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Another pleads in Purple Cow drug bust roundup

Roberto Mendoza Sr., one of a number of individuals rounded up in a massive drug bust investigators termed Operation Purple Cow here last year, has pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Lubbock.

Mendoza pleaded guilty Thursday to possession of an unregistered firearm, said U.S. District Attorney Dick Baker. He faces up to 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and up to three years supervised release.

A presentence report has been ordered by the court.

Baker said the firearm in question was a sawed-off shotgun.

WHAT'S UP...

SUNDAY

□ Open house at Scout headquarters, 610 Scurry, from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

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

□ Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton, 264-0306.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAY

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

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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Forum to address needs of Alzheimer's victims, families

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Family members and community leaders who support and care for the victims of Alzheimer's Disease are invited to a community forum Tuesday.

Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter, which serves the Big Spring area, the event is designed to gain input on what programs are needed in Howard County.

"For people who are involved with Alzheimer's in some way, but are not quite sure what we do, this meeting will help focus them on what is available," said Gail Harmon, executive director of the Alzheimer's Association. She added the group is also trying to bring the community together to design local programs that will serve Big Spring's needs.

"For family members, this is a way to find out there is somebody they can call," she said. "We are really reaching out to

people." Anyone is invited to attend the forum, set for 3:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library meeting room. It should last about an hour and a half.

Invitations were sent to key people in the home health care, elderly care and social service fields as well as ministers and representatives of state agencies.

"Not every community has the same needs and resources," said Maryjane Allen, program services coordinator for the associ-

ation. For example, Big Spring has had three support groups for family members, but two floundered while the remaining group has flourished, she said. At the forum, the association hopes to find out why.

"We need to know things like what time would be best for a meeting, and what topics do people want to see addressed," Allen said.

With input from community leaders, family members and concerned others, the association will design programs that

will fit the needs of Big Spring. "We want to know, 'What is the need the families have?'" Allen said.

At the forum, Alzheimer's Association representatives will discuss the agency's mission, goals and current services. There will be discussion of partnership opportunities with other agencies, and a time for questions from those attending.

The agency estimates that in Howard County, with a popula-

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A place to remember...

Vietnam Memorial Committee begins preparation for chapel construction

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee (VMC) began site preparation Saturday for the chapel to be constructed at the Vietnam Memorial.

Work began just a day after the committee received a \$1,000 shot in the arm from the Big Spring Police Officers Association (BSPOA).

"We can't tell you how much this means to us," VMC president Charlie Lewis said. "This is a key time for us to get the funds raised, and we appreciate the help from our friends in the Police Association."

BSPOA president Stan Parker said the 42 members of the association discussed the project and made the decision to make the donation last Tuesday. "It's such a worthwhile project,"

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Parker said. "They (VMC) have done so much out there and the veterans the memorial honors did so much for our country."

If all goes as planned, the chapel will be dedicated on Memorial Day.

"Basically, we're out of time to get started on the site," explained VMC spokesman Jerry Groves. "We've tried to do it the last two weeks and the weather got us both times."

Groves said the site has to be ready for construction by March 1.

Lewis said the pad is to be poured about Feb. 20 and that it will need to set for two or three days before the finishing work can begin.

According to the VMC's plans, the chapel will be built of brown split-face brick, like the black brick used in the wall around the main memorial, and will have a metal roof.

After the site is prepared, the pad poured and the concrete finished, actual construction of the chapel will be done by inmates in the Wilderness Camp prison work force.

Groves said with the inmates doing

Committee seeks photographs of local veterans

HERALD Staff Report

Members of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee are working to obtain photos of servicemen and women with ties to Howard County who either died in Vietnam or are listed as POW/MIA.

"We're hopeful of getting as many photographs as we can," explained project coordinator Don Boling. "Ideally, we'd like to get 8x10 photos of them in uniform, if possible."

The photos will be permanently displayed in the chapel currently under construction.

Boling said the committee was working from the list of 44 names on the Howard County Memorial at the Courthouse, but was seeking the name of any member of the service who were from Howard County, were stationed at Webb Air Force Base or have family here.

"We certainly don't want to offend anyone by leaving anyone out, so we're asking for the public's help," he added.

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the construction work, monies will be freed to use on other areas of the project.

"We can't tell you how much we will be able to save to use someplace else because the Wilderness Camp prisoners will be building the chapel," he said.

Groves said the chapel will include picture displays for veterans of all wars, as well as a separate photo display for pictures of veterans from Big Spring and Howard County.



HERALD photo/John H. Walker
Pat Carnahan (foreground) and Danny Kennedy work to prepare the site where the chapel will be constructed at the Vietnam Memorial. Carnahan is operating a compactor to pack the dirt where the concrete pad will be poured.

"The photos will be in display cases and they will be copies of the original photos," Groves said.

He explained that while several security devices will be installed in the chapel, members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee don't want to take a chance with an original photo being lost or destroyed.

"There's been enough heartbreak for the families who have lost loved ones," he said. "We don't want to do anything that would allow that to be any more."

Construction of the chapel will leave only three artillery field pieces remaining to be installed from the original plans, drawn up less than a decade ago.

"This (the chapel) will make the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial one of the most complete anywhere, and certainly in West Texas," Groves said.

Persons wishing to contribute to the project may do so by mailing their donations to the Vietnam Memorial Committee in care of Lewis at 1606 Gregg.



Boy Scouts Rocky Salazar, left, and Dillon Walker load bags of donated food into a trailer Saturday. Local Scouts picked up bags filled with non-perishable food from the porches of area residents during their annual Good Turn Day food drive. The food will be distributed to area needy through the Salvation Army.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Federal prison receives reaccreditation

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Following a lengthy and tedious process, Federal Correctional Institution-Big Spring has been awarded national reaccreditation by the American Correctional Association.

"We're very pleased," said Alan Booth, executive assistant and public information officer for the local prison unit. "For us it was positive, reviewing our shop, saying 'you are doing what is expected.' It was good for us to be able to get that seal of approval."

The accreditation program is

a professional peer review process, based upon standards developed by leaders from the fields of corrections, law, architecture, medical care and other groups, according to Geno Natalucci-Persichetti, chairperson of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections.

The purpose is to ensure that correctional facilities provide the basic programs and services required for good correctional practice. The standards and accreditation process also prescribes safe working conditions for staff and inmates.

"Everything — security, safety, sanitation, inmate programming — every facet of a correctional facility that incorporates

the running of a correctional facility is looked at," Booth said.

The Commission on Accreditation for Corrections arrived at the correctional facility in September. The results were announced in January.

"We went through a process of three to four months to prepare for their arrival," said Booth. "A committee reviewed more than 400 standards. No stone was left unturned. We worked to make sure we were in compliance with each standard. And we came up with a great report card."

"They (employees) worked hard. Hats off to them. It was a

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New Street Crimes Unit already proving value

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

The newly formed Street Crimes Unit of the Big Spring Police Department literally hit the streets running last Monday.

Literally hours after the two-man unit became official, unit members David Mohn and Mike West, Jr. arrested three adults and two juveniles in connection with the December vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial.

Mohn, a detective for the past several years, and West, a veteran of the force and former corporal in the patrol division, worked several angles to effect the arrests.

Mohn said the entire case against the five began with a tip to CrimeStoppers.

CrimeStoppers was the source of the tip that led to the arrests of three juveniles in connection with vandalism at the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights and Municipal Golf Course the night before the Vietnam Memorial incident.

"It didn't take them any time before they confessed," Mohn said of the vandals. He added that from that point on, the case unfolded.

"If it hadn't been for CrimeStoppers, I don't think we would have ever caught them," Mohn said, adding that there weren't any witnesses to the crime itself, which meant that

the only people with knowledge of the crime were the people who committed it.

Big Spring once had a Street Crimes Unit, but it fell victim to the budgetary ax. Funding has been restored, however, and additional monies have come from a variety of sources — such as the Big Spring Housing Authority — to effect its existence.

"With us joining the West Texas Narcotics Task Force, we were able to get some (financial) help," explained Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

"One of the pluses is that it has allowed us to establish a two-person specialized unit that can work at flexible hours and focus on crimes that seem to be on the increase."

Smith said that while Mohn and West will be in unmarked cars and plain clothes, the department wants people to know the Street Crimes Unit is functioning once again.

They will wear special shirts, carry weapons and special identification.

Mohn and West will be working closely with the Big Spring Housing Authority, Howard County Juvenile Probation and Big Spring Independent School District.

"One of the things they will be doing is coordinating efforts and identifying the people that may be involved in criminal activity," said Smith.

OBITUARIES

Leta Mae Wilson Kern

Leta Mae Wilson, age 77, a 25 year resident of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999.

She is survived by her sons, Ronald Leon Dodson of Austin, Charles Matthew Kern of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter, Leta LaDean Haines Sapp and husband Joe of Huntsville; grandchildren, Jason Haines Sapp of Austin, Jacob Kern and Michael Kern, both of Leander; and a sister, Marie Johnson and husband Dean of Sun City, Surprise, Ariz.; and family friend, Ronald L. Evans of Austin.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in El Paso.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. David's Hospital in Austin or any charity of your choice.

We celebrate your life and will miss you. Until we are all together again...Your Loving Family.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar, Austin, 78752, (512)454-5611.

Paid obituary

Avis Anderson

Service for Avis Anderson, 90, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, at Gene Roden's Sons Chapel, Paris. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson died Friday, Feb. 5, in a Big Spring nursing home.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1908, in Lamar County. She married Jess R. Anderson on March 23, 1923. He preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1985. She was a member of Lakeway Baptist Church and retired from St. Joseph Hospital as a nurse in Paris.

Survivors include: a son, Jerry Anderson of Paris; two daughters, Emma Pitts and Louise Hyden, both of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

There will be visitation from 4 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Gene Roden's Sons Funeral Home, Paris.

Jean H. Loving

Jean H. Loving, 83, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 4, 1999, at her residence. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Lanny Hamby officiating.

She was born on Oct. 7, 1915, in Big Spring, and married Bill Loving on June 17, 1935, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1980.

She was a life long resident of Big Spring until moving to Midland in December 1997. She and her husband owned and operated Bill's Beer Depot from

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Jean H. Loving, 83, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. Jerry Marcus Williams, 67, died Saturday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Martin Thomas, 68, died Saturday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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1948 until retiring in 1985.

Survivors include: two nieces, Sandy Pate of Lubbock, and Judy Allen of Big Spring; one great-niece, Jeni Moore of Midland; three great-nephews, Lance Etcheverry of New York City, N.Y., Chase Etcheverry of Lubbock and Steve Gass of Big Spring; and several other nieces and nephews.

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

Paid obituary

Martin Thomas

Service for Martin Thomas, 68, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999, at his residence.

Jerry Marcus Williams

Service for Jerry Marcus Williams, 67, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

PRISON

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team effort on everyone's part," said Booth.

FCI-Big Spring opened in 1979 on more than 100 acres at the former Webb Air Force Base. In 1990, the institution went through a conversion to a low security level facility — by definition, inmates serving 10 years or less for non-violent crimes. And in 1992, construction was completed on the housing units and new food service building for the Satellite Camp.

Currently there are some 950 inmates housed at the main facility and 160 in the satellite camp.

FCI-Big Spring employs a staff of 260 and its warden is Ralph J. Payne.

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Boling said there were some differences in various records, such as the fact there are eight more locally related names on the Howard County Memorial than on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington.

He said he would be working with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home as well as checking past issues of the Herald in an effort to get as complete a list as possible.

"If you knew any of these men and have a picture, or know how we can contact their families, please contact me," he urged. Boling said he can be reached at his home at 124 Jonesboro Road or at 267-1267.

In addition to local photos, Boling said there will be a special area in the chapel for displaying photos of any member of the American Armed Forces who fell in any war. Those photos will be displayed on a rotating basis.

The list of Howard County-related names the VMC is working from includes:

Sam S. Allison, George R. Andrews, Howard Lynn Barkley, Walter Rogers Blalock, Richard Dennis Brewer, James Durward Buchanan, James Michael Butler, John M. Chappell, Francis W. Dahl and James Walter Forrester, Jr.;

Also, Raymundo Gomez, Robert Green, Robert E. Griffith, William T. Hale, Arthur Hernandez, Jr., Ismael Holguin, Eddie Dean Hollandsworth, Edward M. Huggens, John R. Humphrey and Dorwood Jones, Jr.;

Also, Terry Dewayne Kinman, Donnie R. Martin, Rosendo Montana, Melburne D. Moore, Michael M. O'Brien, Robert L. Oaks, Carl W. Oliver, James Oxley, Gary Pagan and Augustin O. Paradez;

Also, Jimmy D. Peacock, Charles H. Penn, Ronald G. Perryman, Inzar W. Rackley, Huey Dyson Rogers, Reynaldo A. Sanchez, Robert L. Sander, Richard A. Spangler, Smith Swords III, David Earl Taylor, Lewis M. Thomas, Clarence E. Thompson, Gene Vaughn and Raymond Austin White III.

FORUM

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tion of people over 65 at about 5,000, there are just over 1,000

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victims of Alzheimer's Disease. Nationwide, about 4 million people have the disease.

With current population growth, it is estimated that 14 million Americans will have the disease by the middle of the next century, unless a cure or prevention is found.

The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to conquering the disease through research, and to providing education and support to people with Alzheimer's, their families and caregivers. It serves 24 West Texas counties which include, along with Howard; Martin, Glasscock, Andrews, Pecos, Midland and Ector.

Call the association at 1-800-682-1174 for more information.

Big Spring PD finds man dead

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Big Spring police discovered the body of a 68-year-old man at his home on Saturday, according to Chief of Police Lonnie Smith.

Smith said the death was unattended and that Peace Justice Quail Dobbs was expected to rule the cause of death as natural causes.

No other information was available at press time.

BRIEFS

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 1998 income tax returns for individuals beginning Monday.

They will help individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park.

The service is for all citizens, not only senior citizens, officials said.

Those requesting assistance are asked to bring their tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing their 1998 income, as well as last year's tax return.

Those who are handicapped, cannot make it to the Senior Citizens Center, and who need help are invited to call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628, or First Presbyterian Church at 263-4211.

THE BIG SPRING AMATEUR Radio Club is sponsoring a class on "Ham Radio." If you are looking for a hobby that involves talking to people in all walks of life from all over the country, skywarn, helping the community, a great group of local hams and challenges, maybe this is for you. Classes begin Saturday, Feb. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of Ellen Phillips Realtors, 610 Main, Suite C. For more information, call club president Jose Gonzales at 263-5777 or the coordinator, Jim LeMarr at 394-4424. All it will cost is your time and the price of the book (approximately \$20).

BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT is taking applications for the spring Citizens Police Academy class. The class will receive 3.6 continuing education units at Howard College, and learn about the department's opera-

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tions in the community.

Applications are now available on the police department's web page at police.big-spring.tx.us. Select patrol division, then citizens police academy, and you can download the application to your computer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department at 264-2564.

HOWARD COLLEGE IS OFFERING free adult basic education, including reading, writing, math, English as a second language and GED preparation.

Child care services are also now available at the Howard College campus. Call Howard College Special Services for more information at 264-5020.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the following graduates:

Charles Arbuckle, Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Shirley Baldock, Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, L.D. Bender, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, Ginger Brown (Dailx), James Brown, Jessie Ray Brown, Sherry Buford, Mary Beth Burcham, Phillip Burchett, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, Billy Joe Clayton, John Douglas Cockerham, Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch), Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Santa Cruz Diaz, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Callan Elliott, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue Finke, Jimmy Fortune, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Fruman, Laura Fulbright, (Jones) Dicky, Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Darwin Griffith, Gary Grisse, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascula Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Donnie Jones, Nancy Kasch, Gary Kelly, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Pam Lancaster, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Patricia Macklin (Wingert), Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Matin, Elizabeth Pearl McCarra, Carolyn McMurtrey, Nancy McWhorter, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earlie Jean Miller, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz (McCurdy), Sherry Muse, Coleman Nalls, Garland Newton, Larry Newton, Doris Virginia Noble, John Pannel, Ralph Passmore, John Patton, Richard Barry Payne, Roger Dale Peacock, Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry, Alan Lee Peters, Angelina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Jerry Price, Michael Proctor, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Janet Richardson (Akins), Peggy Riherd (Williams), Ophelia Alvarez Rios, Terry Joan Robertson, Jamie Rouch (Ethun), Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Jennifer Schneider, Adrian Saldivar, Adelyne Ann Scott (Lews), Rowan Settles, Larry Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gwenthe Gayle Smith,

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO:15,35,36,2,44,12

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Wendell R. Stewart, Dana Sue Templeton, Don Thompson, Robert Gale Thompson, Linda Rose Thorpe (Howard), Jan Toland (Smith), Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia, Valencia, Armando Flores, Vera, Charlie Voight, Terry Eugene Walton, Roy, Lee Warren, Glen Webb, James Webb, Wm. David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, William Robert Wilson, and Manuel Ybarra.

Please contact Shelane Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any information on these graduates.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY
•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369. The Feb. 1 meeting will be at 6 p.m. for dinner, and the Feb. 15 meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church. Bring a covered dish and a Valentine.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo build-

ing. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) for further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Survivors of Suicide support group will meet Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the pastoral care office of Memorial Hospital in Midland.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

•RORY JAY LAWSON, 35, was arrested for assault of a police officer.

•RAY CARL MCGEE, 22, was arrested for delivery of marijuana.

•DANIEL CORNELL WEST-BURG, 30, was arrested for burglary of habitation.

•JOHNNY R. RANGEL, JR., 32, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.

•JOHNNY RAY JONES, 59, was arrested for fail to stop and give information, no driver's license, theft by check and parole violation.

•JUAN MIGUEL BERMEA, 35, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

•JESSE LORENZO NUNEZ, 22, was arrested for driving with license suspended/invalid.

•MITCHELL EDWARD SWAIM, 40, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•DAVID NIETO, 26, was arrested for driving with license suspended/invalid.

•TREVOR ROTEN, 29, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and driving with license suspended/invalid.

•MOSES GUERRERO MARTINEZ, 22, was arrested for parole violation.

•THOMAS DERRICK DUNNAM, 33, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•ISMAEL SOLIS, 40, was arrested for contempt of child support order.

•JUSTO LUIS SANTIAGO, 55, was arrested for burglary of habitation.

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

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Clinton seeks crack-down on gun shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton requested legislation Saturday to require background checks on all firearms buyers at gun shows, which he says have become "cash-and-carry convenience stores for weapons used to maim and kill."

The new national policy, Clinton said, should be: "No background check, no gun. No exceptions." The National Rifle Association called his proposal a "public relations stunt" and said the federal government is not enforcing existing gun control laws.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said the 1994 Brady law's requirement for background checks — meant to bar felons from owning guns — now should include gun-show sales by unlicensed collectors and private hobbyists.

Such sellers make up one-quarter or more of gun-show vendors, leaving the current

exemption a loophole "wide enough that criminals reach right through it, grabbing collectively, thousands of firearms that disappear without a trace," Clinton said.

His proposed legislation, slated to be introduced by Rep. Rod R. Blagojevich, D-Ill., and Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., would also broaden the legal definition of gun shows to include flea markets — and any other venue — where two or more people are engaged in the sale of at least 50 firearms.

The Clinton administration also called for federal registration of all gun show promoters and for extending federal record-keeping requirements to unlicensed firearms vendors.

The collection of information from these vendors would be "strictly limited" to data about the guns — not the buyers or sellers — so that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms could trace arms sold at gun

shows if they turn up at a crime scene, said Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder.

According to the Gun Show Calendar, a periodical, 4,442 gun shows were advertised around the country last year. The highest number, 472, were in Texas. The National Association of Arms Shows says these weekend markets draw up to 5,000 people per show with admission fees starting at \$5.

Clinton called for the legislation after recommendations by the Treasury and Justice departments, which jointly surveyed over 300 recent ATF investigations involving 54,000 firearms linked somehow to gun shows.

Almost half of the show-related investigations involved felons buying or selling firearms, and in more than a third of the investigations, the firearms in question were known to have been used in subsequent crimes.

"It shows conclusively that gun shows are a forum for gun traffickers, a cash-and-carry convenience store for weapons used to maim and kill," Clinton said.

The NRA criticized Clinton's plan as just another whack at gun owners, and said the federal government is not prosecuting felons who are identified under the existing Brady bill provisions.

"This is public relations masquerading as substance," said Wayne R. LaPierre Jr., NRA chief executive officer. "It's hollow and it means nothing to felons on the streets. This is an attempt to put the federal government on the backs of more people."

NRA lobbyist James Baker said in the last two years there have been only four prosecutions of illegal dealings at gun shows. "If they know about them, why aren't they arresting them?" he asked.

Librarian suspended after dragging incident

HOUSTON (AP) — An elementary school librarian accused of dragging a student across a floor and using a racial slur in connection with the fatal attack on a Jasper resident remained off work Saturday in a paid suspension.

William Price reportedly grabbed a fourth-grade student at Kashmere Gardens Elementary School by his feet and dragged him across a library floor in an incident recounted by parents.

The parents then quoted Price, who is white, as telling his class at the predominantly black school.

"This is what happened to a man in Jasper, Texas, and this is what should happen to all (racial slur)," Pireta Darby, PTA president and parent educator at Kashmere Gardens, told the Houston Chronicle this week.

The newspaper reported some parents at Kashmere Gardens were upset that Monday's incident could bring up memories of last June's dragging death of black man in Jasper.

The 48-year-old Price, who is white, has denied the accusations.

The Houston Independent School District suspended Price with pay on Tuesday. The district said it was investigating the accusations against the librarian.

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Parents, quoting school librarian

telephone Saturday at Kashmere Gardens said that Price was not working at the Northeast Houston school, where enrollment is 99 percent black. Phone numbers for Price and Ms. Darby were not listed.

Jury selection was scheduled to continue Monday in the trial of John William King, the first of three white men accused in the death of James Byrd Jr. He was dragged to his death behind a pickup truck.

Price has been at Kashmere Gardens since 1995.

HISD spokesperson Terry Abbott said the incident was under investigation and that Price would be fired if the accusations were proven.

"Such conduct, if it indeed occurred, is outrageous and will not be tolerated by this school district," Abbott told the newspaper.

But the president of the Houston Federation of Teachers said she does not believe that Price is a racist.

Woman jailed blames trouble on identity theft

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who spent a day in jail claims she is the victim of a someone who began using her identity but later was convicted of robbery.

Stephanie Ann Johnson, a single mother of three, said she met Thursday with officials from the Tarrant County district attorney's office after getting a letter charging her with passing a bad check.

Ms. Johnson said she doesn't

have a checking account.

She was stunned when sheriff's deputies handcuffed her and took her to jail on charges of violating probation for a 1996 robbery conviction in Dallas County.

Ms. Johnson's family and her pastor spent a day trying to convince authorities that there must have been some kind of mistake.

Finally on Friday afternoon, Dallas County authorities told

Tarrant jailers to release Ms. Johnson — her fingerprints didn't match those of the Stephanie Ann Johnson who was convicted of robbery in Mesquite.

"It has the appearance of an individual stealing someone else's identity," Ed Spencer, a Dallas County Sheriff's Department spokesman, told The Dallas Morning News. "We are positive that the person in their jail is not the person who was in our jail."

Old new citizen

Retired minister becomes U.S. citizen at age 95, expects to vote as soon as he can

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Standing up from his wheelchair, 95-year-old Isaac C. Olivares has put his right hand over his heart for the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

After more than six decades in the United States, that song is finally Olivares' national anthem.

Olivares and 851 other people gathered Friday in Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium to swear an oath of allegiance to

their new country and to become citizens.

"It's a very emotional moment for me right now," said Olivares, a retired Presbyterian minister. Olivares beamed proudly during the ceremony.

His wife of 60 years, Otila, and his children never thought they'd see him become a citizen.

Olivares was born Sept. 28, 1908, southwest of Mexico City. Relatives said his father fought with Emiliano Zapata in the

Mexican revolution.

He attended schools established by Presbyterian missionaries. He crossed the border into the United States in 1932 and later enrolled at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin.

After being ordained in 1937, Olivares was assigned to a church in Laredo. He met his wife, a Brownsville native, and the couple had six children before moving to San Angelo in

1957. Olivares' children said their father stressed education to them and his congregation at Nazareth Presbyterian Church.

"There was not a single Hispanic in our congregation who had ever graduated from high school before we arrived," his son, Isaac D. Olivares, told the San Antonio Express-News. The younger Olivares became a college graduate, only the second Hispanic to be elected to the

San Angelo city council, and a top official in the state Treasury.

The son said his father was proud of his birthplace in Mexico and hoped to return. He felt no need to become a U.S. citizen because he had permanent

status with every right except to vote.

"He used to tell people he had eight votes. Those of his children," the younger Olivares said. "After today, we expect him to vote as soon as he can."

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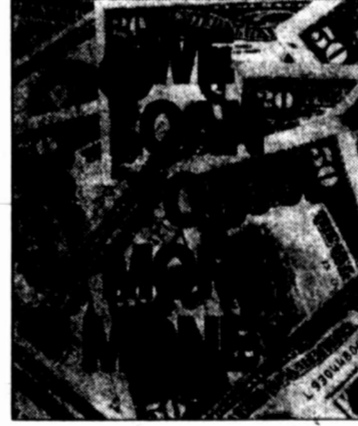
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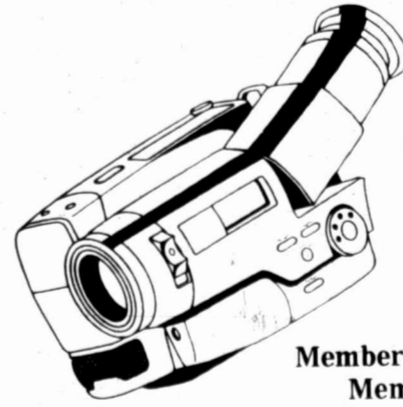
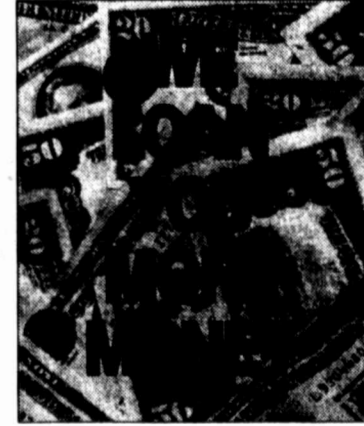
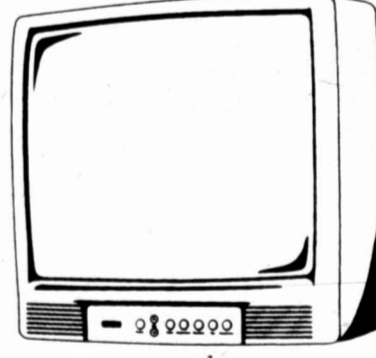
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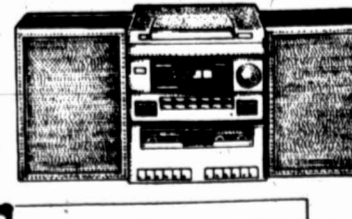
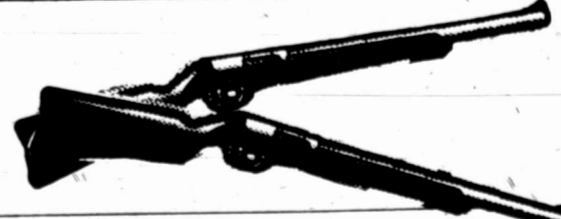
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OUR VIEWS

Officers association members give to two worthy causes

In the course of our daily lives, we are all probably guilty of taking someone or some group for granted ... especially when they quietly go about their respective lives.

Such is the case, we think, regarding members of the Big Spring Police Officers Association.

Because the police are always there, whether serving as security at an event, working an accident or crime scene or simply patrolling our streets.

And because they are there day after day, doing their job, they blend in as a tree in our mental forest.

But the 42 members of the POA are members of this community as well. They are volunteers, members of civic clubs, coaches of youth sports teams. They get sick and have to go to the doctor, just like the rest of us.

And on Friday, POA members reached out to help two other organizations in the community — the Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Harley Owners Group.

Both groups are currently raising funds for projects that are worthwhile of the support of the entire community as well as being beneficial to the community.

POA's \$1,000 contribution to Vietnam Memorial Committee's chapel fund will go a long way toward helping see that project to completion — and their \$100 participation in the Harley Owners Group's challenge to help raise funds to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association took that fund near the 10 percent mark.

Too many times, we overlook the obvious participation of those who volunteer their time and energy and money.

We'd like to say "thanks" to the men and women of the POA — for the job they do in uniform and out — and remind you that both projects POA gave money to are worthy of your support as well.

YOUR VIEWS

To The Editor:

The state of our nation's energy industry is troubling, and its future looks bleak unless immediate action is taken. Much has been written on Senator Hutchison's domestic energy policy plans.

I applaud Senator Hutchison's "U.S. Energy Growth Act" as an important component of what must be a comprehensive effort to strengthen our domestic energy policy. Senator Hutchison first filed her legislation early last year. Now, with the industry facing some of its toughest times, the wisdom of her actions are apparent. I'm hopeful her colleagues in the 106th Congress will now join her in support of the proposal.

With oil prices dropping and rig counts reaching an all-time low, something must be done and quickly.

In Texas, our State Legislature is focused on providing emergency assistance to our state's producers. Just this week, Representatives Tom Craddock, Rob Junnell, Judy Hawley, Buddy West and Warren Chisum, as well as

Senator Buster Brown and 19 co-authors filed bills to address the current crisis.

The two, state-level bills offer the temporary exemption from the severance tax for oil and gas produced from certain low-producing, marginal wells when prices fall below \$15 per barrel or \$1.80 per cubic feet of gas. These proposals, along with efforts at the federal level, are a good first step and draw attention to the crisis now facing our nation's oil and gas producers.

As Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas, I'm committed to reducing the regulatory burden and advocating the sort of tax incentives that will help our state's energy producers weather their current troubles. It's not just about helping oil and gas producers, it's dollars for Texas schoolchildren and greater security for our nation.

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Word flap reveals bigger minority problem

I often describe postmodern America as an open-air insane asylum, and here is more anecdotal evidence taken from a news story to support that proposition.

David Howard was a white aide to the black mayor of Washington, D.C., Anthony Williams. In a conversation, he described a particular fund as niggardly, meaning miserly.

Some of the other aides of the mayor are so grossly ignorant of the English language that they mistook the word niggardly for a racial epithet. In the ensuing flap, Howard resigned.

Instead of reprimanding his ignorant and/or stupid aides, the mayor accused Howard of "poor judgment."

So it is now "poor judgment" to use legitimate English words in the presence of ignoramuses. We are the only industrialized nation in the world whose national capital is a bad joke — a veritable world-class den of ignorance, incompetence, malfeasance, misfeasance, corruption and crime.

"Niggard," which is the noun form of niggardly, is derived from the Middle English word "nigon."

It has nothing to do with race. The offensive word "nigger" is derived from the Spanish "negro." The two words, niggard and nigger, are unrelated.

The problem is that some people have developed such a habit of catering and pandering to minorities that they do so even when the particular minority members are demonstrating ignorance, stupidity, rudeness, irrationality or outright criminality.

None of those things should ever be excused because of a person's skin color. Ignorance per se is not a vice. We are all ignorant of some things, but militant ignorance should never be tolerated. The real failure is that of Mayor Anthony Williams.

It is not bad judgment to use

legitimate English and to assume that people allegedly educated will understand it. It is lousy judgment to blame the innocent for the ignorance of others.

You see the same phenomenon in the case of much hip-hop and gangster rap. What three things are destroying the black community in so many cities? Violence, drugs and illegitimacy. So how anyone purporting to be a leader can fail to condemn music and performers who glorify violence and drugs, and who demean and treat black women as whores, is beyond me.

And what about these punks who tell black kids who do well in school that they are "acting white?" Does that mean to act black is to be ignorant, lazy and undisciplined?

Even the spineless Mayor Williams frets because some Washingtonians complain that he "isn't black enough." What does that mean? If there were a Ku Klux Klan, which there isn't to speak of, it could retire, because nothing it could do could possibly do more damage to blacks than what their own leaders and entertainers are doing to them.

As for white liberals, that's the largest single group of white racists in America.

Their racism, of course, takes the form of paternalism. They have put blacks on the welfare plantations, where their only duty is to vote for the white liberal politicians who have formed an alliance with the self-appointed professional civil rights "leaders."

In my opinion, Louis Farrakhan is the only legitimate black leader who isn't in cahoots with white liberal politicians.

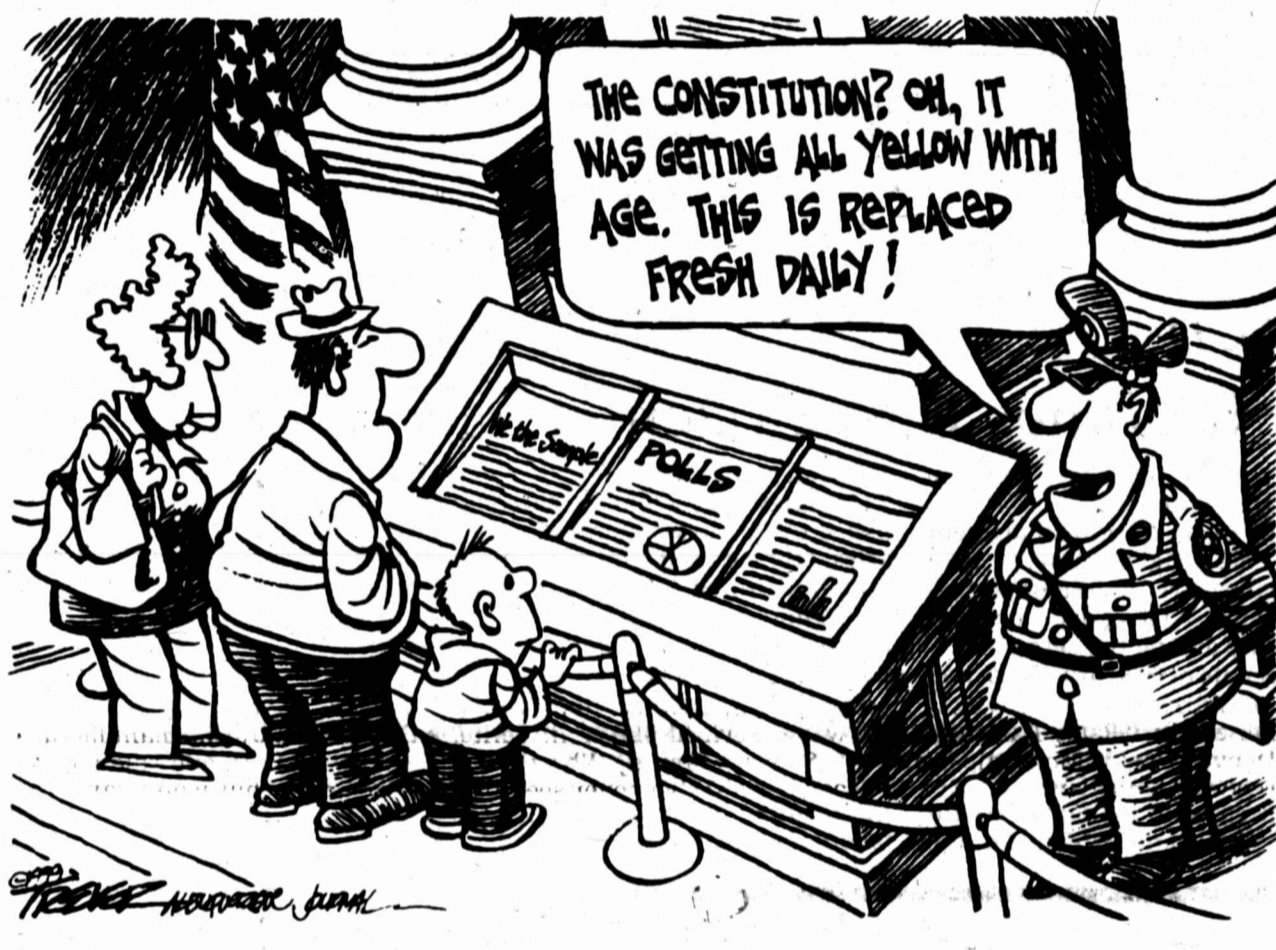
He's the only one who seems to be interested in the welfare of blacks instead of just using them for his own aggrandizement. Naturally the paternalistic white racists hate Farrakhan.

They don't want to see proud, independent black men taking care of their families. Their power depends on black dependency.

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GOP skeptical of Clinton on base closings

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Eventually, Congress is going to have to agree to close unneeded military bases — but Republicans may not trust President Clinton with the keys.

That, and the built-in political resistance to shutdowns that hurt back home, loom as obstacles to his effort to start two new sets of base closings, targets to be selected later, in 2001 and 2005. He wants legislation to renew the commission system that has produced nearly 100 base closings in the past decade under a sort of no-fault plan that provides insurance against a political backlash and avoids the congressional pressures that once prevented shutdowns.

The Republican grudge is over a loophole Clinton used to advantage in deflecting two politically-sensitive shutdown decisions in 1995, as he prepared for his re-election campaign.

It is supposed to be an all-or-nothing process. A commission lists the bases to be closed or cut back, for Congress and the president to accept or reject, but not to change. Clinton signed off on closing them, but then kept operations going at

bases near Sacramento, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas, by ordering a shift from the military to civilian contractors.

There were Republican reminders of that when Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen took the administration case for base closings to Congress.

Sen. John Warner of Virginia, new chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told Cohen on Wednesday that he recognizes the need, but isn't ready to commit to the new rounds the Pentagon wants.

"I'm not going to revisit what happened, that's history," he said. "But we really have to determine whether or not we can make a politically bullet-proof bill to avoid what happened — and you know what I'm talking about."

"The issue has been politicized," said Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas.

"There's not a lot of trust in the last go-around," GOP Rep. James Hansen of Utah told Cohen the day before.

Both said they agreed with the process. The skepticism is about Clinton's handling of it. Clinton's budget seeks new base closing rounds in 2001 and 2005. It does not say how many bases, or which ones.

That would be left to a new Base Realignment and Closure Commission, BRAC, in the Pentagon and congressional acronym. The Pentagon recommends bases for closing or curtailment, and the bipartisan commission makes the choices — taking the political heat off Congress and the administration.

But Congress still is coping with the impact of prior rounds. The 1995 dispute aside, there is built-in resistance to yielding the economic benefits of military bases back home, among Democrats as well as Republicans.

Cohen said prior closings and cuts, affecting nearly 250 bases, will save \$14 billion, and avoid spending of about \$5.6 billion a year after 2003.

By administration estimate, it will take further cuts of about 10 percent in U.S. bases in the United States to fit trimmed, post-Cold War military forces and budgets.

Cohen said the money is essential, and while Congress could delay base cutbacks, "at some point in time they're going to be faced with a real, critical choice" because old bases are taking funds needed for new weapons.

With the new rounds he seeks, Cohen said, the Pentagon would save \$20 billion on bases, plus \$3 billion a

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Monica Lewinsky tells her story on videotape at Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Broadcast across the world today from the well of the Senate, Monica Lewinsky recounted via videotape her story of a presidential affair and cover-up to Americans seeing her testify for the first time and to senators who must decide the fate of President Clinton.

"I knew I would deny the relationship," the former White House intern declared.

House prosecutors juxtaposed the image of Ms. Lewinsky, dressed in a dark dress with her hand raised to tell the truth, and the now-famous footage of the January 1998 news conference in which Clinton denied sexual relations with "that woman, Ms. Lewinsky."

House prosecutor James Rogan implored senators to listen to "a bright lady whose life has forever been marked by the most powerful man on earth."

"If her testimony is truthful,

then the president committed the offenses in the articles of impeachment," Rogan added, calling today's extraordinary session at the impeachment trial the "first and only chance" to hear from witnesses with "direct knowledge of the unlawful conduct of the president of the United States."

The prosecutors, denied the chance to call witnesses for live testimony at the trial, were the first to play excerpts from three videotaped depositions they took earlier this week. Three presidential lawyers were to make their own video presentations later in the day.

Though many senators had seen the tapes before, they watched the four television screens posted at the front of the chamber. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., watched intently as the prosecutors rolled tape of Clinton's denial. She has said that statement

"shattered" her trust in the president.

Ms. Lewinsky, a pearl necklace around her neck and her face framed by her dark hair, looked directly at her inquisitor, Rep. Ed Bryant, as she fielded questions and gave short, crisp answers. Frequently she answered simply, "Correct" or "Yes." Her image played against a dull gray background.

Calm throughout, she looked down when asked to recount a conversation she had had with presidential friend Vernon Jordan in which she expressed that "sometimes I had frustrations with" Clinton.

"He sort of jokingly said to me, 'You know what your problem is, don't deny it, you are in love with him.' It was sort of lighthearted nature," Ms. Lewinsky recounted. "I probably blushed or giggled or something."

She said that on the night

Clinton called her to say she might be subpoenaed in the Paula Jones case, the president spoke of the earlier cover stories they had come up with to hide their affair.

She told prosecutors that at the time of the Dec. 17, 1997, call, she was well familiar "because it was part of the pattern of the relationship." Prosecutors contend Clinton was trying to encourage her to lie, but Ms. Lewinsky has adamantly testified he never instructed her to do so and that she came to that decision on her own.

"From what I learned in that conversation, I thought to myself I knew I would deny the relationship," she answered.

The tape showed a young woman at ease with answering now-familiar questions, a marked change from the distraught former intern said to have frequently cried when first

thrust into the impeachment crisis a year ago.

When asked early in the deposition whether she was resident of California, she quipped, "I'm not sure exactly where I'm a resident, but that is where I'm living."

Though Americans have said repeatedly in surveys that they want the impeachment proceedings ended, many were expected to tune in today to get their first glimpse of Ms. Lewinsky speaking. The trial was carried live by CNN, C-SPAN, PBS and CBS among others.

Senators observed a moment of silence at the start of the session to grieve the loss of their longtime legislative clerk, Raymond Scott Bates, 50, who was killed while crossing a street Friday night. Bates' deep

voice called the roll of Senate votes.

"In the quietness, we can hear his voice call the roll, read proposed legislation and most of all, express his caring friendship," The Rev. Lloyd Ogilvie, the Senate chaplain, said in paying tribute with a prayer.

The prosecutors also showed excerpts from the testimony of Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal.

There also was tape of Clinton testifying that it was his secretary, Betty Currie, who asked Jordan to help Ms. Lewinsky find a job. "I knew that he met with her, and I think Betty suggested he meet with her. That's all I know about that," the president told Mrs. Jones lawyers back in January 1998.

Mother always believed in son freed after years on death row

CHICAGO (AP) — Anthony Porter sat in prison for 17 years, insisting that he was innocent of the crimes that sent him to death row. One person never doubted him.

Porter, 43, walked out of the Cook County Jail and went home to his mother on Friday after a journalism professor and his class gathered evidence that he was wrongly convicted of two 1982 murders.

"I'm so glad to have my son," said Clara Porter, hugging him as they sat together on her living room sofa.

Porter came within two days of execution last September before the Illinois Supreme Court decided that his case required another look.

Since then, key witnesses have recanted their testimony and, on Wednesday, another man said on videotape that he had shot Jerry Hillard, 18, and Marilyn Green, 19, in self-defense.

Alstony Simon, of Milwaukee, made the admission under questioning by Chicago private investigator Paul Ciolino, who worked on the case with journalism students from Northwestern University.

Circuit Judge Thomas Fitzgerald freed Porter on a \$10,000 recognizance bond Friday.

Fitzgerald cited "news reports of significant evidentiary developments that would put into question whether Mr. Porter actually committed the crime that he was convicted of."

Porter walked out of the jail clad in a black jacket and turtleneck, a slight figure with a deeply creviced face and scraggly looking prison dreadlocks.

He threw his arms around journalism professor David Protess, whose investigative reporting class gathered the evidence in his favor. Porter then clamped a bearhug around several students, lifting two of them joyously into the air as they stood in the jail's driveway.

Porter said he was relieved to get out, but that his release came much too late.

"They waited too damn long," he said. "They had me locked up for 17 years for something I didn't do."

His first stop after jail was McDonald's.

He arrived at his mother's home in a gritty and battered tenement next to an elevated train track carrying a milkshake in a paper cup.

"Daddy! Daddy!" squealed his 21-year-old daughter, Thelma, racing into his arms. "Glory be to God, Daddy!"

Then he hugged his mother and turned to reporters.

"This is my mama, and I love her. This is Ms. Clara Porter," he said, holding her tighter. "C'mere, girl. She had faith in me the whole time."

Activist says anti-abortion website shutdown only a temporary setback

ATLANTA (AP) — The creator of an anti-abortion Web site found to be a threat to abortion providers says a decision to shut the site down is just a "temporary setback."

Neal Horsley said Friday that he would seek a new Internet service for his "Nuremberg Files" site, which was the focus of a federal court trial that led to a \$107 million verdict this week in favor of abortion providers.

Horsley was not a defendant in the suit, in which the Portland, Ore., jury ruled that such sites constitute threats to

abortion providers.

MindSpring, which provided the Internet space for the site, closed it Thursday night for violating "our appropriate use policies," spokesman Serge Clermont said.

The Web site included the names and addresses of abortion doctors and featured photos of mangled fetuses and drawings of dripping blood.

Three times, doctors whose names appeared on the list were killed, most recently last October when Dr. Barnett Slepian was gunned down by sniper fire in his home outside

Buffalo, N.Y. His name on the Web site was crossed out that same day.

Pathway Communications, which has maintained the site, said in a statement that "The Nuremberg Files" was knocked off-line without notice.

The company said it was informed Friday that it violated MindSpring's policy on "threatening and harassing language." Horsley called the move a "temporary setback."

"We are presently searching for a bolder and more principled (service provider) to host the Nuremberg Files."

Report cites mother's reaction to teddy bear found in JonBenet's room during investigation

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The teddy bear sought by authorities in the JonBenet Ramsey case first emerged as a clue in an interview last summer with her mother, Patsy Ramsey. The Denver Rocky Mountain News reported Saturday.

The toy was reportedly among stuffed animals found in JonBenet's room.

The newspaper quoted two investigators as saying that Mrs. Ramsey claimed the toy did not belong in her slain daughter's room when she was

shown crime scene pictures by police in June.

"She stiffened," said one investigator, speaking on condition of anonymity. "The way it was described she went white. She was saying, 'Where did it come from? I've never seen that before.'"

Last week, Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter posted a photograph of a stuffed toy bear dressed in a Santa Claus suit on the Internet and asked for the public's help in finding information about the bear.

Hunter refused to comment on how the toy might be connected to the investigation of the 1996 slaying of 6-year-old JonBenet. Investigators say they now know the manufacturer, distributor and sale points of the bear, but won't say why they need this information.

The little girl's parents remain under suspicion as a grand jury investigates the crime.

The Ramseys have proclaimed their innocence.

Divers find vintage aircraft during search for couple's missing plane

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — Divers searching the Salton Sea for an elderly couple's sunken plane instead found a World War II dive bomber.

Rescue crews have been combing the huge lake in California's southeastern desert looking for a Piper Cherokee 180 that crashed Christmas Day.

This week, they uncovered a 1940's-vintage dive bomber submerged in about four feet of mud.

The WWII-era plane is either a Hellcat or an Avenger, said Jeff Reynolds, an inspector with the Federal Aviation Administration.

"It looks like it's in really

good condition," Reynolds said. "You can see the gun barrel coming out of the turret in back and the engine and propellers are in place."

U.S. Navy officials are checking their archives to see whether the fighter plane was ever reported missing. It has not been determined whether the plane will be removed from the water.


Meanwhile, crews continued to search for the wreckage of a plane flown by Robert Chatham, 80, and his wife, Grace, 82.

The couple left northern San Diego County on Christmas morning. Radar data indicates their plane crashed in the

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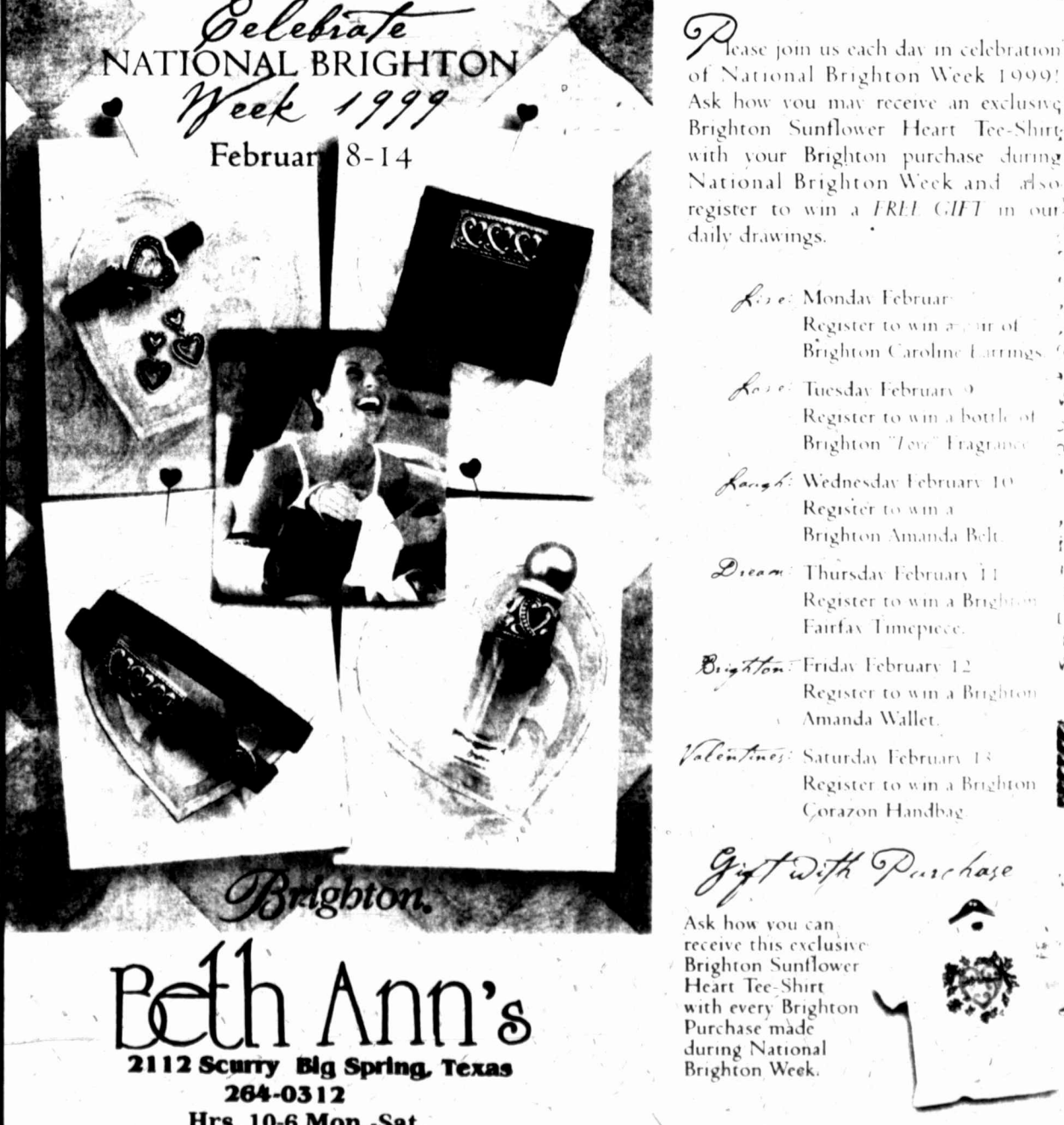
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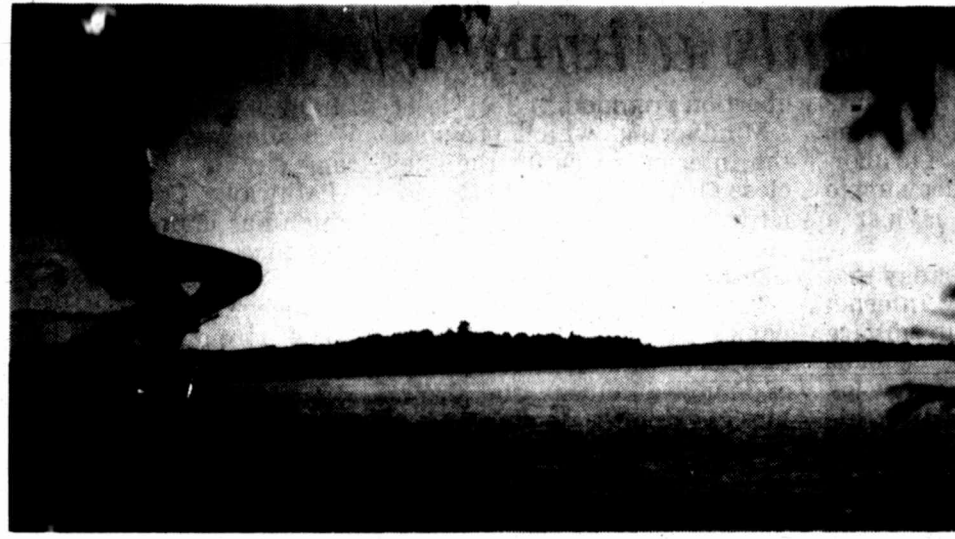
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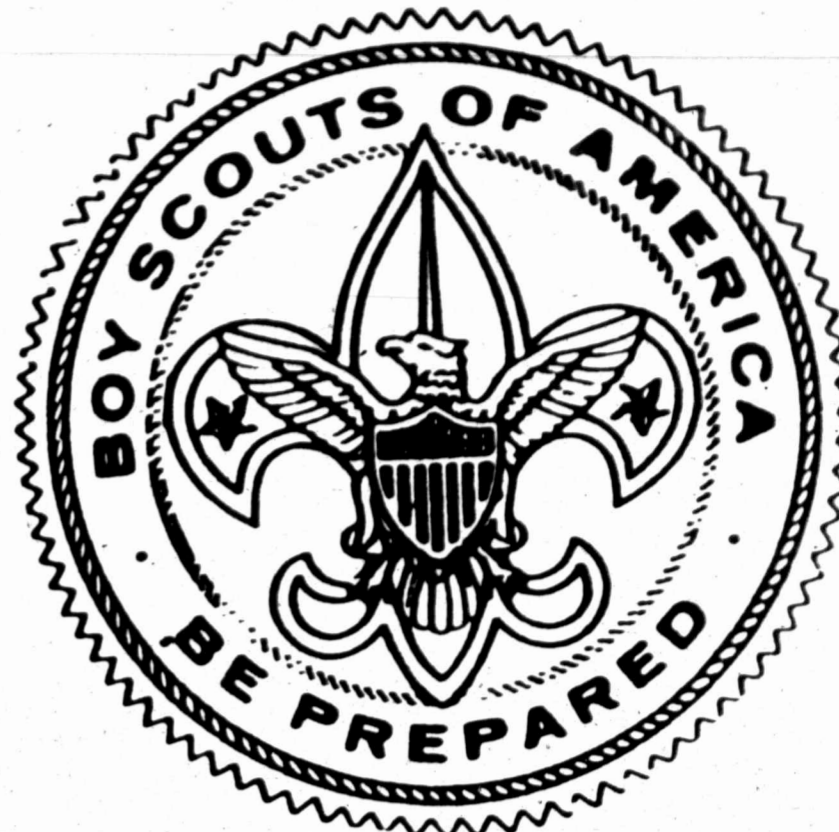
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At ease in east and west, Hussein navigated neighborhood's hazards

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The grandson of an Arab warrior educated in Britain, King Hussein straddled two worlds, East and West, moving with ease from the White House to barracks to Bedouin tents. His ability to navigate myriad pressures that molded his desert kingdom may have made Jordan the country it is — a surprisingly stable, relatively developed nation in a landscape long defined by wars, revolts, assassinations and tragedies. Mixing substance with symbolism and humility with the dramatic, his reign stretched across five decades. "He was a master of this. He knew when to say it and how to say it. He knew what to say and when," said Mustafa Hamarneh, director of the Center for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan. Often that trait secured Hussein's survival in a country

that first searched for stability, then its identity. As story has it, Jordan was created over a cup of tea in Cairo. A Bedouin warrior arrived in Amman in 1921, saying he was seeking a change of scenery to treat a case of jaundice. British officials, including a young Winston Churchill, feared otherwise, suspecting the chieftain — Hussein's grandfather Abdullah — was planning to attack their French allies in Syria. To appease him, after a meeting in Cairo, the British handed him Jordan, whose borders ran in implausibly straight lines and sharp angles across a desert expanse that no one coveted. For King Hussein, the country's lack of logic was the least of his problems. Soon into his reign, he faced a restive population of Palestinians driven from their

'He was as comfortable in the White House as he was in a Bedouin camp drinking tea, in a military barracks or in a university talking with academics.'

**Mustafa Hamarneh
University of Jordan**

homes in wars with Israel. His cousin, the king of Iraq, was killed in 1958 in a bloody revolution. Radical Arab leaders in Egypt and Syria castigated Hussein over the British, and later American, military and economic aid that ensured his survival. With a respected but small army, negotiation was all Hussein had. "Since its inception, Jordan's relation with the West has been crucial to its existence," said Michael Fischbach, an expert on Jordan at Randolph-Macon

College in Virginia. "The king's ability to maneuver within both a very proud and nationalist part of the Arab world and, at the same time, negotiate in the halls of Western power have played a vital role." Hussein seemed a natural in the West. A product of Britain's Harrow School and Sandhurst military academy, Hussein never lost the formality — and martial demeanor — of a British officer. He was a water skier, sky diver, race car driver and avid pilot,

from jet fighters to helicopters. As a young king, he charmed President Eisenhower. President Nixon remarked that Hussein was a world leader "rather than simply a parochial monarch of a small country." "He was not afraid of, I think, being seen as somebody who is very comfortable in the Western world," said Paul Wolfowitz, a former Bush administration official and dean of the School of International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. His standing and respect in the West have drawn parallels with an Arab contemporary, Egypt's Anwar Sadat. Like Hussein, Sadat's peace with Israel played poorly at home, where a generation of Egyptians were raised on the sanctity of war with the Jewish state. Both leaders protected their images in the West. Both, too, displayed a dictatorial bent —

Hussein banned political parties in 1957 and suspended parliament in 1974. Unlike Sadat, Hussein dodged the assassin's bullet — barely. In 1951, a Palestinian shot his grandfather Abdullah dead as he entered Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. A bullet aimed at Hussein bounced off a medal pinned to the young prince's chest. His very survival seemed in doubt in 1970, when Palestinian fighters running their own checkpoints in Jordan's capital rose up against his authority. Jordan's Bedouin army defeated the revolt in fighting that killed thousands. A great stylist, Hussein often responded with the dramatic gesture. Despite the bitterness of the 1970 civil war, he granted amnesties to about 1,000 Palestinian guerrillas three years later.

Under NATO threat, Serb-Albanian talks begin

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — After a three-hour delay due to a Serb refusal to let ethnic Albanians leave Kosovo, the parties to the bitter conflict in Serbia's southern province opened peace talks Saturday, under international pressure to hammer out a deal. President Jacques Chirac opened the negotiations at a 14th century chateau in this town south of Paris. "There are times when history is in the hands of a few men," Chirac said. "That is the case today." "When you leave Rambouillet, a page in Europe's history will have been turned. I exhort you to let the forces of life overcome the forces of death." "The world is watching," the French leader said. "The world is waiting." But there was a cloud hanging over the talks from the start. Even as they gathered in France, Serb negotiators said they would refuse to negotiate with "terrorists" — referring to the Kosovo Liberation Army. "If the (KLA) shows up at the plenary session, we won't attend," said Vojislav Zivkovic, a member of the Serb delegation. After a standoff that began late Friday, the ethnic Albanian negotiators finally left Pristina, the capital of Kosovo province, several hours late. The late departure forced mediators to move the opening of the talks back three hours. The talks are being presided over by French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine and British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook. Two members of the KLA, which has been fighting for Kosovo's secession from Serbia, were part of the ethnic Albanian delegation that flew to the peace talks on a French government jet. Three other KLA members had slipped out of the country earlier. Serbian officials had stopped the two KLA members from boarding the official plane Friday, reportedly because they did not have passports. In a gesture of unity, the entire delegation refused to leave until the problem was resolved. Despite the presence of all the delegations at Rambouillet, there was no guarantee Serb officials would agree to meet their foes.

Saturday that this "is a part of their maneuvering before every conference." NATO has threatened airstrikes against Yugoslav targets and increased military pressure on the rebels if they don't come to the table by Saturday. The 16-nation alliance last week authorized Secretary-General Javier Solana to order the strikes if necessary. Under the threat of NATO action, the Serbian government agreed to participate in the talks but vowed that Kosovo will remain under Serb authority and foreign troops will never be allowed to be stationed there. All ethnic Albanian factions want independence for Kosovo, the poor southern province of Serbia, which is the dominant of two republics in what is left of the Yugoslav federation. The rebel KLA has said it will settle for nothing less. But Petritsch said Saturday that wouldn't happen. "There is not going to be an independent Kosovo," he said. "There has to be the highest possible degree of self-rule for Kosovo people, including all the communities there." The chief negotiator is Christopher Hill, the U.S. ambassador to Macedonia, who has been shuttling between the parties for months. With him are Petritsch and Russian diplomat Boris Mayorski. The Russians, though adamantly opposing the use of NATO force, back the talks completely. The six-nation Contact Group made up of the United States, Russia, France, Britain, Germany and Italy decided to make a last-chance stab at a peace agreement. It gave all parties a week to come to the table and a week to reach agreement. If they have made significant progress by Feb. 12, the process will be extended by another week, no more. Failure to agree could bring down NATO's wrath. Hundreds of allied planes are ready for action at bases in Italy and missile-bearing cruisers are stationed off the Yugoslav coast. Diplomats say any agreement struck at Rambouillet will include a provision for a NATO-led military force to enforce it.

Gravely ill Hussein declared unfit, power in son's hands

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan's government declared a gravely ill King Hussein unable to govern on Saturday and transferred limited political authority to his eldest son. Granting the administrative powers to Crown Prince Abdullah was the first major step in the transition to hand the throne to the British-educated successor, who has a distinguished military record but is untested as a political leader. The king's brain has stopped functioning and his liver and kidneys have failed, said royal palace sources, speaking on condition of anonymity. A respirator has kept Hussein breathing, but the end could come within hours or days, the sources said. Hussein's family did not want to take the 63-year-old king off life support, the sources said.

His American-born wife, Queen Noor, and three daughters remained at his bedside through the night. The decision to hand power to the crown prince was taken during a meeting Friday attended by the Jordanian prime minister and six former prime ministers, including King Hussein's cousin, Prince Zeid Bin Shaker, who served as army chief of staff, said sources at the office of the Prime Minister, speaking on condition of anonymity. Under the Jordanian Constitution, the 23-member Cabinet of Prime Minister Fayez Tarawneh had to hand authority to Abdullah, the sources said. In the event of Hussein's death, both houses of parliament will swear in Abdullah as king. Until then, he acts as

regent, which gives him limited political authority. Abdullah acted as regent during the king's absence last week. The entire 23-member Cabinet voted to bestow the powers to Abdullah, said a prime ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Hussein named Abdullah as heir on Jan. 26, deposing his brother Hassan, who had been groomed for the throne for 34 years. The king cited a power struggle and policy differences in removing Hassan, who had won respect abroad as a politician. King Hussein returned to Jordan on Friday, just 11 days after traveling to the United States to seek treatment for a relapse of lymphatic cancer. His body rejected a bone marrow transplant and he left the

hospital Thursday. Across the country, Jordanians were uneasy at the prospect of the king's death. Many watched television, listened to radio and scoured newspapers for clues to Hussein's deteriorating health. "At the military hospital, known as the King Hussein Medical City, hundreds gathered in a driving, freezing rain to await word. "He's a king of peace and I feel very sorry for losing him, God forbid," said Massoud Daoudi, a 29-year-old trader who stood seven hours outside the hospital's main gate. "It's a very sad feeling; everybody is very sad, and we are terribly sorry for this loss." Many Jordanians knew he was in a grave state from outside reports or from the somber mood on the state channel.

Mandela's final address to parliament full of hope

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — With the pomp of a departing monarch, President Nelson Mandela delivered his last major address to Parliament on Friday, challenging South Africans to defy the "merchants of cynicism and despair." The prisoner-turned-beloved statesman left behind an exhortation of hope in opening the nation's first freely elected legislature one final time. Mandela urged his compatriots to build on the country's peaceful transition from white minority rule to democracy. "With a new generation of leaders and a people that rolls up its sleeves in partnerships for change, we can and shall build the country of our dreams," he said. "As we confounded the prophets of doom, we shall defy today's merchants of cynicism and despair." Mandela, 80, will step down after the nation's second all-race elections, which the text of his speech indicated would take place sometime from May 18-27. Mandela's deputy, Thabo Mbeki, is widely expected to succeed him. Mandela skipped over the passage of his speech with the date in it. The government said it was omitted because of a court challenge to electoral rules, but its very presence ended months

of speculation on a probable date. The speech, before a packed assembly of lawmakers in colorful African robes, Indian-style tunics and business suits, was vintage Mandela. He listed the accomplishments of the African National Congress government, admitted some failings and excoriated those who refuse to let old racial hatreds die. "The long walk is not yet over. The prize of a better life has yet to be won," he said. He spent much of the 90-minute speech on crime, perhaps the leading campaign issue. South Africa's murder rate stands at 52 per 100,000, down 10 percent since 1994 but still eight times that of the United States. Carjackings are a daily occurrence in cities, and scores of farmers are killed each year. The wealthier live with high walls, electric gates and armed response services. The poor live with fear. Police are underfunded, undertrained, understaffed and little motivated after a legacy as apartheid enforcers rather than law enforcers. Mandela cited some progress, but acknowledged much more can and will be done. "We can and shall break out of this bog. There is hope," he

said. He also boasted of his government's many accomplishments. In five years, his government has brought clean water to 3 million people, electricity to 2 million people and telephones to 1.3 million people. But a large proportion of South Africa's blacks still lack such services. Mandela, dressed in a dark suit, arrived in a motorcade and passed African dancers with painted faces to enter the 19th-century neo-Classical parliament, where the apartheid laws of racial oppression were enacted. After his address, members of parliament stood and clapped rhythmically. The country's small, mainly white opposition parties immediately criticized Mandela's address.

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This East Texas eatery is armed and ready to serve you

KARNACK (AP) — At the Big Pines Lodge, buy a steak and the potato side dish is free. The handguns are a la carte.

This mecca for the twin Texan loves of guns and food sits along one of Caddo Lake's dozens of bayous, at the end of a claustrophobic road encroached by hanging Spanish moss and cypress trees with exposed roots.

It's a road traveled by thousands of loyal customers a year, who come four abreast in aging pickups or one to a bucket seat in shiny BMWs to eat, drink and buy guns at George and Betty Williamson's unique East Texas institution.

Caddo Lake, locals often say, looks more like southern Louisiana than southern Louisiana, and the view out of the Big Pines Lodge confirms it. Look out the window, past the beached paddle-wheel boat, and the swampy echoes of Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Born on the Bayou" are ringing in your head.

Once inside the low-ceilinged dining room, a bite of the fried catfish will have you thinking Cajun some more, even though you're about 15 miles from the Louisiana border.

Hearty waitresses navigate through the long tables with ease, bearing platters stacked high with whole catfish, fried shrimp and ribeye steaks. Every steak comes with jalapeno butter, Texas toast and french fries or a baked potato. Since everything but the steak is buttered, a first-time customer might wonder about the jalapeno butter.

That's for dipping your ribeye, the waitresses say matter-of-factly. Apparently, the word "cholesterol" has been erased from the Big Pines lexicon. It's no loss.

Williamson shares a secret of his business: people don't come to the Big Pines Lodge to watch their weight.

"I've only averaged a half-inch on my waist a year since we got here," Williamson often

'My first career was a policeman in Austin and after we got here and got a restaurant started, the guns just followed.'

George Williamson,
owner, Big Pines Lodge

says. He's also quick to add he's been here since the summer of 1973.

In those 25 years, he and his wife have built a fervent following of regular customers who expect more than food for dinner.

"You sure you don't need to look at guns and hats and bullets before we go?" customer Millie Hicks asks her dinner companions after they settle the check and head for the door.

In a lived-in corner of Big Pines, boxes are piled chest-high in ramshackle fashion and there's the unmistakable glint of gunmetal.

"My first career was a policeman in Austin and after we got here and got a restaurant started, the guns just followed,"

Williamson says. His first customers were local law enforcement officers, who spread the word about his service and selection. Shipments to the store mushroomed.

Behind the counter, there's a Colt Detective Special, Swiss-engineered Sig Sauers and Benelli shotguns that cost more than \$1,000. There's enough ammunition to keep a battalion of good ol' boys stocked for Armageddon. And if it's not out front or on the table in the dining room where he puts the overflow stock, Williamson says it's in the back room.

"I can squeeze in there," Williamson jokes, gesturing to a metal-caged storeroom where the tiny aisles are stuffed with guns, "and find what you're

looking for, sometimes in the same day."

On a recent night, while her husband chats up a customer at the counter, Mrs. Williamson is off in a quiet corner with her arm around an elderly man. She speaks in a hushed voice, soothing away the man's tears: "You can't know what it's like until you've gone through it," she says.

The man wipes his red eyes and leaves with a tepid smile breaking through. He had lost his wife a month before, Mrs. Williamson explains, "and he said it's hard to be here because she always loved coming here."

Williamson unabashedly loves guns, but he loves the lake more. And he was smitten when he visited in 1969, four years before he retired.

His passion for Caddo's bayous manifests itself in the grassroots conservation campaign he's promoted, using the lodge as ground zero. Williamson writes a newsletter, "Caddo Lake News," to chronicle and

criticize the plans of businesses and government agencies to, as he puts it, "disrupt the natural beauty of the lake."

"We have an eternal fight over Caddo Lake," he sighs. Recently, Williamson's newsletter chided poultry producer Pilgrim's Pride for proposing to pump waste into a lake tributary.

Williamson regularly blasts neighboring cities like Shreveport, La., that want to use Caddo as a reservoir. And he often battles the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for its repeated attempts to "fiddle with the lake."

Williamson's spirited defense of Caddo Lake is another reason the lodge is a favorite of the locals. And even though there aren't actually rooms for rent anymore, people still feel right at home.

"I don't like catfish, but I'll eat George's catfish," said Ms. Hicks. "It's the greatest place I've ever eaten seafood."

Unlocking lives Program takes mentally ill out of jail, into life-changing treatment

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Perry Kosinski stands at the end of an old, worn couch in his small Albuquerque apartment, lights a cigarette and counts a few blessings.

He's thankful he can take walks and have a smoke.

He's no longer homeless and sleeping outside.

And after several trips to jail, he has no plans to return there.

Kosinski, 34, has been diagnosed with chronic paranoid schizophrenia. In the past few years, he has racked up court cases for alleged misdemeanors such as criminal trespassing and drinking in public.

But in the autumn of 1997, Kosinski was referred to a program designed to get certain mentally ill people out of jail until their trial dates — and keep them out of trouble by setting them up with help suited to their needs.

Since then, the Jail Diversion Program has helped Kosinski find treatment and his very first apartment. His court cases have been dismissed. And he has stayed out of jail.

"My head cleared up a lot. It was kinda clouded," said Kosinski, who is on medication and is supported by government disability payments. "I've been staying out of trouble. I can go for a walk whenever I want."

Michael Padilla, a University of New Mexico case manager working in the program, estimated Kosinski's last jail stay was shortened by more than a month because he was allowed into diversion.

Jail Director John Dantis said keeping an inmate locked up costs about \$65 a day for

room and board.

Peter Boyles, a Metropolitan Court pretrial specialist involved with diversion, estimated the program handles about 40 cases each year. And Roxanne Duran, a psychologist associate who's also involved with the program, said diversion saved about \$400,000 worth of jail "bed days" from July 1997 through June 1998, while costing about \$80,000 a year.

In the past, there was no concerted effort to get mentally ill people who posed no threat to others out of jail, Boyles said. "They would languish in jail," he said. "They had no advocates. They had no one speaking for them."

Duran is chairwoman of the Forensic Intervention Consortium, made up of the mentally ill, their families and representatives of law agencies and mental health groups. She said the group created the diversion program in May 1996, funded by an annual grant from the state Health Department.

Diversion does not accept those deemed to be a further threat to themselves or others. A judge must approve each release.

Duran said that in many cases, clients accused of violence were not taking medication at the time of the alleged crime. They get back on medication and are stabilized before they are released from jail.

"What's to keep them from going off medication again? Nothing," Duran conceded.

But if they stop taking it while in the program, "we can yank them back (to jail) at any time," she said.

Ranch is rescue, rehab and retirement for horses

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — With tattered work gloves, denim jeans and sunglasses, throwing around steel corral railings and bails of hay, Jill Starr looks the part of an old-time rancher. But once you get a closer look at Starr, you see her for what she really is, a young everyday woman with a passion for horses.

Starr is president, owner and operator of the nonprofit organization Lifesavers Inc., a horse rescue, rehab and retirement ranch. With nine horses on her 16-acre ranch, Starr is kept busy as she works alone feeding and caring for her horses while trying to keep the corrals and fences in good shape.

"It's my purpose in life," Starr said. "If I didn't have my horses I wouldn't know what to do with myself."

Lifesavers' direct cause is saving horses, primarily mustangs, from slaughter at horse auctions. Starr outbids buyers whose main business is to slaughter the horses and sell the meat in Europe for human consumption, where it's considered a delicacy.

Starr's purpose in life is causing her a lot of hard times and misery.

"I figure actually for feeding and keeping their feet in order, the worming, and all the medical costs, it takes an average of \$100 a month for each horse," Starr said. "Some need more than others."

Relying on donations and with just a few regular supporters, Starr said times are tough trying to keep her horse rescue ranch afloat.

"Money just trickles in little bits and pieces," Starr said. "We do have regular supporters that donate monthly, and we did a fund raiser that helped for a spurt. But basically we're struggling, it's like a lot of animal shelters."

Last October, Lifesavers held the first annual Born To Be

Wild Benefit Concert at the Cockey Bull Opry Hall in Victorville. Dwight Yoakam headlined the entertainment, which included

The Mojo Monkeys, The Regulators and Shadowplay. The benefit raised more than \$12,000 for Lifesavers.

Lifesavers became an official nonprofit organization in July. Starr purchased the 16-acre ranch four years ago and moved to Antelope Valley from Lake View Terrace on the northern fringe of Los Angeles. Starr gave up a steady income to make her lifelong dream come true.

She soon turned the ranch into an animal rescue facility, but said it didn't take long before she learned it would be too much to handle.

"I quickly realized I couldn't do it," Starr said. "It was very quickly that I realized I had to focus on something."

It was then that Starr narrowed the field to mustangs.

American mustangs, more accurately termed "feral horses," are those whose ancestors were domestic horses and were freed or escaped from early explorers, native tribes, ranchers, cavalry, etc., to form or join free-roaming herds across the United States.

An estimated 42,000 mustangs still roam free on American public lands.

Starr said one of her goals is to set up a mentor program at her ranch where people can come in and learn how to handle horses.

"I know that I can't rescue every mustang that gets in trouble and the only other way to

curb the problem is to educate people," Starr said. "People can learn how to work with wild

horses because unless they have done it before they are going to need it."

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Cholesterol too low? Study cites stroke risk

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — While off-the-chart cholesterol levels can trigger strokes, a new study raises the possibility that unusually low amounts may sometimes cause them as well.

High cholesterol is always portrayed in public health messages as an undivided evil. A study presented Saturday at the American Heart Association's annual stroke conference suggests that, in truth, the facts about cholesterol are a little more complicated, even though on balance low cholesterol is still far better than high cholesterol.

For many years, experts have been convinced that too much cholesterol, particularly the variety called low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, increases the risk of heart disease. But the link between cholesterol and strokes is less clear-cut.

The latest study attempted to sort this out by looking separately at the effects of cholesterol on the two kinds of strokes — bleeding strokes and clot strokes.

It found that very high cholesterol raises the risk of strokes that result from blood clots in the brain. But it also showed that low cholesterol increases the hazard of the less common but potentially devastating

hemorrhagic strokes that result from burst blood vessels in the brain.

The study calculated that the perfect cholesterol level — at least, for preventing strokes — is about 200, which is the target established by the federal government's National Cholesterol Education Program.

"I swear I didn't plan it that way," said Dr. David L. Tirschwell.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers boosters slate Feb. 11 meeting
The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
Plans for the upcoming Lady Steers Sports Banquet will be discussed.
For more information, call 393-5672.

National Little League slates Feb. 15 meeting
The Big Spring National Little League will hold a meeting for all persons interested in helping with the 1999 Little League season for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ.
Little League registration begins Feb. 20.
For more information, contact Jim Wilson at 263-0662, John R. Sparks at 263-8527 or Jerry and Carlon Baker at 263-3242.

Big Spring's Marc Read takes part in duathlon
Marc Read of Big Spring took part in the "Frost-er-Fanny" Duathlon in Austin recently, finishing third in his age category.
The duathlon required Read and other competitors to run five kilometers, bicycle 18 miles and close the race with another five-kilometer run.
In other multi-sporting news, Big Spring's Jill Brode has improved her ranking from eighth to third in the South Midwest overall triathlon rankings for her 30-34 women's age group.

Local tennis players attend zone tourney
A team of 22 Big Spring youngsters took part in the year's second USTA Zone Area Tournament recently in Midland.
Jake Smiley led the way in his age group, reaching the finals, while his brother, Zach, reached the quarterfinals in his division.
Two other brothers also fared well, as Vishal Shroff reached the semifinals in his group, while Jay Shroff was a consolation finalist in his division.
Jim Blacketer reached the quarterfinals in his boys' division, while his older sister, Ame, was a quarterfinalist in the Major Zone Tournament in Waco the same weekend.
Other Big Spring quarterfinalists included Megan Roffers, Veronica Villarreal and Derrick DeHoyos.
Three other players — Justin Farrell, Michael Roffers and Mindy Partee reached the consolation semifinals in their divisions.

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AUTO RACING
Noon — Arenacross, FXS, Ch. 29.
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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2:30 p.m. — Kansas at Colorado, Florida State at North Carolina or Oregon State at UCLA, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.
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1 p.m. — Kansas at Missouri, FXS, Ch. 29.
3 p.m. — Iowa State at Nebraska, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA BASKETBALL
2:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers, NBC, Ch. 9.

FOOTBALL
5 p.m. — NFL Pro Bowl, AFC vs. NFC, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

GOLF
2 p.m. — Pebble Beach National Pro Am, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.
5 p.m. — Senior PGA Royal Caribbean Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

HOCKEY
2 p.m. — Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars, FOX, Ch. 3.
7 p.m. — Buffalo Sabres at Washington Capitals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

SKATING
7 p.m. — ISU Japan Open, TNT, Ch. 28.

Lady Hawks host WTC on Monday, Hawks entertain NMMI

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Now is certainly no time for a letdown. That's the message Tommy Collins and Matt Corkery are giving their Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks going into Monday night's home date with New Mexico Military Institute's Broncos and Western Texas College's Lady Westerners.
For the No. 11-ranked Lady Hawks, their 6 p.m. tip with Western Texas is an obstacle they can't afford to stumble across en route to Thursday's opportunity for revenge against Midland College's

No. 5-ranked Lady Chaparrals.
And there's no question in Corkery's mind that Western Texas will demand all of his team's concentration when it arrives at The Dorothy.
The Lady Hawks had their troubles in the two teams' first meeting in Snyder, as tight officiating led to foul troubles for several key performers.
"We can't have our minds on Midland ... we'll worry about them on Thursday," Corkery said as he prepared the Lady Hawks for a big week. "Western Texas has a very good team and they've played well against everyone."
The Lady Hawks head into Monday's game with a 22-2 record overall and a 7-1

mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play, averaging 79.6 points per game following their 85-57 win over Odessa's Lady Wranglers on Thursday.
Lady Hawks point guard Karlita Washington enters the game as the league's leading scorer, averaging 20.3 points per game. Teammate Latasha Moore is scoring at an 11.8 clip, while posts Jovanae St. Cyr and Caryn Ross are scoring 8.8 and 8.0 points per game, respectively.
Western Texas is averaging a respectable 77.7 points per game, but are currently ranked fifth in the WJCAC women's standings with a 14-9 record

overall and 3-5 conference showing.
The Lady Westerners will be trying to rebound from a 50-48 loss to New Mexico Junior College's Lady Thunderbirds on Thursday.
After having seen his Hawks all but allow Odessa to come-from-behind on Thursday, Collins says he expects his Hawks to be all business when NMMI arrives for Monday's 8 p.m. nightcap.
"We've got to realize that we're still in the same spot I talked about us being a few days ago," Collins explained. "We're sitting there atop the standings and everyone's going to be gunning for us."
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Bufs get first district win

Queens suffer 38-28 setback

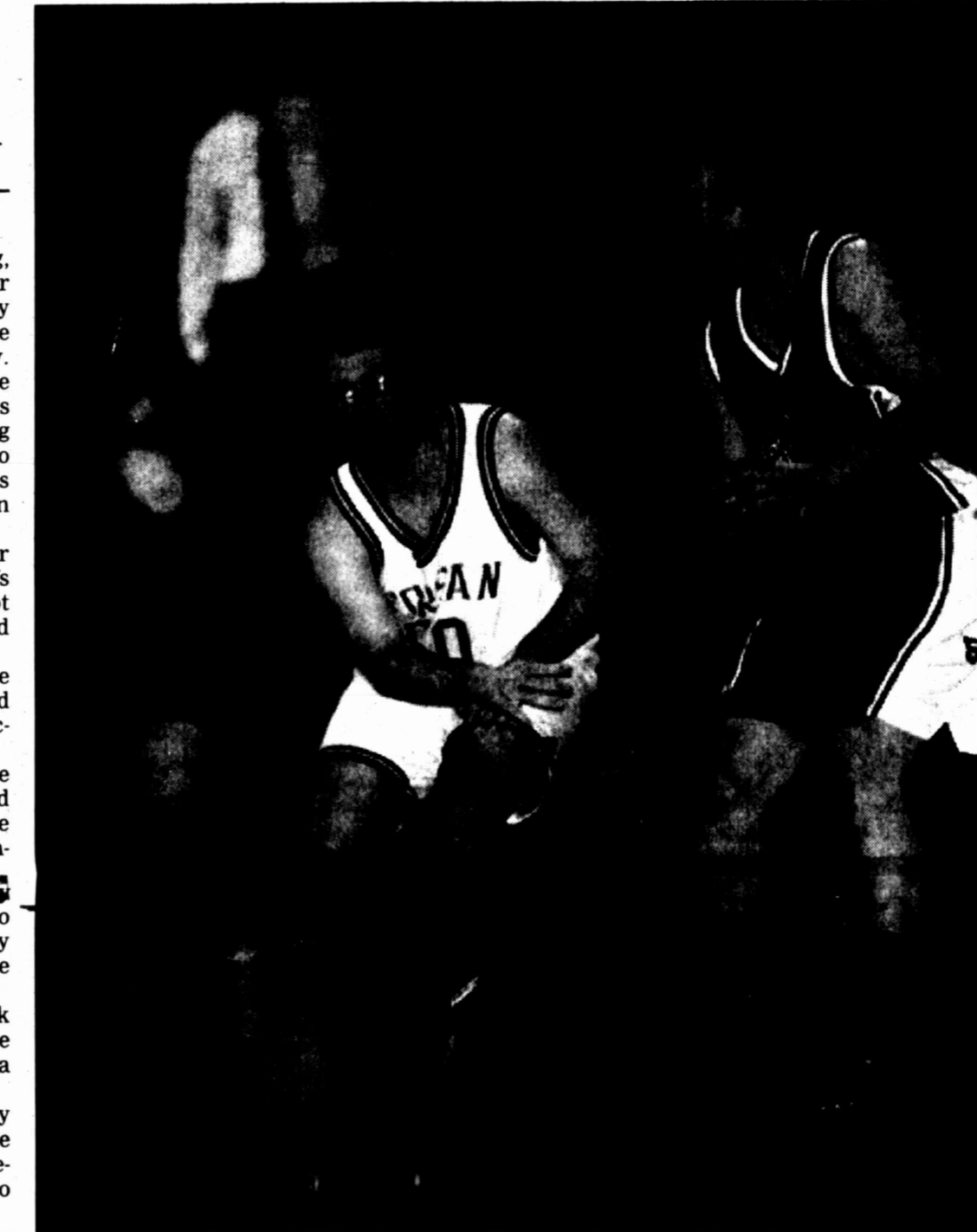
By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

FORSAN — It took its time in coming, but Forsan's Buffaloes chalked up their first win in District 2-2A basketball play Friday, holding off a last-ditch challenge by Junction's Eagles to take a 52-50 victory.
For a while, though, it looked as if the Buffs would again fall prey to what has seemed their personal albatross — playing three good quarters of basketball, only to see opponents outscore them 10-15 points in that one "bad" quarter and leave Forsan scratching its collective head.
After getting off to a quick 10-4 start after the first eight minutes of play, the Buffs seemed incapable of stopping the red-hot Eagles from scoring at will in the second quarter.

As a result, the Eagles followed the shooting of forward Jim Hull and guard Kevin Timms to score 25 points in the second period and take a 29-21 halftime lead.
Forsan returned the favor following the intermission, however, as they outscored the Eagles 17-6 in the third quarter to take a 38-35 advantage into the final eight minutes of play.

Those last eight minutes — particularly the final 1:07 of play — were almost too painful to watch for Buffs coach Terry McDonald and Forsan's following in the stands.
Junction jumped back on top with quick five points, a three-point shot by reserve guard David Valverde giving the Eagles a 40-38 lead.
Forsan's Wes Osburn, who only recently returned from being sidelined with a knee injury, answered right back with a three-pointer and a jumper from the lane to retake the lead.
Timms knotted the score with another three-pointer and a couple of minutes later, Hull scored from close range to give the Eagles their final lead, 48-47.

Forsan tied the score on a free throw from Logan Stanley and went ahead for good with a three-pointer by Cade Park.
Valverde tried to answer with a jumper from the wing and seconds later, the game's goat — Junction forward Stephen Benn, missed an opportunity to retake the lead by missing a pair of free throws.
After a Junction timeout, the Eagles were so rattled that six players were on the court when play resumed, providing a technical foul.
Park provided the game's final point by hitting one of the two technical freebies.
But the Eagles were not finished, and with five seconds left, had one more chance that turned into two when Stanley was whistled for fouling Benn as he tried a three-pointer at the buzzer.
Benn, however, missed all three opportunities, allowing the Buffs to squeak into the district win column.
"We finally overcame our bad quarter," McDonald said following the win. "This



Forsan guard Cade Park (50) delivers a pass to a teammate during the Buffs' game against Sönora on Tuesday. Park came up with a pair of key three-point shots in helping lead the Buffs to their first District 2-2A win Friday, as they knocked off Junction, 52-50.

was a big one for these kids. They've worked hard every night, never quit and made a lot of improvement, and tonight they went out there and put up a full court press that made the difference."
"We had several kids that came up big when it really mattered," McDonald added, his pleasure with the win even softening the late foul that could have given Junction a miracle. "I'll bet (Stanley) doesn't ever do that again ... he just got caught up in the excitement. He really did a great job of coming up with some key points and rebounds."
McDonald also offered praise for post Daniel Whetsel, who not only led the Buffs in scoring with a game-high 16 points, but also pulled down 12 rebounds.
"Daniel did a super job inside the paint for us and Wes (Osburn) came up with some big rebounds and a couple of three-pointers ... Cade Park did, too," he added.

"What's more, Cade and Wes did a good job of handling their pressure defense ... that made a big difference."
In addition to Whetsel's 16 point, the Buffs got 10 from Stanley and eight each from Osburn and Park as they improved to 6-18 overall and 1-6 in District 2-2A play.
Hull finished with 11 points to lead the Eagles, now 11-14 on the year and 2-5 in district action, while post Wes Rowe added 10. Timms finished with nine.
One bad quarter was all it took to keep Johnny Schafer's Queens from recording their second district win, as Junction turned a 10-4 run in the third quarter into a 38-28 win over Forsan.
In the aftermath, all Schafer could do was mention the Lady Eagles' hot-handed shooting.
"They didn't shoot the ball that many

times," he said. "We showed a lot of improvement between the first and second rounds ... namely 64 strokes," Scarbrough added, saying he expects more improvements this coming weekend when 22 teams arrive for the Big Spring Invitational. "We're looking to improve on our weaknesses — chipping and putting. We've got a very strong field coming in for our tournament, but we should play better than we did this week."
The Lady Steers were led by junior Ashlie Simmons, who posted an 86-83, 169 to finish

Big Spring golf teams open play

HERALD Staff Reports

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers golf teams opened their 1999 seasons during the weekend, the boys taking part in the Snyder Invitational Tournament and the girls' playing in the San Angelo Girls' Golf Classic.
After having opened with a 315 on the Snyder Country Club layout on Friday, the Steers saw their team score jump to 335 during Saturday's second round on the Western Texas College golf course, finishing with a two-day 650 total and sixth-place finish.
Odessa Permian's Panthers took the Snyder tournament's championship with a 302-306, 608 total and a 19-stroke win over Bastrop. Sweetwater's Mustangs finished third with a 629 total, while Abilene Wylie was fourth at 632 and Andrews' Mustangs were fifth at 641.
Snyder's host Tigers finished tied for seventh in the team standings with Lamesa, both posting 653 totals.

For the Lady Steers, a 458-394, 852 posted on the Sarf Angélo Country Club and Riverside Golf Course left them 11th in a field of 14 teams.
Not surprisingly, Snyder's Lady Tigers took the tournament championship with a 363-321, 684 score, posting a 15-stroke win over District 5-4A rival Andrews' Lady Mustangs.
Lady Steers coach Mike Scarbrough refused to be disappointed in his team's finish.
"I'm not at all disappointed and neither are our kids," he explained. "Three of our players are new to the squad and were playing their first 18-hole match and they've learned what energy it takes to keep their concentration for 18 holes in the wind and weather."
"We showed a lot of improvement between the first and second rounds ... namely 64 strokes," Scarbrough added, saying he expects more improvements this coming weekend when 22 teams arrive for the Big Spring Invitational. "We're looking to improve on our weaknesses — chipping and putting. We've got a very strong field coming in for our tournament, but we should play better than we did this week."
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Bufs put lock on 3-2A boys title; Bulldogettes have share of crown

HERALD Staff Reports

SEAGRAVES — Stanton's Buffaloes wrapped up the District 3-2A boys' basketball championship Friday night, chalking up the program's fifth straight league title, with a 56-44 win over Seagraves Eagles.
The win, which improved the Buffs record to 11-4 overall and 8-1 in district play, was in no small measure attributable to the 24-point performance by point guard Kyle Herm.
Herm, who earlier in the week signed a national letter of intent to play football at Rice University, hit five three-point shots leading the Buffs to the victory.
Stanton's big men played a significant role in the win as well, Chad Smith coming up with 14 points, while Justin Cobb added 11.
With the win, the Buffs no longer have to worry about Tuesday's regular season finale in which they'll play host to Plains' Cowboys.
"I'm feeling pretty good," Buffs coach Doug

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Gordon said following the win. "We're playing well right now and we locked up the championship in one of the state's toughest districts. Nothing's been easy in this district and these kids have responded to every challenge."
Friday also proved to be a big night for the Lady Buffs, who remained tied for second place in the district standings at 7-2, with a 47-35 win over the Lady Eagles. The win improved their season mark to 16-9.
After getting off to a somewhat rocky start — the Lady Buffs trailed 20-13 at halftime — Stanton caught fire in the second half to win going away.
Stephanie Washington and Rachel Madison paced the Lady Buffs with 14 points each, while Jonna Moore added 10 more.

Hawks open with big win; but suffer shutout to Blinn

HERALD Staff Report

BRENNHAM — Howard College's Hawks opened their 1999 baseball season in impressive fashion Friday with a 7-0 shutout of Northeast Texas Community College's Eagles before suffering an 8-0 blanking to Blinn's host team at the Blinn Junior College Baseball Tournament.
Sophomore Nick Webb struck out 11 and walked just one in a distance-going shutout of Northeast in the tournament's first game, while sophomore first baseman Rhett Wells and John Michael Herrera provided offensive heroics.
Wells was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs, while Herrera delivered the big blow in the third inning with a 2-run homer.
"It was a big win for us," Hawks head coach Brian Roper said following the shutout victory. "It was our first game of the season and Northeast Texas was ranked No. 9 in the nation last year and is one of the top teams in the state. We totally dominated them."
Roper was nowhere near as happy following the Hawks no-hitter loss to Blinn's Tim Ramon.
"That was a big let down," Roper said of the loss. "We were shut out and no-hit by a team that's ranked in the Top 20. We just did not perform well at all."

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SPORTS EXTRA

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Friday's Games
Abilene 7, San Angelo 4
Alexandria 4, Monroe 1
Corpus Christi 8, Amarillo 0
Odessa 5, New Mexico 3
Shreveport 6, Arkansas 3, SO
Tupelo 5, Lake Charles 4, SO
Austin 4, Waco 1

Saturday's Games
Odessa at Abilene (n)
Arkansas at Alexandria (n)
Fort Worth at Corpus Christi (n)
Central Texas at New Mexico (n)
El Paso at Tupelo (n)
Amarillo at Austin (n)

Today's Games
El Paso at Lake Charles
Corpus Christi at Austin
San Angelo at Shreveport

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with P Calvin Maduro to a minor-league contract with Rochester of the International League.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Saturday's results not included
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	1	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	0	0	.000	1/2
Boston	0	1	.000	1
Miami	0	1	.000	1
New York	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	1/2
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Utah	1	0	1.000	—
Vancouver	0	0	.000	1/2
Dallas	0	1	.000	1
Denver	0	1	.000	1
Houston	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Golden State	0	0	.000	1/2
Portland	0	0	.000	1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Sacramento	0	1	.000	1

LOCAL BOWLING

GUY'S DOLLS
WEEK 21
RESULTS-Dall's Cafe over Flo's Yellow Rose 8-0, Big Spring State Park over Hesters Mechanical 6-2, Head Hunters Beauty Salon over Karat Patch 6-2, BSI led Greenhouse Photography 4-4, hi sc game men Robert Beaty 223, hi sc game women Christine Sparks 218, hi sc series men Robert Beaty 535, hi sc series women Velma Campbell 493, hi hdp game men Robert Beaty 255, hi hdp game women Christine Sparks 266, hi hdp series men Robert Beaty 631, hi hdp series women George Taver 633, hi sc team game Head Hunters Beauty Salon 696, hi hdp team game Hesters Mechanical 854, hi sc team series Head Hunters Beauty Salon 1910, hi hdp team series Head Hunters Beauty Salon 2345.

STANDINGS-Flo's Yellow Rose 112-56, Big Spring State Park 106-62, Head Hunters Beauty Salon 84-84, BSI 79-89, BSI 79-89, Dall's Cafe 78-90, Hesters Mechanical 78-90, Karat Patch 69-99, Greenhouse Photography 66-102.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
WEEK 20
RESULTS-Arrow Refrigeration over Loan Stars 6-2, Morehead Transfer over Slow Starters 8-0, Alley Cats over Back-A-Action 6-2, Robertson Body Shop over Allen's Furniture 8-0, H&R Block over The Astros 8-0, BSI over M&M's 8-0, Bowlerama Pro Shop over A Timeless Design 8-0, Spanky's over Western Auto 8-0, Comet Clearers over Big Spring Music 8-0, Lulu's Family split with Fiesta Dodge 4-4, American State Bank split with KC Steak House 4-4, hi sc game men James Rawls 236, hi sc series men Jackie Lecroy 624, hi hdp series men Chris Ragan 733, hi sc game women Barbara Morrow 221, hi sc series women Peggy Huckabee 609, hi hdp game women Barbara Morrow 272, hi hdp series women Peggy Huckabee 759, hi sc team game American State Bank 598, hi sc team series American State Bank 1738, hi hdp team game Alley Cats 721, hi hdp team series Robertson Body Shop 2098.

STANDINGS-Arrow Refrigeration 115-45, Comet Clearers 97-63, Big Spring Music 92-64, Loan Stars 91-69, KC Steak House 91-65, H&R Block 88-72, American State Bank 86-74, BSI (Unopposed) 82-70, Robertson Body Shop 81-79, A Timeless Design 79-81, Back-A-Action 78-82, Westjet/Auto 77-83, Slow Starters 76-84, Fiesta Dodge (postponed) 73-79, Allen's Furniture 72-88, The Astros 71-87, M&M's 68-92, Spanky's 65-95, Lulu's Family 55-81, Morehead Transfer 49-111, Bowlerama Pro Shop 18-14, Alley Cats 12-20.

NHL
Friday's Games
Washington 4, Carolina 1
Pittsburgh 3, Florida 0
Anahem 5, Tampa Bay 3
Colorado 3, Detroit 1
Edmonton 4, Nashville 2

Saturday's Games
Boston at Philadelphia
Chicago at Phoenix
Buffalo at Montreal (n)
Toronto at New Jersey (n)
Florida at Carolina (n)
Anahem at St. Louis (n)
Ottawa at Calgary (n)
San Jose at Los Angeles (n)

Today's Games
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 2 p.m.
Buffalo at Washington, 7 p.m.

Big Spring netters open campaign

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers tennis squads opened their 1999 spring season during the weekend, taking part in the Midland Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Big Spring's best showing came from the boys' doubles tandem of Zach Smiley and Aaron Langford, as they opened

the tournament by knocking off opponents from Amarillo High, Midland Lee and Andrews, finishing 12th in the field of 20 teams.

Teammates Michael Roffers and Alex Edgemon finished 18th in the field.

The Lady Steers team of Becky Vera and Desiree Richardson finished 10th in the girls' doubles' field, while Annette Richardson and April Cunningham finished 14th.

In singles play, Brian Wingert posted Big Spring's best showing in the boys' field with a 17th-place finish, Derek DeHoyos was 18th.

And in girls' singles action, April Ward had the Lady Steers' best showing by finishing 18th.

The Big Spring netters have a couple of weeks off to prepare for the Big Spring Tennis Boosters Tournament set for Feb. 19-20 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Pro Bowl last game for Elway, White?

HONOLULU (AP) — The Pro Bowl could be the last NFL game for John Elway and Reggie White.

Or maybe not.

Elway, 38, had intended to retire after this season, but the prospect of an unprecedented third consecutive NFL championship might prove irresistible.

The MVP of Denver's 34-19 Super Bowl win over Atlanta a week ago, Elway said he'll make a final decision within a couple of months.

White, who at 37 led the NFL with 16 sacks and was selected the league's defensive player of the year, said earlier this week that he planned to retire, but he seemed to leave a slight chance that he'll return.

man's game," said Flutie, who returned to the NFL after playing in Canada for eight years. "I guess you could call us survivors. I know I am. At the beginning of the year, if you said Flutie, Chandler and (Randall) Cunningham would be in the Pro Bowl, people would have thought you were crazy."

Their counterparts along with Chandler on the NFC are San Francisco's Steve Young, 37, and Minnesota's Cunningham, 36.

"We're just getting started," said Young, voted the NFC starter. "Look at Chris and Randall, they're just coming of age."

Cunningham, who retired in 1996 but signed with the Vikings the following year, had no explanation for his late success.

"I can't say why all the quarterbacks are along mature lines," he said. "We're just the seasoned vets of the group."

Elway, voted to start for the AFC, plans to play only one or two series, saying, "Anyway, Flutie's a lot younger than I am."

The AFC has a Broncos' air about it, with nine Denver players in uniform. Running back Terrell Davis, however, pulled out of the game because of a sore shoulder.

The Jets' Curtis Martin will fill in for Davis; the other AFC running backs are Indianapolis' Marshall Faulk and Tennessee's Eddie George. AFC wide receivers include Denver's Ed McCaffrey, the Jets' Keyshawn Johnson and Jacksonville's Jimmy Smith.

Among the Broncos on defensive are linebacker Bill Romanowski and free safety Steve Atwater. Jason Elam is the kicker.

The NFC running backs are Jamal Anderson of the Falcons, Emmitt Smith of Dallas, and Robert Smith of Minnesota.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
ORLANDO MAGIC—Signed F Dominique Wilkins. Placed C Jonathan Kerner on injured reserve.

Continental Basketball Association
CONNECTICUT PRIDE—Placed F Damian Owens on its roster.

GRAND RAPIDS HOOPS—Waived F Ryan Penman.

IDAHO STAMPEDE—Placed G Chris Gamer, G Damon Jones, and C Terrell Bell on its roster.

ROCKFORD LIGHTNING—Placed G Matt Stengela on its roster. Placed F Terquan Mott and F-C Chad Gallagher on reserve. Waived F Shawn Harlan.

YAKIMA SUN KINGS—Placed G Matt Othick on reserve.

Football
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed WR Octavus Barnes, DT Ben Huff, T Greg Studdard, DE Brett Williams and CB Keith Thomas.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled F Shane Willis from New Haven of the AFL.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named John Hufnagel quarterbacks coach and Ken Wisenbunt special teams coach.

DETROIT LIONS—Signed QB Ron Powell.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Jerry Colquitt offensive quality control coach and Clayton Lopez defensive quality control coach.

GOLF
Ladies Professional Golf Association
LPGA—Announced the resignation of Jim Ritts, commissioner. Named Ty Votaw commissioner.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled RW Shane Willis from New Haven of the AHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Assigned C Andrew Dale to Mississippi of the ECHL.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned D Mario Larocque to Cleveland of the IHL.

American Hockey League
PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Announced

Friday's Games

Indiana 96, Washington 81
Detroit 95, Miami 81
Philadelphia 78, Charlotte 66
Atlanta 100, Cleveland 83
Orlando 93, New York 85
Toronto 103, Boston 92
San Antonio 101, Sacramento 83
Utah 104, Chicago 96
Minnesota 110, Denver 92
Seattle 92, Dallas 86, OT
L.A. Lakers 99, Houston 91
Phoenix 101, L.A. Clippers 92

Saturday's Games
Toronto at Washington (n)
Cleveland at Boston (n)
New Jersey at Atlanta (n)
Milwaukee at Charlotte (n)
Orlando at Philadelphia (n)
Minnesota at San Antonio (n)
Houston at Golden State (n)

Today's Games
Miami at New York, Noon
Indiana at Detroit, Noon
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
Miami at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

C Shawn Bates has been assigned to the club by Boston of the NHL. Announced RW Cameron Mann and LW Antti Laakkonen have been recalled by the Boston Bruins.

SAINT JOHN FLAMES—Released G Troy Maguire.

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS—Recalled C Kevin Hilton from Mississippi of the ECHL.

Top-ranked UConn rips No. 4 Stanford, 70-59

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — For now, the great debate about which coast has the best college basketball is over. The East proved its superiority Saturday.

Khalid El-Amin had 23 points and No. 1 Connecticut, rebounding from its only loss of the season and again playing without its leading scorer, never trailed in a 70-59 victory over No. 4 Stanford.

The Huskies forced 16 turnovers and held the Cardinal to 35 percent shooting.

Mark Madsen had 13 points for Stanford, which fell behind by 18 points early and never caught the Huskies despite finishing off the first half with a 12-0 run that included a five-point play sparked by a technical foul on the Connecticut bench.

Albert Mouring added 15 points and Kevin Freeman had 14 points and 11 rebounds for Connecticut (20-1), which broke Stanford's 14-game home winning streak. El-Amin had five assists and five steals.

Arthur Lee had 12 points for Stanford (19-4), which had been 24-0 at home against non-conference opponents over the past five seasons.

NCAA

Maryland 88, Virginia 72
COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Seventh-ranked Maryland turned Virginia inside-out to end its first losing streak of the season.

The Terrapins took Virginia out of its 3-2 zone with a barrage of 3-pointers, then dominated play under the basket in the second half Saturday for an 88-72 victory.

Maryland (20-4, 8-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) made seven 3-pointers in taking a 44-32 half-time lead. That opened up the inside for freshman Lonny Baxter, who scored nine points in the first five minutes of the second half to keep the Terrapins comfortably ahead.

Baxter finished with 14 points as the Terrapins bounced back from successive losses at Wake Forest and Duke to reach the 20-victory plateau faster than any other team in school history.

Michigan St. 95, Iowa 81
IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Reserve Morris Peterson scored a career-high 27 points to lead

No. 8 Michigan State to a 95-81 victory over No. 14 Iowa on Saturday, the Spartans' ninth straight win.

Peterson, who led his team with 19 points in an 89-65 win over the Hawkeyes on Jan. 21, had 16 points in the first half on 6-of-7 shooting. Peterson, whose previous best was 24 points against Duke on Dec. 2, finished 9-of-12, including 2-of-3 from 3-point range.

Charlie Bell added 16 points and Mateen Cleaves had 14 points and nine assists for the first-place Spartans (20-4, 9-1), who haven't lost since a 66-51 defeat to Wisconsin in the Big Ten opener.

Joey Range scored 16 points and Sam Okey had 10 for the Hawkeyes (15-6, 6-5), who have lost five of seven, while losing to the Spartans for the fifth straight time and nine of the last 11.

Alabama 62, Kentucky 58
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Freshman Sam Haginas had a dunk and converted a three-point play over the final 19 seconds to lift short-handed Alabama to a 62-58 victory over No. 5 Kentucky on Saturday, its

first win over the Wildcats in eight years.

With leading scorer Brian Williams sidelined by an ankle injury, the Crimson Tide (13-11, 3-8 Southeastern Conference) were led by unlikely heroes Haginas and Doc Martin, who scored a career-high 20 points in his first start.

Kentucky (19-6, 8-3) dropped its second game in three days as Florida snapped the Wildcats' 15-game SEC road winning streak Thursday night.

The score was tied at 59 when Haginas had his shot blocked by Jamaal Magloire on the baseline. Kentucky guard Saul Smith saved the ball from going out of bounds, but Haginas won the scramble for the ball with Magloire. Haginas darted uncontested to the basket with the shot-clock winding down and slammed it home two-handed with 19 seconds left.

DePaul 61, Cincinnati 60
ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Willie Coleman missed the first free throw but his second climbed over the rim and fell in with no time left in overtime

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Duke 87, Georgia Tech 79
ATLANTA (AP) — Next stop, No. 1.

Trajan Langdon scored 23 points, including four baskets from beyond the 3-point line, and No. 2 Duke bounced back from a 10-point deficit in the second half to beat Georgia Tech 87-79 on Saturday.

The Blue Devils (24-1, 11-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) have won 18 straight games and will likely move back to the top spot in the polls after Connecticut suffered its first loss on Monday.

Georgia Tech (13-10, 4-7) seemed poised for one of the season's biggest upsets, closing the first half with a 20-9 run. The Yellow Jackets held a 40-35 lead at the break against a team that had an average winning margin of 23.1 points in the ACC.

The crowd at Alexander Memorial Coliseum was roaring when Jason Floyd sailed through the air to finish off a fast break with a high-flying lay-in, extending the Yellow Jackets' lead to 51-41 with 16:32 remaining.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆The British Parliament convened in 1653 was known as the Barebod Parliament, after its member, Praise-God Barebone.

◆As a result of machinery, fertilizers and advances in technology, one U.S. farmer can now produce enough food for 78 people.

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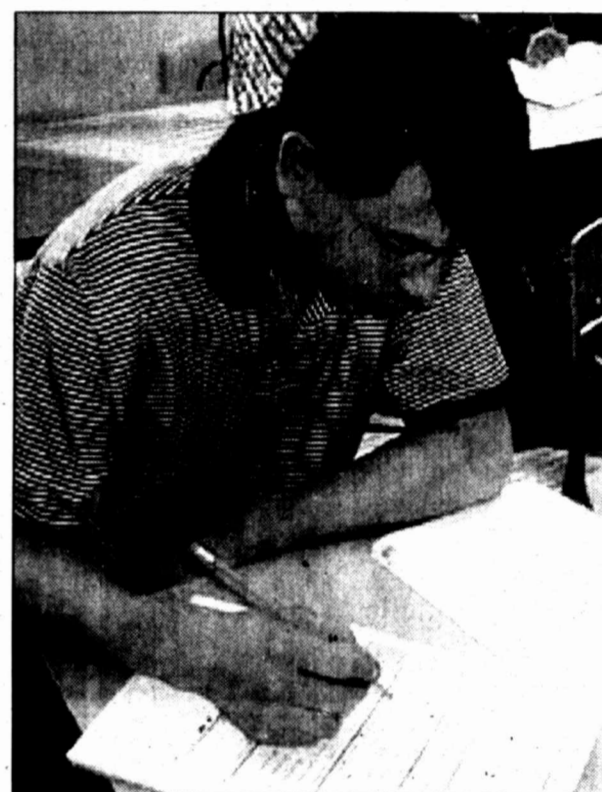
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EDUCATION

At any age



At left, Janie Maholly gets some help from adult basic education instructor Terri Dominguez at Howard College during a Saturday class for those who want to take the GED. At right, Simon Arausa takes an assessment test before beginning in the college's program.



School isn't just for kids anymore. These days, people of all ages are heading back to the classroom, to train for new careers or improve their earning power and communication skills.

At Howard College, Adult Basic Education gets more popular every year, said director Amber Buske.

"Right now we have a lot of young people who are having a hard time finding a job without their GED," she said, "and older people who may be working right now, but want a better job."

Passing the GED test, for a high-school equivalency diploma, is one reason adults hit the books again. For those who may have dropped out of high school, or never had the chance to attend much formal schooling, a GED can be the ticket to some jobs.

"Especially around here, where jobs are so tight," Buske said. "A GED is now required a lot more than it used to be. And there's a lot of technology out there that people are going to need more education for."

A GED can also lead the way to a college degree.

"We really encourage that," Buske said. "And we do have students who will just keep going after they earn the GED."

In particular, she remembers one man, a native of Mexico who was working to support his family when he came in for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Soon he finished those, and entered the GED program. Now, he is

continuing his education in college, learning how to repair computers.

"His family was so proud of him," Buske said. "We were so proud of him, and he was proud of himself."

Janie Maholly started GED classes recently for some of the same reasons. After working in the same job for 13 years, her employer died. She was forced to take a job that seemed to have no future, and decided now was the time for going back to school.

"I'm getting older, and I just think it's time," Maholly said. "I want to move on to something new."

Classes are available mornings, afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. The pace is variable, according to the student's needs and skill level. Individual attention is available for areas where the student may need a little extra preparation.

"We focus on math and writing skills, which most people seem to need help in," said Buske. "It's kind of like school, you need 70 percent correct to pass the test, and that scares a lot of people."

The test forces students to use a lot of grammar rules and mathematics principals they don't often see day to day, Buske said.

"It's easy to forget how to solve that problem, or where that comma goes."

Adult Education is aimed at everyone from second-grade level to an near high-school-graduate. Programs are also available for those who just need a refresher in certain areas, such as to prepare for another test, or help in just one subject.

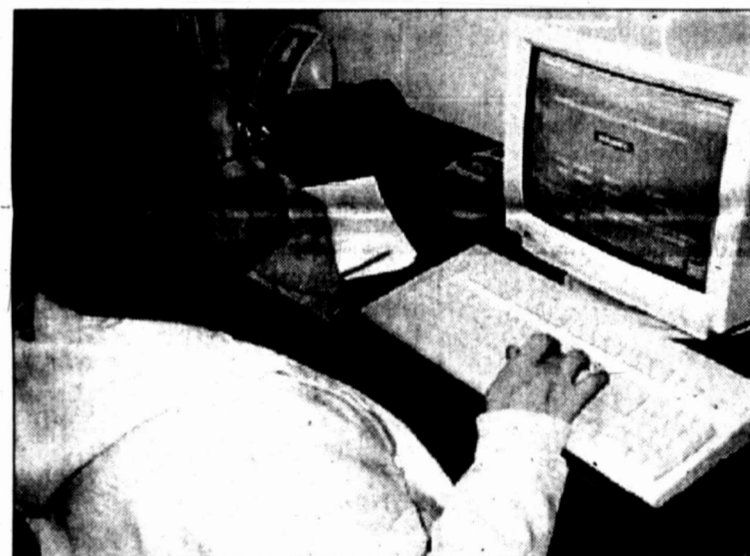
"It's very individualized," Buske said. Students will always start with an assessment test to determine the student's current ability level.

"This will tell us what to focus on, where a student's weak areas are," Buske said. Most students, she said, don't want to waste a lot of time working on things they really don't need to know.

A big incentive for most students, also, is that the programs are provided free of charge. Taking the GED test costs \$36, and there are scholarships for that.

Child care is also available at the college, even during evening classes.

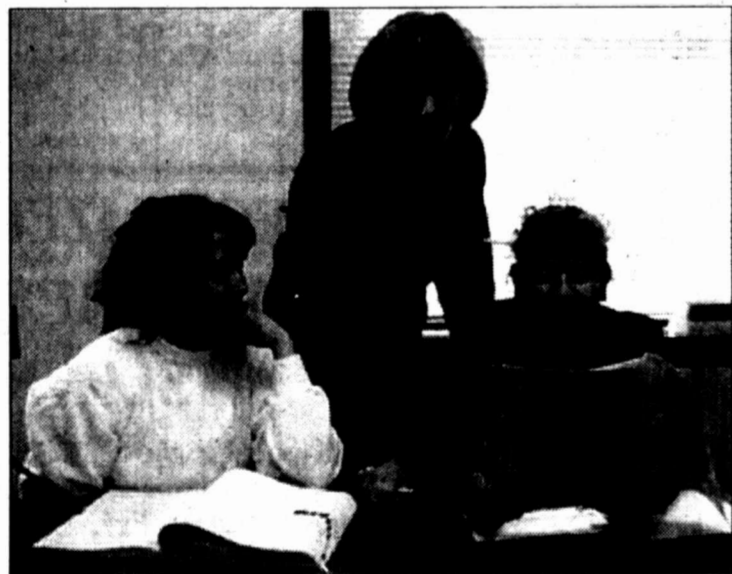
Each year, all the college's GED students who have



passed the test receive diplomas in a cap-and-gown ceremony. Many don't participate, but those who do often bring their families, and aren't ashamed to show their pride, Buske said.

"That's the most exciting part," she said. "We get to see them grow and realize they can do things."

Call 264-5020 or 264-5016 for information about the adult basic education program and other special services at Howard College.



Below, left, Adult Education Program Director Amber Buske, center, assists Lupe Mancinas, left, and Frances Enriquez. Above, Irene Garling works on a computer program for adult education at Howard College.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DEBBIE L. JENSEN

VA hosts American League umpire, Cox announces retirement

Recently, VA Medical Center Director Cary D. Brown hosted a very special guest-American League Umpire Larry Barnett.

A major league umpire for 30 years, Larry told some of baseball's funniest stories to the delight of our hospitalized veterans.

This special man has made 1,400 visits to VA Medical Centers. In the process, he has visited each of the 172 VA Medical Centers at least three times. Sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans, Larry has donated eleven weeks of each year to visit and entertain our veteran patients. I do not know if the veteran umpire will ever get into the baseball hall of fame, though, his credentials should deserve serious consideration. He has umpired four World

Series, five All-Star Games and six American League championship series. If we had a Veteran Hall of Fame, I am confident that this outstanding man would be inducted on the first ballot. ... During the past eight years, I have worked on numerous successful community projects and have served as an advisory council/board member to several civic and service organizations with some of the greatest people in the world —



FRED COX



From left, Jesse Alba, Disabled American Veterans representative and VA patient William Leamon visited with American League umpire Larry Barnett at the hospital recently.

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citizens of Big Spring.

It has been an honor to have been part of the Big Spring community, and I will always cherish my friendships developed with its residents.

After thirty years of government work, I have decided to retire.

This is the last time you will

read my column. A week from now I will be a resident of Hamilton County, establishing a new business. My requests to you, on behalf of hospitalized veterans, have been many and varied through the years.

Since you have always fulfilled them, I thought it would only be appropriate to ask you to support the Nation Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, February 14-20, by sending valentines to our patients or calling my office to schedule bedside visits that week.

Remember in the words in a note to one of our veterans from a sixth grader, "A country that forgets its defenders shall also be forgotten."

Goodbye and may God bless you.

ON THE MENU

- ELBOW SCHOOL**
MONDAY-School chalupe, salad, new potatoes, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Cheeseburger, casserole, corn, salad, cracker, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-German sausage, potato salad, beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Tuna sandwich, chips, veggies, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.
- STANTON SCHOOLS**
MONDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, orange slices, pudding, milk, fruit drink.
TUESDAY-Tamales or beef stew, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, cherry shortcake, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.
THURSDAY-Pizza or chicken & dumplings, peas & carrots, vegetable sticks, pears, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.
FRIDAY-Bar-B-Q riblet/bun or steak burger, french fries, sandwich salad, apple wedges, cookie, milk, fruit drink.
- BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**
MONDAY-Meatball sandwich (chili cheese fries), mashed potatoes, vegetable sticks, applesauce, milk.
TUESDAY-Fried chicken (stromboli), macaroni & cheese, green beans, jello w/fruit, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Burrito (chef salad), chili rellano torta, potato wedges, grapes, Valentine treat, milk.
THURSDAY-SAND LUNCH DAY (chicken fajita salad)-Peanut butter w/jelly sandwich, peach cup, carrot sticks, cookie, milk.
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY
- SANDS SCHOOLS**
MONDAY-Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, french fries, wacky cake, milk.
TUESDAY-Fried chicken w/gravy, mashed potatoes green beans, hot rolls, fruit milk.
WEDNESDAY-Tamales, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers, whole new potatoes, june peas w/carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Fiestados, salad, pork & beans, fruit, milk.
- COAHOMA SCHOOLS**
MONDAY-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, peaches and cream, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak (burritos), corn, gravy, sweeten rice, rolls, milk, fruit.
WEDNESDAY-BBQ sausage (Sloppy joe), macaroni, baked beans, bread, milk, fruit.
THURSDAY-Pizza, fries, salad, cherry shortcake, milk. Teachers only baked potato or salad.
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY
- FORSAN SCHOOLS**
MONDAY-Ravioli, green beans, salad, peanut butter cookies, milk.
TUESDAY-Taco salad, ranch style beans, salad, churros, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joe, french fries, slud, pickles and onions, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, chips, salad, pickles and onions, ice cream, milk.
FRIDAY-Chicken and gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, rolls, fruit, milk.

'A Crooked Little House' is a tantalizing novel

A Crooked Little House, Susan Rogers Cooper. Avon Books, Inc. New York, New York, January, 1999. 246 pages. \$5.99

E. J. Pugh is married, the mother of three children, a romance writer, and still finds time to "get involved" in finding the truths to situations that border on the dangerous. E. J.'s mother-in-law, Vera, is difficult in most situations, yet the two manage to have a love/hate relationship that survives the turmoil. It was on one of those days when the two of them were getting along that Juney came back into their lives.

Juney had been married to E. J.'s brother-in-law, but never did fit in with family expectations. After the sudden death of her husband and the birth of their child, she disappeared for months. Suddenly, on this momentous day she appears on the doorstep, pushes her child into the room, runs off down the street, and disappears.

Even though E. J. doesn't actively search for Juney, she manages to visit friends and neighbors that might know something or might have seen



PAT WILLIAMS

Juney wandering around the area. A homeless woman living in a vacant lot is found murdered, and because of items found with the victim's body, E. J. is assumed to be Juney. When another young woman is identified, these same items are the basis on which a murder charge is made against Juney. E. J. is positive that Juney may have made unwise decisions in her past, but feels the young girl is incapable of committing such a horrible crime and sets out to prove her innocence.

Susan Rogers Cooper has created a character in E. J. Pugh that could personify almost anyone's favorite neighbor or family member. She's truly an unbridled spirit with a tremendous love of her family, and someone you would want in your corner if you found yourself in a jam. However, as she fights to help her allies, she manages to create some confusion within the situation-occasionally pulling off a bit of hilarity that only adds to the tension.

A Crooked Little House is Cooper's sixth book featuring E. J. Pugh. Her story is fast-paced, and the plot is deceptively clever. This book is like a tantalizing desert loaded with whipped cream that you have longed to taste all during dinner-it's absolutely wonderful and just doesn't last long enough.

RATING: (***) three out of four=Tantalizing tidbit!

San Antonio's National Shrine of the Little Flower celebrating big honor

SAN ANTONIO(AP) — Several hundred faithful were on hand Sunday to hear choristers sing and tintinnabulators ring to help celebrate the National Shrine of the Little Flower's inauguration this week as a minor basilica of the Catholic Church.

Choirs from the inner city, including the Alleluia Tintinnabulators Handbell Choir, gave a performance of the "Canticles of Love: A Choral Shower of Roses" with violinist Cleo Aufderhaar to launch a week of festivities leading up to a ceremony Saturday granting the parish basilica status.

The shrine at 906 Kentucky St. will be one of 44 American churches designated minor basilicas.

The title links the shrine with Catholic mother churches in Rome and recognizes the shrine's historic, religious and artistic stature among Catholic churches worldwide.

"We've got the celebration on a roll now," Father John Suenram said.

"It's really a worldwide event when a church is designated as a basilica. It's recognition on the part of the Vatican that we have shown that we stand out because of the faith life of the people of San Antonio."

Louis Cisneros came with his family to hear daughter Juliet, a soloist with the Little Flower School Children's Choir. He agreed the church's acoustics are a key reason people enjoy concerts there.

Joining the Little Flower choir were the Jefferson United Methodist Chancel Choir and the Holy Redeemer Adult Gospel Choir.

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said Father John Suenram

If audience members were brought to the edge of their seats by the handbell choir with its unique percussion harmonies, they were rocking to the lively rhythms of the Holy Redeemer choir.

"It takes practice. Practice makes perfect," parishioner Claudia Ann Noll said of the bell-ringing choir. "But," she added, "wait till you hear the Holy Redeemer choir. You have to rock in your seat to them."

Through Friday this week, evening Mass was said at the shrine at 5:30 p.m., followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Special Vesper Service.

The inauguration ceremony at 3 p.m. Saturday will be led by Archbishop Patrick Flores and is closed to the general public.

A \$100-per-person Basilica Inauguration Gala is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter hotel.

The first public Mass in the church as a basilica will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Sunday.

This prince is a producer too

NEW YORK (AP) — It may have been the first news conference with a filmmaker preceded by a coaching session on what to call him.

Certainly not Your Royal Highness. Your Majesty is too medieval, if not presumptuous. "Titanic" director James Cameron already claimed King of the World. Even Prince is discouraged.

It's Edward. Edward Windsor.

There's a protocol to addressing the youngest of Queen Elizabeth II's four children. If he's on state business, it's Prince Edward. But he drops formality and becomes plain Mr. Windsor when he's in a Manhattan conference room to talk to reporters about his three-part documentary "Crown and Country," which premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. EST on PBS.

A half hour with the prince is pleasant enough, if a bit stuffy and boring. Quite like his film, actually.

The 34-year-old Windsor, who runs his own movie company, produced and wrote the documentaries. He's also the on-screen narrator, walking through London palaces and historic buildings that he knows through official functions in his other life.

He's no amateur, displaying a surprising comfort level and affability on camera. He also clearly did his homework, at one point correcting on-screen a misstatement by an historian, and noting that King Charles I wore three shirts to his beheading so as not to shiver in the January cold and appear afraid.

While Windsor insisted he wasn't making an historical film — as if the words themselves scream UNSPEAKABLY DULL — "Crown and Country" is not enticing to any viewer who doesn't come prepared with a deep interest in English royalty.

This is his family he is talking about, his ancestors, although you wouldn't know that from his documentary, so careful is he to avoid mixing the personal and professional.

Clearly, he can't win. Emphasize his blue blood, and that gets the attention instead of the story he's trying to tell. Windsor seems accustomed to being resented for who he is, not judged on what he does.

"It doesn't matter what profession I would move into, it would be the same prejudice there," he says wearily when asked if he felt a special need to prove that he's a skillful filmmaker, not making it on his name.

He can certainly claim to have paid his dues. In the 1980s, the stage-struck prince worked as a lowly backstage assistant on Andrew Lloyd Webber hit musicals such as "Cats" and "Starlight Express."

His film company, Ardent Productions, made another installment of "Crown and Country" that aired last year on PBS. He hopes to diversify into other topics, feeding his interest in science and technology.

STORK CLUB

- Michael Jeffrey Johnson, boy, Jan. 23, 1999, 6:49 p.m., six pounds 13 ounces and 18 3/4 inches long, born at Shannon Medical Center; parents are Jeffrey and Katrice Johnson, Big Spring.
- Grandparents are Betty Mince, the late Bill Mince and Wayne and Joyce Johnson, all of Big Spring.
- Gabrielle Larissa Flores, girl, Jan. 30, 1999, 7:05 p.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Robert and Miriam Flores.
- Grandparents are Roberto and Ramona Flores and Theresa Holguin, all of El Paso.
- Caleb Harrison Jones, Jan. 23, 1999, 10:10 p.m., seven pounds 10 ounces and 21-1/4 inches long, born at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock; parents are Carey and Tonda Jones, Lubbock.
- Grandparents are Jeff and Sissy Jones of Big Spring, and Pete and Tommy Fulcher of Farwell.
- Vanessa Renee Renteria, girl, Jan. 14, 1999, 1:44 p.m., six pounds 13 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Leticia Renteria and Mike Hinojos.
- Grandparents are Juan Renteria, Yolanda Renteria, both of Big Spring, and Cruz and Enrique Hinojos.
- Bobby Page, Jr., boy, Jan. 13, 1999, 1:03 p.m., eight pounds five ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Jamie Juarez and Bobby Page.
- Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Victor Martinez of Big Spring, and W.A. Page of Union, Miss.
- Makaila Rose Phillips, girl, Feb. 1, 1999, 7:37 p.m., seven pounds five ounces and 20 1/4 inches long; parents are Jennifer Perez and Mike Phillips.
- Grandparents are Cathy and Luis Perez, Wilma Fruit and Leroy Phillips, all of Big Spring.
- Jasmine Maria Salas, girl, Jan. 23, 1999, 9:24 a.m., six pounds 3 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Daniel Salas, Jr. and Jennifer Rangel.
- Grandparents are Edward and Ida Rangel and Daniel and Yolanda Salas, all of Big Spring.
- Jobe Alek Rae Rodriguez, boy, Jan. 31, 1999, 1:19 p.m., four pounds 11 ounces and 18 3/4 inches long; mother is Yvonne LaRae Rodriguez.
- Grandparents are Gilbert Rodriguez of Westbrook, and Janie McElyea of El Paso.
- Jonathan Porter Hill, boy, Jan. 19, 1999, 3:07 p.m., eight pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Sandra and Greg Hill.
- Grandparents are Eva and Noe S6líz and William and Geraldine Hill, all of Big Spring.
- Eric Hernandez Velasquez, boy, Jan. 19, 1999, 3:33 a.m., nine pounds six ounces; parents are Oscar and Delia Velasquez.
- Grandparents are Marselino Socorro Hernandez Urias of Odessa, and Ramon Elisa Velasquez Porras of Presidio.
- Noel Auden Gomez, boy, Jan. 18, 1999, 2:40 a.m., eight pounds eight ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Julio and Maria Gomez.
- Grandparents are Andres and Juana Salgado and Julio and Eliza Gomez.
- Annie Ginter, girl, Jan. 15, 1999, 9:41, eight pounds 5 1/4 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Aron and Mary Ginter.

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Lance Cpl. Chris Perez, son of John D. Pérez of Big Spring, recently participated in community relations projects during a visit to Barcelona, Spain, while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

The 1995 of Maranatha Baptist Academy of Big Spring, joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

NEWCOMERS

- Steve and Traci Sloan, twins Matthew and Christian, Midland. He works for TU Electric.
- Burton C. and Becky Bendele; mother-in-law Pauline, Lubbock. He is employed by Stoneville of Texas.
- Denice King, daughter Cicely, Arab, Ala. She is the office manager for Full Service Dental Lab.
- Larry and Carol Earles, Charleston, S.C. He is retired from the government.
- Jose and Cecilia Ortiz, sons Kevin and Jonathan, El Paso. He is a doctor for Cornell Corrections.
- Martha Chacon, El Paso. She is a doctor for Cornell Corrections.
- David and Violet McCoffity, son Wayne, Midland. He is employed by Fiesta Dodge-Chrysler.

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WEDDINGS

Reeder-Lundy

Elizabeth Michelle Reeder of Carrollton, and Lyle Samuel Lundy of Mabank, formerly of Coahoma, were united in marriage on Aug. 1, 1998, at the Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas with Dr. Ervin Roorda officiating.

She is the daughter of Bill and Andrea Reeder of Carrollton.

He is the son of Willie and Gail Lundy of Mabank, formerly of Coahoma.

Matron of honor was Aleacia Goolsby, sister of the bride, and maid of honor was Shannon Conway.

Bridesmaids were Brooke Painter, Angi Collier, Ashley Morrison, Linde Thompson and Heather Oden.

Audry Harwell, cousin of the bride, and Leah Lundy, niece of the groom, were the flower girls. Davis Cole Goolsby, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

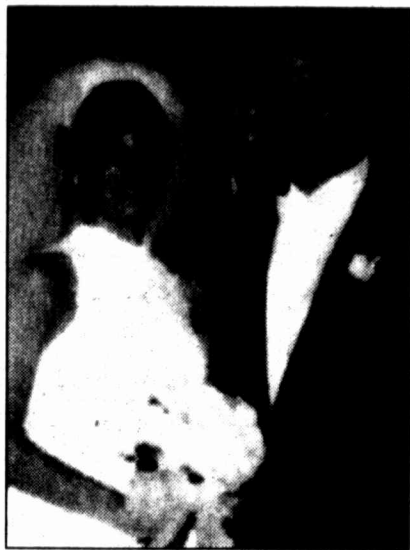
Best man was Shane Wolf. Serving as groomsmen were Lance Lundy, brother of the groom, Rodney Mooneyham, Scott Ardillo, Richard Gaddis, Lance Yager and Billie Powell.

John Walker, Mike Cathey, brother-in-law of the groom, and Keith Hartsel served as ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a degree in elementary education. She is currently a teacher for the Marble Falls ISD.

The groom is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a degree in secondary education. He is employed by Physician Sales & Services in Austin.

The couple have made their home in Marble Falls.



MR. AND MRS. LYLE LUNDY

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The couple have made their home in Marble Falls.

Hairdos today mean time, money spent

"Hair, Hair, long beautiful hair" Lines from a song a few years ago, indicative of our interest in our hair.

Each year the American public spends more than one billion dollars for wigs, hair restorers, things to make our hair grow if we are bald, hair transplant surgery and other nostrums.

If you doubt this, the next time you go to the store, check out how much space is devoted to hair products.

If you ask people what part of their body they are most displeased with, they will usually answer it's their hair. Too thick, too thin, wrong color, on and on.

Forensic experts can take some of our hair and tell us if we are in good health or not; or if we are being poisoned. In the event someone is trying to do us in, the scientists can tell for how long — even if we have passed on.

How many times have we seen a detective take a hair from a body and exclaim "Aha!" or an irate wife pull a hair from her husband's coat yelling, "this isn't my hair!"

One reason hair is so interesting to science is that each of us is unique when it comes to hair; not even twins have the same hair.

Granted we have very definite ideas about how our hair should look. I remember some tense times in our bathroom on Mittel. Two shrieking teenagers, one crying child, and two adult women were crammed in that small space. One teenager had her hair done before the prom and wasn't satisfied with the outcome, so we had to do something.

An hour later, choking in a hair-spray-filled room, our combs and blow dryers in hand

the teenager announced that she would go to the prom. We all heaved a sigh of relief.

I personally was never content with the color of my hair, so I colored it for many years. While trying on a sweater, the sales lady asked me why in the world women my age always colored their hair blonde or blue (a color of rinse).

I wasn't particularly pleased with what she said, so I changed my haircolor once again. A long-suffering neighbor and I used to try each new home haircoloring product, it's a wonder we didn't completely ruin our hair.

Texas Monthly once had an article about West Texas big hair. They had lots of pictures of ladies with their hair mounded high on their head. Stiff with spray, it would stay put in our winds. Although she isn't from West Texas former Gov. Ann Richards' hairdresser does admit she uses tons of spray to hold Ms. Richards' hair in place.

Marge Simpson of "The Simpsons" on television takes the cake though, with her 3-foot high blue hairdo.

I am a long time fan of Star Trek, and I guarantee that if the future holds hairdos like that, the spaceships will have to be very large.

Whatever we do to our hair, bad color, cut or perm, it is forgiving, because everything eventually grows off.

I have naturally colored hair now, I got tired of fighting the "growing out roots" problem. Snow white hair, Adrian says it makes me easy to find in a crowd. He and I both have a lot of hair for folks our age and fortunately it seems healthy.

We started taking B vitamins years ago when neither of us had enough hair to blow in the wind. I'm not recommending it, but it did work for us.

Of course you can always get a wig. I did, I always wanted long blonde hair, like my cousin Mary Beth.

When I looked at myself in the mirror with the wig, all I needed was a broom to complete my costume!



MARY RANDLE

ANNIVERSARIES

Escanuela

Alex and Yolanda Escanuela celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Feb. 6, 1999, with a church mass at St. Thomas Catholic Church hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Wink, and she was born as Yolanda DeLeon in Big Spring. They met in 1958 at a gathering. They were married on Jan. 23, 1959 at Sacred Heart Church. Mr. and Mrs. Escanuela have five children, Alex Escanuela, Jr., Elizabeth Palomino, Leticia Guillen, all of Big Spring, Daniel Escanuela and Priscilla Gamboa, both of Amarillo. They also have five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Escanuela have lived in Big Spring their entire marriage.

Alex is employed by the Howard County Bridge and Road Department, and Yolanda is employed by the Big Spring ISD. They are affiliated with St.

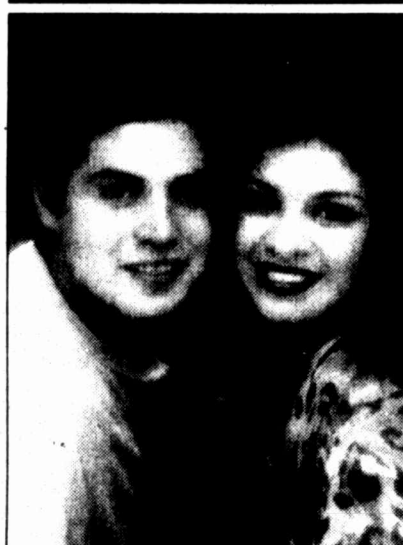


MR. AND MRS. ESCANUELA

Thomas Catholic Church. They enjoy their grandchildren, family, traveling and sport activities.

This was their comment about their 40 years of marriage, "Believe in God, faith, love and understanding for each other and our family."

GETTING ENGAGED



Elizabeth Hernandez and Chris Velasco will exchange wedding vows on March 6, 1999, at Iglesia Bautista La Fe with Rev. Ernesto Gil officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odilon Hernandez. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Velasco.

WHO'S WHO

Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus has named 2,174 students to its fall semester Dean's List. Among those listed was Monica Marie Villarreal, Big Spring, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rey Villarreal.

Joey Janetha Jabor, formerly of Big Spring, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi.

She is a 1989 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1994 graduate of Howard College with an Associate of Arts degree. She is the daughter of the former Joe and Mari Jabor of Big Spring.



JABOR

Arnold-Walker

Toni Arnold, Big Spring, and Kraig Walker, Coahoma, were united in marriage on Feb. 6, 1999, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Robert Lacey officiating.

She is the daughter of Joe and Tonya Arnold of Big Spring.

He is the son of Danny and GayNell Walker of Coahoma.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of Honor was Joni Billingsley, sister of the bride.

Aliya Green and Nicole Arnold were the bridesmaids.

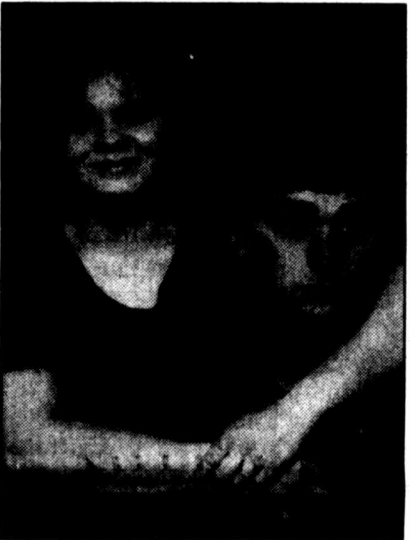
Makalla Arnold, daughter of the bride, and Andrea Green were the flowers girls, and Brooks Osborn, groom's nephew, was the ringbearer.

John White served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Eric Gang and Jason Milliken.

Dewayne Billingsley and Ronnie Grant were the ushers.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Maranatha Academy and is



MR. AND MRS. KRAIG WALKER

employed by Walmart.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Coahoma High School. He is employed by J&S Oilfield Electric.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in Coahoma.

Survey finds link between living together before marriage and divorce

NEW YORK (AP) — A growing body of research has found that contrary to popular belief, people who live together before marriage are more likely than other couples to divorce.

According to a report released this week from the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University, studies done over the past decade found the same connection between living together before marriage and splitting up after.

The hot question for marriage and family sociologists these days is why.

Many researchers believe the reason is partly that people who live together are more unconventional to begin with and are less committed to the institution of marriage and more open to the possibility of divorce.

The authors of the latest

report suspect something more insidious — that living together slowly erodes people's ability to commit and their faith in the institution of marriage.

"You get into a pattern that works against having a long-term, committed relationship," said Barbara Whitehead, co-director of the National Marriage Project.

The project is nonpartisan but is funded by mainly conservative, traditional family foundations.

Among the recent studies on cohabitation and marriage was one released in 1997 by the National Center for Health Statistics. It showed that, of couples whose marriages dissolved within five years, 22 percent to 27 percent had lived together before marriage, while 10 percent had not.

HUMANE SOCIETY



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"Candyman" - Gray tabby, long-haired male, two years old plus, neutered.

"Gracie" - DSH grey with brown, female, two years old plus, spayed, shy.

"Dainty Lady" - White with cream points, female, two years old plus, spayed.

"Troubles" - Siamese mix, gray points, female, one year

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Report: Not all cable, telephone consumers seeing lower bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many consumers aren't seeing the lower cable and telephone prices promised by a 1996 law that overhauled the nation's telecommunications policies, a report concluded.

The Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America — which had lobbied against the law, said that since its enactment Feb. 8, 1996, cable TV prices have jumped 21 percent and prices for instate long-distance calls increased 10 percent. Local and long-distance

rates, meanwhile, have remained steady, the report said.

Widespread competition that was supposed to be unleashed by the 1996 law hasn't materialized, and, as a result, hasn't driven down prices as Congress and the administration had envisioned, the report contends.

Cable and telephone companies, meanwhile, tend to have pricing strategies that give price breaks to "high-volume" customers — people who buy lots of cable channels, make

many phone calls, have two phone lines, and buy Internet and cellular services, the report said.

These heavy users spend an estimated \$200 a month on cable, phone and other communications services, have a median annual income of about \$54,000 and account for 24 percent of U.S. households, the report said.

On the other hand, low-volume, or as the report calls them, "modest" users of cable and telephone service aren't offered

the same price breaks, which have the potential to offset increasing prices, the report said.

These modest users spend an estimated \$60 a month on cable and phone services. They don't have second phone lines and don't buy Internet and cellular services. They have a median annual income of about \$23,000 and account for 45 percent of U.S. households, the report said.

"This pricing pattern contributes to a world in which intensive telecom users are win-

ners — the 'haves' — and modest telecom users pay higher bills — the 'have-nots,' the report contends.

The consumer groups, in the report, recommended that federal regulators and Congress take steps to spur more competition to phone companies and cable systems. Cable rates will be deregulated March 31. And, they want federal policy-makers to adopt pricing protections for consumers who make few long-distance calls.

"In the emerging digital

world, the majority of consumers face price increases for many essential telephone and TV services offered under monopolistic conditions," the report said.

"Only a small group of premier, intensive telecom users enjoy price breaks and competitive options," the report added.

The report said one of the unintended consequences of the 1996 telecommunications law is the growth of a "a costly

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IN THE NEWS

BILL HALE, recently named as Abilene District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation, will be in Big Spring Thursday afternoon to attend a chamber of commerce reception in his honor.

The reception will begin at 4 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

"We would like to encourage everyone to come out and give Mr. Hale a warm Big Spring and Howard County welcome," said chamber president Chuck Williams.

Hale fills a position left vacant when Maribel Chavez was transferred to El Paso.

COTTON PRODUCERS and **CROP-SHARING LANDOWNERS** will decide on April 1 whether to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the six-county Permian Basin and Weevil Eradication Area.

Approximately 500,000 acres are affected in Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin and portions of Borden and Midland counties.

Voters will also establish a maximum assessment rate and elect a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and have grown cotton for at least seven years have until March 9 to submit nominations for the board member position.

Persons wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form and biographical information sheet. The nomination must also be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone.

Nomination forms are available from local county extension service offices.

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** at 10 a.m. Monday to receive input concerning the execution of a tax abatement agreement with **WEST TEXAS RENEWABLE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**.

Topics to be discussed include the amount to be abate and proposed benefits to the county and its residents.

The meeting will be held in the Commissioners Court, second floor, Howard County Courthouse.

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Coronado owner still planning renovation

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Cerros Morado Corporation is proceeding with plans to renovate the Coronado Plaza Shopping Center, the company's president said this past week.

"We're real excited about what we are doing," said Benjamin Levenson. "Because of the long support and continued patronage given by the community of Big Spring to the tenants at Coronado Plaza, we are able to reinvest in the community through the center's development."

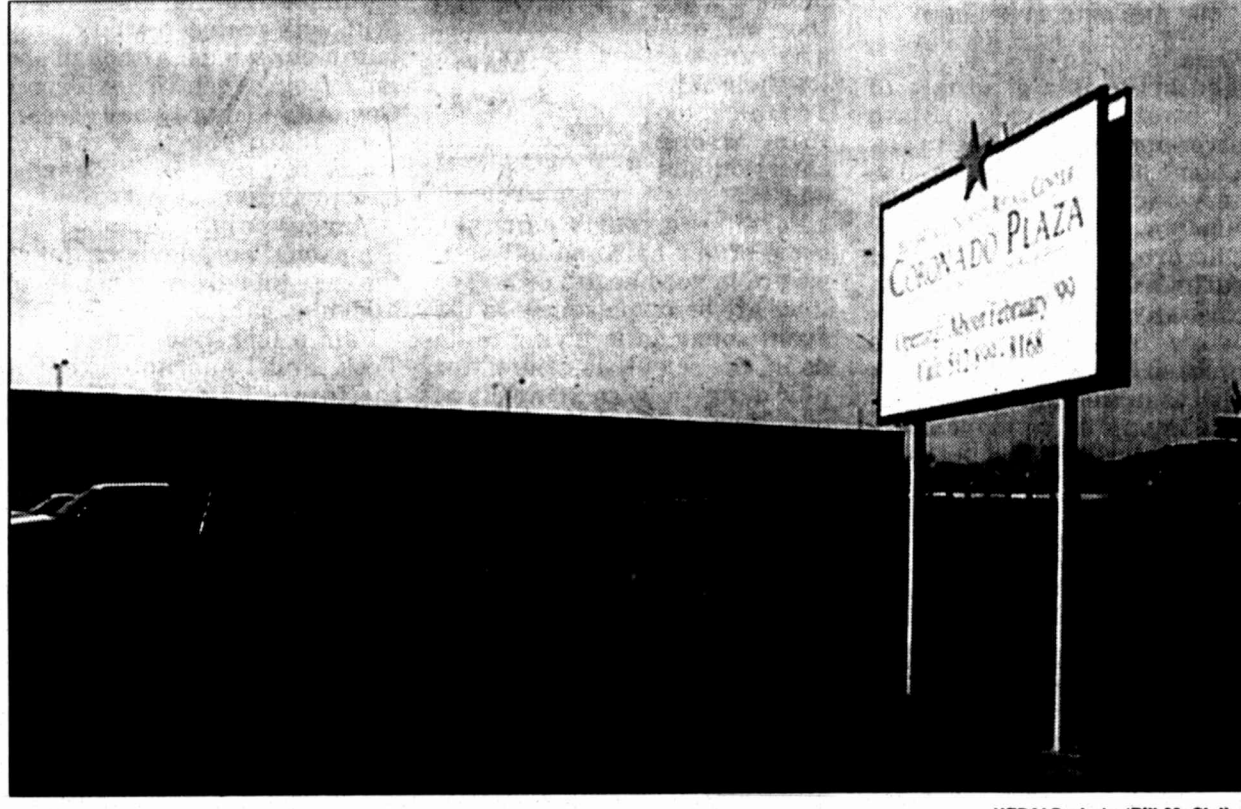
The corporation is currently bidding out construction work at the 70,000 square foot former Wal-Mart building, Levenson said. Construction plans have been prepared by Larry Connolly of Connolly Architects of Midland.

The plans include a new stone and stucco facade stretching some four hundred feet across the front of the building.

The project also calls for improvements to the parking area such as better lighting, extensive landscaping, a handicap-oriented parking design and a new stone shopping center sign, Levenson said.

"One of the more attractive things about this is we can custom-tailor the building to tenants' dimensional needs," said Levenson.

"Our plan is to attract some



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Cerros Morado Corporation is currently taking bids on renovation of the former Wal-Mart building. The company is planning a new stone and stucco facade at the front of the building as well as landscaping and better parking.

quality name tenants and build the area into a major shopping area in Big Spring."

Cerros Morado Corporation has owned the property for more than 30 years, he said. The other buildings in use at the shopping center are leased.

He said Cerros Morado eventually plans to develop six or seven acres adjacent to and

south of Coronado Plaza. The entire property is about 14 acres, he said.

"We have been in contact with a hotel group, and we are looking at various possibilities," Levenson said.

"We aim to make it a nice, clean attractive property the people of Big Spring will enjoy and can be proud of," Levenson

added.

Right now, the company is focusing on the renovation, and on leasing the space that is being reworked.

"We encourage anyone interested to call us," said Levenson.

For more information, call Levenson at Cerros Morado at (512) 899-8168.

Members of the Big Spring Police Officers Association join Charlie Lewis after the POA presented a check for \$1,000 for the Vietnam Memorial Committee's Chapel Fund. From left, Art Dehlinger, Thad Thomas, Jimmy Mayes, Lewis, Stan Parker and Tony Everett.

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Members of the Big Spring Ambassadors Club join Karri and Randy Evans as they cut the ribbon on their second Comet Cleaners location at the corner of FM 700 and Virginia.

Courtesy photo

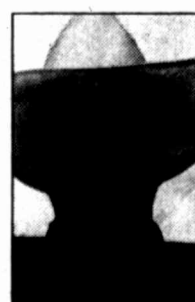
Many varieties of fruits, nuts and berries can flourish in Howard County

February is a good time to plant all types of trees as well as fruit and nut trees and blueberries, cherries and grapes. Cultivar selection is one of the most important steps in successful fruit growing. Don't put all of your eggs in one basket, it's always good idea to plant two varieties or more. Planting more than one variety also insures cross pollination and one cultivar may survive a late freeze better than another, etc.

The following is a list of preferred varieties and ideal

planting dates for West Texas, including Howard County:

APPLES: Red Delicious, Starkspur, Golden Delicious, Gala, Holland Mollie's Delicious, Granny Smith-bare root: January 1-to February 15; containerized:



DAVID KIGHT

January 1 to March 31.

APRICOTS: Bryan, Hungarian, Moorpark (most apricots are subject to spring freezes-many produce fruit as infrequently as one of every 3-5 years)-bare root: January 1 to February 15; containerized: January 1 to March 31.

FIGS: Texas Everbearing, Celeste-bare root: January 1 to February 15; containerized: January 1 to March 31.

GRAPES: American-black Spanish, Champanel, Golden Muscat, Favorite-cuttings (non-rooted): January 1 to February

28; rootings (1 year old, bare root): January 1 to February 28.

GRAPES: Hybrid-Seibel 9110, S.V. 12-375, Aurelia, S.V. 12-209 (these cultivars are susceptible to Pierce's Disease; however, they have lived for several years in many areas of the state where occurrence of this disease is quite common: Blanc Du Bois (non-rooted): January 1 to February 28; rootings (1 year old, bare root): January 1 to February 28.

GRAPES: Hybrid and Vinifera Seedless, Flame, Himrod,

Glenora, venus; cuttings (non-rooted): January 1 to February 28; rootings (1 year old, bare root): January 1 to February 28.

PEACHES: Cultivars categorized by period of the growing season in which they ripen: very early: Bicentennial-early: Harvester, Sentinel-mid season: Majestic, Denman, Loring-late: Dixiland, Redskin-Very late: Frank, Ouachita Gold-bare root: January 1 to February 15; containerized: January 1 to March 31.

PEARS: Orient, Moonglow-

bare root: January 1 to February 15-containerized: January 1 to March 31.

PECANS: Sioux, Pawnee, Caddo, Desirable (home orchards/yard trees)-bare root: January 1 to March 10-containerized: January 1 to April 15.

PLUMS: Morris, Methley, Ozark Premier-bare root: January 1 to February 15-containerized: January 1 to March 31.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture. His phone number is 264-2236.)

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division" between heavy-volume and low-volume customers. The report is based on information from a number of sources including the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, Federal Communications Commission reports and a 1998 survey, commissioned by Florida telecommunications regulators, of 1,600 consumers in the state and their use of

telecommunications.
NAFTA

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NAFTA has cost Americans hundreds of thousands of jobs, depressed wages in some sectors and transformed the \$1.7 billion trade surplus with Mexico in 1993 to an \$11.5 billion deficit by fall 1998, Global Trade Watch says. The administration retains a far more positive view.

"Look at the whole spectrum of issues — trade, the environment, labor conditions, cooperation with Mexico in law enforcement. Whatever the issue, there is not one area where we would be better off today if the NAFTA were not in place," said Jay Ziegler, a spokesman for the office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Trade with Canada and Mexico supports 2.6 million U.S. jobs, Aaron said, an increase of 655,000 over 1993. As to the job loss claim, he said: "It's quite clear that most of the job dislo-

cation that has taken place in the United States is not due to trade, let alone trade with NAFTA. Most of it is due to technological change." Noting the United States is enjoying its lowest unemployment rates in three decades, averaging 4.5 percent last year, Aaron said, "You can hardly say (NAFTA) has precipitated some kind of jobs crisis." NAFTA is scored, however, as having cost the jobs of 209,000 Americans. That is the number of workers certified under a federal program designed to help

people who lose work because of shifting trade patterns with Canada and Mexico. Administration officials rush to say it's far easier to quantify jobs lost under NAFTA than those created. They also say the 209,000 figure is an inaccurate reflection of job loss because, although entire work forces are certified as NAFTA losses, many displaced workers immediately go to new jobs or choose to retire. Some also may be reported under different federal trade assistance programs. Don Beale, acting director of

the Labor Department's Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, said his staff often is asked how many jobs have been lost to NAFTA, "to which we give a hearty 'We don't have the slightest idea,'" he said. The states with the most certifications of job loss are North Carolina, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York and California. The sectors with the most certifications are the apparel industry, with 55,000; electrical and electronic equipment, 26,600; and transportation equipment, 14,600.

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Coleman, Russell, P.O. Box 1106, Sterling City
Covarrubias, Freddy, 115 Hooser Rd., Big Spring
Edwards, Henry, 615 Holbert, Big Spring
Gander, George, 212 N. Nolan, Big Spring
Garza, Chila J., 704 NW 6th, Seminole
Garza, Jennifer, 5909 North Service Road, Big Spring
Guerrero, Sean Leon, 2512 Ent or 1524 E. 17th, Big Spring
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Lane, Tiffany M., 217 Shannon, Clyde
Larson, Timothy B., 1403 Robin, Big Spring
Lefevre, Laura D., 2704 Larry, Big Spring
Lloyd, Justin James, 1202 College or 538 Westover, Big Spring
Lopez, Angelita C., 3915 Hamilton, Big Spring
Malone, Freda, 3507 Humble, Midland
Martinez, Evelyn, 717 E. 21st, Colorado City
McDorman, Daniel, 133 Spring Creek Rd., Abilene
Neal, Marcus P., 1109 Lancaster, Big Spring
Nelson, James T., 1804 Mittel, Big Spring
Nieto, Linda, 703 N. Scurry, Big Spring
Norwood, Colton Reese, 3704 Noble Drive, Snyder
Perez, Juanita, Box 133, Westbrook
Pesina, Jose Marcos Rubin, 2115 Warren St., Big Spring
Saenz, Luisa Marie, 3200 Ave C, Box 68, (SWCID), Big Spring
Salgado, Viola, 1207 Mulberry, Big Spring
Schumpert, Sally, Rt. 3, Box 97, Big Spring
Scott, Kenneth Dale, 1640 W. Henderson, Paris
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Zyon Gonzalez, 21, and Balinda Carol Turner, 21
Anthony Lee Wright, 39, and Detrick Laynette Houston, 31
David Rangel Rodriguez, 41, and Lydia Arguello, 39
COURT RECORDS:
Probated judgment DWI: Adella O. Garcia \$2,000 fine and 180 days in jail, David Miramontes \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Donald Joseph Brooks \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Kelsey Vaughn Ingram \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Luis Raul Lozano (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail, Gilbert Sandoval (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail, Ricardo Artemyo Uranga \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail
Judgment & sentence fleeing from police officer: Ricardo Artemyo Uranga \$100 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWLS: Ricardo A. Uranga \$100 fine, \$232 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence burglary of vehicle: Antonio Joe Flores \$219.25 court cost and 85 days in jail
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Thomas Wayne Skelton \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Nicholas Adam Lopez \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Edward Marquez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment resisting arrest: Antonio Joe Flores \$100 fine and 180 days in jail, Brook Rae Bodin \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment evading arrest using vehicle: Casey Iwie \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Victor Tyrone Pruitt \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail
Probated judgment DWI: Angela Watkins \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Brook Rae Kerr \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment DWLS: Rafael Garcia \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Thomas Wayne Skelton \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Michael P. Moriarty \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence fail to stop and leave information over \$200 damages: Johnnie Ray Jones \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWI: Ricardo A. Uranga (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine, \$332 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWLS: James William Hale \$250 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 60 days in jail
Judgment & sentence evading detention: Antonio Joe Flores \$219.25 court cost and 85 days in jail
Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$500 but less than \$1,500: Cameron Robert Seago \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
DEEDS:
WARRANTY DEEDS:
grantor: Scott Young, trustee for the children of Darcy Thompson under the will of Maxine Glee Young, deceased
grantee: Bill L. Hipp, trustee
property: section 10, blk. 31
filed: Jan. 25, 1999
grantor: Rex Arnold
grantee: Bill L. Hipp, trustee
property: section 10, blk. 31
filed: Jan. 25, 1999
grantor: Hayes Stripling, Jr.
grantee: Jane Jones
property: tract 1 - a 2.075 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 6, blk. 32; tract 2 - a 0.423 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 6, blk. 32
filed: Jan. 25, 1999

grantor: O'Neal Industries, Inc.
grantee: Thomas D. Price
property: all of lot 3, blk. 3, Marshall Fields Addition
filed: Jan. 25, 1999
grantor: Key Homes Inc.
grantee: Lucas and Novita Morton
property: lot 11, blk. 11, fifth filing, Coronado Hills Addition
filed: Jan. 26, 1999
grantor: Celedonio G. Salazar, Cruz Salazar
grantee: Brenda Salazar Salisbury
property: tract of land 140', running east and west, by 50', north and south out of the northwest corner of blk. 27, Government Heights to Bauer Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1999
grantor: J. Dow III and Lisa A. Scott
grantee: Jerry and Betty Newberry
property: lot 9, blk. 21, Monticeo Addition
filed: Jan. 27, 1999
grantor: Debra Diane Killingsworth
grantee: Roberta Oldfield and Lindy Oldfield
property: all of lot 6, blk. 4, Piner Heights Addition
filed: Jan. 29, 1999
grantor: Billy Smith, Jr.
grantee: Brittany M. Stone
property: all of my undivided 1/2 interest in lot 1, blk. 20, McDowell Heights Addition
filed: Jan. 29, 1999
grantor: Eltha Whisenhunt
grantee: Fred D. White
property: all of lot 5, blk. 23, College Park Estates
filed: Jan. 29, 1999
grantor: Ronald L. and Barbara L. Ball
grantee: Jeff C. and Mavis Morton
property: tract of land out of the north west 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32
filed: Jan. 29, 1999
WARRANTY DEED W/ VENDOR'S LIEN:
grantor: James Newton
grantee: Gwen J. and Janie L. Hrachovy
property: lot 30, blk. 6, Kentwood Unit No. 2
filed: Jan. 25, 1999
grantor: Ross Bradford
grantee: Valentín Islas and Inez Islas
property: lot 8, blk. 19, Saunders Addition
filed: Jan. 25, 1999
grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Terry Sandridge
property: all of lot 6, blk. 1, North McEwen Addition
filed: Jan. 26, 1999
grantor: Helen I. Webster
grantee: Annice Umphress Renz, Sarah Umphress Collins, Pacheco Umphress Pyle and Jerre Umphress Nurre
property: section 34, blk. 31
filed: Jan. 26, 1999
gift deed:
grantor: June McCracken
grantee: Loyd Bingham, Steve Bingham, Frances Bingham and Cecil Bingham
property: lot 1, blk. 1, Indianola Addition
filed: Jan. 25, 1999
grantor: Ramon and Esperanza L. Alvarez
grantee: Antonio L. Alvarez, Raymond Alvarez, Jr., and Jose L. Alvarez
property: tract 1 - west 1/2 of a 6-1/2 acre tract out of section 42, blk. 32;

tract 2 - a tract of land 40' northward and southward - by 190' Eastward and westward out of a certain parcel of land out of a certain 6 1/2 acre tract of land out of section 42, blk. 32
filed: Jan. 27, 1999
grantor: Clifton Lee (Pete) Cook
grantee: Peggy Joann Pirtle
property: tract 1 - undivided 1/18th interest in and to the east 1/4 of section 25, blk. 34; tract 2 - undivided 1/18th interest in and to the west 1/2 of section 24, blk. 34
filed: Jan. 27, 1999
grantor: Clifton Lee (Pete) Cook
grantee: Cynthia Ann Cook
property: tract 1 - undivided 1/18th interest in and to the east 1/4 of section 25, blk. 34; tract 2 - undivided 1/18th interest in and to the west 1/2 of section 24, blk. 34
filed: Jan. 27, 1999
Quitclaim Deed:
grantor: Richard and Epifania Chavez
grantee: Jabor Chavez
property: a tract of land 60x80' out of and part of the west 1/2 of tract 23 in the W.B. Currie subdivision of the south-east 1/4 of section 42, blk. 32
filed: Jan. 25, 1999
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FILINGS:
FAMILY:
Victoria Perez vs. Armando Hernandez
Maria Ramos vs. Robert Ramos
Azure Dee Wilbert vs. Patrick Lamond Wilbert
Carmelita Martinez and Simona DeLeon vs. David Martinez
Cassandra J. Beltran vs. Jerry M. Rushin
Luz Juarez vs. Frankie Juarez
DIVORCE:
Olga V. Gamboa vs. Ruben Roman Gamboa
Glen Michele Dykes vs. Stacy Ward Dykes
Kenneth Charles Crow vs. Cindy Jean Crow
Charles L. Ussery, III vs. Gloria S. Ussery
Mark Kevin Daily vs. Candace Daily
ACCOUNT, NOTES & CONTRACTS:
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Gloria and Emilio Herrera
INJURIES & DAMAGES WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE:
Estelle Crosby vs. Donald Thomas
RULINGS:
Gina Renee Garza vs. Alfredo Edward Garza, granted-divorce
Sid and Iva Jo Hanslik vs. Coahoma ISD, judgment-other
Thelma Rose Mendoza vs. Jessie Mendoza, family law
Yolanda Vela vs. Joanna Flores, family law
Lilo Elly McIntire vs. Arthur Clay McIntire, family law
Cindy Churchwell vs. Rickey White, family law
Janie M. Ortiz vs. Adolfo L. Franco, family law
Jason Lee Sears vs. Melba Lynn Sears, family law
Howard County, Et Al vs. Maria Pilar, dismissed-tax
Sara Moron vs. Jackie E. Lang, family law
Kathran R. O'Brien vs. Jackie Lang, family law
James W. Schultz vs. Larry Charlie Pittman, dismissed-IDM
Carol Rains Turner vs. Gregory Stephen Turner, family law
Mary Jane Castillo vs. Scott Herrera, family law
Vanessa Lynn Cates vs. Thomas Bradley Cates, dismissed-family
Johnnie Rawls, Jr. vs. Angel Rawls, family law
Karen Ann Ruiz vs. Mel Anthony Almazan, family law
Floretta Parrish vs. Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union, judgment-IDO
Angela Coker vs. Brian Peters, dismissed-family
Antonia O. Dehoyos vs. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., dismissed-IDO
Alfredo Ledesma vs. Magdalena Ledesma, family law

Gloria A. Morales vs. Ricardo S. Morales
John Jason Jordy vs. Joyce F. Jordy, dismissed-family
Robert D. Underwood vs. Mary L. Underwood, granted-divorce
Hester Juanita Stonebrook vs. Leland Howard Stonebrook, granted-divorce
William C. Tarleton vs. Therese A. Tarleton, granted-divorce
Maria Del Carm Cervantes vs. Anthony A. Lewis, consolidate-family
Billy Sumpter vs. Elaine Sumpter, granted-divorce
Signal Bank, N.A. vs. Carol G. Rains, dismissed-ANC
Sharon L. Hamby vs. Billy Dean Hill, judgment-ANC
Patricia Correa vs. Joe Correa, granted-divorce
Gayland Airhart vs. Brian Harris, DBA Kwik Kar Lubre, dismissed-IDO
Danne Vaughn vs. William Allan Vaughn, granted-divorce
Ladonna Gail Watson vs. Michael Ray Watson, granted-divorce
Seizure of certain contraband vs. Ernest Garcia, Jr., judgment-other
Rosalinda Yanez vs. Victor Yanez, family law
Marie J. Bustamante vs. Michael Licon, judgment-family
Cynthia Mier vs. Scotty Bland, family law
Evelyn Hawkins vs. Jimmie Lee Hawkins, family law
Rebecca Lea McComb vs. Stephen Patrick McComb, granted-divorce
Carl Dean Hart vs. Roselyn Virginia Hart, granted-divorce
Milton Wayne Walker vs. Ex Parte, judgment-other
Levi Patrick Carter vs. Janet Lee Carter, granted-divorce
Gina Constancio vs. Frank Constancio, granted-divorce
Lynn Gage Mims vs. Rodney Gene Folsom, judgment-ANC
Rhonda Leal vs. Tommy Jon Thompkins, Inc., judgment-ANC
Joseph Bradley Robertson vs. Denise Ann Robertson, family law
Yolanda Ovalle and Christina vs. Oscar Canales, Jr., dismissed-family
Del Mar Drilling Company, Inc. vs. Mallon Oil Company, transfer-ANC
Mana H. Rivas vs. Alberto M. Rivas, family law

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Diabetes Team	268-4581
Emergency Room	268-4920
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ICU Waiting Area	268-4875
Laboratory	268-4700
Marketing	268-4960
Medical Records	268-4658
OB/Womens Services	268-4545
Outpatient Registration	268-4916
Personnel Job Line	268-4833
Radiology	268-4880
Radiology Tech School	268-4885
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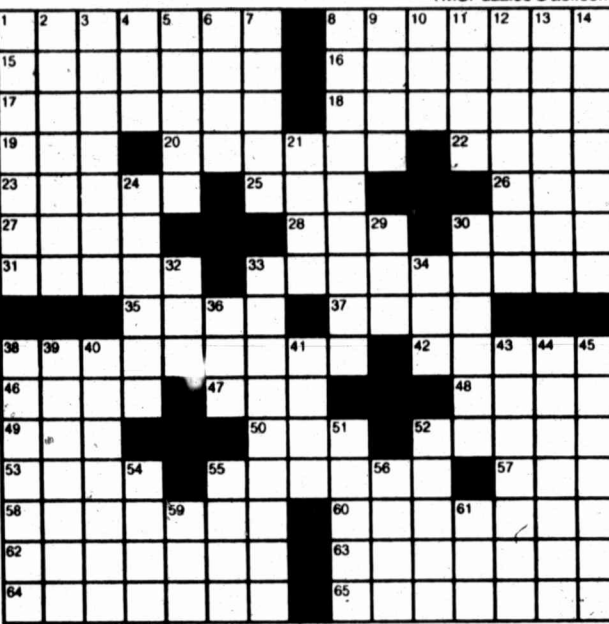
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- ACROSS
1 Hotdog topper
8 Skirmishes
15 Whole number
16 Filled with
happiness
17 Poly follower?
18 Descendant of
Ham
19 Pester
20 Change
dimensions
22 End of a spin?
23 Out of order
25 Farm enclosure
26 "Holiday"
27 Vegetarian
taboo
28 Slightly shy
30 Evaluate
31 Best and
Ferber
33 Shocking
revelation
35 Hindu ruler
37 Largest island
in the Marianas
38 Beef cuts
42 Chagall and
Cohn
46 Tangay and
Gabor
47 Cereal grass
48 Dullard
49 Golf score
50 Rent-sign abbr.
52 View twice
53 Blyth and
Sheridan
55 Baby-bottle
feature
57 S. American
monkey
58 Became
shallow
60 Oozing forth
62 Tugboat rope
63 Wide vista
64 Soda water
65 Even more of a
dreamboat



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- DOWN
1 Identify
incorrectly
2 Wild
3 Ferryman
(Charon)
4 Part of
Canada's Y.T.

- 5 Teen followers?
6 Clair or Coly
7 Costume
8 Elroy Hirsch's
nickname
9 Hobble
10 Fuss
11 Knights'
addresses
12 Papa Doc, e.g.
13 Cooperative
agreement
14 More strict
21 Very small
24 Ringo and
Belle
29 "Are My
Sunshine"
30 Created anew
32 Paulo, Brazil
33 Peter Fonda
movie
34 Actress
Dawber
36 Glass container
38 Meats
39 Sir Walter Scott
hero
40 Nocturnal
predator

- 41 Day-to-day
worker, for
short
43 "William Tell"
composer
44 Sanitize
45 Hod of "The
Pawbroker"
51 Pace
52 Stays in the
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54 Veteran sailor
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61 Morse symbol

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SCORPIO incites you. 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) A partner has a lot to share and decides to disclose all! You could be touched by his actions and words. Make time for him, even if it means adjusting your plans. A friend takes a walk on the wild side. You could be stunned! Tonight: Mellow out.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A partner reveal his intentions. If single, the less you do, the more you will find where another is coming from. Others

don't have to agree with you — an authority figure clearly doesn't. A friend does his best to draw your attention. Why not? Tonight: Another will decide.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get into a project you have put on hold way too long. Ask a friend or partner to chip in and help. For you, everything is easier with teamwork. You are a barrel of energy. Another really does put you on a pedestal. News from a distance could have you shaking your head. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Unusual caring allows you to center. There's something a loved one or child really wants to do with you. Accept the invitation — you don't know how appreciative he'll be. Maintain caution with funds; they could easily slip through your fingers. Tonight: Relax in front of a warm fire.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Clearly, a partner means well but has a difficult time expressing it. Observe his actions and read between the lines. Another needs space; he is changing. Get into a project around the house to work off excess energy. Tonight: Being flexible makes you happy.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Accept another's invitation; it could be an overture to bring you closer. Meet for brunch or a friendly get-together. Discussions help clear the air, especially if you have different emotional agendas. Guard your energy. Be careful of what you promise. Tonight: Be spontaneous.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might not be able to put a halt to financial extravagance. Just say "no!" Another does not understand your restrictions; don't feel you must explain. A child or loved one acts up. Nurturing doesn't necessarily mean spending money on this person. Tonight: Resist a risky proposition.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are energetic and hard to stop. Your ability to visualize and create is high. Another cannot resist you and makes no bones about it. Let feelings flow and break a pattern if need be.

A family member can be quite dramatic. Tonight: Make peace, not war.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Deal with your strong feelings. Don't try to make nice when you don't feel like it, although you would prefer a harmonious relationship. Express your feelings in a way another can hear without attaching anger. Meet the challenge. Tonight: Early to bed.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A friend pushes you in the direction he thinks is best. Don't hesitate to express your feelings. Notice that you have a receptive audience presently. Use timing. Be careful handling finances. You have pulled the wild card, and they can go either way. Tonight: Where the crowds are.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You do the unexpected in the face of opposition. This might not be the best course of action. Allow more feedback from someone you put on a pedestal. You are going to hear it anyway! Consider an expenditure because you want to, not because another is coercing you. Tonight: Another late night.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take off on a day trip. A change of scenery helps you detach. Someone you meet today is exciting, but may not contribute to your stability. You draw others quite easily. Your magnetism speaks. Someone opens up, revealing another side. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.****

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DEAR ABBY: If this letter can save one person's life, it will be well worth it.

I was experiencing headaches for quite a long time, and my husband was sleeping in his chair quite a bit of the time. The day of our grandson's birthday last November, I could hardly think because my head hurt so bad. In spite of it, I drove to the party and started to feel better. I told our son about my headache, and he said he would check our furnace for us.

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I always opened the window at night, and we have a large home, so this is probably, what saved us.

I hope you'll alert your readers to have their furnaces checked — even if they're new. I cannot stress enough the importance of this. — PATRICIA IN PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR PATRICIA: Your letter gives new meaning to the phrase "wake up and smell the coffee." Carbon monoxide is a deadly killer, and every year the news reports deaths because of improperly vented heaters. Having one's furnace checked in the fall, before the cold weather hits, is a wise precaution. Since the winter season is now upon us, I hope my readers will heed this warning immediately.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 37-year-old mother of three. Until recently, I had a wonderful relationship with my mother. She's a beautiful lady who adopted me when I was 5.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will hold a public hearing on February 18, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. for interested citizens wishing to address the Governing Body. The meeting will be held on the hospital campus, Allred Building, Auditorium. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Quality Oversight Department, Big Spring State Hospital, P.O. Box 231, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Telephone (915) 268-7381. Comments are limited to 3.5 minutes and appointments should be scheduled no later than February 15, 1999.

If you require special accommodations, please advise the hospital's Quality Oversight Department when scheduling appointment for citizen comments.

Big Spring State Hospital complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District, for

1. Furnishing nine (9) pickup trucks
2. Furnishing one (1) 10-12 yard dump truck
3. Furnishing one (1) maintainer

Will be received at the District's Post Office Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, or at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 1999, after which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the District's office. Specifications, for the pickups, dump truck, and maintainer may be obtained by written request to the above address or by calling 915-267-6341 in Big Spring. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and in case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous to the District.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
John A. Currie, President
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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

My reprimand worked for about a year. However, during the past three months she has been avoiding me. She refused to attend the family holiday parties and asked to see my children without me. She flatly states that my demand that she stop talking politics all the time is "unfair."

Her behavior is startling to me, and I'm unsure how to handle it. I hope you'll have some insight on how I can mend this fence. — PUZZLED IN NORTH-ERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PUZZLED: Given her professional background and her age, I'm sure your mother feels that the world wants her opinions. She's punishing you for not being receptive to her ideas. You aren't going to succeed in "muzzling" your mother, so apologize. Be grateful that she cares enough to have a viewpoint — and tease her about it if she becomes a bore.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 per booklet (\$4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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