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80 Bites teams with symphony Saturday night

Around the World in 80 Bites, the annual food festival at the Heritage Museum will take place Saturday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A Big Spring Symphony concert begins at Municipal p.m. at Auditorium.

"80 Bites" benefits the museum's operating budget, raising up to \$2,500 each year. It features food cooked by local residents from various countries and regions of the U.S.

Tickets to eat all you want at "80 Bites" are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for students. This year, the Big Spring Symphony and museum are offering a special ticket price that will allow visitors to attend both events for one

The symphony concert will feature "World's Greatest Choruses" with the Big Chorale Spring Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. For \$12, an adult can attend both the concert and the food festival beforehand.

Buy your combination ticket at the museum, or call 267 8255 for more information. The Symphony Guild also plans a booth at "80 Bites," featuring cheeses from around the world.

WHAT'S UP...

Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance. 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

☐ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Everyone welcome. ☐ The Heritage Museum

510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

MONDAY

☐ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

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

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

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County under extreme fire alert

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Howard County is under an extreme fire danger alert, and residents are encouraged to do all they can to prevent the start of a fire.

"If we get a fire going and with wind conditions like we have today, we are going to be looking at a major event," cautioned' Lou Sloat, state information officer with the Texas Forest Service.

"The main reason for the alert is the carry-over in drought conditions and the long range forecast which calls for no 30-day period," he said.

The alert covers the area from Brownwood to the south and east, Midland-Odessa to the west and north to the Oklahoma line.

Mahlon Hammetter is the team leader for the Panhandle area, Sloat said.

He said risk assessment teams are evaluating conditions and riding with volunteer fire departments to watch fire behavior. They will be assessing if there is a need to stage some people in areas, or to bring in aircraft on standby to help fight fires.

The basic purpose is to keep

appreciable rainfall in the next anything we have small where it won't grow in size," Sloat said.

He said an extreme fire danger alert means that if a hundred sparks were scattered. there is a potential that 90 or more would start a fire. Enhancing the problem is that the dry conditions on varying vegetation makes fires unpredictable.

"Winds can change quickly and dry vegetation can create its own weather," he said. "There are just a lot of severe fire conditions right now."

Citizens have done a good job in keeping man-caused fires to a

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Howard's men and women play their final home games, of the season tonight, playing host to Frank Phillips' Plainsmen and Lady Plainsmen at **Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.** Women's action gets under way at 6. Slated as "Pack The Dorothy Night," all fans wearing red will be admitted free.

HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

Grand jury

Indictments returned against 3 accused of spray-painting graffiti on Vietnam Memorial

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury returned 10 indictments Wednesday, including indictments against the three adults accused of vandalizing the Vietnam Memorial. Norma Godina, 19; Miguel

Losoya Jr., 18; and Ismael Rivera, 17, were all indicted for a charge of graffiti by the grand jury for an offense that occurred Dec. 2, 1998. On Dec. 3, 1998, alleged gang-

related graffiti was found spraypainted on an M-60 tank and the concrete sidewalks at the Vietnam Memorial. These three adults, along with two juveniles, were later identi-

fied through the newly-funded Street Crime Unit, and arrested. The charge of graffiti is a state jail felony. If convicted the three face 180 days to two years in a state jail facility, and

up to a \$10,000 fine.

Also indicted by the Howard County grand jury were:

· Anthony Ray Butler, 45, for burglary of a building, an offense dated Sept. 21, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by Spring Big Police the Department.

• Dobie Dee Caldwell, 33, for possession of a controlled substance for an offense dated Aug., 22, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the BSPD.

• Donna Christine Deuley, 27, for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for an offense dated Dec. 2, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the · Rudy Escalera Jr., 17, for

burglary of a building, a state jail felony, for an offense dated Oct. 11, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the BSPD. · Jose Enriquez Faz, 20, for

burglary of a building, a state jail felony, for an offense dated

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Juvenile vandals to serve 300 hours of community service

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Two juveniles accused of participating in the Dec. 3 vandalism at the Vietnam Memorial received county court sentence of probation and community service Wednesday.

LOCKHART

Nail and Cahoots on south Highway 87.

"You are charged with the December 3 vandalism to-wit, aerosol paint was sprayed on the tangible property of Charlie Lewis, that property being a

public monument, with a pecuniary loss of less than \$20,000" Lockhart said.

Jose Villa with Palacios Home Improvement puts up siding on the outside walls of 20 additional

rooms added to the new Christian Renewal Center, as workers continue to remodel the old Brass

The two youths, a 15-year-old girl, and a 16-year-old boy, pleaded "true" to the charge as read by Lockhart.

"I rule they did act in a delinquent manner, and we will have the recommendation from the juvenile probation office now," said county judge Ben Lockhart, who presided over the hearing.

The offense is a state jail felony, county attorney Mike Thomas said.

118th District Court juvenile probation officer Gerri Randle delivered the department's recommendation to the court, "We hope to educate them about what a veteran is and what the memorial is."

-Charlie Lewis, VMC president

which Lockhart approved.

Both juveniles will serve terms of probation until they are 18 years old, with yearly reviews, according to Randle's recommendation.

Also, each defendant will serve 300 hours of community service, 200 of which will be performed at the Vietnam Memorial under the director of the memorial committee.

be performed at the Veteran's dants have also spent the past

Administration Medical Center, she said.

In addition, the youths will be required to pay \$20 court costs. \$15 probation fees, and a financial restitution of \$272 each, according to Randle's testimo-

Also, both defendants will be required to write letters of apology, she said.

Don Richard, attorney for the The remaining 100 hours will 16 year old, said both defen-

been part of their punishment. Richard and Harvey Hooser. attorney for the 15-year-old,

30 days incarcerated, which has

explained to the defendants and their families the seriousness of the charges and how the court proceedings would work. Lockhart explained to the defendants that penalties could

include incarceration in a Texas Youth Correctional unit. Six members of the memorial committee witnessed the pro-

ceedings. Clara Justice, who represents her late husband Jim on the committee, said she was satis-

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fied with the decision.

Commissioners plan another session dealing with budget woes

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

Howard

County Commissioners will meet for a budget workshop Friday at 9 a.m., to continue brainstorming ideas that will help offset an anticipated two-year, \$1.67



million revenue decrease.

County judge Ben Lockhart said no final decisions have been made, and no action taken by commissioners. This is early in the year for the county to be looking at the budget, but Lockhart said with the anticipated loss, commissioners believed the time to start preparing is now.

"Usually, Jackie (Olson, county auditor) and I begin looking at the budget in April, and the commissioners start in mid-June," Lockhart said.

will help save money in this year's budget is anticipated Friday, he said.

"We've decided we'll cut travel expenses, and we're still working on insurance," Lockhart By reducing the amount of lia-

bility insurance, as well as increasing the deductible, several thousand dollars are expected to be saved, Lockhart said. Jerry Kilgore, commissioner

for Precinct 2, said while thou-

However, some action that sands of dollars may not equal the \$1.67 million loss expected, "every little bit helps."

commissioners Recently, decided to remove the county trapper position, which saves the county \$21,300 in salary, plus benefits. "This was done strictly due to

the budget. We just can't afford to keep that position," Lockhart During recent idea-sharing

sessions, commissioners have contemplated and discussed several options at reducing the See COUNTY, Page 2A

county's nearly \$7 million bud-

"Our tax levy is about \$5 million, and it's close to \$7 million with fees and things we take in during the year. But when the economy goes down, the amount of fees being collected goes down too," Lockhart said.

Kilgore said the county is looking at all areas of the budget to consider where savings might occur. He said high-dollar purchases, such as heavy

'Big Spring Day' at capitol will be April 19, board learns

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor Moore

Development for Big Spring, Inc. board members on Wednesday briefly cussed preliminary plans for "Big Spring at the Day" state capitol,

SHARP

lutions. Board members were told it

has been confirmed that April 19 will be "Big Spring Day" in Austin. "There is a lot still in the plan-

brochure and passed two reso-

ning stage," said Pam Welch, Moore Development assistant Representatives from the city, county, college, public schools and other entities and organiza-

tions are planning to make the

made available to transport citizens who can make the Monday excursion. Others may wish to take private vehicles or make try brochure, plus \$2,200 in other arrangements.

"We'd like to have as many people as we can," said Welch. The purpose of the trip is to enhance relations between state lawmakers and the city of Big

Spring and Howard County. More information about the trip and activities planned in Austin for the group will be

approved bids for an industry trip. A bus or busses will be released as soon as it becomes a support the enactment of a proavailable, Welch said.

Board members approved \$14,520 for a Big Spring indusrelated photography costs. Some \$15,000 had been set aside

for the project.

The board was told that the project will be accomplished using local vendors.

Two resolutions were passed. One was to support increased funding for the Development Fund, the other to

gram of business tax credits, including an investment tax credit and a research and development credit to enable the state to partner with cities and counties to attract new business to Texas.

Kent Sharp, Moore Development executive director, told board members that representatives from a proposed five-county effort to develop a

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unteers are at work during the

day, and there is a delayed time

to respond. If it (a fire) happens

between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., there

is no one around, or limited vol-

"March is traditionally a time

of very windy weather. We

want people to be extremely

cautious," said Harrison, who

Service will be asking counties

Ron Perry, who works out of

coordinator for the area that

'We had a pretty good preven-

tion effort last summer and

fall," said Harrison. "The public

has been very good at helping

keep man-caused fires down. It

is crucial. We are all in jeop-

ardy if a fire breaks out in these

Jurors begin

deliberations

heroin trial

BEAUMONT (AP) - When

Bill Baker was called to the

hospital the morning of Nov. 9,

1997, he thought his daughter

But when doctors told him 16-

year-old Erin had died of a

heroin overdose, it was Baker

who felt he'd been hit by a bus.

"We got punched right in the nose," he said. "We did not see

Lowell Hill experienced that

same tragic sense of surprise

when on Aug. 19, 1997, he

found his 18-year-old son, Rob,

unconscious and could not

party the night before they

died. Both bought a capsule

packed with powered heroin,

emptied it and snorted it up

had an inkling that their chil-

dren were doing drugs.

And both their fathers never

"You're talking to two guys

who are the guys next-door,'

Baker said. "Had nothing hap-

pened to Erin, we would have

Today, jurors resume deliber-

ating the fate of 11 people

accused of selling the drugs

that led to the deaths of Erin

Baker, Rob Hill and two other

young people in the affluent

Although prosecutors were

barred from telling jurors

about the overdoses, the deaths

may be considered by the judge

in assessing punishment if the

ing guideline allows for stiffer

punishment when a lethal dose

of drugs can be traced to the

dealer. Because of that provi-

sion, the defendants face up to

And that's why this case is so

important, said Hill, who

watched closing arguments

Wednesday alongside the

and it is upheld, this could help

everyone else in the United

States deal with this problem,'

"You have to have harsh sen-

tences," added Baker. "But the

legal piece is only part of the

solution. The biggest part is the

awareness that, hey, this can

In closing arguments, Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill

Baldwin told jurors the defen-

dants were responsible for as

much as 99 percent of the hero-

in and cocaine that hit the

Families were destroyed.

Futures were stolen," he said.

"All these defendants profited

"Lives were destroyed.

streets of Plano in 1997.

"If they can get a conviction

A rarely used federal sentenc-

Dallas suburb of Plano.

defendants are convicted.

life in prison.

Bakers.

he said.

kill you."

Both youths had been at a

had been in a car accident.

in Plano

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their nose.

never known."

includes Howard County.

unteers, to respond.

to enact burn bans.

OBITUARIES

Lottie V. Gilmore

Graveside service for Lottie V. Gilmore, 70, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Bishop David Mohn officiating. She died Monday, Feb. 22, 1999, at Rosary Manor in Centralia, Wash., following a long illness.

Mrs. Gilmore was born Feb. 4, 1929, in Madisonville, and married Eugene R. Gilmore on March 10, 1982, in Riverside, Calif. She had lived in Big Spring for 12 years and in Washington for the last year.

She was an aircraft electrician for Lockheed in Ontario,

Survivors include: her husband, Eugene R. Gilmore, Big Spring: three sons, Kenneth Reviea of Salem, Ore., Lonrie Arn of Big Spring and Brian Arm of Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters Diana Levine of lia, Wash., and Donna Hazze 1 of Vancouver, Wash.; wo psons, Robert Gilmore of Big Spring, Thomas Gilmore of ide, Calif.; two stepdaugh-

ers, Peggy Roeder of Hoquiam, Wash., and Cindy Church of Loma, Calif.; 20 grandchilin and eight great-grandchil-

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith uneral Home & Chapel.

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regional economic development cooperative will probably meet with them in the near future.

The proposal would link Howard, Scurry, Nolan, Jones and Fisher counties together to promote economic development in the area.

"I personally think a regional corporation would be a help," said Sharp. "We've seen it work in other states.'

He said however, that he did not believe such a project would necessitate employment of staff, and said it could be overseen by a volunteer board.

"At some point, I think they'll be over to talk to us, and I just want to make you aware of that," Sharp told the group.

COUNTY

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equipment for the road and bridge department, may be delayed until finances improve.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Tim Salazar, 66, died Tuesday. Services were 11 AM, today at Sacred Heart Church.Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park.

Lottie V. Gilmore, 70, died Monday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dave Nelson, 89, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Maurine S. Harrison, 95,

died Tuesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 3:30 PM Friday at Eastland Cemetery, Eastland,

Florence K. Hallam, 94, died Tuesday. A memorial service will be at a later date.

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"We're really looking at what we just have to have," Kilgore

Other areas, along with insurance and equipment the commissioners are discussing, are possible reducing utility consumption, changing work schedules and hours, and downsizing payroll.

'We're looking at a lot of different things, and how this will impact people, as well as how it will impact services," Kilgore

Both Kilgore and Lockhart agreed that the economical outlook for Howard County is not as bleak as some towns farther west, where projections indicate county budgets will lose

more than half their revenue. "Ours is about one-third," Lockhart said.

GRAND JURY

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July 5, 1998, in a case with evidence compiled by the BSPD.

· Gene Hernandez, 18, for delivery of a controlled substance, a second degree felony, for an offense dated Sept. 22, 1997, in a case with evidence compiled by the Department of Public Safety.

· Michael Lee Hodnett, 34, delivery of a controlled substance, a second degree felony, for an offense dated Nov. 16, 1996, in a case with evidence compiled by the DPS.

JUVENILES

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"I think we got as good as we

can get," Justice said. And Jerry Groves, public relations officer for the memorial committee, said the idea is to acquaint the youths with the committee members and provide them with knowledge about the importance of the

memorial. "They will be under our supervision, and I think this is just." Groves said. "When we get them out there we will try to teach them what this is all about, and we'll try to reach them. Even if it's just one of them who comes away with a greater understanding, that will be an accom-

plishment." Vietnam Memorial Committee president Charlie Lewis said Randle had talked with him before the trial, to determine if this recommendation was satisfactory

"I think it's fair. We will have them for 200 hours of community service, and that's 200 hours of war stories. We hope to educate them about what a veteran is and what the memorial is," Lewis said.

The adults who allegedly were involved in the same crime were indicted by the Howard County grand jury Wednesday.

FIRE

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minimum over the past year, Sloat said. Most last summer were caused by lightning.

Still, five or six fires exceeded 5,000 acres last year across the state, and some 3,000 acres burned last week in the Panhandle.

Major causes of man-made fires are power tools, cigarettes not properly extinguished and vehicles driven in high, dry

Nick Harrison, regional fire coordinator for the Taylor County area, said that rural areas are especially susceptible

"What most people don't realize is that on volunteer fire departments, most all of the vol-

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from that destruction."

The deaths of the four youths added that the Texas Forest and several others over an 18month period drew national attention to Plano, which became a living illustration of Barnhart, is the regional fire how drug abuse has crept from the inner cities to suburban sidewalks.

The trial was moved from North Texas to Beaumont because of publicity.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

·A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

 Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-

 Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at •Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) •Al-Anon support group, 8

p.m., 615 Settles. FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open

to all substance abusers. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and

8 p.m. Big Book Study. Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

BRIEFS

A FREE TRIP TO San Antonio is being offered to a volunteer for the Howard College Dental Hygiene Department. Students are seeking a volunteer who has not had a professional tooth cleaning in at least five years to accompany them on the overnight trip, all expenses

The volunteer's teeth will be cleaned as part of the students' examination for certification. Call Tanya at 268-9015 for more information.

A FISH FRY TO benefit the Danny Heckler family will be March 14 at Mel's Catch of the Day Fish Market.

The all-you-can-eat meal will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. and is \$8.50 a plate. An auction will follow at 3 p.m.

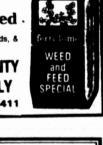
The Heckler home was burned by fire in October and funds will be used to help with the expense of rebuilding.

Anyone who would like to contribute items for the auction can deliver them to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mel's or the Salvation Army. An auctioneer

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is also needed for the auction. For more information, call

Patsy at 267-8239 or Mel at 267-

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers will be preparing 1998 income tax returns for individuals each Monday from 9 a.m. until noon through March 29 at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial

The volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service, and service is for all citizens, not only senior citizens, officials said.

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.

MARKETS

May cotton 59.10 cents, up 128 points; April crude 12.47, down 14 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 26 cents even; cash steers steady at 64 even; April lean hog futures 43.47, up 5 points; April live cattle futures 67.95, up 50 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets were unavailable by press time.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 79 Wednesday's low 45 Average high 64 Average low 33 Record high 88 in 1918 Record low 08 in 1960 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 0.54 Year to date 0.28 Normal for the year 1.17

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today: · REBA FURLONG, 67, was

arrested for forgery of a government document.

 RICHARD HUCKABEE, 38, was arrested for local warrants.

• THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson, at the intersection of 18th and Gragg. 4800 block of West Hwy 80 and at the intersection of 11th and Settles

 MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1700 block of Wasson, 400 block of FM 700 and at the intersection of Third and Nolan.

WHILE DRIVING LICENSE SUSPENDED OR **INVALID** was reported at the pólice station.

 MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of

 ATTEMPTED ARSON was reported at the police station.

 JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 120 block of Airbase Road and 1200 block of east Sixth.

· BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported in the 3000 block of Parkway.

• JEREMY HEDGES, 17, was

arrested for indecent exposure. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Westover and 1800 block of

Goliad. · ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.

· ISABEL CALDERON, 25, was arrested for a warrant for criminal mischief.

• BONNIE BIRMELIN, 38, was arrested for public intoxi-SEIZED PROPERTY was

reported in the 300 block of Runnels. • MARTIN ALVARADO, 17,

was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-

ING was reported in the 2400 block of Johnson. A roofing deck nailer, four roofing nailers, a skill saw and an electric drill, all valued at \$2,700, were reported stolen.

SHERIFF

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

REYMUNDO CHAVARRIA, 34, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of carrying a prohibitive weapon.

• KENNETH D. SCOTT, 30, was arrested for a motion to revoke probation of forgery of a financial instrument. OSCAR SAAVEDRA HER-

NANDEZ, 46, was arrested for a Nolan County warrant for intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle. • EDWARD GARCIA JR., 19,

was arrested for bond forfeiture

of driving while license suspended or invalid. KATHERINE HARDIN, 41, was arrested for two charges of forgery of a financial instrument.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports:

WEDNESDAY 9:40 a.m. -Scenic Mountain Medical Center, medical call, patient transported to Midland Memorial Hospital. 11:08 a.m. — 1700 block

Owens, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 12:00 p.m. — 400 block

Donley, medical call, patient

Birdwell, smoke scare. 12:43 p.m. -500 block

transported to SMMC. 2:54 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC 5:34 p.m. — 1000 block Gregg,

traffic accident, service refused. 5:35 p.m. - 3300 block

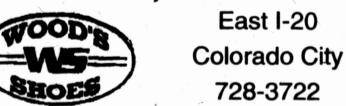
Auburn, medical call, patient transported to SMMC

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Military pay raise bill gains strong support

to raise salaries of the nation's 1.4 million active-duty military by 4.8 percent is roaring though Congress, despite objections from some lawmakers that Congress first should find ways to pay for it.

The Senate late Wednesday voted by a lopsided 91-8 margin to approve the package that would give the military the pay raise next Jan. 1, with further boosts in future years. The initial increase is half a percent-

WASHINGTON (AP) - A bill age point more generous than bill the first major piece of legthe military pay hike proposed earlier this month by President Clinton in his fiscal 2000 bud-

> The package, which marks the biggest military benefits increase since the early 1980s, also includes boosts in retirement and GI Bill educational benefits. The measure next goes to the House, where it also has wide support.

Senate Republican leaders said they wanted to make the taxes.

islation to pass this year to emphasize the importance they put on restoring military readiness and morale.

Democrats and Republicans made a mostly token protest that the measure violated Congress' own budget rules, which set spending caps for military and domestic programs and call for new spending proposals to be offset by cuts in other areas or new

They suggested that some of the pay raise money might wind up coming from the newly realized budget surplus - which both parties want to set aside for shoring up Social Security and which Republicans hope to

partly tap for a pay raise. But Majority Leader Trent, R Miss., told the Senate: "This is the right way to begin this year. ... It would be insanity for us not to do this bill, and do it now.'

Defense Secretary William

U.S. Census Bureau decides to revive sampling

WASHINGTON (AP) - If the Census Bureau's decision to go ahead with two types of counts next year was intended to end bickering over its methods, it didn't work.

Census Director Kenneth Prewitt announced Wednesday that the agency will use traditional counting to produce one number for allocation of seats in the House, and then apply statistical methods to develop a second, "more accurate," population count for other purposes.

"The two-number census is going to be an absolute disascontended Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee's census subcommittee. "To try to focus on two censuses, you run the risk of hav-

ing two failed censuses." He accused the bureau of "hiding under å thinly veiled shield of so-called accuracy."

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee

panel that oversees the census, said he will block the bureau from using any money for statistical sampling.

"The bureau's decision to seek a two-track approach not only ensures a more expensive census but also a census that will not be done in time," he said.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert called the decision a "political" flip-flop," which is "hypocritical and confounding.'

The new plan was also

attacked by the Southeastern Legal Foundation, which brought the lawsuit decided by the Supreme Court last month banning sampling for reapportionment. Matthew J. Glavin, the group's president, said he will file another suit to block the plan, which he called unconstitutional.

Prewitt said the time for arguing about census methods has run out. "We've simply got to be doing it. We've got to move for-

Push begins for new bankruptcy overhaul bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House the proposed legislation to oversupporters of a bill that would make it more difficult for people to erase their debts in bankruptcy courts say Philip Strauss, an assistant district attorney in San Francisco, can help make their case.

As head of the Family Support Bureau's legal division in the DA's office, Strauss collects overdue child support pay-

ence Wednesday, Strauss said

haul the nation's bankruptcy would "drastically improve" the ability of lawenforcement agencies to collect child support payments. Backers of the measure say it gives highest priority among debts to child support and alimony payments, putting them ahead of credit card debt and other obligations.

"The one remaining loophole" Speaking at a news confer- for parents owing child support has been provided by the bank-

The House last fall passed similar legislation, bringing a veto threat from the Clinton administration, which said it was too harsh on debtors. The Senate adjourned last year without voting on the measure.

ruptcy code, Strauss said.

With the new Congress getting to work, some lawmakers and a coalition of deep-pocketed banks, credit card companies and retail-business groups are gearing up again to push for

House Majority Leader Dick Armey urged President Clinton to endorse the new House bill, which had attracted support from 34 lawmakers from both parties. "Today's bankruptcy laws

make it too easy to run up debt and walk away from it," Armey, R-Texas, said in a statement. "With these reforms, Congress can send a strong message that no one should be allowed to act irresponsibly and leave others to pay the price.'

Lawmakers slam Clinton administration on crop insurance Agriculture Committee hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) - GOPlawmakers lashed out at the Clinton administration for failing to come up with a way to pay for a proposed crop insurance overhaul, but vowed to move forward anyway to help struggling farmers.

"Your language in the State of the Union and your budget don't come together," Sen. Larry Craig R-Idaho, told Agriculture Secretary Dan again Wednesday they were Glickman at a Senate

Several hearings are scheduled on Capitol Hill on crop insurance, including two in

some severe difficulties."

coming weeks in the Senate. Ag Secretary Dan Glickman also plans to hold several hearings across the country. But lawmakers made it clear

irked that President Clinton

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issued his budget with no pro-Wednesday. "American agriculposals on how to fund crop ture at this moment is having insurance changes — even after mentioning them in his State of the Union address. Glickman said it will cost \$1.5

> billion to \$6 billion to reform crop insurance. Both Democrats Republicans expressed support for the idea, maintaining that it will provide

have a stronger safety net to better prices they've endured in the exports.

Currently, many farmers don't have crop insurance and those who do complain that it is too expensive and inadequate.

Just this week, USDA lowered U.S. farm export projections by \$1.5 billion to \$49 billion lower than last year's \$53.6 bil-

The agency predicted that farmers are facing another year protect farmers from the low of low prices and lagging

Hip hop, women dominate Grammys Wednesday night

came the "Miseducation," then the coronation.

In a night of victories for women and hip hop, Lauryn Hill won five Grammys — a record for a woman — on the strength of "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," her solo debut album that crossed musical lines and established her as a force in the recording indus-

Hill's five wins in one night album of the year, best new artist, female rhythm and blues vocal, R&B song for "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and R&B album - topped the four Grammys won by Carole King in 1971 for "Tapestry.

"This is crazy because this is hip-hop music," Hill said in accepting the first best-album Grammy for a hip-hop artist as the usually staid awards show took its biggest step out of the mainstream.

Rap has been eclipsing rock as the dominant musical form for young people, and routinely produces best sellers. Much of the credit goes to Hill, a 23year-old mother of two whose music mixes rap and R&B and touches on family and political issues. She had won two earlier Grammys with the Fugees.

Shania Twain, Stevie Wonder, the Dixie Chicks and the Brian Setzer Orchestra each were double winners Wednesday night.

Sheryl Crow won for best rock album, and Madonna also picked up her first musical Grammys, including best pop album for her excursion into electronica, "Ray of Light." She also won best dance recording and best short form music video.

After 51 years of performing, Patti Page won her first Grammy, for traditional pop vocal performance for "Live at Carnegie Hall — The 50th Anniversary Concert."

Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks didn't have to wait quite as long. They won a comedy album Grammy for "The 2000 Year Old Man in the Year - 39 years after losing in the same category to Bob Newhart.

"Titanic" sailed on as the

LOS ANGELES (AP) — First ballad "My Heart Will Go On" won four Grammys, including best female pop vocal for Celine Dion and best song written for a motion picture or tolevision. James Horner and Will Jennings picked up the writing trophies.

The Academy Award for best song was one of 11 Oscara for "Titanic," and while the movie's soundtrack was the top-selling album of 1998, with more than 9 million units old.

Actor-rapper Will Smith son best rap song for his goodnatured "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It." Jay-Z's "Vol. 2 ... Hard Knock Life" won best rap album,

though he skipped the show because he doesn't like the way the Grammys treat rap. The Beastie Boys won due or performance group "Intergalactic."

In his 12th Grammy Victory of the 1990s, Eric Clapton won male pop vocal for Father's Eyes.'

Crow won for "The Clobe Sessions" and paid tribute to A&M Records, just swater ed up in a corporate merger

The Dixie Chicks' Open Spaces" was an upset winner for best country allouin over the better-known (with Brooks and Twain. Warre freaking out," the tearful too

said in accepting the award "You're Still the One" won best country song for Tween and husband Robert delin "Mutt" Lange and formile country vocal performance for Twain. Vince Gill won test male country vocal performance for "If You Ever Have

Forever in Mind.' The best female roct performance went to all as Morissette for "Uninvoid" Brandy & Monica won the LAB duo or group performance trophy for "The Boy Is Mini

The male R&B Grammy went to Wond "St. Louis Blues," which also earned him and two college the award for instrumental arrangement with vocal. The Grammys brotcht Wonder's career total to

That ties him with there Boulez, who won orchestral performance and opera to tent de-

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Simpson loses appeal, faces custody retrial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The O.J. Simpson story will have another chapter in court, a new custody battle that promises to revive the argument over whether the former football star killed his ex-wife.

California Supreme Court on Wednesday unanimously rejected Simpson's appeal for custody of his daughter, Sydney, 13, and son, Justin, 10. Simpson responded by saying he would return to court to fight for his children, who remain with him for now and have said they want to stay with him.

Among other things, the ruling said evidence about the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman should have been included in the original custody trial. "The question of whether one

parent has actually murdered the other is about as relevant as it is possible to imagine" in a custody decision, Presiding Justice David Sills said. Simpson, acquitted of murder

in a criminal trial but found liable for the slayings in a civil court lawsuit, said he was prepared to face another trial against his ex-wife's parents. "If they want to go back to

court, we'll end up back in court," he said. "My basic feeling is, I will do everything imaginable. My kids have been through enough. Why would anybody want to do this?" The children "are doing so

well, I'm not going to let anything disturb the positive path they are on," Simpson said. He said their grandparents, Juditha and Louis Brown, knew that the children were getting "super grades" and were involved in after-school activities.

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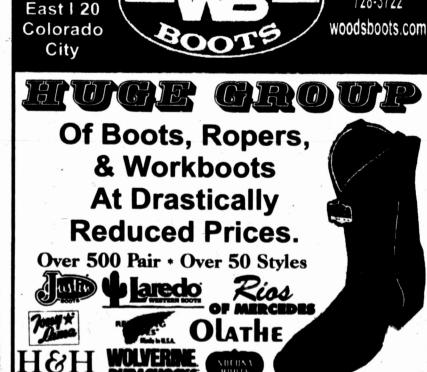
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OUR VIEWS

Volunteers help make tax filing almost tolerable

ach Monday, a group of local residents gathers at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Their mission: to help other people with their

· It's a job few people candmagine doing, much less for no pay, but these trained volunteers do it willingly. They even say they enjoy H.

VITA, or the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, is available each Monday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Spring City Senior Center. Led by refired accountant Dorothy Kennemur for nearly two decades, the group completes tax forms for anyone in need of assis-

The program began at the first of February, and cuns through March. After 12 hours of training from the Internal Revenue Service, all of the volunteers passed a rigorous examination to be sure of their capabilities.

Since they began their work this year, the group has successfully filed taxes that involved dividends, selfemployment, oil income and farm returns, and they've filed countless returns with earned income credit and the new child tax credit.

This year's crew of tax preparers includes Jean Tidwell, who has 17 years of experience with the program, Bill Gonzalez, who is working on his second year, and newcomers Vaughn Martin, Paul Smith and Sam Barrow.

Kennemur said the common denominator among them is simply that they enjoy helping people, and they want to take the dread and tear out of tax time. That's the true spirit of a volunteer.

We salute the hard-working, committed people who staff this service, and a special thanks to Kennemur. who has been coordinating the program for 13 years. It's special people like these who help make our community a better place.

Call the senior center at 267 1628 for more information about the program, and find out how you can volunteer to join next year's VITA program.

TO THE EDITOR:

I realized several years ago that the lack of voter apathy stemmed from only one thing People finally realized that this is not a government of the prople, for the people and by the people. It is for sale to the highest bidder. It took them a long time to see what I realized when I was 12 years old. People were discussing the

pros and cons of lobbying. saw then that was the first step in making our government for sale

Now that people realize our government belongs to the highest bidder they realize it is: going to be bought and it does n't make much difference where the money comes from as long as those who supply it get to rake off the American taxpayers.

They also can see that once a candidate gets into office, they become so besotted by power they are a permanent fixture in•Washington and will do an thing to stay. When and if the quit running for the office.

they voted for the mselves in were sure no one was looking. Security, being dragged in reg ularly with threats of bankruptcy, or unannounced changes that John Q. Public

No, we no longer own the government! The government

If you don * believe me take a look at how much money the government skuns off your next paycheck before you lay

Then write in and tell the eduor I m wrong and why. It or the incertain goout and rate to a few non voters. If they have ever voted, ask them Law much a vote of theirs has ever changed a thing in Washington.

Then as Paul Harvey says, You will have the rest of the

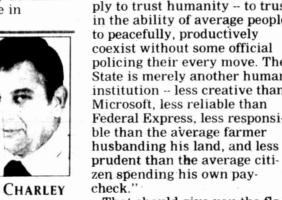
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Security tops freedom for many Americans

ames Bovard, the American government's most unfavorite journalist, has done all who value liberty a great service: He has meticulously documented freedom's demise in

America and set it all in its proper philosophical framework An intelli-

gent reader of "Freedom in Chains, the Rise of the State and the Demise of the Citizen' (St. Martin's Press) will have no



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doubt left that American liberty is now more myth than reality, and that the U.S. government is drifting inexorably toward an authoritarian state.

It is the documentation -- the specific cases, the specific rulings, the specific statements -that create the menacing mosaic of a state with an insatiable

Boyard writes in his final chapter: "To blindly trust government is to automatically vest it with excessive power. To distrust government is simply to trust humanity -- to trust in the ability of average people to peacefully, productively coexist without some official policing their every move. The State is merely another human institution -- less creative than Microsoft, less reliable than Federal Express, less responsible than the average farmer husbanding his land, and less

That should give you the flavor of the book, and I will leave the rest to you and simply add my own comments to reinforce his theme.

Truly, freedom is the capacity to make decisions in the absence of coercion. Since every law, by its nature and regardless of its subject, commands us to do something or not do something, it follows like a river down a hill that freedom is diminished law by

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for each one eliminates a decision we could have made ourselves.

American tyranny has come gradually, like a slowly rising river. Each of us does not recognize the danger until the water comes in our door. Until then, it is merely someone else's problem, one we fool ourselves into thinking won't reach us.

The big problem I see for those of us who care about freedom is that we are not organized. Rather, we are separate little groups concerned mainly about one particular subject, whether it's freedom to own firearms or property rights or press rights or religious rights. Half the time we don't even

communicate, and in some cases we oppose each other. Many newspapers, fierce about the first amendment, actually lead the campaign against the second amendment. Urban folks, mostly renters or mortgage payers, tend to be unsympathetic to the encroachment on property rights which, at the present, mainly hit large property owners like farmers or developers.

On the other hand, statists -those ideologically driven to increase the power of the state to point where no individual freedom is left -- tend to be united and organized.

I don't know how it will end. Many Americans, it seems to me, prefer security to freedom. There is, after all, a rough and raw side to freedom, for it means assuming personal responsibility for income, home, safety and health. It means the discipline to plan and to forgo the immediate pleasure for the more distant payoff. It means hard work and a frugal habit. It means the courage to risk failure, to risk loss, and the endurance to survive them. It isn't easy.

You could say freedom is like a wild mustang that is difficult to mount and to ride, and that lots of folks prefer the comfort of a carriage drawn by government-broke horses.

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Phantom calls, peaceful destinations

Misery loves company

I found out I'm not alone in having had a telephone with its own mind and a dialing finger. Dozens of readers from several states wrote to tell me about

ences with phones that made mysterious calls to Most of our

their experi-

stories were roughly the same. We'd be sleeping soundly or going about daily chores when a law officer would appear at the door and ask

what the emergency was, i always hated to disappoint.

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It's reassuring to know someone's at the other end of a frantic call, but you have to hope the system doesn't work like the story of the boy who called 'Wolf!' I became afraid that one day there would be a problem - a grease fire in the kitchen, a rabid dog in the yard -- and the dispatcher

would remember all the false alarms.

"Oh, it's just that Johnson woman calling again; ignore

Some who had the same problem suspected a cellular or portable telephone was involved -- their own or someone else's - but old lines, wet lines and ghosts were all blamed as well. One woman said she was charged for making 511 and 811 calls she never placed, and a Florida man wrote that one night his telephone made its own call to a taxi dispatcher.

One authoritative e-mail (can e-mail be authoritative?) gave me a list of possibilities. Probably, the BellSouth expert said, the "impulse noise" or clicking on my telephone was being interpreted by the phone company's "pulse decoders" as a rotary phone dialing 911. OK.

The phone repairman never did find the exact source of the confusion. He installed a totally new line, which suited me just fine.

A voice on the porch National Public Radio put a voice to the heroine Mae Bertha Carter earlier this

week. I had read about Mrs. Carter in Atlanta author Constance Curry's wonderful book "Silver Rights." And Monday night I sat on my front porch and heard for myself the wise, tremulous voice of that remarkable woman.

Mae Bertha Carter's children were the first black students to attend all-white schools in Drew, Miss., after desegregation became law. The Carter kids were teased or shunned, and the Carters soon were run off their sharecropping farm by angry whites. Mrs. Carter told her children

never to hate anyone, that she wouldn't tolerate it. She often sang to stay calm, she said, or to make days picking cotton pass quicker. The NPR interviewer asked

her to sing for him, and when Mae Bertha obligingly burst into song my arms felt like a Braille Bible. Hers is the voice of courage.

And I smiled and thought for the umpteenth time that radio done right is hands-down better than television. Mom and Pop

After my recent discourse about small motels -- the good,

the bad and the ugly -- several of you making plans for spring break vacations wanted some recommendations for inexpensive trips to uncrowded destinations.

For my money -- and despite the casinos -- the Mississippi Gulf Coast remains the best allround beach scene. Ocean Springs, Bay St. Louis or Pass Christian are your best bets, though you'd miss a treat not to catch the boat to Ship Island in Gulfport.

The seafood is fried, the fancy old homes serve as an architectural museum and mom and pop motels are everywhere. They used to be cheap, but the casino scene may have changed that. Beach combing and waves are best on the Gulf side of Ship Island. I love Apalachicola, Fla., too,

though I fear it might eventually become cute and coordinated. For now, it remains a worthy destination and workaday; it still smells like raw seafood.

My father used to escape to Apalachicola to go deep-sea fishing, and I'd say the musical name of the town over and over, enchanted

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆Jimmy Carter was the first president to walk the inaugural parade route from the Capitol Building to the White House.

◆The work of Franz Jospeh Hadyn includes pieces known as "The Frog Quartet" and "The Bear Symphony."

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Coahoma to host UIL academic meet in March

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

On March 29-30, the halls at Coahoma High School will be bustling, and the classrooms will be filled.

But this time, only about onetenth of the 300 students will be from Coahoma. That's because the school plans to host the UIL District 3-2A academic tournament.

"We're always excited to do something like this," said Dottie Rogers, a teacher and UIL coordinator for the school. "We're all having to pull together to get this ready to go." She said the two-day meet is

hoped to boost pride among students and teachers at Coahoma High School.

When you have something like this, this place just sparkles," she said.

Classes will be dismissed on March 29, but plenty of students will still be at school. If they aren't part of the UIL academic team, others will be working in a concession sponsored by the sophomore class, or working at other duties related to the meet. Volunteers from other campuses will be called in to help, including

ers from Big Spring.

"It's a lot of work and it takes a lot of people to put this together,"

On March 30, competition may move to local churches, or school may be delayed a bit to allow time

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musicians, not just singers.

Rogers said.

ROGERS for the meet, Rogers added.

Academic meet competitors will arrive from Post, Plains,

Tahoka. Rogers said she expects the Coahoma team of about 30 students to do very

"We've had five practice meets, and we've got some really good kids this year," she said.

At those practice meets, one student has already earned two first places and a third place in literary criticism, while two others did well in computer applications.

Some of the other categories of competition include: science, number sense, news and feature writing, accounting,

judges from Odessa and teach- Seagraves, Stanton and spelling, informative and per suasive speaking.

Coahoma expects to send a full team to every competition except computer science. There is no programming teacher at the school this year, and only one student plans to compete in that area

Rogers said she encourages students to compete in academics, because if they advance to state competition, they can be eligible for one of 860 schol arships.

"We've had a student every year who's gotten one of those." she said. "I think they would tell you it was worth it.'

Reasons not to smoke marijuana are many

QUESTION: How do you feel about the dangers of marijuana usage? I've heard that it isn't addictive and therefore isn't harmful. I've also heard that it is very dangerous. What are the facts?

DR. DOBSON: Let me quote Harold Voth, M.D., senior psychiatrist for the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kan., and associate chief of psychiatry for education at Topeka Veterans Administration

Medical Center. These are the facts he provided, which speak themselves:

-- 90 percent those using hard drugs such as heroin started with marijuana.

-- Five mar-

DR. JAMES DOBSON

ijuana cigarettes have the same cancercausing capacity as 112 conventional cigarettes.

-- Marijuana stays in the body, lodged in the fat cells, for ·three to five weeks. Mental and physical performance is negatively affected during this entire period of time. -- A person smoking marijua-

na on a regular basis suffers from a cumulative buildup and storage of THC, a toxic chemical, in the fat cells of the body, particularly in the brain. It takes three to five months to detoxify effectively a regular -- The part of the brain that

allows a person to focus, concentrate, create, learn and conceptualize at an advanced level is still growing during the teen-age years. Continuous use of marijuana over a period of time will retard the normal growth of these brain cells.

-- A study at Columbia University revealed that female marijuana smokers suffer a sharp increase in cells that damaged DNA (the chemical that carries the genetic code). It was also found that the female reproductive eggs are especially vulnerable to damage by marijuana.

-- A second Columbia University study found that a control group smoking a single marijuana cigarette every other day for a year had a white blood-cell count that was 39 percent lower than normal, thus damaging the immune system and making the user far more susceptible to infection and sickness.

-- One marijuana cigarette causes a 41 percent decrease in driving skills. Two cigarettes cause a 63 percent decrease.

Given these facts, it is unconscionable that people who should know better continue to advocate the legalization of marijuana.

QUESTION: I just found out that I'm pregnant When the doctor told me, he warned me not to drink anything with alcohol in it until the child is born. I'm used to having a few beers after work and I like a cocktail several times a week. Is it really necessary for me to give up all alcohol until my baby arrives?

See DOBSON, Page 6A

Odds-n-ends

(AP) — Want some great drink-

ing water? Well, head to the

Desert Hot Springs, Calif.,

topped 39 water samples from

14 states and the District of

Columbia on Saturday to win

the municipal division at the

International Water Tasting

It marked the second straight

year that a southern California

entrant won the municipal

competition. Last year, the

Metropolitan Water District of

Desert Hot Springs, located

near Palm Springs, "obviously

is known for its water because

it's where people took their

mineral baths for many, many

years," said water master

Arthur Von Wiesenberger, who

oversaw the judging. "We've

been doing this competition for

nine years, and California has

Harghita Naturally Sparkling

Mineral Water of Romania cap-

tured the sparkling water divi-

sion, beating out 10 other com-

petitors, among them entries

from Italy, France, Norway,

Belgium, and last year's win-

"I took a taste of the

Romanian water and it was

surprisingly pleasant," Von

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) -

The titans of turkey calling

competed recently in the Super

Bowl of the business, but nary

The 15 contestants in the

Wild Turkey Bourbon Grand

National Calling Championship

Saturday clucked, purred and

yelped. That's because wild

turkey hunters attract the male

"gobblers" by imitating female

David Metcalf, a carpenter

from Cuba, Mo., won for his

impression of a hen sending

Metcalf said he practices

"It's as good as it gets," said

Metcalf, who will receive \$5,000

The contestants sweated and

paced around like major league

baseball pitchers. Many placed

a mouthpiece-like device in

their mouths to help imitate a

One by one, they took the

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ed by moderator Tom Stuckey:

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There were no real turkeys,

but the stage had shrubs and

stuffed gobblers. Most contes-

tants turned their backs to the

audience to make the calls,

usually by raising their hands

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Southern California won.

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Young choir students raising their voices BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va.

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

A large group of seventh and eighth grade choir students recently participated in the Junior High Solo and Ensemble contest. They came back with more high ratings than ever.

"We had a higher percentage of success this year," said Craig Felty, one of three teachers working as part of a team in the choir department this year. "Our kids that went (to the competition) just did really

The following seventh grade students made a division I, the highest rating, on their solos: Jackie Bowen, Justin Ferrell, Bryson Hall, Will Liggett, C. J. Lowery, Sonya Ortega, Josh

Wilson, and Kristina Woodruff. These eighth graders made division I rating's on their solos: Amanda Chapman, Crystal Clark, Rachelle Guinn, Stormie Huff, Tiffany Moore, and Nichole Rushin.

The following seventh graders made a first division on an ensemble: Dustin King, Will Liggett, C. J. Lowery, and

These eighth graders made a on an ensemble: Latosna Banks, Amanda Chapman, Maranda Clark, Rachelle Guinn, Stormie Huff, Shameeka Johnson, Tiffany Moore, Victoria Patterson, Sheena Payne, Nichole Rushin, Esha Ward, and Rachel Wester.

The following students made a division II on their solos: Tia Baker, Maranda Clark, Patrick Coker, Cole Furgueron, Kimberly Hilario, Courtney Hudgins, Shameeka Johnson, Lorita Shulze, Krystal Smith, Heather Parnell, Sheena Payne, and Thomas Olague;

These students were awarded a division II on their ensembles: Tia Baker, Jackie Bowen, Crystal Clark, Maranda Clark, Emily Copeland, Marissa Gonzales, Melissa Guerra, Kim Hilario, Whitney Oppegard, Heather Parnell, Donetta Scott, Krystle Smith and Rachel

Choir teaching staff are looking forward to next year, when seventh and eighth graders will be together at Big Spring Junior High School, instead of separated at Goliad Middle School and Runnels Junior

"This will help our program by combining the grade levels," Felty said. "We'll be able to divide them according to ability rather than grade. Before, that's always been something we've had to work around."

Felty works with Linda Lindell and John Ross in a team approach toward teaching choir. In the junior high choir program, the goal is giving stu-







Top choir performers from Runnels, top right, and immediately above, were among the local junior high students who received I and II ratings on solos and ensembles at a contest recently earlier in the month.

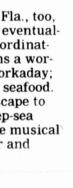






HERALD photos/Debble L. Jensen

Top choir performers from Goliad included the girls above and at left, and the boys above and at left. Teachers were extremely pleased with the number of high-performing singers at the recent competition.



EDUCATOR OF THE WEEK

EDUCATOR NAME: Robert Jennings POSITION/SCHOOL: Second science teacher, Grady ISD YEARS TEACHING OR IN EDUCATION: 9 years

UNIQUE TALENTS/METHODS YOU BRING TO THE JOB: Since we live in an information age with rapidly-changing technology, I focus on training students to be self-sufficient in their education.

WHY I BECAME A TEACHER/EDUCATOR: Teaching has always interested me. I like knowledge and enjoy helping stu-

SPECIAL HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Computers, gardening, avia-

FAMILY INFORMATION: Wife Sue and daughter Beth.

MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE: Working with students from the seventh grade through their senior year and watching them mature academically and emotionally.

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MY JOB, IT WOULD BE: To have more time to prepare for class.



THE LAST WORD

There are occasions when it is undoubtedly better to incur loss than to make gain.

Titus Maccius Plautus

There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do

Terence

Few of us'can stand prosperity, another man's I mean.

Mark Twain



DOBSON Continued from Page 5A

DR. DOBSON: I urge you to heed the advice of your physician. That precious baby inside of you could be severely damaged if you continue to drink in the next few months. Your child could have what is known as "fetal alcohol syndrome," which can cause heart anomalies, central nervous system dysfunction, head and facial abnormalities and lifelong behavior problems. Fetal alco-

be the leading cause of mental retardation. It is a terrible thing to inflict on a child. Babies can be harmed by alcohol in the blood of the mother at any time throughout gestation, but they are especially vulnerable during the first trimester. You should not drink during the remaining months of your pregnancy, but by all

means, don't swallow a drop of

hol syndrome is also thought to

alcohol right now. You may remember the story of Samson in the Old Testament who terrorized his enemies, the Philistines. Before he was born, his mother was told by an angel that her child was destined for greatness, and that she must not weaken him by imbibing strong drink while she was pregnant. Medical science has now verified the wisdom of that advice. That's why a similar warning to pregnant women is posted by law wher-

sold. For you, and for all pregnant women and those who anticipate becoming pregnant -- don't take chances with your babies' future. There is no level of alcohol that is known to be safe. Abstain for the entire nine months. You and your baby will be glad you did.

ever liquor, beer or wine are

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

Study warns growth hormones may not be worth trouble or expense

The Associated Press Giving growth hormones to

short but otherwise healthy children adds only a modest 2 inches to their height on average, a study found, leading some experts to question whether up to 10 years of daily injections are worth the cost and the trouble.

The 10-year study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine is the first long-term look at the controversial practice of administering growth hormones for cosmetic reasons, a use that has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Raymond L. Hintz and colleagues at Stanford University showed that about 80 percent of the children studied reached heights greater than would have been expected otherwise. However, the results in individual children varied, and 20 percent saw no height increase.

What's more, few of the children reached the target height set by doctors based on the size of the child's parents.

Hintz called the results "somewhat disappointing."

"The question is: Do we treat, understanding that it's not a 100 percent guarantee and that it's years of treatment, or do we let nature take its course?" he said. "This is going to be a difficult judgment. I think different parents are going to give different answers.'

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends use of growth hormones only in children who have a deficiency of the hormones; a rare chromosomal abnormality called Turner syndrome that stunts growth in girls; or a chronic kidney disor-

der that retards growth. The academy warns that the hormones should not be widely used for cosmetic reasons because they could lead to tumors, diabetes, hip problems or difficulties with self-esteem. This study found no side

Even though the FDA has not approved the drugs for use in short but otherwise healthy children, it is not illegal to do so. Roughly 30,000 children are treated with growth hormones in the United States yearly.



By BETTY DEBNAM

Escape From Slavery

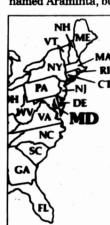
Harriet Tubman

One hundred fifty years ago, Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery. But her own freedom wasn't enough. She risked her life 19 more times to rescue other

She became the most famous conductor on the Underground Railroad, leading about 300 people to freedom.

Life as a slave

Harriet Tubman was born a slave in Bucktown, Md., in about 1820. She was named Araminta, but called herself



Harriet in honor of her mother. Her parents, Harriet Green and Benjamin Ross, had 10 other children.

The young Harriet hated housework. On the plantation most of ner work was outdoors, chopping wood or laboring in the fields. This hard work made her very strong. When she was about 12, a slave tried to

escape. The overseer ordered her to help tie up the runaway so he could be whipped. Harriet refused to move. The overseer was so angry he hit her in

the head with a two-pound weight. Harriet never fully recovered. For the rest of her life she had very bad

headaches. She had spells that put her deeply asleep without warning. She could not be awakened until the episode was



Harriet Tubman was an amazing woman. Not only did she free hundreds of slaves, she also helped the Union Army, and worked for women's rights, the elderly, and for schools

Growing fears



When she was about 29, Harriet's master died. She heard she was going to be sold to a plantation further south. This had already happened to some of her sisters.

The further south slaves were sent, the more unfriendly territory they would have to cross to escape to the free North.

Also, Harriet was scared of the trip. When slaves were sent south they were often chained together. She was afraid she would be struck by one of her sleeping spells. If this happened, she might be shot so she wouldn't slow down the rest of the chained slaves.

The escape Harriet tried to persuade her husband, John Tubman, a free man, to go north with her. He refused.

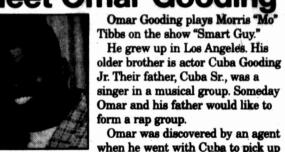
She talked three of her brothers into escaping with her. But before they had gone very far, they became frightened and made her return to the plantation with them

In 1849, Harriet decided to escape on her own. Her father had taught her how to survive in the woods. She had heard about sympathetic people, good hiding places and the best route to take. She was ready to take the risk. She had to travel

about 90 miles, but she made it. She reached the free state of Pennsylvania and continued on to Canada.



Meet Omar Gooding



a script. His first parts were in commercials; his first TV part was in the show "Webster." Soon he got parts in other shows, including "Empty Nest," "Blossom" and "Mr. Cooper."

Two of Omar's favorite pastimes are reading and performing Shakespeare on stage. In high school, he won first place in a Shakespeare festival.





Rookie Cookies Recipe **Stellar Stew**

- 1 pound ground beef, cooked and drained
- 1 (16-ounce) can pinto beans, drained • 4 carrots, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 celery stalk, chopped and of vary • 1 tablespoon sugar 11 2
- 1 teaspoon salt 2 cups tomato juice
- What to do:
- 1. Combine all ingredients in a casserole. Mix well. 2. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour.

HARRIET TRY 'N

below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HARRIET, UNDERGROUND, RAILROAD, HIDE, RUNAWAY, SLAVES, ESCAPE, NORTH, SOUTH, MOSES, FREEDOM, STATIONS, AGENTS, NURSE, SPY, ELDERLY, FIELDS, WAR, UNION.





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Freedom Fighter Moses of her people Not one single person Harriet

Tubman led was recaptured or killed. Everyone trusted her strength of character to get them through the

If even one person became frightened and turned back, everyone else would be in much greater danger. To keep everyone safe, she threatened to shoot anyone who tried to go back.

Slave owners feared her so much that they put out a reward of \$40,000 for her capture. She became known as the "Moses of

her people." Moses was a man from the Bible who led his people out of slavery to freedom. Harriet Tubman usually made her

trips south in the fall and the spring. She spent the summers working odd jobs such as cook or dishwasher to earn money for her rescue missions.

She brought several of her family members to freedom. On one trip back, she found that her husband had

In 1857, she was finally able to bring her parents to freedom. She saved enough to buy an old horse and wagon to carry them. Before, she had only been able to bring out strong, young people who could handle the hard trip.

The Underground Railroad The Underground Railroad was a

system of secret routes and hiding places used by runaway slaves escaping from the South to freedom in the North. There were many brave, caring people who helped runaway slaves escape to freedom.

• Agents were people who helped the fugitives.

 Conductors led fugitives from one. hiding place to another.

Stations were places to hide along the

question mark





Soldier for the Union

Harriet Tubman served the Union .

nurse • guide • spy

• cook • scout • soldier In 1869 she married a soldier who had

served in the black regiments in the Union Army, Nelson Davis. He died of tuberculosis in 1888, when

he was only 44. She was about 68. Harriet Tubman tried for about 30 years to obtain an army pension. Finally, she was awarded \$20 a month.



After freeing her parents, Harriet Tubman moved to Auburn, N.Y., with them. She had been worried about how they would handle the freezing Canadian winters. Many of her powerful friends, such as

New York senator William Seward, lived in Auburn, so she felt it was a reasonably safe place to live.

Sen. Seward helped her make arrangements to buy a house. She shared it with people in need, the sick,

aged and homeless A teacher in Auburn, Sarah Bradford, wrote about Harriet Tubman's life. The author gave the money from the book sales to Harriet.

With this money, she was able to pay on her mortgage and also buy 26 acres

In 1903, she gave buildings and the 26 acres to the A.M.E. Zion Church to be used as a home for the aged.



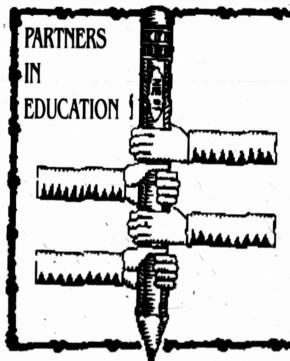
Harriet Tubman died in 1913 at the Home for the Aged she had founded. She was about infirmary at the Home for the Aged grounds She is wearing a shawl.

The Mini Page thanks Patty Henry, nistorian, National Park Service; and the Rev. Paul G. Carter, Harriet Tubman Home Inc., Auburn, N.Y., for help with this issue. Look through your

newspaper for stories about brave people. Next week The Min

Newspaper in Education Week with a story about the parts of speech.

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Thursday, Feb. 25, 1999

IN BRIEF

Boys' playoff games slated at 'The Dorothy'

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site for two more boys' high school basketball playoff games this weekend.

Ozona's Lions will take on Tahoka's Bulldogs in a Class 2A area game at 8 p.m Friday.

And on Saturday, Wall's Hawks will play Hale Center's Owls in another Class 2A boys' area playoff at 7 p.m.

Big Spring night slated Friday by Jackalopes

Friday will be "Big Spring Night" for the Odessa Jackalopes game against the Waco Wizards at the Ector County Coliseum.

A group of at least 200 Big Spring residents is expected to be on hand for the game which begins at 7 p.m. Friday.

Mayor Tim Blackshear will drop the ceremonial first puck prior tot he game and Big Spring Symphony trumpter Jose Gonzales will play the national anthem.

Reduced tickets, priced at \$7 and \$9, are available by calling Carroll Jennings at 267

Little League coaches clinic slated for Sunday

Howard College head base ball coach Brian Roper will conduct a clinic for Little League coaches and parents from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Jack Barber Field.

The free clinic, Roper explained, will provide fundamentals and teaching skills to help volunteer coaches better prepare their young players for the upcoming season.

Tennis carnival scheduled at Figure 7 on Saturday

The Crossroads Tennis Association and Jim Blacketer Tennis will host a free tennis carnival from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

More than 50 local businesshave donated prizes for the carnival which will include a fast serve court, rally with a pro court, prize court, "scoop it up" court and face painting.

Youngsters in the first through fifth grades will be able to sign up for the upcoming USA Tennis midgets program set to begin Monday, March 1, with a 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. session.

The cost for the midgets program is an unopened can of Wilson Championship or Penn Championship tennis

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Little League umpires slate Tuesday meeting

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Umpires Association will hold a meet ing at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation

Center. Anyone interested in umpiring Little League games this season should attend.

For more information, call Don Spence at 267-7780 or Michael King at 267-2939.

LOCAL GAMES

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS

TONIGHT 6:30 p.m.

• Borden County (16-3) vs. Miles (14-15) at Merkel (boys' area playoff game).

ON THE AIR

Radio

JUCO BASKETBALL 6 p.m. — South Plains Lady Plainsmen at Howard Lady

Hawks, KBYG-AM 1400. 8 p.m. — South Plains Plainsmen at Howard Hawks. KBST-AM 1490.

Television **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

6:30 p.m. - Purdue at Minnesota, ESPN, Ch. 30. 8:30 p.m. - Cincinnati at

South Florida, ESPN, Ch. 30. 9:30 p.m. — Arizona at California (joined in progress, FXS. Ch. 29.

NBA BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. — Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29

SPRING HERALD

Texas muscles Baylor to wrap up regular season title WACO (AP) - The Big 12 Conference said first-year coach Rick Barnes. "We two free throws by Gabe Muoneke, who

regular-season basketball championship goes to a burnt orange crew that handed out black and blue bruises for souvenirs in its torrid title run.

The physical Texas Longhorns bullied their way to a 62-52 victory over Baylor on Wednesday night to clinch the title with one game left, against Missouri in

Austin on Saturday. The No. 22 Longhorns had another hard-rebounding and solid defensive effort that underlined their shocking sea-

Kris Clack scored 21 points, but it was a 42-27 rebounding edge that gave Texas

the blue-collar win. "I'm really happy for our players,"

Hawk: Fred Lewis, 6-foot-4 sophomore

Quick Facts: Currently averaging 1.8 points and 2.9 rebounds per game coming off the bench for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC)

champion Hawks who carry a 23-5 over-all record and 13-0 mark in league play

into tonight's regular season finale with

Frank Phillips College's Plainsmen at

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Has missed

the Hawks last three games with a knee

injury. Returned to the Hawks lineup

after having participated in the Howard

Lady Hawk: Shaketha Ashley, 5-foct-5,

Quick Facts: Currently averaging 2.1

points, 1.9 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1

steal per game in limited playing time as

a reserve for the No. 9-ranked Lady

Hawks, who bring a 26-3 overall record

and 11-2 WJCAC mark into tonight's

High School: Averaged 18 points,

seven assists, five rebounds and three

steals per game her senior season at

Dominguez High School, leading her

the L.A. Wave Player of the Year as a senior.

netown: Compton, Calif.

Career high-point game saw him scoring 32 points.

High School: Averaged 15 points and nine rebounds per game

during his senior season at Towson Catholic High School. Was a

first-team all-league selection in both his junior and senior years.

Coach Tommy Collins' comments: "Fred is an outstanding screener and low post defender. He has improved his offensive

skills and that makes him very valuable to us. Coupled with his

physical toughness, he has a great work ethic and is an excellent

team to a 27-6 record and a C.I.F. Division II-AA championship.

Earned all-league honors three times, was an All-C.I.F. first-team

selection her junior and senior seasons. Named an Los Angeles

Times South Coast All-Star as a junior and senior, as well as being

Coach Matt Corkery's comments: "Shaketha possesses a lot of

quickness and can use that on both ends of the floor. Her ball han-

dling and passing skills make her an excellent guard. Her enthusi-

asm to play the game really makes her a great addition to our

role model for our younger players both on and off the court."

program during the 1996-97 season.

showed a lot of mental toughness and discipline over the last two months. The players put their egos aside and were rewarded with a championship.'

The Longhorns, picked by the coaches in preseason to finish fifth, locked up the league title with a 13-2 record (18-10 over-

"It's pretty phenomenal what coach Barnes did at the University of Texas in his first season," Clack said. "It was a roller-coaster season, but we knew it was just a matter of time before we started winning."

Texas dominated the cold-shooting Bears from the start and built a 21-point lead early in the second half at 38-17 on finished with 16 points.

"Coach Barnes brought a level of confidence to this team that we've never seen before," said Muoneke. "We weren't really surprised this happened to us. It was our goal. Those who said we would fall flat didn't attend our prac-

Baylor closed the deficit late in the game with eight points by Jamie Kendrick, but it was too little, too late.

Seven-foot center Chris Mihm, with 10 points, was the only other Longhorn in double figures. He also had five blocks and 12 rebounds.

Baylor coach Harry Miller said Texas is the real deal.

"Texas is a tough outfit, and if they get a little perimeter shooting that could be hard to deal with the NCAAs," Miller said. "To have a 13-2 record in the league is quite an accomplishment. It's tough to win on a road in this conference. Texas got too many rebounds and second shots for us. Their defense is very, very good.'

The Longhorns started the season 2-7 under Barnes, who came to Texas from Clemson after Tom Penders was let go. But they rallied to win nine of their last 10 and 16 of their last 19.

Texas went into the game ranked in Kendrick had 23 points and Ben Echols The Associated Press Top 25 for the first

Hawks survive error-plagued Lubbock Christian JV twinbill

Sports Editor

It's called winning ugly ... very ugly.

Howard College's Hawks improved their overall record to 15-1 Wednesday with a doubleheader sweep of Lubbock Christian University's Chaparral junior varsity.

But the two wins were anything but the walkovers one would expect from the high-flying Hawks when facing an all-freshman opponent.

Instead, the Hawks were forced into extra innings in both games and had to overcome 12 errors to take the 10-9 and 12-10 wins.

"It was interesting ... that's my comment on this one," Hawks head coach Brian Roper said after seeing sophomore transfer third baseman Drew Topham atone for three errors with a nightcapwinning two-run homer in the bottom of the

"At the start of the season I said we were a very average team and that we'd have to scratch and claw for everything we get, but this wasn't what I was talking about," Roper explained. "The one thing I've been sure of was that we were a good defensive ball club, but we didn't play a lick of

"We played about as bad as we can, but I'm proud of the way we battled through the adversity," he added.

It was clear the Hawks weren't the same team that dominated a powerful Vernon Regional Community College squad in a three-game series the previous weekend.

The Hawks have just one day to return to the top of their game before playing host to El Paso Community College in the first game of a threegame Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) series at 2 p.m. Friday.

Being at full strength this weekend will be important, Roper says, because El Paso will arrive as virtually an unknown quantity.

The three-game series will conclude Saturday with a doubleheader slated for a noon start. At the outset of Wednesday's twinbill, it looked

as if the Hawks would make quick work of Lubbock Christian, answering an unearned Chaparrals' run in the top of the first with five of their own in the bottom of the frame.

Second baseman John Michael Herrera tied the game with a one-out solo home run to left.

generated with just two hits and a Chaps error. Howard made it a 6-1 lead in the second when Herrera drew a two-out walk and scored on a double to left by Topham.

Lubbock Christian narrowed the margin to 6-4 in the third when lead-off batter Rvan Sundlie reached base on an error, center fielder Garrett Phipps managed an infield single and left fielder Matt Middleton took Hawks starter Frankie Keller deep to left center for a three-run homer.

Howard padded the lead to 7-4 in its half of the inning when Chad Verret led off with a triple to right center field and scored on first baseman Caleb Reger's single down the line in left.

Another Howard run in the fourth made it an 8 4 Hawks lead, but the Chaparrals added two more runs off Keller in the fifth and then chased reliever Josh Duwe with two more unearned runs in the sixth, tying the game at 8-all.

In the top of the seventh, Lubbock Christian took its second lead of the game with an unearned run off Mike McMillan.

Verret kept Howard in the game with a solo home run in the bottom of the inning. And after sophomore closer Duite Welch pitched out of a jam in the top of the eighth, the Hawks mounted a two-out rally when Herrera and Topham drew back-to-back walks and catcher Robert Ramos delivered a game-winning single up the middle.

Few could have imagined that after committing five errors in the opener, the Hawks would add seven more in the second game.

Lubbock Christian jumped on top, touching starter Eric Gober for three runs, then chased him from the mound in the third, turning three hits and a pair of errors into a 7-3 lead.

Freshman Chris McLain managed to quell the riot and the Hawks tied the game in their half of the third, turning two Chaparral errors and singles from Topham, Ramos and Jay Alsup into a four-run rally of their own.

Herrera ripped his second home run of the day in the bottom of the sixth and Howard tied the game at 10-all in the bottom of the seventh when Verret and Reger led off the inning with back-toback walks off Chaps reliever Kendall Cox and Alsup delivered a run-scoring single to left, set ting the stage for Topham's heroics in the eighth that gave the pitching win to McMillan, who'd come on to relieve Duwe in the sixth.

Arkansas pulls off 104-88 upset over second-ranked Auburn

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Auburn, which has won a lot of lopsided games this season, found out what it's like to lose by a big margin.

Pat Bradley scored 23 points and Chris Walker added a career-high 21 as Arkansas stunned the second-ranked Tigers 104-88 Wednesday night. 'When they got a double-digit lead, we

couldn't come back," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said. "I thought our shot selection Auburn had been winning by an aver-

age of 23 points this season. The Tigers' only previous loss was at Kentucky, 72-62 on Jan. 20. But Auburn (25-2, 13-2 SEC), allowing

only 59 points per game, couldn't contain the Razorbacks (20-8, 9-6). "I didn't give our players a chance to react in the dressing room," Ellis said. "I told them how I felt and didn't wait

for a response.' Arkansas, which upended No. 6 Kentucky in its last outing, led by 16 points with 11:30 left and stretched the margin to 21 with 7:35 remaining.

'We didn't back down," coach Nolan Richardson said. "We kept pushing it and got to their legs. Once we got to their legs, our shots picked up and their shooting diminished.

Bradley and Walker each were 5-for-7 from 3-point range. Bradley broke the SEC record for career 3-pointers when he sank one with 7:43 left in the first half. It was his 347th career 3-pointer.

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 1 Duke 96, DePaul 64; No. 5 Maryland 77, Clemson 60; No. 8 St. John's 73, Notre Dame 53; No. 10 Ohio State 63, No. 16 Wisconsin 54; No. 13 Kentucky 88, Vanderbilt 63; No. 19 Florida 89, South Carolina 61; No. 20 Indiana 70, Illinois 64 in overtime; No. 22 Texas 62, Baylor 52; No. 24 Syracuse 73, Boston College 56; and No. 24 Temple 71, Fordham 49.

Duke 96, DePaul 64

Trajan Langdon scored 25 points, Elton Brand had 20 points, 16 rebounds and four blocks, and Duke (28-1) tied a school

record with its 23rd straight victory. Quentin Richardson led DePaul with 21 points.

Maryland 77, Clemson 60

Steve Francis scored a career-high 32 points and Maryland set a school record for regular-season victories

Francis was 11-of-15 from the field and 6-of-6 from the free-throw line. He also had five dunks, eight rebounds and six steals for the host Terrapins (24-4, 12-3).

St. John's 73, Notre Dame 53

Tyrone Grant and Lavor Postell each scored 19 points as St. John's kept alive its hopes for a share of the Big East regular-season title.

The Red Storm (23-6, 14-3) are tied with Miami for second place in the conference, one game behind Connecticut. Each team has one regular-season game left. Freshman Troy Murphy scored 22 points for the Fighting Irish (13-15, 7-10).

Ohio St. 63, Wisconsin 54 Scoonie Penn scored a career-high 30

points, including nine down the stretch as Ohio State beat visiting Wisconsin.

Ohio State (22-6), which finished last in the conference with a 1-15 record last season, improved its league record to 12-3 and locked up the No. 2 seed in next week's Big Ten tournament.

Kentucky 88, Vanderbilt 63

Seniors Wayne Turner, Scott Padgett and Heshimu Evans each scored in double figures in their final home game for

Padgett led Kentucky (22-7, 11-4 SEC) with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Turner had 15 points and Evans 14. The Wildcats shot 53 percent from the field and held Vanderbilt to 33 percent.

Florida 89, S. Carolina 61

Kenyan Weaks hit four 3-pointers and Florida continued its late-season shoot ing surge

Florida (19-6, 10-5 SEC) finished 17-for-35 from behind the 3-point arc, marking the third straight game it has shot better than 48 percent from long range.

Cowboys have enjoyed successful 10 years under Jones

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones will spend the decade anniversary of his takeover of the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday like he did the first day he bought the franchise — planning and scheming ways to get his team into the Super Bowl.

Under Jones' ownership, the Cowboys have won six NFC East titles, appeared in four NFC championship games, won three Super Bowls, and become worth an estimated \$400 million. Yet, if the Denver Broncos win a third

consecutive Super Bowl this upcoming season, Dallas might lose the coveted title of NFL team of the '90s. Under former coach Tom Landry and former general manager Tex Schramm.

both of whom were fired by Jones, the

Co. boys lost out to Pittsburgh in the

'70s and San Francisco in the '80s as the

team of the decade.

Dallas won back-to-back Super Bowls under Jimmy Johnson, who exited the team because of a personality conflict with Jones, and a third Super Bowl under good buddy Barry Switzer, who finally wore out his welcome.

The Cowboys just finished a 10-6 regular season and first-round playoff loss to Arizona under Chan Gailey.

'We were disappointed with the way the year ended in the playoffs, but we are close to getting where we want to be again," Jones said. "We're never satisfied until we get to the Super Bowl. I think we are very close to getting there

next year.' The owner's rancor with Landry, Schramm and Johnson ha been well publicized. Jones has said he handled the Landry dismissal poorly. He has never been able to get on the same wave

Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton but has yet to be put in the Cowboys Ring of Honor.

"My relationship with the Cowboys hasn't been good," said Schramm, who still attends home games in his Texas Stadium suite. "You have to admire the way they brought in the talent to win the Super Bowls. Getting Jimmy was a big key. If Tom had retired, Jimmy would

have been one of my top picks." Under Johnson, Dallas was 44-36 with two Super Bowl wins and a 7-1 postsea-

son record. Under Switzer, Dallas was 40-24, 5-2 in the postseason, and a won the Super

Bowl in 1995. "It probably would have been best if I had encouraged Barry to leave after we won the Super Bowl," Jones said. "But

length with Schramm, who is in the he never got credit for the job he did." In this offseason, Jones plans to give contract booster shots to Deion Sanders and quarterback Troy Aikman and to try to find an impact free agent wide receiv

> "We made positive progress last year, and I feel good about our immediate future and long-term future," he said. 'We will make the moves we feel we have to make to get to the level where we

> feel we need to be. We'll win again." Jones doesn't spend much time celebrating anniversaries. Denver's late dominance in the 1990s threatens to take

> some of the luster off Dallas' decade. 'We have established a track record of being at the highest competitive level year in and year out," he said. "I see some very unique things that are cause

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

implementing it. Perhaps you

are being slightly rigid.

Creativity soars if you don't get

Together with a boss, you give

birth to some novel concepts.

You impress others with your

vision. Tonight: Make it an

***Deal with financial mat-

ters; dig in and find out what is

going on. If you consult an

expert, you learn what is neces-

sary. Brainstorm with a part-

ner; he has surprising solu-

tions. You could be pleased by

what comes forward, as long as

you don't get bogged down in

negatives. Tonight: As you like

*****Be more direct. Your

upbeat personality allows cre-

ativity and high energy to come

together. Others help you in

odd ways. Pull back and don't

get hung up on details. How

you see a problem could change

considerably once talks begin.

Tonight: Don't let a boss push

***Intuition helps you better

understand a current situation.

When talking with another,

you might be amazed at how

much he can help. Seek this

person out more often. You feel

very good, full of energy. Take

an overview, following through

on what you want. Tonight:

*****Keep your eye on the big

Adjust plans to suit you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***Stay on top of work. You

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

locked into negative thinking.

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Honorable 118th District Court of

Howard County, Texas at the

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Petition was filed in said court on

the 16th day of February, A.D.

1999, in this case, numbered 99-

02-40314-CV on the docket of said

A brief statement of the nature of

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's

The officer executing this writ hall

promptly serve the same according

to requirements of law, and the

mandates thereof, and make due

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office

in Big Spring, Texas this the 16th

day of February A.D. 1999. GLENDA BRASEL, District Clerk

ard County, Texas

By College Barton Deputy

Cosden Employees Federal

this suit is as follows, to wit:

return as the law directs.

118th District Court

March 4 & 11, 1999

court, and styled,

Kenneth Casbee

Suit on Account

Credit Union

TO Kenneth Casbeer Defendant, Greeting:

taken against you.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Colby. Lots

miscellaneous items

6:00pm 263-2894.

other items.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR and draw many admirers. If attached, your relationship hits a peak year. Let it all happen. Be open to more indulgent moments and caring. Cancer is thrilled by 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)

****Excellent communication helps your ideas hit home. Discussions are animated and lively; an unusually creative tone is present. Don't feel dis-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referen dum on the proposition of whether or not cotton growers shall establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Permian Basin Bol Weevil Eradication Zone and pay a maximum annual assessment in the amount of \$12 per land acre of irrigated cotton and \$6 per land acre of dryland cotton, for up to 10-15 years, depending on interest cost and state and Federal cost share. The initiation of a program at this assessment level is contin gent upon obtaining financing to allow an eradication program to operate within a maximum budgel level of \$95.72/acre, the projected gram. If approved, and the neces sary financing is obtained, the pro gram and assessment are expect ed to begin on a date dete by the Texas Boll Weevi Eradication Foundation based or biological and geographical considerations and the availability of resources. The approved assecs ment will not be collected until a program is initiated in the zone. If the necessary financing is not

arranged prior to program com mencement, the program will not be initiated and no assessment will be collected. Any state or federa cost-share funding received could either lower the per acre assess-ment or reduce the number of The Permian Basin Boll Weevi Fradication Zone consists of all counties; all of Borden County miles west of the Scurry County

line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line: and all of Midland Count except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line. If a program and assessment are approved by this referendum, again on whether or not to contin ue eradication efforts after fou vears of active program activities.

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Also, as part of the referendum, representative of the above-refer enced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weev Directors. The board is charge

with administering the boll weev eradication program in Texas. The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting Ballots will be mailed by March 18 1999. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than Apr 8, 1999, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton pro defined above is eligible to vote Permian Basin Zone and has a least seven years experience as a cotton grower, is eligible to have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton growe s defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from he sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or share cropper, is entitled to share in th cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale o the cotton from the farm.

picture. A co-worker helps you Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election that resides in the Permiar Basin Zone and meets the seve year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for lection to the Texas Boll Week Eradication Foundation Board by written application to th Don't take another's point of Department at the address providview personally. Tonight: Go on a nomination form provided by for the bottom line. the Department and must be signed by the applicant and at enjoy friends and creativity is in Austin by March 9, 1999 and high, but a partnership continmust provide the legal residence o the applicant. A nomination form ues to drag you down. You may be obtained by contacting the might want to change the direc-Department office or any county agent located in the voting area. For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you tion in which this relationship is going. A child or loved one are a cotton grower in the abov adores being with you; schedreferenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O.

make money and adds to your success. A partner might be undermining you, even if he doesn't mean to. Help him understand the implications.

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ule time with him in the near future. Tonight: In the limeelephone 512-463-7593

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *****You might make light of Syndicate Inc.

a child's or loved one's point of appointed and/or pressured by another. Review your expectaview. Think through a decision tions; that might be why you that involves work and/or feel let down. Tonight: Kick up health. Creativity soars; unusual solutions pop up. Others look to you for answers. Accept *****Take an overview. Think responsibility in your customary style. Tonight: A must through a decision before

> appearance. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

*****Get to the bottom of issues. You accomplish a lot more than you think possible. Avoid "tunnel vision." A child is difficult and recalcitrant. You know what is going on with him. Handling the problem is another story! Your intuition serves you. Tonight: Time for fun!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

****Difficulties arise around a family member and his expectations. You might want to put an end to the problem. Use your financial instincts to build security and goodwill. Another's complaints might not be unfounded. Start up talks and find out what is what. Tonight: With a special friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***Be industrious. You could stun another with how much you get done. Make calls, follow your intuition, start a project. Remain confident about your abilities. A conversation could weigh heavily on your soul. Clear up a misunderstanding as soon as possible. Tonight:

Accept an invitation. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

****Talk about feelings; stop holding back. A loved one will be responsive when he grasps where you are coming from. Others don't always understand your intuition. Money remains a key issue. In some way, you feel like your checkbook is a rubber band, stretching and contracting. Tonight: Off to the gvm!

BORN TODAY

Singer Johnny Cash (1932), singer Fats Domino (1928), actor Tony Randall (1920)

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Puppy love must be followed by serious family commitment

DEAR ABBY: Giving an adorable puppy as a gift seems like a cute idea at holiday time. It can be a great idea, but it can also be a disaster if the recipient isn't committed to caring properly for the pet. Abby, we

derful dog we were blessed find through rescue program last year. She's 3 years old and perfectly trained. I'm grateful she was given to the rescue program rather than

have a won-

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

the owner keeping her and neglecting her. Recently, while surfing the Net, I read the following heartbreaking poem. Please print it. Perhaps it will save some beau-

SON, CINCINNATI DEAR JUDITH: I have seen the poem before, and it truly is a heart-wrencher. I, too, hope it will spare a loving pet a lifetime of neglect. Read on:

tiful animal a life of misery

and neglect. —JUDITH ROBIN-

ALONE AGAIN I wish someone would tell me What it is that I've done wrong,

Why I have to stay chained

And left alone so long. . They seemed so glad to have

When I came here as a pup. There were so many things we'd do While I was growing up. .

They couldn't wait to train As companion and as friend. They told me they would

never fear Being left alone again. . The children said they'd feed Said they'd brush me every

They'd play with me and

walk me, If only I could stay. But now the family hasn't

They often say I shed. They won't allow me in the house.

Not even to be fed. The children never walk me. They always say, "Not now!"

I wish that I could please them. Won't someone tell me how? All I have is love, you see, I wish they would explain,

Why they said they wanted

Then left me on a chain. CONFIDENTIAL TO 'DYING ANGEL IN JOHNSON CITY: You need more help than your pastor, his wife and the members of the church are trained to give you. However, help is available. Pick up the phone and ask the operator to connect you to the Johnson City Emergency Rescue Squad. After you have made the call,

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"Know what I like best about take-out food? The little white spoons. forks and knives."

By Stanley B. Whitten

Northbrook, IL

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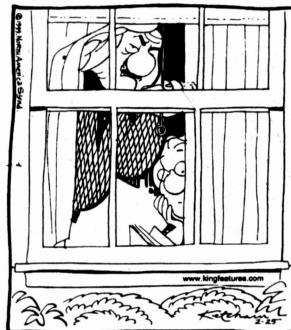
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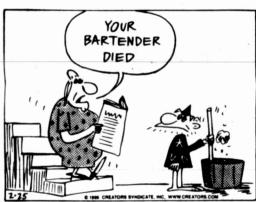
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Today is Thursday, Feb. 25, the 56nd day of 1999. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 25, 1793, department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record. On this date:

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In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline. In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows" made its debut on NBC. In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election;

presidency In 1990, Nicaraguans went to the polls in an upset election victory for opponents of the ruling Sandinistas.

Corazon Aquino assumed the

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Ten years ago: President Bush left Japan, where he had attended the funeral of Emperor Hirohito, and arrived

in China for a three-day visit. Five years ago: Americanborn Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers. At the Winter Olympics in Norway, Oksana Baiul of Ukraine won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating while Nancy Kerrigan won the

silver and Chen Lu of China

the bronze; Tonya Harding came in eighth. One year ago: The Supreme Court threw out a 16-year-old government rule that allowed company credit unions to accept members from other companies. Kim Dae-jung, once South Korea's leading dissident, was inaugurated as its president. At the Grammy Awards, Bob Dylan won best album and best contemporary folk album for "Time Out of, Mind" while Shawn Colvin won song and record of the

year for "Sunny Came Home." Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 72. Producer-writer Larry Gelbart is 71. Musician Tommy Newsom is 70. Actor Tom Courtenay is 62. CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 62. Actress Diane Baker is 61. Rock singermusician George Harrison is 56. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 56. Actress Karen Grassle is 55. Movie director Neil Jordan is 49. Rock singer musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 40. Actress Veronica Webb is 34. Actress Tea Leoni is 33. Actor Sean Astin is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer Justin Jeffre (98 Degrees) is 26.

Thought for Today: "When you look into a mirror you do not see your reflection. Your reflection sees you." Anonymous.

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