guided anti-aircraft artillery system, the state-

ment said.

Tensions in the region have been high due to repeated confrontations between U.S. and Iraqi forces in the northern and southern "no-fly" zones, which were set up after the 1991 Persian Gulf War to protect the Kurdish and Shiite minorities in Iraq.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has vowed to fight allied planes entering Iraqi airspace, saying the "no-fly" zones violate international law.

The official Iraqi News Agency today quoted the armed forces as acknowledging the attack occurred. It gave no details on casualties or damage.

"The hostile planes fled to the hideouts of evil they came from," the statement added.

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Forty years later, fans still flock to Buddy Holly tribute

CLEAR LAKE, Iowa (AP) — It has become known as "the day the music died." But for thousands of rock 'n' roll fans, the music lives and is drawing them to a northern Iowa dance hall for the 40th anniversary of the deaths of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

"We're not celebrating that they crashed," said Scott Anderson, who owns the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake. "We're celebrating their music. Their music lives on and I think that's what people come back for."

The three rising stars were killed Feb. 3, 1959, just after performing at the Surf. They took off from the nearby Mason City airport in the middle of a snowstorm, bound for another concert in Moorhead, Minn. Their four-seater plane crashed in a cornfield about five miles north of Clear Lake, killing them and

their pilot.

The Surf, as it has for the past two decades, will mark that fateful night with a concert next Saturday featuring Bobby Vee, Holly's band the Crickets, and other famous names from the time. As usual, the "Winter Dance Party" is a sellout, with fans from around the world snatching up all 2,200 tickets.

Paul King of Northamptonshire, England, is making it his sixth consecutive Holly tribute.

"We do tend to revolve around Buddy Holly, it's true," said King, 53, who runs a construction business. "But we get to know the local people and the families and the artists. It's a pilgrimage, really. We're over-awed by the whole thing."

Holly, a rockabilly singer from Lubbock, Texas, whose real name was Charles Hardin Holley, was just 22 when he

died. But he had recorded dozens of songs, including the hits "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," and "Rave On."

Artists from Bob Dylan to Paul McCartney have said their music was influenced by his style. In his 1972 hit "American Pie," Don McLean described Holly's death as "the day the music died."

There are still Buddy Holly fan clubs, magazines and books, Web sites full of Holly trivia and movies and musicals based on his life. A statue of him stands in Lubbock, where he is buried under a guitar-shaped marker, and the city is building a permanent exhibit.

Many of the real details of the story bear an "urban-myth" quality, seemingly too fantastic to be true.

A young bass guitarist who performed with Holly in Clear Lake gave up his seat on the

plane to Richardson, who had the flu, so the "Bopper" wouldn't have to ride in the band's old bus all the way to the next concert. Wracked by guilt over joking with Holly about the plane crashing, he avoided the Surf for decades before finally returning for a concert in 1996.

"I lost some great friends that night," Waylon Jennings told the crowd at his Surf performance.

A legendary crooner might not have gotten his start without that tragic night. At just 15, Bobby Vee filled in at the Moorhead concert after the plane crash. It was his first public performance and a record agent in the crowd liked the band's sound. Vee has since produced more than 25 albums with hits including "Take Good Care of My Baby."

The restored Surf Ballroom remains true to its early roots,

with '50s-style pineapple wallpaper and bright, feather-patterned carpet in the entryway.

Karen Lien of Mason City was 18 when she went to the Surf for Holly's concert. The next morning, she heard on the news that the singers had been killed.

"I think my mouth just dropped open," she said. "We couldn't believe it."

Lien is now a 58-year-old grandmother and her boyfriend from the concert is her husband. She avidly collects Buddy Holly memorabilia and wishes she had saved her ticket stub from that night.

Two memorials to Holly and the other musicians have been placed in the Clear Lake area. One, a large, gray stone, is at the Surf. The other, a guitar and three records fashioned out of stainless steel, stands at the crash site.

And this year, for the 40th

anniversary, a group that includes a nephew of Valens and Niki Sullivan of the Crickets is replicating that final tour. The group wraps up with a concert Tuesday at the Surf.

Even after 50 years, people still recognize Holly's contributions to music, Vee said.

"We heard rock 'n' roll evolve through Buddy Holly," he said.

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Alaska shivers in bitter cold outbreak

FAIRBANKS (AP) — An outbreak of bitterly cold air — even by Alaskan standards — has the 49th state shivering.

Sure, January is supposed to be cold in Alaska. But air temperatures have dropped to minus 70 degrees Fahrenheit in the state's interior, with windchills plummeting to minus 100 in the coldest weather in a decade, the National Weather Service reports.

"Every activity is a dangerous activity now in northern Alaska," said Lee Kelley, meteorologist in charge of the weather service office in Fairbanks.

"Whether we get a new record, we'll know in the next two days," he said.

Alaska's current low record is minus 80, set at Prospect Creek on Jan. 23, 1971. Kelley said typical winter lows in the state range from minus 30 to minus 40. "People will function fairly well in that type of temperature range."

Chandler Lake, Alaska, reported a low of minus 71 on Thursday, and readings of minus 40 to minus 70 are expected to persist through the weekend.

A blocking pattern in the atmosphere is causing frigid air from Siberia to spill into northern Alaska, Kelley explained, and as it spreads further to the Southeast the cold will begin affecting more populated areas, such as Fairbanks, where lows are expected to reach between minus 50 and minus 65.

Indeed, the cold prompted Gov. Tony Knowles to postpone the inaugural ball scheduled for Saturday in Fairbanks. A spokesman for the governor said the ball was postponed out of safety concerns for those who planned to attend, including children who were to perform.

"Yes, we're used to a lot of cold. However things start breaking at minus 40 and below," Kelley explained in a tele-

phone interview.

"The smaller aircraft that service the villages as a lifeline will be grounded by the cold," he said. "All these places are already isolated, but they become totally cutoff, that includes medical flights."

He explained that the cold affects engine hoses on the planes, fuel flow and other components. Larger planes, such as Boeing 737s and MD80s can fly at temperatures down to about minus 65, Kelley said, but one landing can create ice fog that closes an airport indefinitely.

"Fuel oil begins to jell at minus 40 and that is the major heating fuel for interior Alaska," he went on. "By minus 45 the fuel will be jelled and so operating diesel vehicles, heating buildings will become more and more difficult."

In addition, the beads on the tires of cars are beginning to break as the rub-

ber becomes rigid in minus 70 degree cold and can chip and shatter, Kelley said. "Coming to work today I saw several vehicles with flat tires ... to get a flat at these temperatures is a life-threatening situation."

Coping with the cold means a whole different set of clothing at minus 70 and below compared to a mere minus 40, he said.

"I know I wear a lot of clothes when I come to work, lots of layered clothing," he said. For example, a glove covered by a heavy outer shell glove covered by a mitten.

So, is there any good news? Maybe for the rest of the country.

John Lingaas, warning coordination meteorologist at the Fairbanks weather service office, says at this time it looks as if the cold air will remain over Alaska rather than spread south.

Smithsonian collected 325,000 items, including blond rhinoceros

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year brought 325,000 new items to the Smithsonian Institution's 16 museums, including 13,441 adult mosquitoes, two barber poles and a Stradivarius cello.

The Smithsonian, sometimes called the nation's attic, reported in September that up to the beginning of 1998 it had acquired 141,149,152 items — more or less — in over 150 years of its history.

"That doesn't include every last bug in every jar," noted Mary Combs, the employee in charge of counting.

The mosquitoes in the latest update came from the Lloyd E. Rozeboom Mosquito Collection at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. They went to the Museum of Natural History. The Smithsonian also got 3,370 insects collected in Burma and 413 wasps from around the world.

In addition to the cello, the Museum of American History won the red, white and blue barber poles, made by a company in St. Paul, Minn., which claims to be the only commercial manufacturer in the western hemisphere. With the cello were two violins and a viola, also made by Antonio Stradivari in Cremona, Italy, 300 years ago.

Mohan, a 29-year-old greater one-horned Asian rhinoceros, came from a zoo in Miami to the National Zoo, also part of the Smithsonian.

"Mohan is easily distinguished from Mechi, the zoo's 12-year-old female rhino, by the blond hair lining his ears," the Smithsonian announced.

Station owner clings to hood of car for miles

SHIP BOTTOM, N.J. (AP) — Fourteen dollars worth of unleaded regular nearly cost a gas station owner his life.

Mark Thomas clung to the hood of a car driven at high speeds by a customer who tried to run him over after a dispute over how much gas he pumped.

The woman repeatedly sped up and slammed on the brakes, trying to dislodge him from the front of her vehicle.

It started Tuesday morning when Judith Piorkowski pulled into the Amoco Station on the

main drag that runs the length of Long Beach Island.

Thomas said the woman ordered a fill-up, which came to \$14. But she said she only had \$5, and had only asked for that much gas.

When she asked if she could pay the rest next week, Thomas said no.

She started to drive away, but he reached inside and switched off the ignition.

He was standing in front of the car trying to memorize its license plate number when she

started it up again and came straight at him, police said. He jumped onto the hood to avoid being run over, he said.

"I was holding onto the windshield wiper and the radio antenna," Thomas said.

"It was interesting when she was trying to shake me off and turned on the windshield wiper," he said.

"It got more interesting when she turned on the windshield washer spray."

Police said the ride ended without injury when the woman

drove past a police officer, who pulled her over.

She was charged with robbery and aggravated assault, and released on \$15,000 bail.

Her home number in Beach Haven is unlisted.

While clinging to the hood at speeds he estimated at 75 to 80 mph, Thomas was thinking two things.

"I was thinking, 'How am I going to get off of here?'" he said.

"I was also thinking I should have let her pay next week."

Fighting to save the Packard plant — and he won't give up

DETROIT (AP) — Inside the cavernous hulk of the Packard Motor Car Co.'s landmark factory, tons of scrap tire share space with junk, vintage cars and Dominic Cristini — a man on a lonely mission to save the tattered building from demolition.

Holed up in an office inside the plant since November, Cristini eats there and sleeps there — refusing to leave in protest of city efforts to evict 87 tenants by Monday.

"I'm going to give everything I've got to save this building," says the 38-year-old Cristini, his graying hair pulled into a ponytail, an earring in his left ear.

Detroit officials want to tear down the building to make way for an industrial park. In a move toward demolition, the City Council voted in November to replace Cristini as property manager.

To him, it doesn't make sense to eliminate one of the last vestiges of the dawning of the automotive age. The building arose in 1907, a year before Henry

Ford introduced his Model T. By the 1930s, it was humming along as the nation's premier maker of luxury cars.

"I want to save this history for my kids and my kids' kids," says Cristini, whose Packard Motor Properties had been managing the 3.5-million-square-foot property since 1997, after the city acquired it through tax foreclosures.

When Cristini got voted out as property manager, it inspired him — and thus began his sit-in.

He sued the city and refused to leave the plant even for Thanksgiving and Christmas, seeing his children — ages 14, 11 and 9 — only when they visit on weekends. With a refrigerator but no stove, he gets by on any food he can have delivered.

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Taylor, Dickerson voted into Hall

MIAMI (AP) — In the end, the Lawrence Taylor debate was no debate at all. The dominant defensive player of his time was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Taylor, filming an Oliver Stone movie in South Florida, issued a statement saying: "I am humbled by being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame."

career with 132.5 sacks, not including 9.5 recorded in 1981 before sacks became an official statistic.

Dickerson set a single-season rushing record of 2,105 yards in 1984 and wound up third on the career rushing list with 13,259.

Joining him in the Class of 1999 were running back Eric Dickerson, tight end Ozzie Newsome, and guards Tom Mack and Billy Shaw.

It was Taylor, however, whose candidacy dominated conversation and sparked debate throughout Super Bowl week.

"Every year, it seems someone gets closer and closer," he said. "If someone breaks my records, I'll be happy for him."

Mack was an 11-time Pro Bowl choice when he played for the Rams and one of the best blocking guards of his generation.

Newsome, tops all tight ends in receptions with 662 catches for 7,980 yards and 47 touchdowns in 13 seasons with the Cleveland Browns.

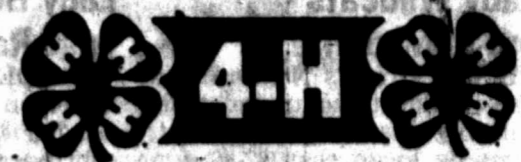
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◆ Don Adams (*Get Smart*) Carroll (*All in the Family*) and Michael J. Fox (*Family Ties*) are the only men to win the Emmy for Comedy Actor three straight years.

◆ In many European countries Easter is called Pascha. The word comes from the Hebrew word pesah or Passover, the festival which Jesus celebrated shortly before he died.

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Set in their ways

Once a week, Jerrie Permenter comes to Head Hunters Beauty Salon to see Judi McKinley, a hairdresser and the shop's owner.

"I don't know what I'd do without Judi," said Permenter, who is getting her regular "shampoo and set," once the staple of salon business, and still a popular request from customers.

"I've been coming here every week for 20 years."

Senior citizens especially, but also working women and even the occasional teenager will want a hairstyle that requires a weekly "s and s," or "wet-set," as it is known.

"When I started in this business, 33 years ago, 99 percent of my customers were shampoo and set," said McKinley. "Now, I'd say it's still about 70 percent."

The shampoo and set involves rolling clean, wet hair onto rollers and applying a setting lotion. The customer sits under a hairdryer for about half an hour, and then the hair is ready to be styled. It will be combed out, usually teased, and always sprayed into place.

These customers come back every week for another styling session. In-between there is usually no need to wash or even comb the hair — just pull it back "up" into place and add more spray.

"They're just coming back for an oil change," said Tianna Beck, a stylist at Head Hunters. She said there are a few differences between the older and younger generations when it comes to the shampoo and set.

"The younger clientele wants a blow dryer and curling iron used on their hair," Beck said. "But it's still a shampoo and set. That's what we call our bread and milk money."

This regular visit will cost you about \$10, that's up from 25 cents during the Great Depression. And something else about the wet set has changed.

"Whereas we used not to care about shine and softness, that's the big thing now," said Norma Jean Nelson, a stylist. "Back then, the stiffer and higher, the better."

For some customers, that will never change, however.

"There's always going to be some who will want the 'fixed look,'" Nelson said. So that means a weekly trip to the salon, usually on the same day, at the same time. Getting a shampoo and set takes about an hour.

For the rest of the week, the customer will use techniques shown to them by the hairdresser, including "back-brushing," and "teasing" the hair back into place. Most will wear a net over their hairdo while sleeping, to avoid messing it up.

"That's important," Beck said. "You've got to teach your client how to take care of it, or you've wasted their time."

McKinley said she's noticed the shampoo and set must not be on the curriculum in cosmetology school anymore.

"Somebody comes here just out of school, you have to teach them," she said. And her stylists, she added, have to keep up with current styles also. Shampoo and set may be a mainstay, but it's not all that is required of a hairdresser in the '90s.

Jody Gillihan, a retired hairdresser, is a veteran of the shampoo and set.

"That was all I did in the beginning," she said. "Shampoo and set, perms and color."

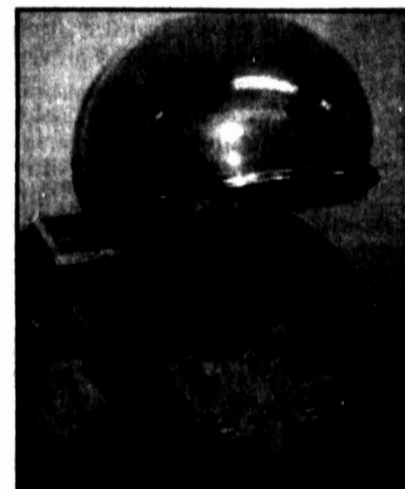
Now, she said she's happy to have her hair done by Nelson once a week.

"I'd come twice a week if I could afford it," Gillihan said.

Hairstyle fads come and go, but with decades of history behind it, McKinley said the shampoo and



Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen



set isn't going anywhere. Head Hunters still sees between 100-200 people every week for the style.

"We're coming up on the year 2000, and you don't know what they're going to come up with," McKinley said.

Whatever that may be, Doris Mason isn't going to change.

"I've been wearing my hair like this for 40 years," Mason said, while getting her shampoo and set styled into an "upsweep" with "petal curls."

"Even when the wind is blowing, I don't have any trouble keeping it this way."



In the photos, clockwise from top: Jerrie Permenter sits under the dryer waiting for her setting lotion to take hold. Tianna Beck puts the finishing touches on Doris Mason's "upsweep with petal curls." Beck brushes Mason's hair up before teasing, curling and spraying it into place. At left, Head Hunters owner Judi McKinley shampoos Charlotte Norman's hair. Far left, Permenter's hair is rolled before setting lotion can be applied.

Details of this dog show mystery novel can get pretty hairy

"Hair of the Dog," Laurien Berenson. Kensington Publishing Corporation, New York, New York, November, 1998. 310 pages. \$5.99

It's summer and Melanie Travis has plans to do little but enjoy her summer respite from teaching.

Melanie's social life is simple, consisting mainly of her 5-year-old son Davey, her Aunt Peg, and a seldom-seen brother Frank, and her romantic interest Sam. At least it seemed simple until she became involved in the group that has an

intense interest in dog shows.

Aunt Peg is one of those folks. It was at her insistence that Melanie became the owner of one of Aunt Peg's standard poodle puppies. The dog named Faith was too young to show because of lack of mature hair to trim in the fancy poodle style, but Melanie was faithful to take Faith to the various shows and to get used to being among crowds of people and dogs.

Because the dog show folks attend most of the same events, Melanie is acquainted with

those who show dogs near her hometown. Aunt Peg, a rather pushy, but loving relative, lives nearby, and delights in entertaining the group of dog lovers with whom she competes. The demeanor of these folks seems



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relatively civil on the surface, but underneath there lurks a cut-throat, competitive operation.

Then at one of Aunt Peg's pot luck dinners, it is announced that one of their number has been murdered in the driveway of his home.

Melanie soon finds herself embroiled in an effort to sort out who might have been responsible for the dastardly deed.

However, the more she seeks to narrow her search, the more people she finds with reason to

kill.

While Laurien Berenson's latest paperback is supposed to be about murder, there seems to be an abundance of written material about dogs, dog grooming, dog shows, and dog show etiquette. Every dog has a name, and between the names of the characters and the names of the dogs, it creates absolute confusion.

With the personalities of the dogs described in such detail, as well as the conversations between dogs and their owners, the reader might assume that

some well-trained hunting dog had taken sight on the deceased and done the work for his/her master.

If you don't know ANYTHING about dog shows and want to catch a glimpse of the particular arena, this might be a quick textbook for you.

Otherwise, skip it — the murder definitely was less exciting than making a "poof" on the poodle's head.

RATING: (*) one out of four — A real hair ball!

ON THE MENU

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MONDAY-Beef & vegetable soup, sandwich, potato chips, ice cream, cookies, milk.
TUESDAY-Corn dogs w/mustard, sweet potatoes, green beans, jello, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, corn bread, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Country fried steak, sliced potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-BBQ beef on bun (burritos), fries baked beans, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Beef fajitas (sub sandwiches), salad, pinto beans, spanish rice, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Shake/bake chicken (corn dogs), green beans, sweetened rice, bread, milk.
THURSDAY-Cheeseburger pockets (cheese fries), fries, pickle spears, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, fries, fresh fruit, milk. Teachers only: Baked potato or salad.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corn dog (char-broiled meatballs), potato wedges, pineapple tidbits, sliced peaches, milk.
TUESDAY-Beef stroganoff (crispy chicken sandwich), fried okra, carrot sticks, hot roll, cherry cobbler, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (chef salad), charra beans, spanish rice, salsa, apple, milk.
THURSDAY-Turkey fryz (deli sandwich), mashed potato, green beans, hot roll, chocolate cake, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburger (green enchiladas), salad, french fries, pinto beans, lemon pie, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOL
MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, apple cobbler, milk.
TUESDAY-Steak fingers and gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, french fries, safd, pork & beans, cookies and creme, milk.
THURSDAY-Beef tamales, ranch style beans, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Soft burrito, refried beans, spanish rice, salad, fruit pies, milk.

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MONDAY-Grill cheese or steak burgers, french fries/cat-sap, sandwich salad, apple wedges, cookie, milk, fruit drink.
TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peach cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajita or burrito, buttered corn, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, milk, fruit drink.
THURSDAY-Baked fish or corn dog, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.
FRIDAY-Pizza or baked potato/bread stix, carrots, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk, fruit drink.

BEST SELLERS LIST

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

HOT POP SINGLE: "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears.
TOP POP ALBUM: "Made Man," Silk The Shocker.
HOT R&B SINGLE: "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," Deborah Cox.
TOP R&B ALBUM: "Made Man," Silk The Shocker.
HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK: "Stand Beside Me," Jo Dee Messina.
TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks.
TOP VIDEO RENTAL: "Lethal Weapon 4."
TOP VIDEO SALE: "Armageddon."
TOP KIDS VIDEO: "Lion King II: Simba's Pride."

Hot R&B Singles
 (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

1. "Nobody's Supposed To Be Here," Deborah Cox. Arista. (Platinum)
2. "Angel Of Mine," Monica. Arista.
3. "Taking Everything," Gerald Levert. EastWest.
4. "Have You Ever?" Brandy. Atlantic.
5. "When A Woman's Fed Up," R. Kelly. Jive.
6. "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston. Arista.
7. "Trippin'," Total (feat. Missy Elliott). Bad Boy. (Gold)
8. "These Are The Times," Dru Hill. University.
9. "Love Like This," Faith Evans. Bad Boy. (Gold)
10. "Ex-Factor," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse.

Top R&B Albums
 (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Made Man," Silk The Shocker. No Limit.
2. "Flesh Of My Flesh Blood Of My Blood," DMX. Ruff Ryder. (Platinum)
3. "R...," R. Kelly. Jive. (Platinum)
4. "The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill," Lauryn Hill. (Platinum)
5. "Enter The Dru," Dru Hill. University. (Platinum)
6. "Vol. 2... Hard Knock Life," Jay-Z. Roc-A-Fella. (Platinum)
7. "Ghetto Fabulous," Mystikal. No Limit. (Platinum)
8. "Greatest Hits," 2Pac. Amaru.
9. "E.L.E.: Extinction Level," Busta Rhymes. FlipMode. (Platinum)
10. "400 Degreez," Juvenile. Cash Money.

Hot Rap Singles
 (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled, and Provided by SoundScan)

1. "Ghetto Cowboy," Mo Thugs Family. Mo Thugs. (Gold)
2. "Watch For The Hook," Cool Breeze. Organized.
3. "Woof," Snoop Dogg. No Limit.
4. "More Freaky Tales," Too Short. Short.
5. "Pushin' Weight," Ice Cube (feat. Short Khop). Lench Mob. (Gold)
6. "Doo Wop (That Thing)," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse. (Gold)
7. "Just Don't Give A F.," Eminem. Web.
8. "Whatcha Wanna Do?," Mia X (feat. Charlie Wilson). No Limit.
9. "Invasion Of The Flat Booty Bs," Too Short. Short.
10. "5 Boroughs," KRS-One (feat. Buckshot, Cam'Ron, Keith Murray, Killah Priest, Prodigy of Mobb Deep, Redman, Run of Run DMC, Vigilante) Jive.

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Noah Tristan Torres-Whitmer, boy, Jan. 7, 1999, 5:40 p.m., nine pounds and 21 1/4 inches long; parents are Melissa and John Torres-Whitmer.
 Grandparents are Becki and Joe F. Torres of Big Spring, Mrs. Marty Campbell of Dallas, and Phil Whitmer and Gloria Gottschalk of Michigan.
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Seth Robert L. Sparks, boy, Jan. 13, 1999, 2:02 a.m., five pounds seven ounces and 18 1/2 inches long; parents are Malinda and Robbie Sparks of Victoria.
 Grandparents are Skeeter and Durinda O'Brien of Big Spring, Mike and Linda Merritt of Missouri, and Larry and Leslie Sparks of Austin.

Show proves Warhol's 15 minutes never ended

SAN ANTONIO(AP) — Pop art has had more than a mere 15 minutes of fame, to appropriate a phrase coined by the best-known pop artist of them all, Andy Warhol.

Born out of popular culture and solidly middle class, pop art was as much about a new attitude toward art as it was about art itself. The McNay Art Museum celebrates the attitude and the art with "The Great American Pop Art Store: Multiples of the Sixties," a traveling exhibit that originated at California State University in 1997. To herald this exhibit, we've put together pop art primer.

What is pop art?
 Reacting against abstract expressionism and the elitism of high art, pop art embraced popular culture movies, advertising, mass production, comic books and science fiction.

Instead of heroic loners rebelling against middle-class values, pop artists wanted to reach the largest audience possible. Pop artists tried to merge high culture and the popular subculture by absorbing the latter's imagery without condemning its triviality and banality.
 Pop art has been defined as "making impersonality a style." Pop artists preferred techniques that could endlessly reproduce the same image: commercial art, photography, silk-screen printing and comics.
 Warhol once said, "The reason I'm painting this way is because I want to be a machine."
 While the repetition of ordinary images from the world of commerce meant the artist's identity was in danger of being lost, standardization symbolized the pop artists' contempt for artistic tradition. Pop art is a movement spawned by the wealth and success of capitalist society.

WHO'S WHO

McMurry University Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 1998 semester has been announced. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 GPA and take 12 or more credit hours. To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must have at least a 3.5 GPA and take from 6 to 11 credit hours.
 Among those listed was: Heather C. Anderson of Big Spring.

Knott, Aaron Maxwell Barr of Coahoma, Jacob Todd Quisenberry, Angela Kay Sturm, and Benjamin Andrew Inman, all of Big Spring.

Diplomas were awarded to 3,436 Texas A&M University graduates during mid-term commencement ceremonies.
 The degrees were presented at three separate ceremonies.

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1998 fall semester recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

Among those receiving degrees were: William Brian Newton with a Bachelor of Business Administration, Toby Ward McQueary with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and William Colin Woodall with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Systems Management, all of Big Spring.

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It has been long in coming, but the IRS has finally put in place a program where taxpayers will have the option of paying their taxes using their credit card.

Beginning January 15, 1999, taxpayers who electronically file Form 1040 using an authorized IRS e-file provider, a commercial tax preparation software, or the IRS's TeleFile, could call 1(888)-2PAY-TAX on

any touch-tone phone and make balance due payments.

Intuit's TurboTax® users can begin paying their taxes with NOVUS/Discover® cards only, and not until after February 28, 1999.

The pilot program is the IRS's response to a long-standing request from both individual taxpayers and tax practitioners to accept credit cards as a convenient method of paying taxes.

The IRS has implemented the pilot program by forming a

partnership with private industry processors that allows taxpayers to pay balance due returns using MasterCard®, American Express®, NOVUS/Discover® cards, and other NOVUS brand cards. It is possible that the IRS will accept other credit cards in the future and expand the option to the payment of other types of taxes.

For now, the option is limited to federal income taxes reported on Form 1040.

The IRS is not a merchant, therefore not directly involved

in the credit card transaction and will not have access to the credit card numbers. The IRS will rely on private processors to verify the validity of the card and line of credit.

If necessary, the IRS will be able to construct an audit trail of any payment from credit card authorization to posting once the transaction is completed.

The private processors will negotiate a convenience fee with the major credit card companies to cover their overhead costs.

During the call, the taxpayer will be advised of the convenience fee and can cancel the transaction if they decide not to pay this way.

The way the payment option works, is once the return is completed and you have been notified that the IRS accepted it, you call 1-888-272-9829.

The voice response system will prompt you to enter your Social Security number. This enables the IRS to properly credit your tax payment to your account. Your Social Security

number is re-entered as a confirmation. You then enter your credit card number, the expiration date, and the balance due on your return. The convenience fee will be announced and you are asked to confirm their approval of the amount.

During this time you can decline payment using this option by simply hanging up the phone. If the approval is given, you will be given a confirmation number.

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IN THE NEWS

DR. MARA DE LA VEGA, Big Spring, has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

Dr. De La Vega has been an active member since 1995 and is qualified to work in all major areas of health care and trained to treat patients for the vast majority of health problems, according to a press release from AAFP.

DR. CARLOS MERCADO, Big Spring, has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

Dr. Mercado has been an active member since 1995 and is qualified to work in all major areas of health care and trained to treat patients for the vast majority of health problems, according to a press release from AAFP.

VAN LEE YORK, JR., a 1981 graduate of Borden County High School in Gail, is one of the six owner/managers who have purchased the Lubbock Feedyard from Koch Beef Co.

York has been with the feedyard for 18 years and is a fifth generation cattleman raised in Borden County.

He served as head cattle doctor for the first six years and as safety, environmental and projects manager for the past seven. He will continue in that capacity.

SAEED "STEVE" AHMED, M.D., has successfully completed the certification examination of the American Board of Pediatrics, earning him the designation of a Diplomate in pediatrics.

Ahmed is pediatric practitioner at Family Medical Center of Big Spring and currently serves as vice president of the Permian Basin Medical Society and as chief of pediatrics and OB/GYN at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He earned the American Medical Association Physical Recognition Award in 1998 and 1999, and the Primary Care Award for treating febrile children, from the University of San Francisco.

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Western Container maintains growth cycle

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring-based Western Container Corporation tripled its size in the past five years and is now the 13th largest plastic producer in the nation and second largest in Texas.

"Our growth has been phenomenal. This is directly attributable to the quality of the equipment and the personnel we have right here in Big Spring," said company president Bob Tremblay.

According to a December issue of "Plastic News," Western Container is now the 13th largest blow molder in the North American continent, in a ranking of the top 200.

And to add to their growth, the corporation has recently purchased more than \$1 million worth of new equipment.

"This year we will be bringing in new state-of-the-art machinery from Germany and Canada. We continue to invest in Big Spring, even as we add more plants nearer to our distant customers," Tremblay said.

A blow molding machine made by the Krupp Corporation in Hamburg, Germany is due to arrive in the next few months. Corporate employees have traveled to Germany for training and should return this weekend, said human resources manager Barbara Morrison.

And a new technology injection molding machine from the Husky Corporation in Canada should arrive in June, Morrison said.

"This machine will produce preforms 50 percent faster than any we've seen before," said general manager Alf Marsh.

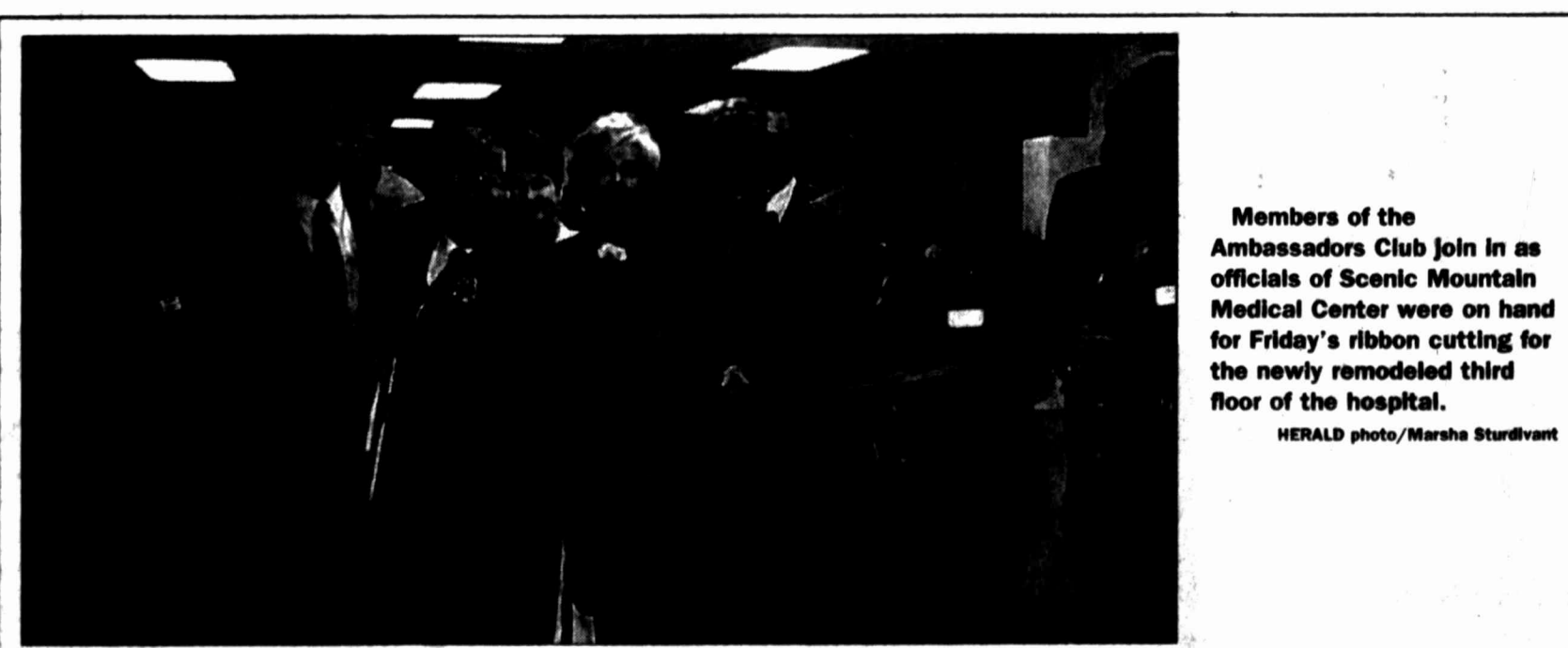
"It will be the first of its kind in the world. We want our best personnel to debug and operate it. That's why we're bringing it to Big Spring," he said.

Western Container has about 180 employees in Big Spring, home of the company and its largest plant, Morrison said.

The corporation has a plant



Mary Sue Hernandez organizes and sorts plastic beverage bottles as they flow through an assemble machine at Western Container Corporation.



Members of the Ambassadors Club join in as officials of Scenic Mountain Medical Center were on hand for Friday's ribbon cutting for the newly remodeled third floor of the hospital.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Low prices

Low livestock prices force ranchers to keep stock

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Low cattle, wool and mohair prices are forcing many Texas ranchers to be creative in holding onto the livestock they have or to seek alternative sources of income, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist in San Angelo, said many sheep and goat ranchers are being forced to change or expand their operations in the pursuit of income.

"Presently livestock prices and crop prices are all down at once," Craddock said. Ranchers are in trouble when cattle, sheep and goat prices are low at the same time.

"Usually if goat and sheep prices are down, cattle prices are up, or vice versa," he said. "This balances out the losses. Right now there is nothing to relieve the pressure from everything."

"Many people are trying to diversify their businesses and go into something that can bring in more money," he said.

Craddock said many sheep and goat ranchers have begun leasing land for deer hunting. "They are putting up high fences and beginning to manage their deer," he said. "This can help pick up the slack of the goat and sheep business."

Craddock said the transition is gradual, but many ranchers have completely switched from the sheep and goat business to leasing land for deer hunting.

"Right now the lamb market is down and there is little wool being sold," Craddock said.

"Some mohair is starting to sell," he said. "Yearling hair and kid hair, which is much finer, is selling at good prices."

Craddock said coarser hair makes up most of the volume, but is not selling.

"The coarse hair that is selling is bringing very low prices," he said.

Craddock added that livestock producers are hoping the market will continue to rise, but many ranchers already have had to reduce livestock numbers.

Phillip Shackelford, extension agent in Breckenridge, said many stock tanks are dry and many ranchers are starting to sell cattle.

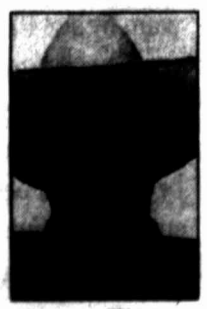
He said a lack of planted forage due to dry conditions has forced many ranchers to move cattle onto native grasses. Even these are suffering because of the dry winter.

Mulches help develop enhanced, low-cost and low-maintenance landscapes

The quality of food we eat, water we drink and air we breathe, in fact the well being of all plants and animal life, is determined by the quality of our topsoil. The earth's crucial thin layer of soil must be protected, maintained, built and nourished. A mulch cover of various material on soil enables, conserves and enhances our precious soil.

Natural mulch consists of dead leaves, twigs, fallen branches and other plant debris which accumulate on the

earth's surface. Bacteria, fungi and other living organisms use these raw organic materials for food, a process we know as decay. In the natural scheme of things, decay is Nature's way of returning to the earth the raw



DAVID KIGHT

materials borrowed by previous generation of plants.

Organic mulches not only conserve moisture, they also feed plants, earth worms, microbes and other beneficial soil life by composting at the moist earth surface. More species and tonnage of life occurs below than above the soil surface. All soil life needs energy. They cannot collect energy directly as green plants do, but they feed on energy released from decaying mulch which is their preferred food source.

As microbes digest organic material they give off a sticky substance that glues soil particles into a crumb-like structure. Carbon dioxide-oxygen exchange necessary for healthy root growth and proliferation of beneficial soil life is enhanced. Better control of soil pathogens results.

People can adapt natural mulching to dropping practices and to production and landscape-use of ornamental plants by using available living or dead organic matter and inorganic materials. Public interest

in mulch is aroused for two reasons: labor saving and plant advantages. Native material collected are the best mulch.

Unfortunately, mulching does not perform instant miracles, but encourages better plant growth and development, and makes all landscape maintenance operations easier. These benefits accrue whether plants are growing in the coolest or hottest climates or in the wettest or driest weather.

A mulch is any material placed on the soil surface to conserve moisture, lower soil

temperatures around plant root, prevent erosion and reduce weed growth. Mulches can be derived from either organic or inorganic materials.

Mulch insulates and protects soil from drying and hard-baking effects caused by evaporation of water from soil exposed to hot sun and winds. Mulched soils are cooler than non-mulched soils and have less fluctuation in soil temperature. Mulches break the force of rain and irrigation water there

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SEC chairman advises online traders to take extra precautions

WASHINGTON (AP) — As online trading swells with millions of armchair investors caught up in the excitement of it, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission is issuing a warning: Be careful out there in cyberspace.

In a rare public statement to individual investors, Arthur Levitt, who heads the market watchdog agency, said

Wednesday that investors should use as much caution trading over the Internet as when going through a broker.

Levitt's remarks came amid regulators' concern over the recent wild price swings and crushing trading volume of the Nasdaq Stock Market, especially among hot Internet stocks.

"Investing in the stock market will always entail risk, no matter how you do it," Levitt

said in an interview. "It is just as easy, if not more so, to lose money through the click of a button as it is to make it."

By year's end, an estimated 10 million amateur investors will be doing at least occasional trading over the Internet, with online brokerage accounts representing about one-quarter of all retail stock trades. It is a trend that prompted Levitt to warn investors.

People trading online should "remember the investment basics, and not allow the ease and speed with which they can trade to lull them either into a false sense of security or encourage them to trade too quickly or too often," he said.

In all kinds of trading, Levitt advised:

- Follow three "golden rules": Know what you are buying; know the ground rules under

which you buy or sell a stock or bond; and know the level of risk.

- Be very wary of buying securities on margin, with borrowed money.
- One way you can reduce your risk in a turbulent market is by using limit orders, as opposed to market orders, when placing trades in "hot" stocks.

Market orders are executed fully and promptly, without

regard to price. In volatile markets, execution may be at a price that is very different from the current quoted price of the stock.

Limit orders, on the other hand, are executed only at a price specified by the investor or better. Investors using limit orders benefit from price protection, but there is the possibility that the order won't be executed.

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Retain this number for your records in case questions arise later.

The IRS has indicated that the date of authorization will be the date the tax is considered paid. Therefore, you must authorize payment by April 15, for it to be considered timely made.

The next credit card statement you receive after the authorization will contain two line items: "United States Treasury Tax Payment" for the amount of tax, and "Tax

Payment Convenience Fee" for the fee charged by the private processor.

To curtail potential fraud, you will only be allowed to call and use this method of payment twice. This limits the convenience fees and prevents numerous unwanted charges to your card.

Allowing use of this method of payment twice enables parents to charge their child's, or another dependent's tax liability using their card.

If you do not feel comfortable preparing your tax return on a computer or using TeleFile, you can seek the assistance of a tax professional who offers elec-

tronic filing and take advantage of this new method of paying your balance due.

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by preventing erosion, soil compaction and crusting. Mulched soils absorb water faster. The mulch covering excludes light which prevents germination of many weeds. Fewer weeds provide less competition for available moisture and nutrients.

Apply mulches in a layer 2 to 6 inches thick. Four inches of loose fibrous materials works

well around trees and shrubs. The finer and smaller the particle size, the thinner the layer needs to be. Organic mulching material should be added regularly to maintain the desired layer thickness. Shredded branches from tree trimmings and large two-inch bark is a fibrous or loose mulch. Leaves or leaves mixed with some grass clippings and one-inch size bark would be a medium mulch.

In garden beds planted every year, organic mulches can be incorporated into the soil each year to improve soil structure. New mulch is applied each year. Regardless of the source of

organic matter, two factors are important to the user. One is the stage of mulch decomposition and the second is relative salinity of the material. Manures and sludges are usually saline and may sometimes cause trouble unless used in moderation.

One question with organic mulches dependent upon the state of decomposition is whether to add a nitrogen source to the mulch. When required, nitrogen can be added at the rate of one-half pound of actual nitrogen per 10 cubic feet of material. Mulching can be done at anytime of the year. For additional information on

mulching contact the Howard County Extension Office at 915-264-2236 or visit us in the Courthouse basement.

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in Houston, another in Hattiesburg, Miss. and two in California. Nation wide, employees number about 620, she said.

Annually, Western Container manufactures more than three billion plastic beverage bottles for the Coca-Cola bottling company, Morrison said.

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Castillo, Jose Fred Jr., 803 Lorilla, Big Spring
Castillo, Sandra, Rt. 3, Box 3, Colorado City
Cogburn, James Ray, 1965 Denton, Apt. C, Abilene
Driver, Scott, 25000 FM 1379, Midland
Gander, George, 212 N. Nolan, Big Spring
Garza, Chila J., 704 NW 6th, Seminole
Harwell, Amanda, 1306 Wright, Big Spring
Hains, Johnny Michael Jr., 538 Westover, Apt. 15, Big Spring
Lane, Tiffany M., 217 Shannon, Clyde
Lloyd, Justin James, 1202 College of 538 Westover, Big Spring
Malone, Freda, 3507 Humble, Midland
Meads, John, Rt 3, Box 66, Big Spring
Merdes, Jason J., 112 Airbase Rd., Big Spring
Murphy, Pat, 538 Westover No. 127, Big Spring
Nieto, Linda, 703 N. Scurry, Big Spring
Nelson, James T., 1804 Mikel, Big Spring
Norwood, Colton Reese, 3704 Noble Drive, Snyder
Perez, Juanita, Box 133, Westbrook

Peina, Jose Marcos Rubin, 2115 Warren St., Big Spring
Ruth, Sherri, P.O. Box 258, Westbrook
Salgado, Viola, 1207 Mulberry, Big Spring
Scott, Christy Fowler, 809 Tubbs Rd., Big Spring
Scott, Kenneth Dale, 1640 W. Henderson, Paris
Shalrack, Clarence Marvin, HCR 7, box 108, Lamesa, or 3102 S. Anderson Rd., Big Spring
Trevino, Rebecca, Box 285, Garden City
Valadez, Cynthia, 208 Chestnut, Snyder
Valadez, Grace, 1806 37th St., Snyder
Ybarra, Roxanne V., 909 E. 16th, Big Spring
Zapata, A. Lisa, 901 Scurry, Big Spring
Howard County Clerk:
Marriage Licenses:
Cheng Pheng Jan, 46, and Jantika Leela-Apradee, 25
James Oral Whitefield, Jr., 57, and Linda McNew Whitefield, 54
Justin Troy Brim, 20, and Tobi Lynn Jett, 21
Morgan Odus Wise, 36, and Beverly Gaitther Lane, 50
Court Records:
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Robert Bruce Mayfield, III, Jimmy Aaron Batie, Jon W. Amos, Roy Cervantes
Order of dismissal: Phillip Clark, Eddie Dewayne White, Norman Webb, Jackie Doyle Richey, Ernesto D. Garcia, Albert Arndrow, Eddie Daniel F. Hembree, Jackie D. Richey, Daniel F. Hembree, Jackie Doyle Richey, Mike Manuel Jimenez, Michael Vanderbilt, Jason Paul Williams, Norman Holland Webb, Mary Rheinscheid
Judgment & sentence burglary of vehicle (4 counts): Kenneth Paul Conway \$500 fine,

\$254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence theft over \$50/under \$500 (2 counts): Kenneth Paul Conway \$500 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence theft over \$50/under \$500: Kenneth Paul Conway \$500 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
Probated judgment cruelty to animals: Bobby R. Armstrong \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Victor T. Pruitt
Probated judgment DWI: Eddie Dwayne White \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Gloria Mendoza Ramirez (2nd offense) \$850 fine and 365 days in jail, Stephen W. Mathis \$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail, Jimmie Lee Sundry \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Norman H. Webb, Jr. (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Daniel Hembree \$3,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Jackie Doyle Richey, Jr. \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Stephen W. Mathis \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, James Ray Begley (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Kenneth Lloyd Talbot \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Dale N. Mathis \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Jimmie A. Batie (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Casey Danyel Irie \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Patricia Bryant \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Jackie Doyle Richey, Jr. \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, David Thomas (2nd offense) \$2,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Ricardo M. Balcazar \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Francisco M. Estrada \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment DWI: Tony Castelan \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Jimmy Joe Sanchez \$250 fine and 180 days in jail,

Diana Sosa Garcia \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Johnny Ray Dupre \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Jason M. Gonzales \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Felipe Saiz \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment fail to identify: Johnny Ray Dupre \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment resisting arrest: Joe Johnson \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment evading detention: Antonio Joe Flores \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$50/under \$500: Albert Martinez \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Ricky Lin Wallace \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Michael D. Kinard \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence theft over \$500/under \$1,500: William Sneed \$500 fine, \$227 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWI: Ricardo A. Uranga (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine, \$332 court cost and 90 days in jail
Deeds:
Warranty deeds:
grantor: Ginny E. Crawford
grantee: Lana Kay Dyer
property: lot 3 of Denton Subdivision of a 16.29 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 44
filed: Jan. 19, 1999
grantor: E. J. McKinney
grantee: Richard E. Jr. and Patricia McKinney
property: section 44, blk. 32, in 50 x 22
filed: Jan. 19, 1999
grantor: Eleanor M. Larocque-Fulvi

grantee: A.E. Kelley
property: a tract of land out of and part of section 5, blk. 22
filed: Jan. 19, 1999
grantor: Martha Saunders
grantee: Martha H. Saunders, trustee of the Martha H. Saunders Trust
property: a tract of land out of and part of the northeast 1/4 of section 14, blk. 33
filed: Jan. 20, 1999
grantor: Martha Saunders
grantee: Martha H. Saunders, trustee of the Martha H. Saunders Trust
property: the south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of survey no. 40, blk. 35
filed: Jan. 20, 1999
grantor: Jane Jones
grantee: Hayes Striping, Jr.
property: 1 - a 2.075 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 6, blk. 32, 2 - a 0.423 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 6, blk. 32
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