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Tonight:



TONIGHT TUESDAY 32°-34° 57°-59°

College holding late registration through Friday

Late registration at Howard College for the spring 2001 semester began today and will continue until Friday at 2:30

Late registration is set through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. On Friday, students may register late for classes from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There is a \$5 late registration fee.

After receiving the necessary documentation from guidance and counseling, a student should enroll in their selected classes Admissions office.

An opportunity to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test is set for Wednesday at noon.

Spelling bee practice books to be available

Teachers who need practice books for the Howard County Spelling Bee need to contact the Herald with the amount they would like to order.

The books are \$1 each. The county spelling bee will be held in early March; the exact date has yet to be determined. Teachers who need

books should call the Herald at 263-7331.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Senior Circle 4 p.m., Mountain Scenic Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and better are invited to participate. For more information call 268-4721

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third. Call 267-3068.

 Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VA Medical Center, room 212. Call Don Scheiber 263-7361, ext. 4088.

Christian Singles Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. First United Methodist Church, Youth Hall.

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"Reflecting a Proud Community"

Big Spring native to perform during Bush tribute Wednesday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

It was still early in the 2000 presidential campaign when local oil company

executive and singer Vince Hatfield had inspira-

"I was dri- HATFIELD ving in my car between (the Midland and Big Spring)

explained Hatfield. "There was a report that, if the election were held that day, George W. Bush and Al Gore would be tied.

"I couldn't believe that," said Hatfield, a Bush supporter who was raised in Big Spring and has produced four country music albums. "Later I just sat down and wrote down my thoughts."

offices last February," after the election, the song downtown Midland. is even more in demand as Inauguration Day draws near, Hatfield said.

He is on the schedule to perform his musical tribute Wednesday when Bush appears in Midland. The president-elect is

scheduled to appear at a rally in Midland before he heads to Washington for inauguration events. Hatfield said he has Soon the timely song received word that he will extolling the candidate was sing about 10:45 a.m. at the drawing interest. With a event, which is expected to few minor changes made be at Centennial Plaza in and now his nominee for

While most of his songs don't delve into politics, this one is a hearty show of support for the president-elect. It appears on his latest album, "Please Come to Boston," and will be released as a single nation-

wide next week. Interest in the song has come from both the entertainment industry and political arena. Hatfield has letters of support for the song from Don Evans, former campaign staffer for Bush

commerce secretary, as well as Ed Spacek, brother of actress Sissy Spacek and an music promoter in Austin.

The patriotic includes two "guest artists' — Hatfield's sons, Joshua, 9, and Zachary, 7, on background vocals. They join him on part of the chorus and a verse that discusses the importance of family.

Hatfield said family has always been a priority for him. Working in the 16year-old family business.

Big Spring sees

another decline

Sales tax rebates fell for

the second month in a row

for many West Texas com-

munities, including Big

Spring, according to the

Unlike a 17.81 percent

decline in January, howev-

er, rebates for Big Spring

dropped just 4.62 percent

this month. That followed

back-to-back rebate hikes of

15.5 percent in October and

20.02 percent in November.

received \$249,781.08, down

received in during the same

month of 2000. Because this

is January, there is no year-

to-date comparison other

Of 20 West Texas commu-

nities surveyed, 11 saw

decreases in sales tax

rebates for the month. The

rebates are calculated from

November sales taxes

reported to the state in

After witnessing a drop in

rebates of 52.05 percent last

month, Coahoma saw

rebates go up 19.13 percent

Forsan saw sales tax

receipts go down 51.67 per-

cent. The city received

the

than the one month.

from

December.

For January, Big Spring

\$261,905.51

State Comptroller's office.

in tax rebates

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

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Highway project delayed by weather

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

It's not just city of Big Spring street and water crews that have been having problems as a result of inclement winter weather. Jimmy Marquez, engi-

neering technician with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and project manager over the U.S. Highway 87 project in Big Spring, said reconstruction of the four-lane road from Interstate 20 to Third Street has been slowed by weather as well.

'We had originally hoped to be switched over to the other side by mid-January,' said Marquez. "But as everyone knows, we had some icy weather where we weren't able to work at all during the holidays and then we missed a couple of days with the rain so we are in dire need of a few nice sunny days.

Marquez hopes everything can be switched by the first week in February.

"Realistically, I feel fairly good about being finished with this half of the project lay blackbase and another week to a week and a half for laying the sidewalks."

Marquez said the eightmonth project still could be finished by mid-May.

"I still believe we can fin-

By CARL GRAHAM

No rest for the weary.

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ing Dec. 22, Big Spring

employees repaired more

Just when it seemed a lit-

Staff Writer

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In a 17-day

period start-

another one.

breaks



Eddle Lucero pulls boards away from freshly set concrete while Phillip Galindo (background) goes about other tasks in trying to get sidewalks involved in the U.S. Highway 87 construction project finished. The project is almost halfway complete and Texas Department of Transportation officials hope to be finished by mid-May.

ish up by mid-May," said said Marquez, who added traffic over," said Marquez. February," said Marquez. depend on what kind of 'We need one good week to weather we have between now and then."

> around \$3.2 million when reconstruction project. completed.

but that is barring we don't have any cost overrides,"

city public works director,

the distribution and collec-

tion department had nine

two-man crews working day

and night shifts between the

Christmas and New Year

holidays until the main

breaks ceased. Crews from

other departments also

Darden said the unexpect-

ed severe weath**er took** a toll

on his employees and on the

"During that 17-day period

we used 1,145 man-hours of

overtime and 1,320 hours of

regular time," said Darden.

responded.

by the first week of Marquez. "That's going to that no cost overrides are expected.

> Angelo is the primary con-The project cost will run tractor for the extensive

'We ask you to continue "That is the initial figure, to be patient with us as we continue with the project and as we go into switching

worth of materials to fix.

We lost approximately four

Darden said that he has

already had to dip into a

third of the budget for over-

time and another third for

repairs. And it's still

through our records, the

last year we had any com-

parable number of leaks

was in 1989," said Darden.

"We are sure hoping things

will start getting better but

this is why this water line

replacement program is so

going

back

million gallons of water."

than 90 water line breaks. "There were 95 leaks, in

According to Todd Darden, which we used \$24,000

January.

"When

"Continue to use caution as you travel in those areas of Reece Albert Inc. of San construction and where crews are out working.

Marquez said that when the project is completed it will look much like the reconstruction done several vears ago along South U.S. 87 to FM 700.

for January. Coahoma received \$3,275.88 this year, compared to \$2,749.66 in January 2000.

Water line repairs unexpected expense for city The city council approved

> replacement could move ahead on an accelerated

schedule. The rash of breaks ended early last week, but then Thursday, a 16-inch main burst at Ninth Street and

a hike in water rates last

year so that water line

Douglas. "It went from a small leak to a geyser when crews removed dirt from around

the leak," said Darden. Some 300,000 gallons of water were lost before that break could be repaired, he

\$755.54 this month compared to \$1,563.46 in January of 2000. Abilene received

\$1,734,468.21 this month, down 1.24 percent from the \$1,756,294.76 received in January of 2000.

Sales tax rebates were up 15.73 percent for Andrews, which received \$53,615.95 this month compared to \$46,326.13 in January of

Colorado City saw a 4.85 percent decrease in rebates, comparing the \$30,947.69 received this month to

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Care Inns expected sign on as operator for veterans home

DARDEN

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Final papers are expected to be signed this week to provide an operator for the Lusk-Sanchez-Lamun State Veterans Home in Big Spring.

"The signing date is expected to be Wednesday," said Charlotte Rogers, vice president of operations for Care Inns of Texas, the company that will be operating the 160-bed home.

"Assuming that takes place, and we believe it will, we hope to take over the keys shortly," she added.

The company is already advertising for an administrator and a director of nursing for the facility. Other employees will be

hired once Care Inns takes the property. Eventually, the home will employ about 150 people, Rogers said. She expected the facility to begin accepting patients in early to mid-February.

"We're excited about it. We're looking forward to working with the community of Big Spring in serving our veterans," Rogers added.

The Texas Veterans Land Board had been seeking an operator for the facility since September. The Park Associates had originally been contracted to operate the Big Spring veterans home and three others being built around the state. However, the company



Ruthle "Mae" Winbush sings a spiritual song Friday during a ceremony at the VA Medical Center honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. A march in honor of Dr. King will be held at 6 p.m. today. Participants are encouraged to meet in the Nafley-Pickle & Weich Funeral Home parking lot on Gregg Street in preparation of the

Eustolia Alvarez Moncada

Eustolia Alvarez Moncada, 80, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2001, in a local hospital. Rosary will be said at 7



p.m., today, Jan. 15, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Reagan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 8. 1920, in Colorado City and married Francisco Moncada on Oct. 23, 1952, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 23, 1993.

Mrs. Moncada was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She loved working in her garden and sewing. She loved her children and grandchildren.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include: four sons and one daughter-inlaw, Julian Moncada, Mario and Jerrie Moncada and Eddie Chavez all of Big Spring and Ismael Chavez of Caldwell of Idaho; three daughters, Helen Painter of Carrollton, Ga, Linda Roberts of Odessa and Sylvia Moncada of Big Spring; one sister, Socorro Correa of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren; and 12 greatgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Eustolia Moncada; one son,

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson

Rowena McWhirt Mattingly, 46, died Thursday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM, today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Clara Lee Smelser, 83, died Friday. Services are graveside, 4:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park. Mildred Rister Fryar,

75, died Saturday Services are 10:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Tuesday at Drummond Cemetery in Taylor County. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 PM today at the funeral home.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH



www.npwelch.com

Jewell Boatler, 96, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Lucy Jarmes, 72, died Friday. Memorial services will be 10:00 AM tuesday, January 16, 2001 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Eustolia Alvarez Moncada, 80, died Sunday. Rosary will be said at 7:00 PM tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 4:00 PM Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Gatholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Frank Moncada Jr.; her parents; two brothers; and one

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

Paid obituary

Jewell Boatler

Jewell Boatler, 96, of Loraine, died on Friday, Jan. 12, 2001, in a Colorado hospital. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Thomas Taylor, retired Methodist minister, officiat-

She was born on Aug. 20, 1904, in Howard County and married Tillman T. Boatler on March 22, 1921, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1992.

Mrs. Boatler had lived in Big Spring most of her life until moving to Loraine in 1986. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loraine.

Survivors include: one daughter, Alta Banks of Watkinsville, Ga.; three grandchildren, Penny Mitchell of Loraine, Maj. Brian Banks of Fort Stewart, Ga., and Adams of Anniston, Ala.; three great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by: one son, Ray Boatler in 1932, and one granddaughter, Debbie Banks in 1979.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Mildred Rister Fryar

Funeral service for Mildred Rister Fryar, 75, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma and Dr. Claude Craven, officiating, A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Drummond Cemetery in Taylor County.

Mrs. Fryar died Saturday, Jan. 13, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born on April 8, 1925, in Taylor County. She married Robert Lester Rister in 1941 and he preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 1972. She later married Dale Fryar on Feb. 13, 1987, in Colorado City. She moved to Big Spring in 1957 and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Coahoma. She was a homemaker.

The family will receive friends Monday, Jan. 15, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel from 5 to 7 p.m.

Survivors include: her husband, Dale Fryar of Big Spring; one son, Randy Rister of Abilene; two daughters, Sandra Owen of Stephenville and Darlene Lemaster of Abilene; one sister, Blanch Rister of Sweetwater; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Albert Adkins

Funeral service for Albert Adkins, 84, of Midland is pending at this time with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

REBATES

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\$32.724.74 received

January 2000. Fort Stockton saw a 19.22 percent increase in rebates, comparing the \$97,837.56 received this month to the \$82,063.32 taken in during

January 2000. Kermit received \$25,344.42 this month, an increase of 8.49 percent from the \$23,359.29 collected a year

Lamesa saw a decrease of 15.67 percent in sales tax rebates for the month. The

Dawson County community received \$58,448.94 compared to \$69,039.81 in January of 2000.

Sales tax rebates were up 2.34 percent for Lubbock, which received \$2,029,634.21 this month, compared to \$1,983,105.79 last January.

Midland received \$1,173,471.73 this month, up 31.54 percent compared to the \$892,038.68 taken in during January of 2000.

Rebates were Monahans. The received \$63,756.11 up 8.49 percent compared to the \$58,761.85 taken in for January of 2000. January's rebates for

amounted Odessa \$959,444.50, up 8.11 percent compared when \$887,426.49 taken in a year Rebates were down for

Pecos. That community received \$55,966.74, compared to \$60,434.08 for January of 2000. That's a decrease of 7.39 percent. San Angelo saw rebates go down 5.07 percent, compar-

ing the \$908,879.66 taken in this month to the \$957,464.11 received in January of 2000. Seminole witnessed a 7.9 percent decrease in rebates

this month, comparing \$31,439.05 to \$34,136.31. Snyder received \$101,645.57 this month, up 5.86 percent when compared to the \$96,010.24 it received

in January of 2000. Rebates were down 11.29 percent in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$120,823.99 to \$136,209.70 taken in a year ago.

Stanton received \$7,016.76 this month, down 14.7 percent compared to the \$8,226.42 it received in January a year ago.

HATFIELD

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Sharp Image Energy, he said his music career has taken a backseat.

"I've always made my living in the oil business," he said, adding that nevertheless, eight of his songs have taken spots on the country music charts, one rising as high as number 49 in 1990.

Hatfield's latest album is available on the internet at www.vincehatfield.com, or by calling toll-free 1-888-821-

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pulled out of the contract after liability insurance saw a hike in the average annual rate per bed from \$800 to \$2,300.

Other companies had balked as well, noting that with insurance so high it would be almost to make a profit operating the homes. However, the problem has been solved by reclassifying the homes so they fall within a lower rate, according to an official with the state board of insurance.

Recently, operators were found for the homes in Temple and Floresville. Both facilities are expected to open early this year.

When it opens, the 160-bed home in Big Spring will include a 32-bed Alzheimer's unit with a secure courtyard. Facilities will include a central dining area, library, barber/beauty shop, gift shop, a meditation room, central dining areas and recreational areas.

The facility will provide physical, speech and occupational therapy, on-going health care assessments, hospice care, respite care, social services, therapeutic activities and wound care.

Bush marks King holiday at a school

AUSTIN (AP) - Facing deep suspicion among black Americans, President-elect Bush was marking the Martin Luther King Jr. hol-iday with a trip to a Houston elementary school

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to call for unity and to highlight his education propos-

Joining him today at Kelso Elementary School was Rod Paige, the president-elect's choice for Education secretary. Paige, who is black, runs the Houston school district and is a product of segregated schools in Mississippi.

Bush is addressing "the powerful and important role that Martin Luther King played in changing America," spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

"Making racial progress in this country, regardless of who is in the White House or who is in the Congress, is an ongoing struggle, and he's committed to it," Fleischer said.

Blacks favored, Democrat Al Gore by a 9-to-1 margin in the November election, and by better than a 2-to-1 margin, most blacks believe they will lose influence, rather than gain it, under Bush, according to a Pew Research Center poll this month.

A CNN-USA- Today poll last month showed less than a quarter of blacks thought Bush would work hard to address their interests.

president-elect's The standing among blacks suffered during the Florida recount amid allegations that some black voters were kept from the polls and that ballots of others were systematically discarded.

The friction intensified with Bush's selection of former Sen. John Ashcroft for attorney general.

Ashcroft opposes affirmative action programs based on racial preferences, and as a Missouri senator voted against expanding hatecrimes laws to make it easier for federal prosecutors to try such cases. Ashcroft also has criticized desegrent SUPPORT GROUPS gation lawsuits in a Kansas City, Mo., and in StaLouis. 20

He helped sink the nomination of Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White, who is black, to the federal bench, arguing White was not tough enough on crime. Bush's Houston speech came one day

Ashcroft faces what is sure Bush's Houston speech came one day before Ashcroft faces what is sure to be tough questioning on his views before the Senate Committee, Judiciary * where he once served.

The president-elect pledged throughout his campaign to work toward racial harmony, and assembled a Cabinet that includes two blacks — Paige and Secretary of State-designate Colin Powell.

But he acknowledged the challenge he faces with blacks.

"I got whipped in the African-American community. I got 9 percent of the vote," Bush said in this week's Newsweek.

BRIEFS

Howard College guidance and counseling center has set Financial Aid workshops in January for all for area public school district juniors and seniors, as well as parents. These workshops offer thorough explanations of financial aid and scholarship applications, as well as answer any question students and parents might have. Stanton ISD. has a workshop set for today in the high school library. Big Spring High School's workshop is set for Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Grady ISD is set for Wednesday, Jan. 24, and Sands ISD workshop will be scheduled later this month.

RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES is seeking volunteers to start in a training program on Feb. 5. Volunteers, who must be 18



years old, undergo 40 hours IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT of training and an interview process before they can begin to assist local victims of violent crime.

RC/VS advocates are available 24 hours a day to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies. The nonprofit agency also provides follow-up services with victims and refers them for further services, and gives educational programs for the community.

Training will be Feb. 5-10, and 12,14,15 and 16. Call Linda Perez, 263-3312, for more information.

The Hangar 25 Air Museum, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SOUGHT for a program that offers free tax preparation assistance to local citizens.

Internal Revenue Service instructors will conduct a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) workers and other interested people at the Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler beginning Tuesday. The class continues until

Friday, with sessions from 9 a.m.-noon each day. Persons who take the classes must pass a test before they begin assisting taxpayers with their returns. For information, call the

senior center, 267-1628 or Dorothy Kennemur, 398-

TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

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

Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door). We will have a Christmas party. The meat will be furnished. If you wish to bring a covered dish, bring cranberries, salads, vegetables, sweet potatoes, rolls, desserts, etc. Bring a wrapped gift (not to exceed \$10) for a fun gift exchange. For more information call

TUESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12



GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

· RONNIE FREEMAN, 43, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and unlawful carry of a weapon. · JOHN MARK CHOATE. 40, of 2713 Cindy, was

arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest. DANIEL GUZMAN, 38, of 1106 Johnson, was arrest-

ed on a charge of public intoxication. ·ENRIQUE CALDERON, 23, of 711 Anna, was arrest-

ed on local warrants. •CHARLES DE AX. 24. of 2212 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/fighting.

•RUBEN MARTINEZ, 43, of 1208 Main, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

•DAVID PAXTON, 24, of Lubbock, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

23, of 3215 Duke, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. •MARY GARZA, 42, of 900 S. Scurry, was arrested

on a charge of driving

while license invalid.

DAYMOND PAXTON.

JAMES ROBERTS, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/fighting.

 ASSAULT was reported in the 600 block of W I-20. ·BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in

the 500 block of Westover. •THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Gregg, in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 700 block of W. I-20 and in the 1700 block of E.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through 8 a.m. today:

·CHRISTOPHER ERIC CURTIS, 37, of Lubbock, was arrested on a bench warrant. (BSPD)

•TIODORA DIAZ, 33, of 4102 Dixon, was arrested on a charge of carrying a prohibited weapon. (HCSO) ·JIMMY DALE

McDONALD, 52, of 4313

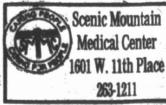
Gail Highway, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 2nd. •FABIAN CHAVERA, 22, of 605 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of driving

while intoxicated, 3rd.

(HCSO)

·RAFAEL MOSIES SILVA, 24, of 603 1/2 N. College, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (HCSO)

•KURT ANTON MIRAN-DA, 21, of 4100 Bilger, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest (BSPD)



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Democrats not inclined to give Ashcroft a pass to become attorney general WASHINGTON (AP) — is an extremist, not a heal—dent. Shows as Democrats sized parson that we are a pass to become attorney general shows as Democrats sized parson that we are a pass to be a

John Ashcroft will soon be mingling with his friends back in the Senate, some of whom are ready to pounce.

But it isn't personal, Democrats said Sunday, while making clear they will not give him a pass to become the next attorney general just because they think he's a fine individual.

"Advise and consent doesn't mean advise and rubber stamp," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, Committee's Judiciary senior Democrat and temporary chairman.

Democrats opposed to Ashcroft's nomination says his conservative opinions are ill-suited to the job of being the nation's top law enforcer.

'Right now we need a healer in Washington, in the form of our president," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said on ABC's "This Week." Added Boxer, who has announced her intention to vote against Ashcroft, said of him: "This er.'

Most Democrats were more circumspect than that, including Leahy. He called Ashcroft a "divisive choice" by President-elect Bush, but disagreed with critics who have tried to paint the former Missouri senator as a racial or religious bigot.

"I think all of us who know him, know that charge would not stick," Leahy said on CNN's "Late Edition" of either allega-

Ashcroft's confirmation hearing before the Senate Committee, Judiciary where he once was a member, begins Tuesday

Interest groups are piling on. On Sunday, the board of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers took what it called an unprecedented step in voting to oppose Ashcroft.

"Ashcroft's legacy on criminal justice issues is demagoguery and opportunism," said Edward Mallett, the group's presi-

Bush, in Texas for his last weekend before Saturday's swearing in, said Ashcroft will use the office to enforce

the nation's laws, not promote his own political opin-

"John's a team player," Bush told NBC News. "He will not politicize the attorney general's office."

Democrats need both a united front and some Republican support to defeat any of Bush's nominees. The Senate is evenly split, 50-50, but Vice President-elect Dick Cheney will cast any tie-breaking votes in favor of the GOP.

The main fight is forming over Ashcroft but opposition also exists to the nomination of Gale Norton for Interior secretary. Critics say her strong support of private property rights and state jurisdiction are the wrong fit for a department that manages vast public lands.

Ashcroft was the preoccupation on the Sunday talk him up as someone unfit for the post of attorney general. Republicans rallied behind him and Norton.

The Senate tends to show deference to one of its own, and many Democrats concede a president should have latitude in picking his Cabinet, barring ethical problems of the nominee.

But some said they could not countenance an attorney general who is sworn to enforce laws he opposes, such as abortion rights and affirmative action.

And they had pressing questions about Ashcroft's determined and successful effort to scuttle a black judge's elevation to the federal bench. Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White is being called by Democrats to testify at the hearing.

"John Ashcroft gives me what you call cognitive disliberal sonance," Democratic Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota said. "You know, how can a like sometimes have such harsh views?"

He called Ashcroft a good friend. "But he's going to be 'lawyer for all the people in the country, and I think there should be careful scrutiny."

Not all Democrats were convinced Ashcroft's positions or role in torpedoing White should stop him from getting the job.

"I'm going to see if .. there's anything to disqualihim," said Senate Minority Whip Harry Reid, D-Nev. "At this stage, I don't see anything.

Still, Reid said he was troubled by indications that Ashcroft's opposition to White might be rooted in a nearly decade-old legislative

As a state lawmaker before he went to the Missouri Supreme Court, White sank anti-abortion legislation Ashcroft pushed as governor.

Reid wants to explore that relationship.

"It appears that they've had a battle going on," he. said on Fox. "If that's it, you can't have these long-stand. ing feuds if you're the chief law enforcement officer in America.'

The criminal defense lawyers said they were opposing Ashcroft because of his "ambush" of White, his criticism of using federal money to treat drug abusers and his opposition to a death penalty moratorium, among other grounds.

Utah Republican Sen Orrin Hatch, who will return as Judiciary chairman once Bush takes office. Ashcroft knows said "there's a difference between being an advocate ... and being the attorney general where you have to enforce the laws."

And he said Democrats were overreaching against a man who earned the respect and affection of plenty of them. "They know he's a man of integrity," Hatch said on NBC's "Meet the

Earthquake victims buried in mass graves

SALVADOR. El (AP) Authorities buried many of the 400 victims of El Salvador's earthquake in

mass graves, saying a landslide that wiped out entire families had made it impossible to fully know the identities of the dead.

Distraught relatives lined up on Sunday at an improvised morgue in a bloodstained alley to identify some of those mangled and entombed in Saturday's 7.6magnitude quake. But the need to dispose of the mounting number of corpses cheated some of the chance for closure.

showed up at the morgue in ner the half-buried Las Colinas neighborhood only to find out that two children who matched their description had already been sent to a

mass burial. "My cousins are similar to the ages of the ones you buried, and they are missing," 18-year-old Kenya Marbella told stern-faced soldiers who said it was too late to see the bodies. "How could you just throw bodies in the ground like that?"

With no refrigerated facilities, and bodies piling up in the alley near the quaketriggered landslide that covered Las Colinas in a wall of One woman looking for a dirt, there was little choice

Alfredo Mario Hernandez. Half the corpses were unidentified.

With aftershocks as strong as 5.4 magnitude rattling the unstable mass of soil and rubble, there was no safe place to keep the 182 bodies found in the area so

Some corpses lay peacefully on the pavement as if the victims had lain down for a nap. Some were covered in trash bags.

Francisco President Flores asked Colombia to send 300 coffins.

Red Cross official Mildred Sandoval said 403 deaths had been confirmed nationwide. Police also reported 2,000 injured, 4,692 houses

destroyed and 16,148 damaged. Authorities said about 1,000 people were still missing, most in Las Colinas.

Saturday's quake off of El Salvador's coast was solt from northern Panama to central Mexico — a distance of more than 1,100 miles. Sunday's aftershocks were centered within a few miles of the capital, according to local seismologists.

Pope John Paul II urged international assistance for the nation of 6 million. Offers of help came from Mexico, the United States, Germany, Spain, Taiwan, Britain, Panama, even Guatemala, which itself suffered six deaths in the

pair of missing cousins but mass burial, said coro-Doctor says Reagan recovering well after hip surgery santa monica, calif. geon, is quite remarkable by the former first lady. a speedy recovery."

(AP) — Former President for a patient with a hip Reagan faces months of difficult physical therapy after Drake said. undergoing surgery to

nearing his 90th birthday vounger man, which obvi- George W. Bush. Feb. 6, fell Friday at his Bel-Air home. Doctors used a pin, plate and screws to repair the joint Saturday in

a 65-minute operation. The first step in what is expected to be lengthy and painful physical therapy will be to have Reagan sit up, said Joanne Drake, his

chief of staff. "He is taking very little pain medication which, according to Dr. Kevin Ehrhart, his orthopedic sur-

repair of this nature,'

ously helps substantially with his recovery."

However, the surgeon said, Reagan still faces a "long, uphill struggle."

Mrs. Reagan has been at her husband's side since the fall. "She spent the night again in his room," Drake said.

The couple's 49th wedding anniversary is March 4, when the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan is scheduled to be christened

Mrs. Reagan was buoyed by the outpouring of wellwishes from around the Ehrhart said after the world, Drake said, includrepair a broken hip...

Reagan; suffering from suc and bone were remark. Presidents Bush and Ford "Godspeed in your recovAlzheimer's disease and ably like that of a "much as well as President elect ery. America cannot thank

President Clinton sent a message to the former president and his family on Sunday

"Hillary and I are relieved that President Reagan's treatment for his injury appears to have been successful," Clinton said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the president, his wife, Nancy, and the entire Reagan family during this difficult period. We join all

At the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley on Sunday, dozens of well-wishers signed a giant

vou enough." Christian Horton of the Los Angeles suburb of Mission

Mrs. Reagan urged wellwishers to send greetings to the Reagan Foundation Web

Reagan's son Michael and daughter Patti Davis visited their father on Saturday and son Ron was expected with-

Maureen Reagan has been undergoing cancer treat-

in a few days. ment at the same hospital.

Americans in wishing him HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2001:

This year, you flip-flop between being extremely assertive and direct to seemingly diplomatic and understanding. You seek answers and find solutions. You do what you must to make what you want happen. Be realistic about finances now. Understand what your goals are. Do necessary research and investigate possibilities. If you are single, your appeal grows as the year progresses. You will meet someone you really want to respond to, and you'll find a great deal of fun. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from openness and caring. Summer heats up your relationship in a way you will like. TAURUS

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

understands you

Another's stiffness might affect your relationship with him. Help make this person comfortable, and ease him past shyness or a self-imposed restriction. Use your financial savvy to sort through a problem that baffles others. Clear out confusion. Tonight: Sort through bills. TAURUS (April 20-May

**** Think about and consider important details of a project. Evaluate what is happening in a work situation. You energize in the afternoon. Claim your power and make an important decision. You have great ideas. Your smile draws others toward you. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Act in the morning. Research in the afternoon. Others aim for what they want. Carefully evaluate a decision that involves a child or loved one. Your creativity seems limitless. Another's helpfulness comes from the heart. Tonight: How 'bout a night

CANCER (June 21-July

**** All eyes turn to you. Your sense of humor comes into play in the afternoon. Someone might not see eye to eye about a business partner or a personal relationship. You play diplomat. Consider new possibilities that arise in a meeting. Groups work in your favor. Tonight: Get together with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Make calls early in the day. Carefully explore alternatives that surround a project. Go for the most efficient way, but don't locked into rigid patterns. You need to break old ways to achieve greater success and more happiness. Tonight: Burn the midnight

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Listen to another's advice about a child or loved one. You need to take time with this person and deal with him directly and

appropriately. What might be especially helpful is walking in another's footsteps. Listen! Tonight: Opt for something new

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Deal with others on a one-on-one level. Though you might not be sure about what is happening with a loved one, you easily get down to basics. Listen to the feedback you get. Remain sure of yourself with financial negotiations. Trust yourself. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

***** You're a veritable workhorse of the zodiac. Little can stop you once you are focused. Remember what is important to you. Do not pull back, and stay in touch with your longterm needs. Your sense of humor emerges with a partner. Share a vision.

Tonight: Dinner for two. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21) **** Understand what is going on with a child. You could be perplexed by his demands and attitude. Deal with someone creatively, and you'll find solutions. Your unusual mind-set allows you to push a moneymaking project ahead. Schedule a checkup. Tonight: Put up your feet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Deal with family matters. You could be pressuring yourself or creating a

problem where there isn't

one. Carefully listen to

someone who means a lot to

vou. Feedback stimulates your creativety and imagination. Plug this special energy into vital areas of your life. Tonight: Be more playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

*** Keep talking, and don't take another's comment personally. You could be inordinately sensitive right now. Take a deep breath and think before saying something. Family and goals need to take a higher priority during the next few days. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

*** Think about an important decision involving your finances. You might need to disappoint another or let go of a long-term desire. Listen to a loved one in the afternoon. This person simply helps you reflect what is on your mind. Ask as many questions as you need. Tonight: Out and about

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Woman wondering where obligations lie

daughter, who is in elemen- your family should take tary school, has been nominated to receive a prestigious award. Because of

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this, she has been featured in the newspaper and is a celebrity of

sorts in her town. My daughter wants us to attend the awards ceremony. She mentioned more than six months ago that my

granddaughter is up for this award and stands a great chance of winning it.

Unfortunately, a physician with whom I am friendly invited me to his son's wedding on that same date. I told the doctor that I may be attending an award ceremony for my granddaughter on the same day. Here is my dilemma: I credit this doctor with saving my life. I had cancer. He referred me to a specialist who discovered it. Since then, I have become social friends with this man. I do not know his son, but many people from my social circle will be attending this out-of-state wedding, and I

want to go. My daughter is very upset. She can't believe I would choose to attend a "stranger's" wedding over my grandchild's ceremony, which may very well be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

This doctor saved my life and I feel like I owe my life to him. My husband agrees with me, and so do my friends. But my conscience is bothering me, and my daughter is so hurt. She is a sensitive girl, loyal to her family and dependable. I don't want to damage our relationship. What do you advise? I have nine weeks decide. — TORN BETWEEN FAMILY AND **FRIENDS**

DEAR TORN: When the doctor made the referral, he was doing his job. He "saved your life" so you could attend important family events - like your

DEAR ABBY: My grand- emony. In this instance, precedence. Send the bride and groom a lovely gift, along with your regrets. If the doctor is indeed a friend, he will understand why you couldn't be there.

Since the award for which your granddaughter is eligible is "prestigious," being a candidate is an honor in itself. That you sacrificed to see her honored may be more meaningful to her and her parents than whether she actually wins. Listen to your conscience. It's trying to give you an important message.

DEAR READERS: Today we pay tribute to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a great American and martyr of the civil rights movement, who was shot to death in 1968 at the age of

Dr. King rose to prominence because of his persistence in the face of violent opposition, and his eloquent pleas for social justice. His principles for nonviolence were based on the teachings of Christianity.

In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His words of wisdom are as true today as when they were uttered during his acceptance speech:

"Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence.

"Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

God bless America. May we as Americans learn from his example.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know.' To order, send a businesssized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby. Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447. Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) • 2001 UNIVERSAL



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OUR VIEWS

Message of peace carried on

www.social struggles in our country have been so marked by conflict and adversity as the battle for civil rights. But few eras have produced a leader as powerful in his call for peace as Martin Luther King Jr., who emerged during this turbulent time.

As they will across the country, local residents will honor King by observing his birthday in various ways Monday. The community will gather for march down the street that bears the icon's name Monday beginning at 6 p.m.

Participants in this annual event will gather at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Gregg Street and march west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700 bearing candles or flashlights. Those who cannot march will be able to follow the group in cars.

Stephanie Horton, city council member and an organizer of the event, calls it "a time to remember King's message of change through non-violence."

Howard College staff and students also invite the community to join them in ausilentomarch from the campus flagpole to the Student Union Building beginning Monday at f1.45 a.m. That program will culminate with a brief presentation about King by speech instructor Derek Clapp.

Many leaders hope to take Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday one step further by encouraging the public to perform community service or spend time with their family. There is perhaps no better way to honor a man who stood for the ideals of a strong community made up of strong

King drew honors in his lifetime, including being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. But his life was cut tragically short by an assassin's bullet in 1968.

We want our children and grandchildren to carry on King's message of peace, cooperation and equality. Toward that end, we must continue his work today by observing his birthday in a way that we find meaningful.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

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I would like to thank the staff and volunteers of the Big Spring State Hospital for the honor of being namad "friend of the hospital' back in December. It is a great honor to be a part of this wonderful community.

Big Spring should be thankful for the state hospital and the service it does for the patients. The hospital has a great staff and volunteers. I'm glad I can do just a little each month to help out the patients.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Winter has just begun and our city was hit with extreme cold, ice, sleet and snow on Christmas Day with more forecast for the next two or three days. Except for Highway 87, which is state maintained, only major intersections were graveled.

This is a wake up call for our city. Apparently there is no contingency plan for this type of inclement weather. Icy

streets prevented in town residents from any travel whatsoever outside their driveways and people were literally doing vehicular ice skating if they were out trying to get home. For example, there is

only one way into and out of Highland South subdivision and it is uphill. Not only was this main street not graveled three days later but neither was Kentwood, also an uphill climb.

Calling the city offices yielded the following information: Only one spreader is owned and gravel is almost out. Crews worked since Christmas Eve, but only spread gravel on intersections and some service roads. No other streets

would be touched. Certainly there should be better planning than this and access to additional gravel should be attainable. Why only one spreader? Our mayor was not in and the city manager was not in.

KAY SMITH ZANT

Temptation and trash television

oesn't anybody stay together anymore? In the age of drive-through divorces, maybe that's too much to ask. It would be nice, howev-

er, if the cheaters would do us surviving vow-keepers a favor and indulge themselves in private. Alas, infidelity chic is sweeping the

MICHELLE MALKIN

airwaves. This week, Fox television debuts a new "reality" series called "Temptation Island." Here is how self-deluded Fox TV executive Sandy Grushow describes the program: "This is a show that is exploring the dynamics of serious relationships." You know from the trashy title that we are not talking about troubled lovers discussing their tribulations on a therapist's couch. No, the "exploration" of rela-

tionships takes place on an

exotic resort off Belize. Four couples work out their relationship problems not through serious adult discussion, but through soft-core fantasies and juvenile "tests" of their love.

The show producers hired 26 "fantasy singles" to tempt the separated couples into betraval during their island vacation. Among the lithe and lean seducers are a former Laker dancer, a former Playboy model, Miss Georgia 2000, the founder of an online dating service, a bartender, and a massage therapist.

Fox executives insist that the show is not about illicit sex. The heavy-breathing promos, including one that features a bikini-clad nymph lustily eyeing three men crammed with her in a hot tub, say otherwise. Press reports reveal that the tempters and temptresses were screened for sexually transmitted diseases. The Washington Post says that one of the seducers, a real estate agent, "likes it hot." We can safely assume he is not talking about taco sauce.

One of the couples includes a swinger; another

includes a man who recently cheated on his girlfriend, who reportedly liked being hurt so much that she wants to recreate the trauma before a nationwide audience. Are these people for real? We'll never know. The Fox network refuses to reveal the cast members' full names and is urging inquiring reporters to "respect their privacy."

"Temptation Island" is

only the most recent of a spate of tabloid TV shows that glamorize giving in to temptation. Another new program called "Cheaters," introduced last fall, invites viewers to report on their philandering spouses or significant others. The producers arrange for camera crews and bodyguards to barge in on trysts. The show then allows the victimized partners to dress down their half-naked mates. The thrust of the show, however, is less about catharsis than titillation. Ratings are high, and e-mail tips to the show are pouring in. Then there's "Cheating

Spouses: Caught on Tape,' another reality special featuring adulterous

voyeurism. The Fox network decided not to air the show, but it was rescued by the bottom-feeders at the UPN network - who are now planning a sequel. It is sadly ironic that this

trash TV torrent comes on the heels of news that teen abstinence campaigns are catching fire and showing success. Federal researchers reported last week that teenagers who take voluntary and public virginity pledges, under certain conditions, delay intercourse substantially longer than those who do not make such commitments to chastity. More young people are saying no to sex outside marriage as members of their parents' generation tune in to watch vulgar acts of sexual infidelity punctuated with a laugh track.

There was a time when parables of temptation were taught to the young to show them the destructiveness of personal unrestraint. Now, it's cheap entertainment. Somebody needs to tell the TV execs that the story of Adam and Eve was a cautionary tale. not a how-to guide.

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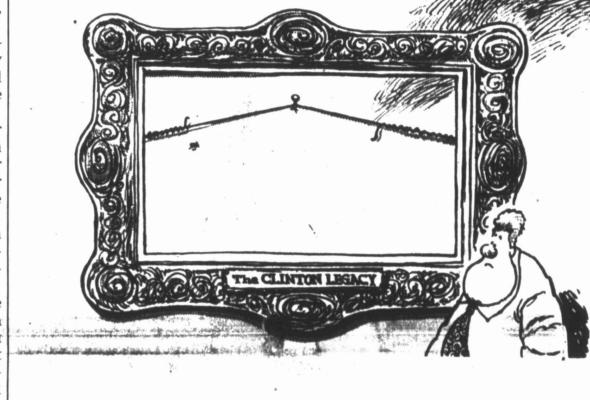
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Clinton's public appeal growing

By WILL LESTER **Guest Columnist**

Public sentiment toward President Clinton is warming as he prepares to leave the White House, even though there remains a core of conservatives who harbor anger and think of he is one of the nation's worst presidents.

None of this comes as a surprise to Beckie Moore, who has watched visitors from all over the world traipse through his "birthplace home" in Hope, Ark. Some have vented outrage, others fierce loyalty and more recently, an overall softening of attitudes about Clinton.

"It's quite amazing, we can see an upswing in their feelings about him," said Moore, executive director of the Clinton Birthplace Foundation. "Many come in here lately and they're very despondent because he's leaving the White House."

A survey released Thursday by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press suggests the phenome Moore has witnes at the white, wood-frame house with the green roof in Hope is reflective of a steady shift in national attitudes.

The number of people who view Clinton favorably has risen to almost twothirds of the public. A majority, about six of 10, has consistently approved of his job performance.

People were about evenly divided last May on whether they viewed him favorably. That appeared to result from a mixture of personal and performance judgments.

Hostile public sentiment about the president, always bubbling near the surface among some groups, erupted at the small house on South Hervey Street at the time Clinton admitted to his affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"I've never seen a person who draws such love and such hate," Moore said. "Those who love him, absolutely adore him, know he has faults, but don't dwell on it, they're very forgiving and move on.' But she said "some visi-

tors come to tour the home just so they can release their anger on us. Most of the time when they come in the doors and they're angry. It's almost a challenge to see how we can get their dispositions to change.'

Most people in the Pew poll of 1,258 said they think

Clinton will be remembered most for the Lewinsky scandal that led to his impeachment. But by a 2-1 margin, they think he will be remembered more for his successes than his failures. The poll has a 3 percentage point error margin.

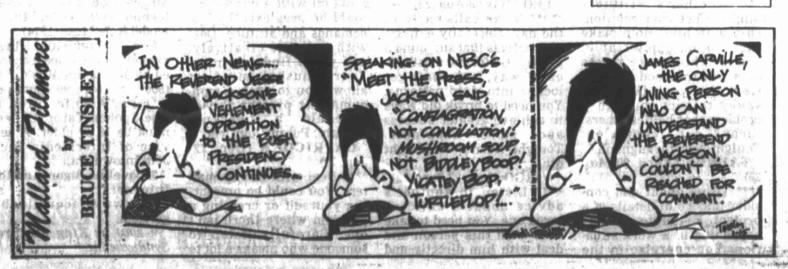
A majority in the poll taken Jan. 3-7 gave him credit for making progress with the economy, unemployment, the deficit, and race relations.

He's had a hard time winning over conservative Republicans, with only a fourth of them approving of the job he's doing. Conversely, Clinton is

generally well regarded among Democrats and independents, but nowhere is he more popular than in the black community. "His popularity among

blacks exists on two levels," said Ron Lester, a black pollster from Washington. "There's the substantive level, his performance on the economy and also for Bill Clinton the person. He has black friends, he's comfortable in the black community, he worships in black church-

Will Lester covers polling and politics for The Associated Press.



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Baseball boosters to meet Tuesday

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The Big Spring high school baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Those with completed program or sign ads should turn them in during the meeting.

Plans will be made for a work day currently set for Saturday, Jan. 20.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069 after 6 p.m.

Lady Hawk softballers set boosters meeting

The Howard College Lady Hawks softball team has scheduled its meeting to gather with boosters for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Student Union Building's Cactus Room.

Meals will \$5.25 each and those planning to attend should call Betty Reed at 264-5040.

Sign-up for adult volleyball league

An organizational meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, at the YMCA for adults interested in registering a team to play volleyball.

Two leagues are being offered - a Co-Rec League which will play on Tuesday nights and a Ladies Power League which will play on Thursday nights.

Registration forms are available at the YMCA. League play is expected to begin the week of Jan. 29. Registration fee is \$100 per team.

For more information call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Quarterback Club still offers highlight video

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will continue taking orders for the 2000 Steers video highlight film through today. Each video is priced at

To order, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 5 p.m.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to Kamilah Ward at 264-7205.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each. Both the Big Spring Club Country and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating.

For more information. call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

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Ravens defense again does job, stopping Raiders OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Even Strength is its defense. New York's player of the year lives only 20 minShannon Sharpe acknowledges that defense isn't quite as good as utes from the site. He's also likely to during a stretch in which the

the Baltimore Ravens don't have the typical Super Bowl offense.

"We're not that good, but we're effective," the Ravens tight end said after Baltimore beat the Oakland Raiders 16-3 Sunday to reach the first Super Bowl in the history of the franchise that, until 1996, was the Cleveland Browns.

In truth, the offense needed to make just one play, a 96-yard pass to Sharpe from Trent Dilfer on a thirdand-18 from their own 4-yard line in the second quarter. It was the longest pass play in NFL postseason history, gave the Ravens a 7-0 lead and Baltimore turned the rest of the work over to the defense.

They now face a similar team in the New York Giants, a team whose

Baltimore's, but its offense is better - it beat Minnesota 41-0 in the NFC

title game on Sunday. The Super Bowl also brings together two of the NFL's most venerable owners, 75-year-old Art Modell of the Ravens, and 83-yearold Wellington Mara of the Giants, who combined have more than a century of NFL service.

There will be more synchronicity in the Tampa Super Bowl, including a reunion between Modell and Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi. Accorsi not only was Modell's general manager for a decade in Cleveland, but also worked for the Colts when they were in Baltimore.

Ray Lewis, the NFL's defensive

spend a lot of his time asking questions about the murder charges lodged against him in Atlanta after last year's Super Bowl — he pleaded guilty to obstructing justice and got

What I went through this offseason was like pure hell," said Lewis, who had 10 tackles and recovered a fumble. "My teammates didn't care about that. My teammates listened to me and said, 'It's over now. Forget that distraction, wear it down. It's a closed chapter.

It also will be a homecoming of sorts for Dilfer, who started for six years for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers before being replaced late last season by Shaun King and let go in the offseason. He became defense did its work afterward.

during a stretch in which the Ravens went five games without a touchdown.

He is now 10-1 as a starter.

"Obviously I'm excited," said Dilfer, who finished 9-of-18 for 190

"The greatest lesson I've learned in life is that you have to appreciate the moments that are hard. You can't go running from adversity. I'm very thankful for my years in Tampa. That experience helped develop the man that sits here today.'

Dilfer did what he had to do Sunday, notably the one big play and ball security. He was intercepted early in the third quarter with the Ravens leading 10-0. But the

Surprise!

It's Giants' offense that's unstoppable in NFC title rout

game at the Meadowlands, another shutout for the New York Giants.

Yet it wasn't the defense, which held high-powered Minnesota to 114 yards and had five takeaways, that drew the loudest praise in Sunday's 41-0 rout. The Giants are heading for their third Super Bowl because their offense was unstoppable and quarterback Kerry Collins was a recordsetter.

"It's reaffirming, when you get to this point, of the things that you're doing and the things that you're trying to do the right way," Collins in the Giants' most convinc- an easy one. ing win of a stunningly successful season. "I've had so much help since I've gotten here. No man does it alone."

No man since Sid Luckman of the Bears in 1943 had thrown for five TDs in an NFC playoff game. Few men have gone through the off-field problems Collins has endured alcoholism, charges of making racist comments to teammates — and wound up guiding a team to a Super

The Giants will play AFC champion Baltimore, which won at Oakland 16-3.

And few men have made guarantees the way coach Jim Fassel did, then seen that prediction blossom into something far more impressive. After the Giants, then 7-4, lost to Detroit, Fassel promised his team would make the playoffs. The Giants have won seven straight and are headed to Tampa, where 10 years ago they won their second Super Bowl crown.

"It was the match, and the fire has been burning since then," Fassel said. "I think we shocked a lot of people, but we didn't shock ourselves.'

They definitely shocked the Vikings by taking a 14-0 lead before Minnesota's vaunted offense got onto the

EAST RUTHERFORD, field. Collins found Ike N.J. (AP) - Ho-hum. Hilliard sprinting behind Another NFC championship the depleted secondary for a 46-yard touchdown with just 1:57 gone.

The Vikings mishandled the ensuing kickoff and Lyle West recovered at the Minnesota 18. On the next play, Collins hit Greg Comella for the fullback's first career touchdown.

The rout was on. "We were going to throw it up and expose their defensive backs," said Amani Toomer, who had a 7-yard TD catch in the third quarter to end the scoring.

"They can't play with us." Particularly without regulars Orlando Thomas and Kenny Wright, which made said after he threw for five New York's decision to touchdowns and 381 yards throw - and throw often -

"We felt it became conta gious," offensive coordinator Sean Payton said. "We couldn't get the ball out there enough.

The defense was grateful, and showed it by completely befuddling quarterback Daunte Culpepper, the firstyear starter who looked it. The Giants also made star receivers Randy Moss (two catches. 18 vards) and Cris Carter (three for 24) virtually invisible.

'We've been very fortunate these two playoff games where the pressure is off us." said defensive end Michael Strahan. "Every touchdown on the board, the defense thinks it has enough to win."

The touchdown receptions kept coming: Joe Jurevicius had an 8-varder and Hilliard had a 7-yarder. Brad Daluiso added field goals of 21 and 22 yards.

Hilliard made 10 catches for 155 yards and Toomer six for 81. New York gained 380 yards in the air and 518 overall against the Vikings despite being 2-point under-

"It's going to be hard for us to win a Super Bowl in Minnesota," Moss said. "I don't want to say Minnesota will never win a Super Bowl, but it is going to be

Patterson's 25 points spark Sonics to big win over Suns also had nine rebounds and six for the league scoring lead.

Georgia remained fourth

and was followed by Duke,

Purdue. Iowa State and

Louisiana Tech. The top

eight teams combined for a

15-0 record during the past

week, and all but two of

those games were decided

Connecticut, Tennessee.

Notre Dame and Georgia

have been so steady that

they have remained in that

order for six straight weeks.

spots to ninth and Florida

stayed at No. 10.

Texas Tech moved up two

Rutgers climbed one spot

to 11th following a pair of

by double-digit margins.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The top eight teams in The

Associated Press women's

basketball poll stayed the

same for the third straight

Monday,

There again was consider-

able change elsewhere in

the list, however, with three

teams moving in and two of

the nation's most prominent

programs. Stanford and

No. 23 Xavier, No. 24 Utah

and No. 25 Virginia were

the newcomers, though all

were ranked earlier in the

Auburn, dropping out.

remaining

week

Connecticut

unanimous at No. 1.

The Seattle SuperSonics are winning again, and it's no coincidence that Ruben Patterson is playing

"If he plays like this all the time, we'll be a better basketball team, Gary Payton said after Patterson's 25 points and 10 rebounds halped Seattle beat Phoenix 106-87 Sunday night.

"Two weeks ago, he wasn't playing like this. He was worrying about too much stuff."

The Sonics won their fourth game in a row, including three on the

The Suns, meanwhile, showcased their trademark inconsistency. The loss came a day after Phoenix beat Dallas 103-86 on the road.

"It was very disappointing to say

the least," Suns coach Scott Skiles said. "Everything, almost, we did well yesterday we didn't do well today. We didn't run back on defense. They dominated us on the boards. They pretty much dominated us in every aspect of the game." Seattle outrebounded Phoenix 58-

Howard College's Grace Gantt (40) applies defensive pressure against an opponent from

Wayland Baptist University junior varsity during the Lady Hawks's season opener on Nov.

1. While Howard's men will open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play tonight

at New Mexico Military Institute, Gantt and her Lady Hawks teammates have a break

until 6 p.m. Thursday when they'll begin WJCAC play by playing host to Midland College's

Top eight unchanged in women's poll returned after being out for unbeaten Division I teams.

received all 41 first-place

notes from the national

media panel to lead the poll

for the 30th straight week.

The Huskies have been a

unanimous choice every

UConn had 1,025 points in

the voting and tuned up for

Monday's showdown at No.

3 Notre Dame with a 104-49

Tennessee (15-1) held at No.

2 with 974 points — 21 more

Connecticut went into their

Dame

than Notre Dame (16-0).

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season. Xavier and Utah game as the nation's only

No. 2-ranked Lady Chaparrals at Dorothy Garrett Collseum.

40 - 23-14 on the offensive boards. In other games Sunday, Portland beat Detroit 103-96 for its 11th victory in 12 games, Vince Carter's 40 points led Toronto past Charlotte 107-99, and Miami defeated Chicago

90-81. In Phoenix, the showdown between perhaps the two best point guards in the NBA was no contest. Payton outscored Jason Kidd 22-3, but with the teams playing again

Wednesday in Seattle, Payton was not about to gloat.

assists. Kidd, whose only basket was a 3-pointer with 10:33 to play, went 1-for-7 on field goals.

Seattle scored the first 14 points, and Phoenix never was closer than six again. Rashard Lewis had 20 points and

nine rebounds, and Patrick Ewing added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Seattle.

Trail Blazers 103, Pistons 96

Bonzi Wells scored a season-high 28 points and had a career-high 14 rebounds as Portland wrapped up a five-game road trip with a 4-1 record and dealt Detroit its fifth straight

Detroit's Jerry Stackhouse scored 41 points on 13-of-18 shooting and Payton, 9-for-22 from the field, moved past the Lakers' Kobe Bryant for good, at 76-74 with 7:28 left.

Raptors 107. **Hornets 99**

Carter's 40 points included 18 off 3-pointers as host Toronto won its third straight game.

Tracy Murray, acquired from Denver on Friday, added three of Toronto's season-high 14 3-pointers on 21 attempts.

Heat 90, **Bulls 81**

Eddie Jones scored 12 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter to help Miami win its seventh consecutive home game.

Tim Hardaway's only two baskets for the Heat — both 3-pointers came in the final quarter for the Heat. The first gave Miami the lead

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Advertisement for Proposals The Howard County Junior College District is now accept ing proposals for the following Travel Service Provider Specifications may Churchwell. Purchaser Howard College, 100 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on February 13, 2001, in the Administrative Annex, room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Proposers are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The

qualified proposers concerning the proposals submitted. The final determination of proposa award will be made at a future board meeting. Technical questions should be directed to Terry Hansen Executive Vice President of Administrative Services Howard College, (915) 264 5160. Bidding questions directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any

college will negotiate with

3043 January 15 & 22, 2001 PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE NAME AND BY THE **AUTHORITY OF THE STATE** OF TEXAS, NOTICE

HEREBY GIVEN AS FOL TO: GUADALUPE VILLARE-AL & VIOLA VILLAREAL and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal o equitable interest in or lien upon the following described

property delinquent Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to LOT TWO (2), BLOCK ADDITION TO THE CITY OF

BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS Which said property is deli quent to Plaintiffs for taxes in following amount \$1,359.14, exclusive of inter est, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judge ment herein. You are hereby notified that

including the day of judgement

herein, and the establishment

and foreclosure of liens, if any,

securing the payment of

All parties to this suit, includ-

ing Plaintiffs, Defendant (s),

and Intervenors, shall take

notice that claims not only for

any taxes which were delin-

quent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all

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including all interest, penalties,

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on, may, upon request there-

out further citation or notice to

any parties herein, and all said

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and pleading now on file in

said causes by all other par

ties herein, and all of those

axing units above named who

may intervene herein and set

to appear and defend such

suit on the first Monday after

the expiration of forty-two (42)

issuance hereof, the same

February, 2001 before the

Honorable District Court of

Howard, County, Texas to be

held at the courthouse thereof,

then and there to show cause

why judgement shall not be

rendered for such taxes.

penalties, interest, and costs.

and condemning said property

and ordering foreclosure of the

constitutional and statutory tax

Plaintiffs and the taxing unit

parties hereto, and those who

may intervene herein, together

costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement

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being the 5th day

against said property.

same, as provided by law

taxes all said interest, penalallowed by law up to and including the day of judgemen suit has been brought by You are hereby notified that HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL suit has been brought by Plaintiffs, HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL GUADALUPE VILLAREAL A VIOLA VILLAREAL.as as Plaintiffs, against ALFRE DO C. LAREZ, DECEASED, Defendant (s), by petition filed as Defendant (s), by petition on the 21ST day of NOVEM led on the 17th day of BER, 2000, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, NOVEMBER, 2000, in a cer tain suite styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS ALFRE-ET AL VS. GUADALLIPE VIL LAREAL & VIOLA VILLARE-DO C. LARES, for collection AL, for collection of the taxes of the taxes on said property on said property and that said and that said suite is now suit is now pending in the pending in the District Court of District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial Judicial District, and the file District, and the file number of said suit is T-00-01-4519 that 4518 that the names of all taxthe names of all taxing units ing units which assess and which assess and collec collect taxes on the taxes on the property hereinhereinabove desc above described, not made made parties to this parties to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and

including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any securing the payment of All parties to this suit, includ ing Plaintiffs, Defendant (s) and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereaft up to the day of judgment. including all interest, pers and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or not any parties herein, and all said plead and answer to all claims said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims

against said property. You are hereby comm suit on the first Monday after days from and after the date of being the 5th day of February, 2001 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, per ties, interest, and costs, and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who with all interest, penalties, and including the day of judge

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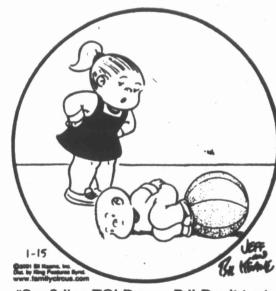
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"Wow! Look at it snow! Doesn't it make YOU WANNA GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY?

FAMILY CIRCUS



"See? I've TOLD you, PJ! Don't try to sit on a basketball!"

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I WAS GETTING TO THAT BEFORE I WAS SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED.













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THIS DATE

IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2001. There are 350 days left in the year. This is the Martin

Luther King Jr. holiday.
Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date: In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of

In 1870, the Democratic party was represented as a a cartoon by Thomas Nast Football League defeated in Harper's Weekly.

In 1892, the rules of basketball were published for first time, Springfield, Mass., where the game originated.

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, now the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense. In 1947, a grisly, still-

unsolved murder case came to light in Los Angeles as the mutilated remains of 22year-old aspiring actress Elizabeth Short, known as the "Black Dahlia" for the dark outfits she wore, were found dumped in a vacant

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National

the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League in the first Super Bowl, 35-10.

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1992, the Yugoslav federation, founded in 1918, effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

Birthdays: Today's Nuclear physicist Edward Teller is 93. Singer Don Van Vliet (aka "Captain Beefheart") is 60. Actress Andrea Martin is 54. Actress-singer Charo is 50. Rock singer Martha Davis is 50. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 44. Actor Julian Sands is 43.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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