SUNDAY

January 21, 2001

WEATHER

Today:



TODAY TONIGHT 51°-54° 22°-24°

Underground water district meeting slated

A second meeting to discuss an underground water district for Howard County is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Monday in the Fireplace Room on the Howard College campus. The public is invited.

The meeting is for those who were unable to attend the first meeting, which was held last

Those attending will hear from two or more speakers on the subject of underground water districts and will be able to ask questions. The meetings are being sponsored by the Howard County Farm Bureau, Howard Extension County Agency and Howard County Commissioners Court.

WHAT'S UP...

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

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

TUESDAY

☐ Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628

☐ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY

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

☐ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and better are invited.

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

Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

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Counts chairs Resources Committee

HERALD Staff Report

State Rep. **David Counts** will again serve chairman of House the Committee on Natural Resources and as a member of the committees on State Affairs and

COUNTS

Redistricting. The appointments were made last week by House Speaker Pete Laney.

legislature is done in committees where members spend long hours hearing testimony and studying bills," Laney said. "I look forward to working with Rep. Counts as the committees in the House begin to consider all the issues we will debate this session."

The committee process allows House members to closely study legislation before sending it to the full House for a vote. The committee system is also designed to encourage citizen participation through testimony on bills and

"Most of the work in the direct contact with lawmakers, Counts said.

> "I'm looking forward to being a part of Speaker Laney's team again this session," said Counts, D-Knox

> "We are fortunate to have such great leadership in the Texas House, and I know under the speaker's guidance good things will happen for the people of Texas.'

Rep. Counts represents the 12-county 70th District, which includes Howard County. He has served in the House since 1988, recently being elected to his seventh term.

'American Profile' returns in this issue of the Herald

"American Profile" is back, and with features and articles now geared toward Central United States readers — including Texas.

This issue includes stories on West, Texas; the country's first monument to Vietnam Veterans in New Mexico; horse trainer Jack Lawrence; book and music reviews; and more - even a recipe for chili.

First unveiled for *Herald* readers last year,



"American Profile" is now a regular feature at no extra charge.

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Bush sworn in

43rd president

WASHINGTON (AP) -

George Walker Bush,

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Customers seeing red over gas bills

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

High gasoline prices were the main topic of conversation. Weather has always been a well-

worn one. But despite still-high prices at the pump and a winter that seems out of control, nothing is causing so much

ROSEMOND conversation - and ire - than then

Jennifer Anderson is a single parent. She keeps toddlers in her home but is only able to bring in around \$400 a month. When she got her gas bill this month, she

monthly bill for natural

was flabbergasted. "I just couldn't believe my eyes when I read it,' she said. "It went from \$48 last-month to \$266 for this month. And when I started to make some calls around to some of my neighbors I found out that I wasn't the only one in this predica-

ment." Linda Huckabee is one of her neighbors who faced the same shock when she got her bill.

"My bill increased from \$96 last month to \$196 this month," she said. "I have a husband on disability and three kids at home, so tell me how are we supposed to be able to pay this kind of

Huckabee said that they have already decided to



Energas customer Rene James is assisted by customer support representative Diane Deanda with a natural gas bill. The local office has been fielding hundreds of calls and move to a house where the but then I got this month's

rent is less but with increasing gas costs she said she doesn't know if that will help. "I'm considering getting a

part-time job to help make ends meet," she said. "It makes you wonder where it will all end." Retiree Herman

Rosemond said he had never gotten a heating bill as high as the one he got this month. "I just thought my bill

last month was high," said Rosemond. "It was \$134.55 bill and it was \$238.93. I just about had a heart attack. When your gas bill is higher than your rent or car payment, that is ridiculous. How are the people on fixed income like us going to make it? I am also supporting two kids at home. There are a lot of folks though that are in worse shape than me getting bills of between \$600 and \$800 for this month."

Shane Forrest, director of distance learning Howard College, said his

gas bill has been steadily increasing.

"My gas bills in the past had never been above \$60 a month," he said. "Then last month it went up to \$92 and since I have an automatic draft from the bank I called to have it stopped fearing this month's bill might be so high I couldn't pay it. When I called I found out it was going to be between \$140 and \$150. They told me it was the commodity charge increase (cost of gas)

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On a day blending inaugural pageantry protests, Bush succeeded Bill Clinton with a promise to heal the nation's divi-

the most turbulent elec-

"People say, 'Well, gosh, the election was so close, nothing will happen, except for finger pointing and name calling and bitterness," he id at a luncheon with congressional leaders. "I'm here to tell the country that things will get done, that we're going to rise above expectations,

that both Republicans and Democrats will come together to do what's right for America.

The inauguration, witnessed by a crowd stretching out from the West Front of the Capitol, marked the opening of the first Republican-controlled White House and Congress since the Eisenhower era. Spectators were bundled in heavy coats and ponchos on a cold, raw day as the Democratic reign in the

White House ended after

eight years. Police in riot gear stood five deep between Bush's motorcade and protesters on the inaugural parade route. An egg was thrown from a group of demonstrators toward Bush's limousine, startling Secret Service agents. A few blocks later an orange was tossed toward his car, rolling past. Police pinned

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Energas not profiting from price, officials say

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Natural gas have doubled, tripled and even quadrupled. but Energas, which supplies the fuel to 311,000 customers West Texas,

in PUDLINER wants the public to under-

stand something. "The cost of natural gas is not a source of income for company," Energas President Tom S. Hawkins Jr. "Changes in

up or down - are passed through to the customer on their monthly gas bill.

The cost of natural gas across the country has increased 100 percent or more over last winter, Hawkins noted. That, coupled with a much colder winter than the region has experienced in years, is what is fueling the hike in customers' bills. December

January 2000 natural gas was \$2 or \$2.20 per 1,000 cubic feet, said Dan Alderson, Energas manager of public affairs. Currently, it is \$10.40. Because it has been cold-

natural gas costs — either er this year, most customers are consuming more, too, Energas officials said.

"What we are experienc-

ing now has not happened

in a long time," said Pudliner. 'We are getting temperatures that are 30 to 40 percent lower than we have had before, plus the

increased cost of natural gas has made a major jump. Our costs have doubled so we had a double whammy." Pudliner said that the cost increase will be around for a little bit

longer. "Unfortunately we are just in the middle of

January and will have more cold weather," he said. "And another increase is expected for next month so we might as well get braced for it.'

The increases are not because of a shortage of natural gas, officials said.

"We have a very reliable source of supply. We have plenty of gas," said Alderson. "Supply is not a problem. That has nothing to do with the increase in cost.

"The cost is based on a market price. We do not add any profit to that at all. It is a straight pass-through to our customers," he

State prisons understaffed by 10 percent, TDCJ says

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Early reports from the investigation of the Dec. 13 escape of seven inmates from the Connally Unit near Kennedy Texas indicated that one of the contributing factors was shortage of correctional officers at that

unit. According to Glen Castleberry, director of public information for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), there is a severe shortage

across all of the facilities in

"Across the state we are only about 90 percent manned on our correctional officers," said Castleberry, from his office in Austin. We have approximately 23,500 correctional officers in facilities across Texas and we are about 2,500 officers short at the present

Castleberry said the Wallace and Ware units at Colorado City are about at



Danny Mendoza checks out the used computer his aunt purchased for him at the Howard **County Archeology** Society garage sale Saturday. Mendoza's aunt, Libby Uribe bought the computer for \$75, helping her nephew and the club in its fund-raising endeavor. **HERALD** photo/Carl Graha

James N. Biggs

James N. Biggs, 75, of Stanton, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, in a Midland

hospital Graveside services were at 2 p.m., Saturday Jan. 20, at Evergreen Cemetery Memorial services followed



at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor and the Rev. James Ivey Edwards, nephew and pastor of First United Methodist Church in Clarendon, officiating.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1925, in Snyder to the Rev. Ivey E. and Thelma Perry Biggs. he married Frances Morrow on Dec. 23, 1946, in Stanton.

Mr. Biggs graduated from Gruver High School in 1943. He then served in the United States Army during World War II. After his military service, he moved to Stanton in March of 1946. He farmed and served as a Martin County commissioner for 12 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He served as a Sunday School superintendent, as the choir director and as a member of the choir, as a trustee and on the administrative board.

Mr. Biggs served for 12 years on the Courtney and Stanton school boards and had served as president of both boards. he also served on the Martin County Museum board, the Country Club board, the Martin County Hospital board and agriculture and gin boards. He was a member of the Lions Club and was selected Martin County's Man of the Year in 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Biggs of Stanton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Beth Murray of Bastrop, Kathy and Tom Finley of Greenwood and Leann and Marcus Herrera of San Angelo; seven grandchildren, Jill White, Matt Murray, Darren Murray, Gena Stone, Karis Graham, Carmen Herrera and Emily Herrera; and one greatgrandson, Dalton James White.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ivey E. Biggs, who served as a ormer pastor at First United Methodist Church in Stanton, and by

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Elizabeth M. Harris, 86, died Thursday, January 18, 2001. Graveside funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Monday, January 22, 2001 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch.

Mrs. E. O. "Myrtle" Burchett, 92, died Saturday, January 20, 2001. Graveside funeral services will be at 1:00 PM., Monday, January 22, 2001 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch.

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one sister, Von Kathlyn Edwards.

family suggests The memorials to: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1193, Stanton 79782 or the charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Mrs. E.O. "Myrtle" Burchett

E.O. "Myrtle" Burchett, 82, of Sterling City, formerly of San

Angelo, died on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001, San Angelo. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan.



Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. She was born on Feb. 25, 1918, in Big Cedar, Okla., and married Elmer Olice Burchett on Dec. 21, 1935, in

in death on Aug. 10, 1988. Mrs. Burchett had been a res dent of San Angelo for a number of years prior to moving to Sterling City in August of 1995.

She was a member of Lakeview Christian Church in San Angelo.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Lou and John Wright of Big Spring and Barbara and George Rogers of San Angelo; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Alka Burchett of Humble; one brother, Belton Brunson of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, James and Fannie Brunson and six

Pallbearers will be grandsons Johnny Wright, Steve Wright, Scott Rogers, Mark Rogers, James Burchett and Darren LaPoint.

suggests The family memorials to Sterling County Nursing Home, 309 Fifth St., Sterling City

The family would like to express a special thanks to Sterling County Nursing Home, Dr. Chang and

Hospice of San Angelo. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Elizabeth M. Harris

Elizabeth M. Harris, 86, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2001, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at the Peace Chapel at

Trinity Memorial Park with Elder Clinton, Elder Henry and Pastor Gambrell officiating.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1914, in Monticello, Ken., and married Melvin T. Harris on Sept. 25, 1933, in Albuquerque, N.M. He preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1986.

Mrs. Harris moved to Big Spring in 1984 from Clarksburg, Mo., and was a

homemaker. She was a member of

Apostolic for God. Survivors include two daughters, Frances L. Smith of Eastland and Melva June Clinton of Big Spring; two sons, Kenneth Wayne Harris of Portland, Ore., and Larry Leon Harris of Garver, Okla.; five sisters, Lexie Ramsey of Palestine, Bertha Sanford, Tommie Wallace and Lavera Murry, all of Gainesville, and Edna Moore of Wichita Falls; one brother, Earl Martin of Wyoming; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, two brothers and a sister.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Big Spring. He preceded her Home.

GAS BILL

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that was making the

The increases have natural gas providers scrambling

to handle complaints. "We've added 1,000 incoming lines at our call center in Amarillo," said Tom Hawkins, Energas president. "We're doing every-

selves more accessible." The call center had been receiving 3,000 to 4,000 calls a day, but as natural gas bills have increased, so have the calls — up to about 10,000 a day, Hawkins said.

thing we can to make our-

Energas announced last to 10 charitable organizations in its service area, including West Texas Opportunities, which services the Crossroads area. The organizations are to use the funds to help lowincome individuals and families pay their natural gas bill.

"We've stepped up advertising to let people know they can reach us through our Web site or by e-mail, too, if they have questions," Hawkins said. "We've also temporarily reassigned some of our people so they can take more walk-in traffic. We feel like it is necessary to open our doors and let people see us face to

face." angry ones. The Energas office in Big Spring has hired security help because su some citizens have been a pai whole lot less than cordial he said. when complaining about

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> their bill. A few have even made threats.

Still, Energas is encouraging people to come by the office along FM 700, located next to the Burger King.

"We will do everything we can, based on their individual needs, to help our customers," said Dan Alderson, Energas manager of public affairs. "If that doesn't work, we will refer them to other agencies that help people in times of need. Unfortunately, what we are finding is that a lot of agencies that have programs to help are out of financial resources themselves."

In addition to going to the local Energas office on FM 700, customers may call 1-888 363-7427 24 hours a day, use the company e-mail address at Customer@energas.com, or access the Web site at www.energas.com

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the state level of 90 percent manned.

"The Wallace Unit at Colorado City is authorized 209 officers and they are about 20 officers short," said Castleberry. "At the Ware transfer unit, they are authorized 158 officers and they are currently around 19 officers short but at a transfer unit, we can work around a shortage by deferring inmates to other facilities in the state.

Castleberry said that the shortage would be much worse than it is had not it been for an extensive recruiting effort last year.

"During the past year, the most aggressive recruiting effort seen in this department with the most innovative methods was accomplished," said Castleberry.
"It paid off tremendously week it is donating \$107,000 for us. For the first time in six years we put more correctional officers in the system than what we lost through attrition."

Castleberry said that despite the effort, there are still severe shortages in some areas of Texas.

"Despite the great effort, we stayed behind the eightball due to the opening of several new units which took a lot of our new officers," said Castleberry. "We placed about 1,000 officers in the new units and we had around 500 officers that were promoted from the correctional officer ranks or were transferred from within the agency.'

Castleberry said that blew away all the gain through Many of those faces are the successful recruiting

> we not had such a recruiting camwhere would we be?"

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Continued from Page 1A down two protesters who jumped security barriers and got within 30 feet of the limousine.

The new president delighted onlookers when he got out of his limousine. Protected by heavy security, he walked the last block of the parade holding hands with his wife.

Richard Cheney was sworn is as vice president at 11:57 a.m.

Bush followed at 12:02 p.m., then reached for his father's right hand and hugged him, putting his left hand around his dad's head. The senior Bush wiped away a tear and the new president's eyes welled up.

The traditional 21-gun salute marked the change of command as Bush fought back tears again — and snapped a salute to the crowd - after the National Anthem was played.

POLICE

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

· JASON MURPHY, 29, of 2102 Monticello, was arrested on charges of no

liability insurance, no seat belt and failure to change address on drivers license.

· ROBERT RIVERA, 29, of 1500 Mesa, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

· BETTY MUNIZ, 35, of 406 S. Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 DAVID RENTERIA, 34, of 509 Nolan, was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury and resisting arrest.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2900 block of W. Hwy. 80.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 300 block of 11th, in the 1500 block of Third and in the 500 block of Nolan.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through noon Saturday: JOHN MARK

SANDERS, 45, of 17650 Hwy. 87, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear. (HCSO) SHANNA MARIE

PIERCEFIELD, 20, of 2206 S. Monticello, was arrested on two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. (BSPD)

We wish to thank all our dear friends for the visits, cards, food and prayers during ourtime of sorrow. Friends mean so much at a time like this. Johns' 11998 God Bless You All

> The Hugh Kyle Lawson **Family**

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From the family of L. D. Hayworth

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TDCJ disciplines four prison workers

South Texas prison where seven con-ciplinary action taken related to those victs escaped last month has been responsible for failing to follow the reassigned and three other workers, procedures, said state Sen Ken disciplined, the Texas Department of Armbrister D-Victoria, chairman of Criminal Justice said Friday.

Warden Timothy Keith of the Connally Unit near Kenedy was reassigned to work with the agency's private prison monitoring group in Huntsville and also took a pay cut, the TDCJ said in a release.

The agency also announced that two guards, Adela Perez and Saglynda Davis, will be suspended for two workdays each.

Perez also was given nine months' probation for what the TDCJ called "reckless endangerment." Davis was put on probation for six months for leaving her security post.

A fourth employee, recreation consultant Jerry McDowell, was suspended for three weeks and placed on probation for a year for a "violation of regulations and policies."

As many as three other prison workers could face disciplinary action, said TDCJ spokesman Glen Castlebury.

"Obviously there were human errors ... and I think most people expected

KENEDY (AP) - The warden of a that there would be some degree of disthe Texas Senate Criminal Justice

The seven inmates broke out of the maximum-security prison Dec. 13 and remain on the loose.

The fugitives are charged in the Christmas Eve killing of an Irving police officer during a robbery attempt at a Dallas-area sporting goods store. A gun stolen from the prison during the breakout was found at the store where Officer Aubrey Hawkins was shot and run over.

The TDCJ report released Jan. 11 said inmates were able to break out because of mistakes by employees.

Perez ignored a silent fire alarm tripped by guards being held hostage, and Davis was supposed to have been on duty with Perez, Castlebury said.

McDowell noticed the inmates were unsupervised but didn't report it, also a violation, the report said.

"What you have in each case is a lapse of good judgment, not a failure of training," Castlebury said Friday.

McDowell, 37, said earlier this week his punishment was unfair because groups of inmates are frequently not directly supervised at the unit. The other disciplined employees could not immediately be reached for comment.

Brian Olsen, executive director of a prison employee council within the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said Friday that other top prison officials also should be disciplined.

He said inadequate training and low salaries have caused guard shortages and other problems that contributed to the breakout.

"This escape shows a glaring problem in the system," Olsen said. "If there's complacency in that unit, it goes all the way up the ranks, and discipline should go up further than the

But Castlebury said the report on the escape shows problems with only a few of the 23,500 correctional officers and 17,000 other employees, indicating there is no systemwide problem.

"It would be wrong to read the human errors of a handful of people as reflecting poorly on the staff as a whole," Castlebury said.

Second death attributed to meningitis confirmed

Harris County health officials have confirmed a 56year-old woman is the second person in the area to die from meningitis within the last two weeks.

The unidentified woman from neighboring Humble died at a Houston hospital on Jan. 6.

A seventh-gramboy from Magnolia in Montgomery

County, died Monday. Eleven cases have been reported in Montgomery County since Oct. 1.

Since then, there have also been 10 cases in Harris County, three in Liberty County and one each in Austin and Fort Bend counties.

State and local health officials on Thursday recommended vaccinations against meningococcal

meningitis for young residents of New Caney, 25 miles north of Houston, where three cases have been reported.

The Montgomery County Health Department is scheduled to begin administering the vaccine on Saturday at New Caney Middle School in neighboring Porter. The Texas Department of Health is sending 10,000 doses to the

The vaccines cost \$10, but no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

So far, the state is not recommending inoculations outside of the New Caney area.

Harris County officials have decided to administer the vaccine to all students at Humble High School and at the ninth grade campus.

Lying will cost San Antonio police their jobs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If you can't trust the police, who can you trust?

San Antonio Police Chief Al Phillipus says it's so important that officers be truthful that effective Feb. 1, officers caught violating the department's truthfulness policy will be fired.

The policy dictates onduty officers must speak the truth at all times, and their reports and written communications also must be hon-

lying can result in suspension for a minimum of 15 days, and termination is

The new policy does not signal a growing problem in the department, but he wants to head off the type of police corruption that has made headlines in other

Philippus has issued five or six suspensions a year for violating the department

Under the present policy, became chief in 1995, he elsewhere.

He said all of the infractions involved administrative matters; for example, an officer lying to his sergeant about where he was at a particular time.

Philippus said none of the suspensions was for lies or dishonesty that could be considered criminal acts -such things as planting evidence or beating confessions out of suspects, which truthfulness policy since he have caused police scandals

In a memo, Philippus noted a "noticeable trend on the part of criminal defense attorneys to delve into the disciplinary records of the police officers testifying against their clients."

"I have been concerned about the untruthfulness of employees of the San

Antonio Police Department. ... I have had to issue far too many suspensions for untruthfulness," Philippus



Sherry Adams is one of over 400 employees in StarTek's Big Spring call center.

Below, Sherry shares her story.

Sherry is a wife and mother of one whom has an impressive work history as an Insurance Agent in the Spring City. Sherry has also sold antiquities on the side. Sherry said she enjoys the other jobs that she does, but has a special dedication and devotion to the work that she does at StarTek Before coming to StarTek, Sherry was satisfied with what she was doing, but said she was looking for something more.

Seven months ago Sherry made the trip to the Texas Workforce Center, applied, and just a short time later was hired. Sherry says that the best part of being a "Customer Care Consultant" is the constant ability, to help people with their problems. "With the extensive and one-on-one training that's available, anyone can excel and earn plenty of money...it's like writing your own paycheck!

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President wants name change to Texas State University state, speaking to alumni, faculty positions) because

SAN MARCOS (AP) -Since no other school has it. the president of Southwest Texas State University would like to change the school's name to Texas State University.

The college is not in Southwest Texas, it's in Central Texas, Jerome Supple argues. Worse, he says, the two geographical locators make the school from NCAA Division II to seem "small, rural, and in Division I has no earing on

pitching an idea to change the name of the school to Texas State University.

, That's a name prestigious enough, he says, to reflect the 23,000-student campus with its nationally respected programs in geography, education and fine arts.

Aiding the planned transition of the football program many cases, inconsequential." his proposal, Supple said tial." Supple is touring the best pool of applicants (for Normal School.

people do not understand the institution behind the name," he said. "More important, if it is

true that our students are being harmed in their search for jobs or admission to graduate school, then it may be time to pursue the next evolution in our name.

Science department dean Stan Israel said he initially was not interested in applying for the position because of the name.

He was head of the chemistry department at the University of Massachusetts, and said he had to be talked into even visiting San Marcos to look around. Graduate student Gilbert

school has gone Martinez told Supple he is through five names since it wary very tired of getting was formed in 1903 as my resume thrown away Southwest Texas State because I went to school

Uh-oh. Looks like trouble ahead. I need to get ahold of Tonto, pronto.*

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OUR VIEWS

We will miss you, my friend

they "roasted" Carroll Jennings on Thursday. Roast isn't a good term for what occurred, because even in jest it's difficult to say anything bad about a man who for the past six years has meant so much to many people.

We all know Carroll as the director of the local United Way, but most of us know him even better as the man with the warm smile who always greets us with "hello, my friend," in that deep, rich voice.

For a long time — but not long enough -Carroll has literally been the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. That's not to say he hasn't had a lot of help, but it was generally help that he recruited, nurtured and tutored.

That's because Carroll did his job well. He's a charmer, a man who seldom takes no for an answer and seldom gets, it, As Linda Conway said, "He hypnotizes you with his voice and when you wake up you have volunteered to do

For the past five years, United Way surpassed its goal under Carroll's leadership. Many of those years, as we all know, were not the most prosperous for West Texas. Most were lean years in the oil patch and we all know what the drought has done to our agriculture industry.

But Carroll is also determined. Stubborn, yes, but passionate about his work and those who work with him.

Of course, we all know that the United Way is just one of his many successful endeavors. He's worked diligently with the Big Gring Symphony and Pops in the Park, just to name a couple of projects.

Lord only knows how the Odessa Jackalopes would have survived without him.

As those who gathered to praise him did, we also would like to express our appreciation of Carroll. He truly has made Big Spring and Howard County a better place to live — by raising funds for the many agencies of the United Way, by promoting the symphony, by showing us the spirit of Independence Day and just by his constant smile.

We will miss Carroll and his wife Geannene. We will miss the good deeds, the friendship, the laughter.

We wish you the best, my friend.

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Stonewall's last days were in Virginia

Confederate general who stood "like a stone wall" fell, they hauled him to a peaceful

spot, 27 torturous miles by muledrawn ambulance from the Battle of Chancellorsville. The road from the

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RHETA GRIMSLEY

Station crosses a river JOHNSON and winds through woods. It bumps over the railroad track, ending in a grassy clearing. But today's pleasant detour must have felt like the end coming

fast to Stonewall Jackson. Jackson spent the last six days of his life in the office of Thomas C. Chandler's 740-acre plantation. The little house remains today much as it was then - a two-story, white frame structure, which, in May 1863, was unusually quiet and private. Three of the Chandler sons were away, in the Confederate army.

The world was on hold for

· Jackson already knew the plantation. Only a week before, he had spent a sweet, nine-day reunion with his wife near Guinea Station and had seen his baby daughter for the first time. The war had kept the family apart for a year.

A park ranger at the house shows me the bed where the injured Jackson was brought, the bed where he died. The same blanket that was on the bed May 10, 1863, is tucked across its bottom now. History harbored in the folds of a woolen cover.

You bump into history at every turn in Virginia, which prides itself on being "the Mother of Presidents." Of all 50, it is the state heaviest with the weight of American history, all the glory and blood and even bombast. There are enough monuments and tombs and battlefields and cemeteries to satisfy platter-eved tourists, the most serious scholars, writers mining for meaning.

(When I think of Virginia's reverence, and relevance, to history, I think of Robert E. Lee's famous horse, Traveller. I heard about this at my old school in another place rife with history, Robert E. Lee High in Montgomery, Ala.

(When Traveller died, he was stuffed and mounted for display in a glass box at Washington and Lee University in Lexington; he stood there for decades, tied to the post of posterity, until finally he was properly buried. There's not yet a National Register for Nags.)

History is not only ubiquitous in Virginia, but handy. Within a couple of hours I see the spot where Stonewall Jackson was shot, by mistake, by his own men. The site of the field hospital where Jackson's left arm was amputated. And now this, the shrine of a house where he died.

A day earlier, back in Richmond, I had cruised slowly along Monument Avenue, viewing for my first time that mansionflanked and famous street of statues European in grandeur, specifically Southern and — thanks to the latest addition, that of black tennis player and humanitarian Arthur Ashe finally and appropriately biracial.

Stonewall Jackson was

there, too.

Men died messy and horrible deaths during the Civil War. Jackson's death was typical in a way; his arm was buried separately,

days before the rest of him. The surgeon stopped the mantel clock at 3:15 when Jackson died that Sunday afternoon. The clock remains today, a reminder that the vast scope of history, not unlike an individual life, comes down to critical seconds of momentous hours on certain days.

The doctor made careful note of Stonewall Jackson's last words. I suppose the man realized history would want them:

"Order A.P. Hill to prepare for action! Pass the infantry to the front rapidly! Tell Major Hawks ..."

Jackson stopped commanding in mid-sentence. Then, the surgeon vowed, the general smiled.

"Let us cross over the river," the dying man said, "and rest under the shade of the trees.'

I'm not sure why it matters that we know that fas-

cinating tidbit. But when it comes to the past, it is best to know and remember all we can. That much history has proven.

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Argument over Confederate flag still the same

or all the hoopla one hears today about the Confederate flag, the truth is that the issue, which divides most Americans, is exactly the same one

that once split the country.

No, it isn't slavery, race, homosexuality, abortion or any of the other current topics. It's simply

CHARLEY this: Where

REESE should the power reside – with us and, through us, our elected officials at the city, county and state levels, or should it reside in

Washington? No kidding, that's what the real argument was about back then and right now. Are we a national government, or are we a federation of sovereign

states? The Constitution, of course, created a federation of sovereign states. These states temporarily delegated a few of their powers to the federal government for the specific purposes outlined in the Constitution mainly to provide a common currency, a common standard of measurements, a common defense and a common foreign and trade policy.

What held the union of states together was a common agreement that all would be bound by the Constitution. The states would not do what the Constitution forbids them from doing, and neither. would the federal government. Each and every government would live within the boundaries clearly set out by the Constitution.

This type of government, however, is incompatible with nationalism, and nationalists soon began to chafe at the restraints imposed by the Constitution. It is especially incompatible with socialism, and after the failed 1848 revolutions in Europe, socialists and communists fled to the United States by the thousands. Thus, then as now, immigration began to have its effect on

American culture and poli-

Well, the nationalists won the first round, and since 1865, Americans have embraced a gradually more and more expansive federal role accompanied, as it must be, by a concurrent loss of local and state control. Today, especially if you are a couch potato addicted to television, you might well conclude that there exists only New York, Washington and Los Angeles, with a sort of indeterminate mass in between.

And some folks - the nationalists and the socialists - are quite content, though they think that there is still much to do to shape the American people into the mold they think the people should fit. Big business was, of course, one of the first to embrace centralism, since the robber barons recognized that it was cheaper to bribe only one set of politicians than to have to do so in each of the separate states. It is always a mistake for political traditionalists to assume that business is an

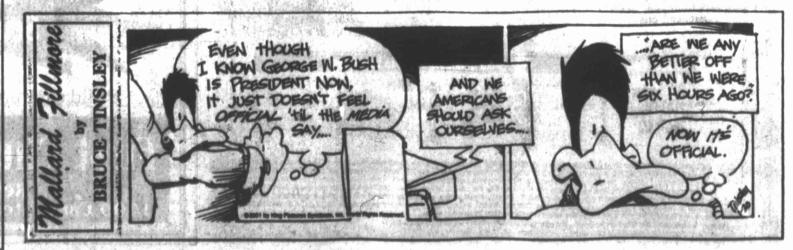
ally. Big business loves big

government. Still, other folks have become discontent and have begun to wonder if the idea that Washington knows best is, after all, a false idea. More and more people are beginning to think that it might be better, after all, to govern themselves through their local and state officials. rather than rely on the wisdom of a distant central government besieged by special interests and lawyers.

So how about that Jeff Davis! He said that a question settled by force and violence remains forever unsettled and will arise again. And so it has.

The more Americans examine their beliefs and ask themselves why they call themselves conservative or liberal, libertarian or socialist, the more they will see that it boils down to how much power the government should have and how that power should be distributed.

That's exactly the question Americans began with in 1776.



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Clinton reaches deal to avoid indictment; will give up law license

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a deal sparing himself possible indictment, President

Clinton acknowledged Friday for the first time that he had made statefalse ments under oath about Monica Lewinsky. He also surrendered his law license as part



CLINTON of an arrangement with ranging investigation that had dogged him for most his time in office. It was his last full day as president.

sued him for six years.

"I hope my actions today

will help bring closure and

finality," Clinton said in a

written statement that

abruptly ended the wide-

Democrats and Republicans alike applauded the deal, saying it spared the nation the possibility of seeing a former chief executives face criminal charges. In return for his admis-

sion, Indépendent Counsel

Robert Ray ended the \$55 million investigation and agreed not to seek a grand jury indictment.

'The nation's interests have been served," Ray said. "This matter is now concluded.

An "order of discipline" signed by Clinton in court in Little Rock, Ark., stated that "Clinton admits ... that he knowingly gave evasive and misleading answers ... concerning his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky" and that his responses were "prejudicial to the adminis-

Those answers were given in a sworn deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harass-

tration of justice."

ment lawsuit, which helped bring to light in 1998 the president's affair with Lewinsky.

In his statement, Clinton said that in the Jones deposition, "I tried to walk a line between acting lawfully and testifying falsely, but I now recognize that I did not fully accomplish this goal and that certain of my responses to questions about Ms. Lewinsky were false.'

To end disbarment pro- on Capitol Hill as well. ceedings against him, Clinton agreed to let his law license be suspended for five years and to pay a \$25,000 fine.

Lewinsky, the former White House intern who would have been the star witness in any case against Clinton, was relieved.

"I was terrified I would have to testify yet again, and I am grateful this sword of Damocles that was hanging over me has finally been removed," she said.

There seemed to be relief

"There is much to be said for closing this phase of our

history," said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the lead manager in the House impeachment proceedings against Clinton.

Clinto's statement Friday said, "I've apologized for my conduct and I've done my best to atone for it with my family, my administration and the American people.

"I have paid a high price for it, which I accept, because it caused so much pain to so many people.

Tears well as Bush becomes 43rd president

WASHINGTON (AP) -George W. Bush was deter-friends. mined not to cry.

prosecutors who had pur-

It was 12:02 p.m. Chief William H. Justice Rehnquist asked if he was ready.

"I am. sir."

And the tears he had dreaded, like the drizzle that never quite burst into rain, welled in his eyes but did not spill over.

With that, Bush, his hand on the Bible first by George Washington and later by another George Bush, swore to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United

The namesake of the former president faced not his father — whose sight at that poignant moment, the younger Bush had openly worried, would reduce him to weeping — but President Clinton, whose impeachment Bush used as a campaign issue, and Vice President Gore, whose attempts at vote recounts Bush had squashed in no lower than the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bush's first act as president was to pump hand. He Rehnquist's

ing for Barbara. A cheer erupted from the crowd amid the sounds of gloved hands clapping. "Yahoo! We made it!" yelled Tommy Merritt of Longview, Texas, giving a

boisterous high five to his

Hundreds of times during the campaign, Bush delighted partisan audiences by raising his right hand to vow to "uphold the honor and the dignity of the office. ... so help me God." Saturday he took the real oath for the first time with his left hand on the Bible.

His eyes glistening, Bush shook Clinton's hand and then Gore's. Lastly, after some moments to compose himself, he headed for his father, who stood beside the former first lady, Barbara Bush

The son reached for his father's right hand and hugged him, placing his left hand behind his father's head. The elder Bush wiped away a tear. A tear appeared at the corner of the new president's eye. It was a "great day," the former president said after

For days before this moment, the younger Bush had worried to interviewers that his was a family of 'weepers' who would likely make an emotional mush of this passing of the

the lectern. Light applause was scattered throughout. "I give him an A," dad

said. "I feel humbled and honored." Bush said as he left the stage.

Clinton pardons brother, business partner WASHINGTON (AP) -President Clinton ended his tenure Saturday by pardoning 140 Americans, erasing

the criminal records of his tion in 1975. brother Roger, Whitewater business partner Susan McDougal and 1970s kidnapped heiress Patty Hearst in a mix of personal and historical acts of clemency. The orders Clinton signed

two hours before leaving office also cleared the cloud him. of scandal from two former Cabinet confidants - ex-CIA director John Deutch and ex-housing chief Henry

Cisneros. Deutch had been discussing a possible plea deal with Justice Department prosecutors to settle allegations he mishandled classified government information when the pardon muted

his case. He was not alone. Former Gov. Fife Arizona Symington also received a pardon that effectively ends prosecutors efforts to restore criminal charges

against him. "I'm humbled and gratified," said Symington, a Republican convicted in 1997 on six of counts of bank and wire fraud who later overturned the charges on appeal. "I thank the president, and I praise God.'

The list also was notable

in the Whitewater investiga tion, had not sought a pardon; Jonathan Pollard, a former Navy analyst imprisoned for spying for Israel; Wall Street one-time financier Michael Milken; former senator and Abscam

figure Harrison Williams; and Leonard Peltier, convicted of killing two FBI agents on an Indian reserva-

He did, however, pardon fugitive commodities trader Marc Rich, who fled to Switzerland in the 1980s to escape federal charges of financial fraud, tax evasion and racketeering. The Swiss had refused to extradite

 Clinton, himself spared from indictment in a deal Friday with prosecutors, also commuted the prison sentences of 36 people. They included:

-former Navajo Nation leader Peter MacDonald, sent to prison in connection with a bloody riot in 1989

-former Chicago area Rep. Melvin J. Reynolds, sent to prison for engaging in bank fraud and campaign violations and having sex with an underage campaign worker.

Clinton and his staff labored over the pardons some intensely personal, others more traditional for several hours in his final days. They settled on a list in the wee hours Saturday, but the president asked to sleep on it before signing the orders.

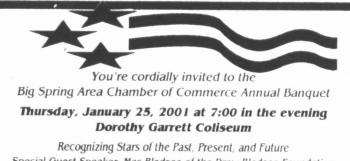
One of the final decisions left to be made concerned kissed his wife, Laura, and held her briefly. He kissed their beaming twin daughters, his hand in Jenna's ters, his hand in Jenna's ters, his hand in Jenna's term and the delivered his inaugurate for those it did not include:

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my face right now, I don't think I stopped crying since I saw the announcement."

said. "There are tears down husband, the late failed sav-McDougal was convicted

"I am so grateful," she of fraud along with her exings and loan owner James McDougal, in a 1996 trial at which Clinton testified by videotape.



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Asheroft on target to win confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) After four days of contentious hearings, Senate Republicans asserted on Friday they have enough votes to win John Ashcroft's confirmation as attorney general.

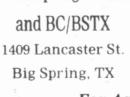
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Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001: You will often need to sit back and think. Centering will be critical to your success. You might not always be sure about what is best to do with others. Your mind works like a tickertape. You will often need to walk others through your thinking process. Curb a tendency to do the unexpected or to seem cold to others. If you are single, romance flourishes, but you could become involved with someone who is emotionally anavailable. Should this happen, bail out quickly; something better is around the corner. If you are attached, a loved one sometimes feels put off by your behavior. Spend more time sharing your inner workings. CAPRICORN can be

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

**** You are the focal point. Others look to you for a suggestion or an invitation. You might have something so necessary to do that you cannot play as much as you would like. Still, a friend manages to distract you. Make time for fun. Tonight: Get a head start on tomor-

TAURUS (April 20-May

***** Gather the troops, or at least friends and family. for a fun daytime outing. In a different setting, you take another look at a problem. Unexpected developments lead you in a different direction. Discuss with a partner what is on your mind. Tonight: Opt for different

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Work with a beloved partner on a one-on-one level. You break new ground. Schedule an outing with an adored friend. Realize what is going on with a partner. Talk about recent happenings and how you feel. Discussions take you in a new direction. Togetherness

CANCER (June 21-July

**** Allow others to share more of what is happening. Do what you need to do to draw others out. You could Be surprised but delighted by another's perceptions. A lot changes for you, and duite quickly, at that. Build al relationship. Use the magic of quality time. Ponight: Go along with another's ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Easy does it. You don't meed to push. You really don't even need to make plans. Take advantage of the easy pace. Eye possibili-Mes without making demands. Still, another does act most unpredictably. Discuss what is on your mind. Tonight: Don't even lift your little finger if you don't have to!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Though normally a calm and sedate sign, you find it impossible to keep thum right now. Flirt, dance or do whatever makes you happy. Some of you will want to add more zest to your love life. The question is: Why not? Let go and be a kid again. Tonight: Only fun is allowed

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Read Leo's message for guidance. You too need a fazy day where you don't push. Sometimes your desire to please others overrides common sense. You need a break to center. Think all you want, but let your body relax. Tonight: Ask for what you want, SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

21)
Take your time and fraw someone into a longoverdue discussion. Others respond to your inquiries. You could be joited by the answers. Understand where others might be coming from by walking in their shoes. Tonight: At your

your finances. Think about what needs to happen. Do not undermine yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Take time to sort through bills. Ask yourself what you can eliminate and where you would like to spend

more. Tonight: Order in. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** You feel more like your old self again. Go with your get-up-and-go. Be spontaneous and do more of what you want. You could do something most startling and surprising, leaving others gasping. Use your smile and winning ways. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

**** Sit back and do your own thinking. Right now, you are your own best counsel. You might not agree with someone else's

judgments; in fact, your feelings could be hurt. Make plans to do what you want in the next few days. Meanwhile, do some solid thinking. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

**** Aim h and listen to your friends. They are on your side and want the best. Bring others together. Friendship abounds, but you could be shocked by something you say. Think about what you want from a special loved one. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday? **BORN TODAY**

Fashion designer Christian Dior (1905), golfer Jack Nicklaus (1940), songwriter Mac Davis (1942)

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Freeloading couple are costly

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are friends with a couple who constantly weasel out of paying their share when we socialize with them

They're part of a large group spend time with. as opposed to one-on-one. They have good jobs, new cars, and probably more in sav-



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bined. This couple gets a kick out of telling us that they go to happy hour at local bars to fill up on free pretzels and popcorn so they don't have to buy dinner. They also brag that they attend parties so they can eat for free.

They tell us they don't like Chinese food, but when

out for Chinese, they insist on being included. When it's time to order, they share one order of fried rice and ask to "try" each of our dishes, which winds up being a full plate of food. When the bill arrives, they pay only for their one dish of fried rice. They even joke about the fact they had sampled everyone else's food, and laughingly ask if they should pay a part of everyone's order. Of course, no one takes them up on the sarcastic offer.

The Mrs. planned a surprise birthday party for the Mister at an expensive steakhouse. When the bill arrived, she initiated the breakdown of the bill by saying, "Now you don't really have to pay for us ...' Well, not only did we pay for the "birthday boy", the birthday party was a free meal at an expensive steakhouse for both of them.

Last month we received an invitation to their house for a holiday party. The several couples are going invitation read, "Bring vres and beverages." When we got the invitation, all of us laughed, saying they're the only people who could have a party at their house that would cost them noth-

Should we stop socializing with them? My husband and I think they're nice people, but no longer feel we can subject ourselves to the unnecessary frustration every time we see them. How would this affect our relationship with the other couples? - ALWAYS SHELLING OUT IN ARI-ZONA

DEAR SHELLING OUT: Nice people? Those professional freeloaders have turned taking advantage of others into an art form. Before you allow yourselves to be taken advantage of again by Mr. and Mrs. Freebie, ask yourselves what you really have in common with them. I'm betting it's very little.

As for your relationships with the other couples in the group, I'm sure that at least some of them are as fed up with the Freebies as you are and would also like to do some socializing without them.





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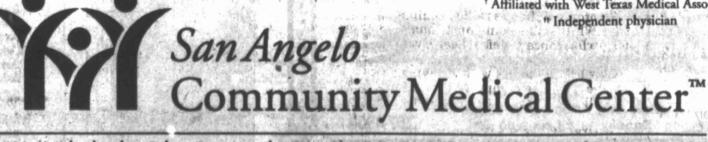
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American LL slates meeting for Monday

The American Little League will have an open meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at LaContesa Beauty

Salon. Anyone interested in running for the board should attend.

For more information, call Robby or Twila Wegner at 267-1440.

International LL set to meet Tuesday

The International Little League will meet 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Mojo's Restaurant.

Anyone interested in coaching please attend or contact Denise Yandrich at 756-2841 or Raymon Ontiveros at 263-3811.

Lady Hawk softballers set to meet boosters

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 be \$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 at the YMCA for adults interested in registering a team to play volleyball.

Two leagues are being Co-Rec & formed Ladies Power

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.

Laker Girls scheduled to appear at OC game

Odessa College officials have provided Howard College Hawks fans with added incentive to follow the Hawks and Lady Hawks on the road when they take on the Wranglers and Lady Wranglers on Thursday, Feb. 22.

Not only will fans be able to watch two games pitting top-flight Western Junior College Athletic Conference contenders, but the Laker Girls — the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders - will perform during the games.

The Herald will be giving away 50 general admission tickets for the Feb. 22 games on a first come, first-served basis.

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. For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

ON THE AIR

Television BASKETBALL

11 a.m. - Indiana at New York, NBC, Ch. 9.

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2:30 P.M. - Maryland at North Carolina, ABC, Ch. 2.

1 p.m. - So. Methodist at Rice, FXS, Ch. 29. GOLF

3 p.m. - PGA, Sony Open, final round, ABC, Ch.

HOCKEY

7 p.m. - Avalanche at Mighty Ducks, FXS, Ch. 29. 7:30 p.m. - Stars at Coyotes, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Steers, Lady Steers lose a pair to Frenship squad

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

WOLFFORTH — The Big Spring Lady Steers came back from a10point deficit in the second half to go ahead by one with a

couple of minutes to play, but precise free throw shooting down the stretch by the Frenship Lady Tigers iced the win 50-42.

The Steers fell to the perennially powerful Frenship squad 52-43. Big

Spring falls to 5-18 and 0-7 in District 4-4A. The Lady Steers put out another

gutsy performance against the Lady Tigers, but poor free throw shooting and the inside play of 6-5 Jennifer Bagwell hurt their chances.

Big Spring was 10-of-27 in the

game from the line — 2-of-14 in the that. first half.

Christina Gwyn's three-pointer capped a huge run in the fourth quarter that knotted the score at 38. LaTrisha Rollins' freethrow put the Lady Steers ahead 39-38, but Big **Spring** turned the ball over on several occasions and were unable to find the bucket

"They showed a lot of character coming back like they did," head coach Jimmy Avery said. "A lot of teams would have folded being down by that much in the second half with the home crowd that they

"But we gutted it out and stayed with them. We just made some crucial mistakes at the end that you can't make in tight ball games like

Big Spring suffered from another poor shooting night — converting 25 pe ent from the field and 37 perfrom the charity stripe. Turnovers, especially during crucial possessions hurt their efforts. The Lady Steers committed 21 during the contest.

Despite an inability to score, Big Spring trailed 24-16 in the first half and 34-26 at the end of three quarters. The Lady Steers mounted a furious comeback in the third quarter, closing the gap to 26-24, but Frenship took control again.

"I think making that little run at them in the third proved to us that we could rally and come back when it was make-it or break-it time in the fourth," Avery said. "We just

had a lousy second quarter. That's when we missed all of our free throws. I am so proud of this team. They work so hard on defense. Their intensity is awesome. They, deserved to win. Sometimes in life: you do not get what you deserve.

"Our offensive skills just aren't, good enough right now to beat these great district teams. Our backs are against the wall now. We have to win the next four games. There is no question in my mind that we can do that, but in order to do so we. have to get out of this shooting slump. If we can do that we will win the next four games."

Melissa Forth led all scorers with 11 points. Freshman Leina Braxton,

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Colorado City squads manage sweep

By KAMILAH WARD

Sports Writer

COAHOMA - Coahoma's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes suffered a pair of losses to Colorado City's Wolves and Lady Wolves in District 3-2A play Friday night.

The Bulldogettes suffered their second loss at the hands of the Lady Wolves, falling 62-59.

Lady Wolves' sophomore guard Alison Lopez led all scorers with 24 points, splitting a four-way tie in district with the win.

As anticipated, the varsity girls match-up was going to be four full quarters of non-stop hustle.

The first half was filled with backto-back scoring by both teams. An injury early in the first quarter brought in Coahoma's Ashley Lang to replace Kortney Kemper. The first quarter ended with only a 1-point edge for the Lady Wolves after the Bulldogettes' Crystal Atkinson sank both attempts from the charity stripe.

Kemper returned the second quarter but was limited to only one field goal. That's when junior center Kynzi Roberts stepped up her play, adding seven points. Coahoma trailed at the half, 31-29.

Roberts' stroke would be just as meet in the second half, as she finished the game with 18 points.

The Bulldogettes held a 44-42 lead going into the fourth quarter after Roberts completed a 3-point play at the basket, along with Kemper's three-quarter jump shot.

But the Lady Wolves would capitalize after the Bulldogettes's lost Karen Sterling to foul trouble just nine seconds into the fourth quarter, and tied the game on a pair of free throws.

"We have had better second half play since the Stanton loss", said the Lady Wolves' head coach Darrin

Leverton. Colorado City used another pair of free throws and a 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter from Lopez to break open a four-point lead.

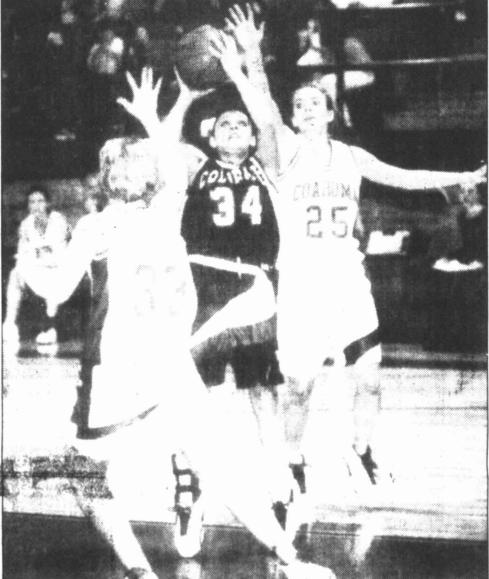
The Bulldogettes' Roberts would follow with a quick drive to the basket. But the Lady Wolves would rally behind Lopez and Teri Phariss scoring the next seven points to lead 62-53. The Bulldogettes scored the last six

points of the game but fell short at the buzzer. Both teams will begin the second

half of district games Tuesday The Bulldogs shared the same fate as they suffered a 68-36 loss to the

Wolves. The tempo was set early in the game as Colorado City's Chase Phariss opened the first quarter with four 3-pointers — one at the buzzer to close the first eight minutes of play

with a 24-11 lead. The Wolves used a two-three zone



HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

Coahoma's Kynzi Roberts (33) and Karen Sterling (25) put pressure against a Colorado City's Alison Lopez (34) in the Buildogettes 62-59 loss Friday night. The Buildogettes were in a four-way tie in District 3-2A prior to the loss. Roberts was one of three players in double figure with 18 points.

match-up defense to force Coahoma to turn over the ball.

"We bank on our defense and I think that's what hurt them in the first half," said Wolves head coach Barry Kimball.

The Bulldogs offensively used second-chance scoring and free throws but were unable to close the margin. They trailed 46-21 after the first half.

The woes would continue for the Bulldogs in the second half as they could only muster six more points and entered the fourth quarter trail-

The Bulldogs' defense had a strong effect in the last eight minutes as it only allowed eight points from the

Chase Ward led the Bulldogs with

eight points. The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes continue district play when they match-

up against Forsan Tuesday beginning

with varsity girls action at 6:30 p.m.

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COLORADO CITY — Garcia 0-1 0-0 0; Spear 2-5 1-2 6 Cott 1: 2 of 12. Russel 3-5 3-10 9; Phariss 6-11 0-1 20. Waldrip 0-2 1-0 0; Wright 2-6 2-3 6; Lenard 3-9 7-9 13; Bassham 4-8 0-9; Spear 1-1 0-2 3. Totals 22-48 13-28 68.

COAHOMA — Richt 2-9 3-6 7; Herrera 0-4 0-0 0; Chadwell 3-6 0-0 6; Haile 1-3 0-0 2; Kemper 3-5 1-1 7; Hipp 0-3 2-3 2; Ward 2-6 3-4 8; Long 0 . 1-2 1; Richters 1-4 0-1 3. Totals 11-

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COLORADO CITY — Kim Rivera 0-1 8-10 8; Vanessa Quientero 5-10 4-7 14; Kassi Redwine 0-2 0-4 0; Alison Lopez 9-23 5-8 24; Erica Grant 0-1 0-1 0, Kotia Russell 2-4 0-0 4; Teri

COHOMA — Rachel Williams 1-3 0-0 2; Crystal Atkinson 1-3 2-2 4; Kenni Kay Buchanan 0-6 0-0 0; Ashley

Lang 0-1 2-2 2; Brandi Hart 6-13 0-0 12; Kortney Kemper

11 0-2 14; Lauren Nichols 0-2 2-4 2; Karen Sterling 2-5 0-2 4; Stephanie Sparks 0-1 0-0 0; Kynzi Roberts 8-17 2-3 18, Kayla Smith 0-4 1-3 1. Totals 25-66 9-18 59

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Three-point goals: Colorado City Lopez. Turnovers:
Colorado City 15, Coahoma 19. Total fouls: Colorado City
13, Coahoma 21. Fouled out: Coahoma - Sterling
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Carruth acquitted of murder

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Rae Carruth showed little emotion after a North Carolina jury acquitted the former NFL player of firstdegree murder but convicted him of conspiring to killhis pregnant girlfriend and other lesser charges.

In what attorneys called a+ "compromise verdict" by the jury after about 20 hours of deliberations, Carruth was spared the death penalty but could get up to 20 years in prison for conspiracy to commit mur-

Cherica Adams, 24, was shot four times in her car: on a Charlotte street in November 1999 in an attack prosecutors said Carruth set up to avoid paying child support.

Carruth, 26, was grimfaced as the jury's decision was announced. He stood between his attorneys, touching the defense table with the tips of his fingers.

He was also found guilty. of shooting into an occupied vehicle and using an instrument, in this case a gun, with the intent to destroy an unborn child.

A sentencing hearing was set for Monday. Defense lawver David Rudolf said he will ask Judge Charles Lamm to vacate the conspiracy conviction because it is inconsistent with the murder acquittal.

"My first reaction is deep disappointment. I'm grateful they found him not guilty of first-degree murder." Rudolf said. "It's hard for me to feel like it's a victory. ... I believe in my client's innocence, and I don't feel he is guilty of any of the charges in the first

In a brief telephone interview, juror Edward Karst said he was satisfied with what he called a "compromise verdict.'

"We couldn't get agreement for the first-degree," he said. "We didn't spend 49 days in there for nothing, We didn't want it to be a waste of everybody's time. I think we made the right

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Stanton sweeps Seagraves; Lady Buffs atop 4

By HERALD Staff Reports

STANTON — Stanton Lady Buffs stood atop the District 3-2A poll after defeating Seagraves 52-48 Friday night.

The Lady Buffs rallied behind 59 percent free throw shooting to improve their records to 15-5 overall and 4-1 in district. Seagraves dropped to 20-5 overall

and 3-2 in district to create a twoway tie with the Coahoma Bulldogettes. Stanton was led by Lyndsey

Newell with 20 points on 10-of-11 free throw shooting. Stanton's Buffaloes rallied behind Clay White's nine-point fourth quarter performance to defeat Seagraves

Clay led all scorers with 20 points as the Buffaloes improved to 8-2 overall and a perfect 3-0 in District

Seagraves' Eagles were led by David with 17 points and Webb chipped in 10.

AREA ROUNDUP

Stanton teams will be back in action against Plains at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Girls' Game
STANTON 52, SEAGRAVES 48
SEAGRAVES — Griffin 1 1-23; Quinttanilla 72-6 18.
Smith 0-10; Terrell 2 4-7 8; Rodriguez 2 0-2 4; Wilson
3 2-5 8; Chew 2 2-3 7. Totals: 17 11-26 48.
STANTON — Bridges 2 6-9 10; Newell 5 10-11 20; Rios
0 3 0: Williams 0 1-2 1. Thompson 4 0-6 8; Moore 0 2-4 0 0-3 0; Williams 0 1-2 1; Thompson 4 0-6 8; Moore 0 2-4 2; Salgado 0 7-8 7; Newell 1 2-4 4. Totals: 12 28-47 52.

Scores by Quarters: SEAGRAVES 15 13 9 11 -48 STANTON 15 12 10 15 -52 Three-point goals: Seagraves 3 Quintanilla 2, Chew. Totals fouls: Seagraves 27, Stanton 23. Fouled out: Seagrave - Quintanilla, Wilson, Stanton Bridges Technical fouls: None. Records: Stanton 14-5 4-1.

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SEAGRAVES — David 7 3-9 17, Webb 4 2-5 10,
Esparga 0 5-65; Lacy 1 0-0 3; Dayis 0 0-3 e; Martinez 0 00 0; Gallegos 0 0-0 0; Cole 0 0-0 0. Totals 12 10-23 35.
STANTON — White 6 7-8 20; Hull 4 2-4 10; Cook 3 00 6; Kelly 1 0-0 2; Chandler 1 0-0 2; Ctoton 1 0-2 2; Pardue
1 0-0 2; Ramos 1 2-2 5; J. Ramos 1 0-4 2; Wilson 0 0-0 0;
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Technical fouls: Webb, Records: Seagrave 8-14 0-3,

Garden City tops Rankin to go 4-1 in district play

RANKIN - Garden City's Lady Bearkats stole one on the road with a 50-36 win over Rankin's Lady Red Devils Friday night in District 10-

The Lady Bearkats trailed 27-18 after the first quarter. But in the final eight minutes of the game Garden City went on a 20-7 run.

The Lady Bearkats were led by Niehues with 15 and Eoff with 14 points. Hock chipped in with 9 points.

The win improves Garden City to 15-7 overall and 4-1 in district. Rankin was led by Lopez with 11 points. The loss drops Rankin to 9-15 overall and 1-4 in district.

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Sands girls defeat Lady Wildcats, 42-34

Grady - Sands grabbed a win on the road in defeating Grady 42-34. Sands was led by Shelli Blagrave, who had 16 points.

Grady was led by Cox with 21 points. But it wasn't enough as the Lady Wildcats suffered their third

loss in District 11-1A. Sands is now 2-2 in district action

and 10-12 for the season. Sands returns to action Tuesday against Ira with a 6:30 p.m. tip-off

SANDS 42, GRADY 34 SANDS — Blagrave 16, Poster 9, Woods 8; Potras 8; Barkowsky 4. GRADY — Cox 21; Yates 8; Howard 3; Long 2.

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Capers ready to lead expansion Texans

expansion NFL Houston Texans have their man almost.

Jacksonville Jaguars defensive coordinator Dom Capers, formerly head coach of the Carolina Panthers, agreed in principle Friday to become the first head coach of the Texans, who will begin play in 2002.

Owner Bob McNair and general manager Charley Casserly negotiated a 6-year contract and settled on financial issues Friday, but several other matters remained to be completed.

But McNair was so sure of getting Capers' name on a contract, he's already scheduled a Sunday news conference to introduce the new Texans' coach.

"After I left from the first interview, I had a good feeling for Bob McNair and his philosophy and I've known Charley for a lot of years," Capers said. "This is a people business and you do

HOUSTON (AP) - The your research, but somethis week for a second times you have to act on instinct."

Capers became head coach of the expansion Carolina Panthers and led them to the NFL title game in their second year in 1996 and earned NFL Coach of the Year honors. In Carolina's first year, his team won seven games, the most ever for an expansion team.

Capers, 50, was fired after the 1998 season when the Panthers slipped to 4-12, then was hired by the Jacksonville Jaguars as defensive coordinator.

"Dom was extremely organized," McNair said. "I'd say the interview was similar to interviewing Charley Casserly. Dom had all of his notes and his offensive and defensive playbooks, how he wanted to organize training "It was quite clear that he

had a vision and how he wanted to go about doing

Capers was in Houston

round of discussions and had returned to Florida earlier Friday to take care of previously scheduled obligations. His agent, however, had remained behind to continue negotiations.

Capers withdrew from consideration for the New York Jets job before the Jets hired Herman Edwards, Tampa Bay's assistant head coach, on Thursday.

Capers began his coaching career in 1972 at Kent State, where he was a graduate assistant for three seasons. He then had assistant coaching jobs at Washington, Hawaii, San Jose State, California, Tennessee and Ohio State.

In 1984, he moved into pro football, joining Jim Mora's staff with Philadelphia and Baltimore of the USFL. In 1986, he followed Mora to the NFL with New Orleans. In 1992, Capers went to the Steelers as defensive coordinator, then to Carolina in

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Ted Williams' artificial heart pump removed

BOSTON (AP) - Doctors removed the pump that has helped Ted Williams' heart function since the slugger underwent a nine-hour operation to repair failing heart valves.

Encouraged by Williams' progress since the surgery, doctors removed the pump and have been giving the 82-year-old Hall of Famer fewer medications, The Boston Globe reported Saturday.

But Williams, baseball's last .400 hitter, is still on a ventilator, attached to three IV lines and heavily sedat-



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Confederate emblem draws controversy for 2002 Final Four

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A Confederate emblem flies over Georgia, a harbinger of the controversy awaiting the NCAA while it considers moving the 2002 Final Four from

The association's executive committee rejected calls in August to move that and other events from Georgia and South Carolina, but left open the possibility for action later. A decision is expected in April.

"We have been working on contingency plans to address whatever decision the executive committee ultimately makes," NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro told The Associated Press on Friday. "Among those is keeping open the option of an alternative site."

The contingency planning was reported The Atlanta Journal-Thursday by Constitution.

Charles Wethington, outgoing chairman of the NCAA executive committee, said his committee did not discuss contingency planning when it met earlier this month.

"Most of our discussions at the last meet-

Confederate flag and the reactions of the member institutions," said Wethington, president of the University of Kentucky. "It was a wide-ranging discussion.'

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Friday the possible alternative sites were Indianapolis, Minneapolis, New Orleans and St. Louis.

Minneapolis will stage this year's Final Four, New Orleans has the 2003 event and St. Louis the 2005 event. Indianapolis had the Final Four last year, has had it two other times since 1991 and is scheduled to have it again in 2006.

Officials in St. Louis, which has the women's Final Four this year, already had expressed interest in staging the 2002 men's tournament and the 2003 women's Final Four if they are moved from Atlanta. But Missouri Valley Conference commissioner Doug Elgin said they were not pursuing the Final Four.

"I want to make it clear St. Louis is not pursuing the Final Four," Elgin said. "We

ing focused on the broader issue of the have simply complied with the NCAA's request in the event an alternative is necessary.'

Renfro would not discuss the options "because we're still in the process of working on that.'

But two top officers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Martin Luther King III and E. Randel Osburn, discussed the matter during a conference call with NCAA officials late last week

"We tried to convey the seriousness of the issue and the urgency of it," said Osburn, executive vice president and CEO of the SCLC. "What we tried to convince them of is that even though they have contracts, the urgency is that we need to do this now. The state of Georgia has had from 1956 till now to act on this and they have not.'

King, president of the SCLC, sent a letter in August to NCAA president Cedric Dempsey, urging that the men's Final Four tournaments in 2002 and 2007 and the women's tournament in 2003 be shifted from Atlanta unless the Georgia flag, which

contains the Confederate battle symbol, is changed by March 31, 2001.

King set that date so the change could be completed by April 4, the anniversary of his father's 1968 assassination.

"It's a divisive symbol, it is not an inclusive symbol," Osburn said. "We know that because the flag was adopted after the civil rights rulings of 1955 and we know the history of it.'

The Georgia flag, adopted in 1956, shows the state seal on a blue background and the "Stars and Bars" Confederate battle emblem and is displayed over the Capitol and other state offices.

The Georgia legislative session ends in March, and the NCAA executive committee is scheduled to meet the following month in Indianapolis.

"I have been one of the sponsors of this legislation for 20 years," state Rep. Tyrone Brooks, D-Atlanta, said. "I'd like to expedite this matter so that there is no question the NCAA and other large conventions will still

Four rounds to go for Sampras in Australian Open

Midway through the final set in his third-round match at the Australian Open, a weary Pete Sampras made for

Sampras engaged in his third threehour match this week, it was no wonder he wanted to sit. That he was able to get up again was perhaps surpris-

After his brief respite, Sampras closed out a comeback victory Friday, beating Juan Ignacio Chela 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 in 3 hours, 8 minutes.

That made 9 hours, 26 minutes, of tennis for the third-seeded Sampras. With a match against Todd Martin next, followed by a likely showdown against Andre Agassi in the quarterfinals, it was uncertain how much sta-

"I've seen him win Slams injured, so I don't buy any of it," Agassi said. "If he's tired or not, you've got to beat him. If he's injured or not, you've got to beat him. One of the things he has

nents that have figured that out the hard way.

The sixth-seeded Agassi, who followed Sampras on center court, caught a break when his opponent, David Prinosil, retired because of heat exhaustion after about an hour. Agassi overcame a 6-2 deficit in a first-set tiebreaker and led 7-6 (11), 5-0 when Prinosil quit.

"It would have been nice to finish," Agassi said. "But he's OK and I'm on to the next round, so that's all good."

Agassi, the defending champion, has needed only 4 hours, 5 minutes, in his three matches. His next opponent is crowd-pleasing Australian Andrew Ilie, who has celebrated each of his three victories this week by ripping off his shirt and throwing it into the

Other matches in the round of 16 will pit No. 2-seeded Marat Safin against No. 14 Dominik Hrbaty, and No. 8 Tim Henman against No. 12 Patrick Rafter.

Henman escaped the heat by playing Friday night, and he beat Australian Wayne Arthurs 6-3, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2. In a women's match, No. 4 Monica Seles

Faxon keeps his distance in Hawaii at Sony Open

Women's round-of-16 matchups include No. 2 Lindsay Davenport against No. 15 Kim Clijsters; No. 8 Anna Kournikova against Barbara Rittner: No. 12 Jennifer Capriati against Marta Marrero; and Seles against 18-year-old Belgian Justine Henin, who already has won two tour naments this year.

The completion of the third round was scheduled for Saturday, with 12 seeded men and 12 seeded women still in the draw.

That included Sampras, who is try ing to add to his record 13 Grand Slam titles. He hasn't won a major tournament other than Wimbledon in three years, and he hasn't played this week like he's a threat for his third Australian Open title.

"Any time I'm still in the tournament, I feel like I get my game going at the right time," he said. "The sec ond week of a Slam historically is when I play my best.

Sampras must win one more match to get to the second week. He's 17-2 against Martin, with 13 wins in a row since 1995. No wonder he grinned when asked about the matchup.

TCU's Tomlinson helps South beat North 21-16

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) Christian's Texas LaDainian Tomlinson ran for 88 yards and a touchdown as the South held off North 21-16 on Saturday in the Senior Bowl.

Two big special teams plays kept the North alive in the fourth quarter.

Arizona's Joe Tafoya blocked a punt, and Kansas State's Jerrod Cooper scooped it up for a 30-yard TD to make it 21-16 with 3:31 to play.

The South's Cory Bird of Virginia Tech recovered the ensuing onside kick, but the offense failed to get a first down. Cooper got a hand on David Leaverton's punt, giving the North and quarterback McMahon of Rutgers one last chance from their own

23 with 2:40 left. McMahon hit Chad Johnson of Oregon State across the middle for a 29yard gain to move it into South territory. After two the third quarter capped a incompletions and a 7- 15-play and drive that yarder to Johnson took it consume and the consumer to Johnson took it consumer to Johnson to Johnson to Johnson took it consumer to Johnson took it consumer to Johnson took it consumer to Johnson to J to the 41, Pittsburgh's Kevan Barlow was stopped for no gain on fourth-and-3.

Tomlinson, a Heisman Trophy finalist who won the Doak Walker Award, was selected the game's overall MVP, carrying 19 times. He also had a 28yard reception.

There was no chance Tomlinson would be overshadowed this time by

Heisman winner Chris Weinke and runner-up Josh Heupel, as both players withdrew from the with nagging game injuries.

Washington's Marques Tuiasosopo also was absent with an injury, while the all-time leading rushers at Michigan Thomas) and Tennessee (Travis Henry) suited up but didn't play.

The South's defensive MVP was Mississippi State. cornerback Fred Smoot and the offensive MVP was Tennessee Cedrick Wilson.

Oklahoma . linebacker Torrance Marshall continued a nice postseason run. The Orange Bowl MVP intercepted a pass and was North defensive voted MVP

tailback Maryland Lamont Jordan ran nine times for 62 yards and caught three passes for 29 yards. His 7-yard TD late in minutes.

He converted two fourthdown plays with an 8-yard run and a 15-yard reception to keep the drive alive.

Quarterback Palmer of Florida, a late addition to the South squad with Weinke's exit, led touchdown drives on two of his three first-half possessions. He was 4-of-5 for 38 yards.

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - not easy to do. He's had three oppodefeated Emilie Loit 6-3, 7-5.

the shade and took a seat in a lineswoman's chair. "Felt like I was playing on hot coals," he said. With sunny, 93-degree weather and

mina Sampras had left.

proven over the past decade is that it's

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The two-time U.S. Open

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The final round appears to

Carlos Franco had a 68

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breezed home for a 3-under Els, two groups in front of Faxon, was putting on the Faxon, trying to become heat with a beautiful approach into the wind to 3 the second straight wire-towire winner of the Sony feet for birdie on No. 8, a Open, was at 15-under 195 two-putt from 40 feet off the green on the ninth, and a 25and had a three-stroke lead over Els and Lehman. footer for his third straight Els had a 65 and could birdie on No. 10.

Faxon was solid after his eagle, and Els' momentum stalled in the rough. The Big Easy hit only two fairways on the back nine and scrambled to make pars.

"Hopefully, I can get that sorted out," Els said. "I'm going to head to the range. I can get to the beach later on.'

One of those par-savers came on the 13th, when a nice approach from an awkward lie above the bunker caught a lone frond dangling rom a tall, skinny palm tree and dropped 80 yards short of the green. But he hit a wedge to 5 feet and made the par putt.

He ran out of luck on the 14th, when he hit out of the trees to the back of the green. His flop shot came out heavy and stopped above the ridge, and his par putt from 30 feet turned

What hurt Els the most, however, was his missed opportunities. An 8-footer

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the left edge of the cup. He got Brad Faxon untracked Faxon, who had only found it 8 iron into 5 feet on the needed it the most.

Saturday and allowed him eagles all of last year, has par 8 17th and missed, then to keep his distance from mastered the par 6 all week. Jetter simple pitch shot 10 Ernie Els and Tom Lehman at Waialae. Saturday was no feet short on the 18th and missed another birdie. exception.

Els feared the weekend might come down to a putting contest, and Faxon is the best on tour. He showed that Saturday with par saves early in his

HONOLULU (AP) — His week's winner in the for birdie on No. 15 skirted round, a few timely birdies and an eagle putt when he

All he needs now is one more round for his third victories in as many season. This one would be especially sweet, since it would make him exempt for the U.S. Open and might give him enough world ranking points to get into the Masters.

Gustafson leads Subaru

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Sweden's Sophie Gustafson shot a 2-under-par 70 in difficult conditions Saturday to increase her lead to four strokes in the Subaru Memorial of Naples. The temperature dropped into the low 50s, and players faced 15-to-20 mph wind and rain early in the day.

catchine," Gustafson said. "I think this wind was tougher than yesterday. The par 5s were almost unreachable. Gustafson, coming off a career-best 64, had a 14-under 202 total on The Club at The Strand. She won twice last year, the 27-year-old Swede's first victories on the LPGA Tour.

Australian star Karrie Webb was second after a 68. "I was solid out there today with my long irons. I'm really happy with my game overall.

Webb led the tour last year with seven victories, including the Nabisco Championship and U.S. Women's Open. "That was pretty much expected," Gustafson said of Webb's move. "It's going to be fun to play with Webby." Juli Inkster (69) and Vicki Goetze-Ackerman (70) were six strokes back at 208.

First-round leader Mi Hyun Kim (75) was seven strokes back along with Beth Daniel (71), Meg Mallon (72), Dottie Pepper (72), Pat Hurst (72) and Heather Bowie (72). 'This is a completely different wind than we've ever

had," Mallon said. Catherine Cartwright, the 17-year-old star playing in her first event as a professional, shot a 75 for a 2-over 218 total.





Purple rules in Baltimore

After years of mourning city was left with 30 the dear, departed Colts, Baltimore has fallen in love again.

The City Hall dome and the top of the Bromo-Seltzer tower are bathed in purple light to honor the Super Bowl-bound Baltimore Ravens. Team flags are flying on hotels and office buildings. Nearly 10,000 fans stood in the cold at PSINet Stadium last weekend to watch on giant video screens as the Ravens dismantled the Oakland Raiders.

All the enthusiasm was slow in coming.

By the time the Ravens arrived after the 1995 season, Baltimore had languished without an NFL team since 1984, the year Robert Irsay moved his Colts to Indianapolis in the

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The loss puts Big Spring

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Levelland knots the two

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Big Spring's Steers could

never recover from an 18-4

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strong runs at the Frenship

Curtis Woodruff's lone

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lot to do with that," Steers

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"I think it took people a long time to warm up to the Ravens after the long, proud tradition of the Colts, and the heart-wrenching departure of the Colts,' Mayor Martin O'Malley said. "I think this town was still mourning the Colts when the Ravens arrived."

But lately, even the most dedicated Colts fans are celebrating the Ravens, who have won 10 straight games and will face the New York Giants in the Super Bowl on Jan. 28.

"I buried a ghost last night," said Dave Collins, 66, of Lutherville, Md., a lifelong Colts fan, after the victory over the Raiders. "It's taken me awhile, but

dence built up more and

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gave the Steers fits in the

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The Steers recovered

The mayor thinks the Ravens have been able to tap into the psyche of their working-class city not only because they win, but because of how they win: grinding it out with nofrills offense and unyielding defense.

"There's a certain bluecollar charm about this team," he said.

The Ravens have also given the city some welcome headlines.

Perhaps best known among visitors for its steamed crabs and its waterfront Fells Point neighborhood, Baltimore had more than 300 murders every year during the 1990s. It was ridiculed in 1997 for having the nation's highest rates of syphilis and gonorrhea — rates that have since plummeted.

Steers travel to Snyder on

Tuesday for 6 and 7:30 p.m.

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Suns, Sonics lose with their stars out

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Take the best player out of the equation, and the chances of victory are greatly reduced.

That's what the Phoenix Suns and ¿ Seattle SuperSonics discovered Friday night with Gary Payton and Jason Kidd missing from their lineups.

Payton sat out a one-game suspension as Seattle lost 98-93 to Minnesota. Kidd missed a game after being arrested the night before for suspicion of domestic assault, and Phoenix lost 103-95 to Golden State.

"I think their not being without Jason really affected them getting the ball where they really wanted it," Warriors coach Dave Cowens said. "I told our guys we're used to playing with guys out and screwed up lineups and all that, and they're not so much. We know how to play that game,'

In other games, it was Philadelphia 97, New Jersey 86; L.A. Lakers 114, Houston 101; Denver 91, Cleveland 88; Milwaukee 105, Charlotte 98: New York 97, Detroit 91; Miami 97, Vancouver 86; Toronto 101, and

Washington 79. Phoenix trailed most of the game, but a 13-2 run gave the Suns a 77-74 lead on Rodney Rogers' threepoint play with 10:35 to play. The Warriors answered with a 20-3 surge to go up 94-80 on Jamison's tip-in with 5:15 to go.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Cliff Robinson and Tony Delk, followed by Rogers' layup, cut it to 96-91 with 1:39 remaining, but the Suns could not get closer.

Coach Scott Skiles said the absence of Kidd and Tom Gugliotta, who is with his seriously ill mother, was no excuse for his team's performance. He noted that the Warriors are without five key players because of injuries.

"There's no excuse to play like that and lose to that Lakers 114, team when they're so deplet - Rockets 101

ed, because they're way more depleted than we are," Skiles said.

The Suns have not said whether Kidd will accompany the team when it leaves Saturday on a six-game road trip, its longest of the sea-

Timberwolves 98. SuperSonics 93

At Seattle, Payton was suspended by coach Nate McMillan for one game after getting into a shouting match with him in the locker room after a home loss to Phoenix.

The suspension ended Payton's streak of 356 consecutive regular season games played, the longest active one in the NBA.

Terrell Brandon had 21 points for Minnesota. including six in the final 1:39. His 18-footer with 1:05 remaining put Timberwolves ahead 96-92.

Kevin Garnett had 16 points on 6-for-20 shooting and 17 rebounds, while Wally Szczerbiak scored 16 for Minnesota.

Ruben Patterson had 23 points and Desmond Mason, a rookie, added a careerhigh 22 for the Sonics.

"It was a little strange not playing against Gary." Garnett said. "Yeah, it was definitely weird to come into the Key Arena and not even see Gary."

76ers 97, Nets 86

At Philadelphia, the 76ers were without Allen Iverson (bruised knee) but got 21 points from Aaron McKie wfor their fifth straight win.

Rodney Buford had a season-high 16 points, all in the first half, Theo Ratliff scored 17 and Toni Kukoc added 14.

Stephon Marbury had 26 points, Stephen Jackson had 13 and Aaron Williams added 12 points and 11 assists for New Jersey, which had a two-game winning streak snapped.

At Los Angeles, Shaquille O'Neal, taking advantage of Houston's injury-depleted front line, scored 41 points on 17-of-23 shooting.

O'Neal, who played just 32 minutes, had 11 rebounds and was 7-of-18 from the foul

Kobe Bryant added 29 points for the Lakers, who took control with a 20-6 run for a 91-73 lead with 25 seconds left in the third quar-

Steve Francis scored 27 points for the Rockets, and Cuttino Mobley had 18, making 12 of 13 free throws.

Nuggets 91, Cavaliers 88

At Denver, Antonio McDyess had 20 points and 16 rebounds, and Nick Van Exel 19 points and 10 assists.

Cleveland twice built fivepoint leads in the fourth quarter, but Van Exel scored 11 points in the quarter and McDyess eight, and the Nuggets went ahead for good on George McCloud's two free throws with 1:45 remaining.

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Raef LaFrentz added 15 points as the Nuggets won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Bucks 105, Hornets 98

At Charlotte, Sam Cassell scored 23 points as the Bucks extended their winning streak to a season-high six games.

The Bucks, winners of 16 of their last 20, stretched their Central Division lead over Charlotte to 2) games. The Hornets have lost four straight, and 10 of their last

Jamal Mashburn led Charlotte with 26 points.

Heat 97, Grizzlies 86

At Vancouver, Eddie

Jones scored 26 points to help Miami break a fourgame road losing streak.

Anthony Mason added 16 for Miami, which won for the 11th time in 15 games

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decision."

We didn't want it to be a waste of everybody's time. I think we made the right deci-

The jurors said Thursday they were deadlocked.

As the verdict was announced, Adams' mother. Saundra Adams, tearfully embraced relatives in the courtroom. She hugged prosecutors Gentry Caudill and David Graham after the jury left.

Caudill refused to comment on the ver-

'Justice has spoken," said Frank Porter, lawyer for Adams' father, Jeff Moonie. "It has given them closure."

Carruth's mother, Theodry, stared quietly at her son until he and the jury left, then huddled with supporters and prayed. She left court without speaking to reporters.

Confessed gunman Van Brett Watkins and Michael Kennedy, who drove the car that Watkins was in, testified that Carruth a member of the Carolina Panthers, who arranged the shooting.

Perhaps the most damaging testimony

came from Adams herself, as prosecutors played a recording of her call to a 911 operator moments after she was shot.

score by quarters:

Moaning in pain, Adams said Carruth had stopped his Ford Expedition in front of her car when "somebody pulled up beside me and did this. ... I think he did it. I don't know what to think."

Her son, Chancellor, was delivered by emergency Caesarean section after the shooting and is now in the custody of Adams' mother.

Carruth's defense insisted Watkins shot Adams on his own because he was angry that Carruth had backed out of a drug deal, and because Adams made an obscene gesture at him from her car.

The defense also said Carruth, who has an older son, was making enough money to support a second child.

Watkins pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and is awaiting sentencing. The trial for Kennedy, charged with first-degree murder, has not been scheduled.

drafted him 27th overall in 1997 after a standout career at Colorado

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Former Le Mans 24 Hour winner dies in Atlanta

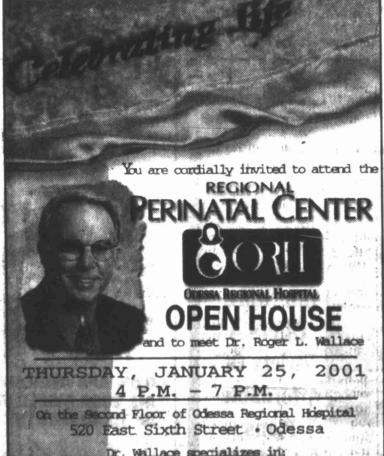
ATLANTA (AP) memorial service was held Friday for Louis Krages, a race car driver who helped win the Le Mans 24 Hour in 1985 and committed suicide earlier this month.

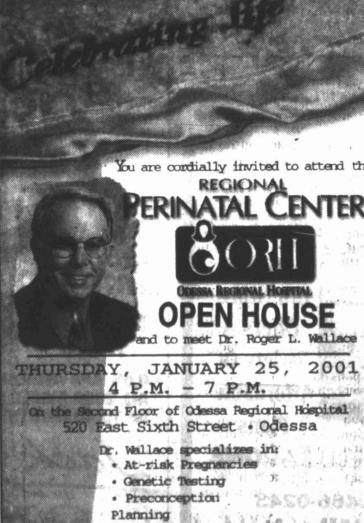
Krages, 51, died of a selfinflicted gunshot wound Jan. 11, said his lawyer and friend, Rickman Brown. The body was cremated. Krages, a native of

Germany who drove under the name John Winter to hide his career from his family, was among three drivers who won Le Mans in 1985 and was among five who won the Daytona 24 Hours in 1991.

He made his home in Atlanta after retiring from racing in 1995. He also drove promotional races at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Krages was the owner of Evertoys Inc., which he founded three years ago. The company makes miniature wooden cars, trucks and golf carts that are used as collectibles and corpo-





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What's on your Cary Wiggins' white pickup carries stickers advertising his love of bass fishing and hunting. His colorplate? ful license plate shows his love of the Lone Star The Big Spring resident has a set of "State of the

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Below, Cary Wiggins of Big Spring advertises his support of the arts in Texas with his special license plates.

Arts" license plates, a red, white and blue rendition similar to the design of the state flag. Most of the \$25 fee Wiggins pays every year for these special plates goes to the Texas Commission on the Arts. But that's not the reason Wiggins chose the plates.

He said the patriotic colors and the large star both caught his eye. "I think it's the prettiest license plate around," he said. "I get quite a bit of

Wiggins got the idea for the plates from a friend and co-worker from Snyder. Then his parents followed suit, buying a set of State of the Arts plates

An employee of Cain Electric, Wiggins said occasionally, someone will drive up outside his workplace, come in and ask who has the great license plate. State of the Arts is just one of the many special license plate designs available in Texas. Most require some extra fee above the annual registration cost, while others require the holder to prove military honors or awards.

Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax assessor-collector, said special license plates are created with every legislative session. Already, supporters of animal protection programs, reading in public schools and wetland conservation can advertise their allegiance. Add to that agricultural producers, crusaders against litter, and just plain proud Texans.

And a host of other possibilities exists. Most of the time, all that is required is picking up an application at the tax office in the courthouse annex. Pay the required fee, and in a few weeks, your new plates will be ready for pickup at the office.

Buck Turner has both a Purple Heart Recipient plate, which recognizes his award of the medal during military service, and a Former POW plate, which commemorates his time as a prisoner of war.

Both required Turner to prove that he deserved the plate, but beyond that, not much more was necessary, he said. The special plates only cost him an additional \$3 per year.

"I get lots of comments," Turner said. "When I go on trips, sometimes people see the plates, and it turns out they might have been a prisoner of war and

we get to talking. A similar program exists for the mothers of servicemen killed in action. The Gold Star plate costs \$10 per year above the regular registration fee, but is limited to only those who can prove their status as the mother of a soldier

who died in service. Remember fondly your alma mater? A host of colleges and universities are recognized on special plates. Besides Texas A&M University, Texas Tech and the University of Texas, there are smaller institutions such as Austin

College and Texas Chiropractic College. On many of these plates, most of the fee goes to scholarship programs or special funds at the institution.

Want to show your support for Girl Scouts? The organization has its own special license plate, which costs \$30 in addition to the regular registration fee. Of that, \$20 goes to the credit of the Girl Scouts in the state treasury Money in the account may be used by the Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board in making grants to benefit educational projects of the Scouts. Big Bend National Park is honored on a license plate. This \$50 special plate benefits the park's operating account to the tune of \$45, with the remaining money going to the highway fund.

The popular horned lizard lends his visage to the license plate for the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Of the \$25 fee, \$20 goes to the agency's capital account

Want to show your support for Olympic athletes? A commemorative plate called, "Olympic Spirit" is available for \$20, of which \$10 goes to the U.S. Olympic Training Fund.

Military honors are not limited to Purple Heart, POW and Gold Star. Veterans can honor their service in World War II, Vietnam, Korea, Desert Storm or any/branch of the military, some requiring fees in addition to the regular registration cost.

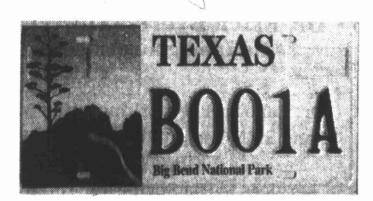
Amateur radio operators have their own special plates, as do peace officers and volunteer firefighters. The Texas citrus industry, along with the Texas Aerospace Commission and the Texas Department of Economic Development, all offer plates advertising their slogans.

There is even a plate designated, "New Millennium" and another, "Lone Star Proud."

More information about special license plates is available on the Internet. Just go the Web site for the Texas Department of Transportation, dot.state.tx.us, and follow the links for license plates from there.

- Debbie L. Jensen

Above, Buck Turner's pickup shows his status as a recipient of the Purple Heart during his military service. Turner's car has license plates documenting his time spent as a prisoner of war.







Masked bandits enjoy raiding our all-they-can-eat buffet

have the skunks and possums beaten by putting the cat food buffet in the workshop where they can't reach it, they figure out how to use the cat door and enter our workshop, proving us stupid.

So, we battle their vermin intellect by putting it up high and along comes a family of raccoons. They can really make a mess. I don't even know how the fat little guys can fit through the cat

When I say "cat food buffet," I mean one of those large feeders. Aside from our six cats, at least three trays and a couple of other only six cats using this feeder, I wouldn't have to fill it for three weeks. The way things are now, I have to fill it about every week. It is now on the back porch, up high, where we can watch

all of the invaders. Our cats usually sit at the door and watch unhappily. What happens when the cat food buffet gets empty? I store the extra cat food in a garbage can and they tip it over and take off the lid and pig out. Any leftovers get

eaten by the other varmints. I'm not sure if the armadillos, foxes or porcupines eat the cat food, but I've seen them around the

Just when we think we cats use it, too. If there were neighborhood too. I'm not afraid of getting mugged when I go outside at night;

no mugger in his right m i n d would c o m e around our house night.

At first, the raccoons would run away, pretending to

shy. Now, they i sit there on their furry little rear ends and stuff food by the handfuls into their

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mouths and chomp, chomp, chomp away.

Actually, they usually only handle about one piece at a time, but they stuff it in continuously, watching everything around them but the actual food that they are

They manage to leave a huge mess of little crumbs behind. It is not dissimilar to my son eating in front of the television. Neither keeps the mouth closed while chewing; it does seem funny to see the raccoons eat, but I can't say the same about my son.

If two or three of these bandits show up at once, you can have a loud argu-

the cat food buffet can wind up on the ground. Then it's a free-for-all again. This is fun at five in the morning, when there is freezing rain coming down and the cat food gets spread out into the water, making it all soggy.

Nobody wants to eat it then. One night, we made contact through the glass door with a smaller raccoon. He noticed one of our mortified cats scratching at the door and after we let it in, it moseyed over and scratched

at the door too. I disappointed my son by not letting it in, but it followed our finger along the glass for awhile. Then the

ment on your hands, and raccoon played in the water container for about 15 minutes. He seemed to have a really great time. If only my son would be so easily. entertained.

The raccoon was also sure to clean himself after eating. He is ahead of my son in this department, too.

I'm not sure what my next anti-varmint tactic will be, but I want to get some more video of these raccoons, first. I'm tempted to have our neighborhood declared. a vermin sanctuary and offer tours.

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Donna Sue Fite and Gary R. French, both of Big Spring exchanged wedding vows Dec. 29, 2000, at the First Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Alan Wallace, brother-inlaw of the bride, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Ann Fite of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Flora Lee Dyer of Big Spring and Curtis W. Dyer of California.

The groom is the son of Tomasa French of Big Spring and Larry Ray French of Oklahoma.

Vocalalists were Tamara Wallace, niece of the bride, and Chris Batchelor, brother of the bride.

Given in marriage by her father, Don Fite, the bride wore an informal gown with off-the-shoulder sleeves, featuring subtle beading on soft lace encircling the front and back rounded neckline. The two tier, fingertip length veil was placed on an elegant crystal tiara having heart designs and clear crystals.

Tamara Wallace, the bride's niece, served as maid of honor; flower girls were Cassandra Batchelor and Allie Wallace, nieces of the bride. Ringbearer was Aeric Batchelor, the bride's nephew.

Jacob Leas served as best man. Justin Richter and Nick Puentes served as ush-

Bob and Connie Chase, uncle and aunt of the bride. served as candlelighters.

A reception for the couple

Anderson

Anderson of Big Spring celebrated their 60th anniversary with a dinner party on Jan. 20, 2001, at K.C.'s Steakhouse. Hosts were Jimmie Anderson and Judy Marrow

J.V. was born in Big while Maxine Spring was born in McGee Ardmore, Okla. The couple met when they were introduced by J.V.'s sister, Francis, in front of the Crystal Cafe in 1939.

They were married on Jan. 18, 1941, in the home of Bro. Wise, pastor of the 14th and Main Church of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson

have a son, Jimmie Anderson of San Angelo, and a daughter, Judy Marrow of Levelland. They have four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

During their marriage the couple lived in Big Spring from 1941-1955, Alamogordo, N.M., from 1955-1962 and then again in Big Spring from 1962 to present.

They had also lived in



J.V. AND MAXINE ANDERSON

California during World War II.

They are presently retired but were once the owners of Crystal Gafe and Anderson Floral and were employed by the Civil Service. They are members of the Church of Christ and the Elks Lodge. They enjoy fishing and traveling in their spare

Their comment about their marriage is "Very much love between us and our children."

Many projects fill first part of new year

in high style on the Big Spring State Hospital campus when each of our 200plus patients received several gifts the morning of Dec. 25.

Our patients are separated from family and friends

during the holiday season, so these gifts the were only ones many received. This celebration occurred o n l y because of your gener-

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ous donations and the assistance of countless volunteers.

I can't tell you how blessed I feel to be working with such wonderful people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Last month, I mentioned a

host of people and groups who entertained our patients during the holidays. There was one I forgot to include: the Moss Elementary students, who performed a Christmas program on Dec. 22. Their performance was a delight.

With Christmas behind us, we are concentrating our energies on the next big holiday - Valentine's Day. This is one of our most productive fund-raisers and Karen Brewer has been handling the coordination with much zeal. For \$8, our volunteers will deliver your choice of an assortment of fresh carnations; a live ivy plant, a stuffed bear with candy; a Luv-bug on a box of candy; homemade candy; and a mug filled with packets of flavored coffee or tea.

And back by popular demand is our offering of Singing Telegrams. For \$20, we'll serenade your loved one anywhere, at any time. Call the office at 268-7533 for details about the telegrams or gift deliveries

Quantities are limited, so place your orders early. Volunteers are needed to assemble these gifts, and we will be doing so on two work days: Jan. 25 and Feb. 7. Call us for more details. Just a reminder: those vol-

Christmas was celebrated unteers who wish to sing on Valentine's Day will meet Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community office.

Our January board meeting was canceled because of illness and has been rescheduled for Feb. 1.

Another area which needs volunteer participation is upcoming Volunteer Services Council meeting in Houston March 30-April 1. If a record number of volunteers attend the state meeting, we will bring home the David Wade Plaque for most in attendance. Watch your mail for your registration packet.

"Denim and Diamond's' steering chairperson Carol Scott has been doing an outstanding job lining up this huge event, which will be May 4 at the Big Spring Country Club. A big thank you goes out to Steve Smith for securing a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation to help underwrite the fund-raiser.

The year 2001 promises to be exciting and full of new adventures for our crop of volunteers at Big Spring Hospital. State Unfortunately, many of the familiar faces I had grown accustomed to working with since I've been in this office the past 20 years have passed away.

It will take a long time adjusting to the death of Covie Williams. We will cherish the memory of his smile and the pride he exuded as he played the guitar and spoke of his wife, Murlie, and his three girls. His family has been synonymous with volunteerism at the hospital. His death really saddened this office.

We also were forced to say good-bye to Wavie White, L.C. Gibbs and Mildred Hayworth, who passed away this month. We are deeply saddened and offer our condolences to these families.

The Volunteer Services Council has developed a special memorial project for those who wish to contribute funds to the state hospital in memory of some-

Billie Russworm is Big Spring State Hospital of Community Director Relations.

GETTING ENGAGED



Kristy Marie Casebeer and John Garrett Magee, March 10, 2001, at Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews with Mike Henson officiat-

She is the daughter of Eddie and Ann Casebeer of Big Spring. He is the son of Don and Cindy Magee of Goldsmith.



Laurel Ann Shelton and Ferrol Jon Voight, both of both of Odessa, will Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows Feb. 17, 2001, at the First Christian Church in Big Spring with Gary Groves of First Christian Church Midland, officiating.

She is the daughter of Dr. Charlotte James and Shelton and the granddaughter Martha Borchers, all of Big Spring.

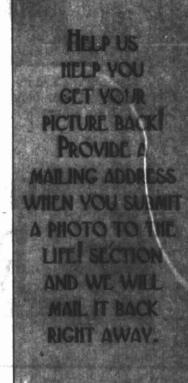
He is the son of Chuck and Robyn Chrane of Big Spring and Charlie and Vera Voight Jr. of San Antonio and the grandson of Charlie Voight of Big Spring.



Leasa Hill and Cory Anderson, both of Fort Worth, will exchange wedding vows Feb. 24, 2001, at the Stockyards Wedding Chapel in Fort Worth.

She is the daughter Marilyn Conrad and Betrand of Jefferson, Ga. He is the son of Judy Thompson of Big Spring and Jim Anderson of San Angelo.

READ to your kids.



SCHOLARSHIP LUNDS

Family Medical Center 2301 South Gregg St.

Announces Ob/Gyn Services

Dr. Sandra Bello - OB/GYN and Reproductive Endocrinologist Beginning January 16th

Dr. Erich Byerly - OB/GYN Beginning August 1st

Dr. Bello will be working with FMC and SMMC to provide continuous OB/GYN

services to Big Spring and its surrounding communities until the arrival of Dr. Byerly.

Family Medical Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center are committed to the needs of Big Spring and pledge to provide continuous OB/GYN coverage for our community.

Please call for an appointment.

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WHO'S

Misty Madison of Stanton was one of 106 graduates who participated in commencement exercises for Lubbock Christian University on Dec. 9, 2000. Madison graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies in Elementary Education. The daughter of Greg and Cheryl Madison, Misty was member of Meisters nger Chorus, Students in Free Enterprise and Kappa Phi Kappa women's social club.

Jerrod Helms a student at the Texas University College of Human Sciences received the Horton A. & Mildred Proctor Hobbs Scholarship. His parents are Richard and Connie Helms of Big Spring.

Jennie J. Tedford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tedford, Big Spring, is among those listed on the Harding University Dean's list for grades acheived during the fall semester. She is a sophomore majoring in missions and attended Big Spring High School.

Midwestern State University recognized 698 honor students for the Fall 2000 semester. The school's Dean's List included 205 students and 493 students made the University Honor Roll.

Kellye Fawn Koger of Ackerly made the Dean's List and Annette Doris Wennerbom of Big Spring made the Honor Roll for the university.

To make the Dean's List, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than an "A"

To make the University Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at

Coming Wednesday, Jan. 31: Reader's Corner, poems and photographs from our readers.

Winter Clearance Sale!

JACK & JILL DAYCARE Birth to 12 years old

Response mixed to Hollywood's latest look at drug culture

the last year, it could be found in the 1970s-era rock 'n' roll movie "Almost Famous."

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"Don't take drugs!" pleads Frances McDormand as a nervous mother who drops off her 15-year-old son at a Black Sabbath concert.

"Don't take drugs! Don't take drugs!" mocks a chorus of concertgoers.

From gritty dramas like "Traffic" and "Requiem for a Dream" to thoughtful "Wonder comedies like "Almost Boys" and Famous," some of the better films of 2000 touched on lives and careers ruined by addiction. All of those films received Golden Globe nominations and could fare equally well at the Academy Awards.

Many filmmakers say Hollywood has begun escalating its own war on drugs. What's seen on screen, however, can sometimes seems at odds with a subculture traditionally know for bacchanalian excess.

Federal drug-enforcement officials note that Hollywood has a checkered history in depicting drugs' consequences.

But it looks to us like they're trying hard to do a better job showing an accurate portrayal of the damage drug abuse does," said Bob Weiner, spokesman for the White House office of National Drug Control Policy.

"There were some positive messages about the need for family involvement and positive work of drug enforcement agents," he added. "There's less ambiguity now. With movies like "Trainspotting," I had trouble telling whether the message was pro or con.'

.891 Thinst-industry analysts say substance abuse is no longer considered glamorous.

and that makes it time to age people to stay in their capitalize on the anti-drug reality, we will have done a message,'' said Robert

LOS ANGELES (AP) - If Bucksbaum of Reel Source Hollywood had a message in Inc., a firm that tracks the box office.

No one making a movie wants to be preachy, but many say they have weathered too much damage from drug abuse to stay silent.

"I don't know a single per son who hasn't smoked pot or tried some sort of drug,' said Stephen Gaghan, the "Traffic" screenwriter. "At some point, it becomes hyp-

Gaghan said he initially named a character after a friend as an inside joke but then changed it when he found out the friend had

"There's a lot of personal experience in this one," Gaghan said. "I hope it

Benicio Del Toro, who plays a Mexican drug officer who finds he has unwittingly aided a cartel in "Traffic," said he wanted to create "a conversation piece" about how the U.S. war on drugs'doesn't solve the problem of addiction.

'People (in Hollywood)

The balance between entertaining and lecturing, however, can be precarious. "Requiem for a Dream," for example, presented such an unrelentingly grim portrait of four junkies that it was hard for mainstream audiences to endure

"It's a difficult movie, and my only worry is that not enough people will get to see it," said "Requiem" star Ellen Burstyn, who plays an aging housewife destroyed by a diet-pill addiction.

"People will go to great lengths to avoid reality, and over the years four addictions have changed and become much more lethal," Burstyn said. "I think that "It's kind of out of style, if movies like this encourservice.

for Early Head Start

Two-year-olds enrolled in basic health issues. The Early Head Start were better able to solve problems, pay attention and use language and less likely to cause trouble than other poor children, according to the program's first formal evaluation.

in 1995 to serve at-risk infants and toddlers, also helped their parents, who were more likely to read and talk to their children and less likely to spank them.

The differences between families in the program and other families were not dramatic, but researchers were encouraged because they were found across a host of measures, suggesting the program may have a lasting impact.

"The fact that they're so widespread gives me a lot of confidence it's making a systemic difference," said John Love of Mathematica Policy Research, one of the lead researchers. "As long as they continue, these chil-dren should definitely do better later on."

The program has two different formats. Children either are sent to high-quality child care centers, or experts in child development make weekly visits to families at home.

The centers offer extra services like health care and nutrition counseling, and workers supplement them with at least two home visits a year. For the stayat-home families, parents and their children also meet with other participants at least twice a month for classes and play time.

During the home visits, a social worker might talk to a mother about problems she is having with her

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died of a heroin overdose.

seems truthful.

are starting to know the power they have in cutting (drug use) down somewhat," he said. "We can show the bigger picture of the problem.

Report finds success

worker might play with a baby, demonstrating for how the mother she can encourage development. For instance, a mother might not realize that her 9month-old can start looking under a cloth for a hidden Early Head Start, created object, explained Jeanne Brooks-Gunn of Columbia University, another lead

researcher. That may sound simple, she said, but learning that the object remains under the cloth is one of the ways babies' brains devel-

"You really show the moms things that their kids can do at that age, and how they can play with them," Brooks-Gunn said. In the child care centers,

meanwhile, the workers are talking and playing with children all day long. "Kids aren't wandering aimlessly around the center," Brooks-Gunn said. "They're not sitting there watching TV."

Children typically enter Early Head Start at birth and can remain until age 3. It was created as a warm up for the 35-year-old Head Start preschool program.

STORK

Luis Miguel Aguirre, Jan. 4, 2001, 8:01 a.m., six pounds nine ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Soila Salgado and Miguel Angel Aguirre. Grandparents are Andres and Juana Salgado of Stanton and Victoriana Aguirre of Mexico

De Angelo Juan Diaz, Jan. 3, 2001, 6:10 a.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 22 inches long. Parents are Cruz and Lupe Diaz Jr.

Malerie Nicole Oviedo, Jan. 3, 2001, 9:24 a.m., seven pounds 12 ounces, 21 inches long. Parents are Daniel and Marissa Oviedo of Lenorah.

Indya Rose Brim, Jan. 16, 2001, 8:56 a.m., seven pounds 11 ounces, 21 inches long. Parent is Brandy Bruce.

IN THE

Phillip Kuykendall, son of Steve and Mary Kuydendall

San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, graduated the II JIII United States Navy boot camp Great Lakes, Ill.,

on Dec. 29, KUYKENDALL $2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0$

Kuykendall will be attending Operations Specialist School at Dam Neck Base in Virginia Beach, Kuykendall is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Army Pvt. Timothy W. Thayer has graduated from the motor transport operatof oddvanced individual Training (AIT) course at rort Leonard Waynesville, Mo.

During the course, the soldier received training in the operation and maintenance of light and heavy military vehicles and in transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies. Other instruction included accident prevention and reporting, operator maintenance and motor marches.

He is the son of Reba J. Thayer of Avenue F, Hawley, and Thom Thayer of Big Spring.

BRIEFLY

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Influential country rockers Gram Parsons Emmylou Harris will have their careers surveyed in box set collections set for release on April 17.

Parsons, who died in 1973, has been cited as an influence on the Eagles, the Rolling Stones and the modern alternative country music movement. Harris sang with Parsons early in her career, and wrote some liner notes for "Sacred Hearts & Fallen Angels: The Gram Parsons Anthology,' which will be released on Rhino Entertainment.

"Emmylou Harris Anthology: Warner/Reprise Years" will contain 45 songs from her time with Warner Bros., including six No. 1 country

Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, If so, we saw them there. Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words As any friend could say; Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, Or maybe furnished a car; Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, Near at hand or from afar; Whatever you did to console the heart We thank you so much, Whatever the part. The Family of Lucy James

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken, noodles, brussels sprouts milk/rolls, fruit. TUESDAY-Liver, potatoes, okra & tomatoes, salad, milk/rolls, applecrisp. WEDNESDAY-Fish, french fries, beans, fruit salad, milk/cornbread, pudding.

& tomatoes, turnip greens, salad, milk/rolls, fruit. FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

THURSDAY-Ham, macaroni

STANTON ISD MONDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun, french fries, hamburger salad, orange, brownies, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti and meat sauce (steak fingers), green beans, salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink

WEDNESDAY-Taco (corndog), pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cheese, taco sauce, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Pig in blanket (turkey & cheese sandwich), potato salad, beans, fruit cocktail, snickerdoodle, fruit drink, milk.

FRIDAY-Bean burrito (hot dog), vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, pears, fruit drink,

FORSAN ISD MONDAY-Pizza, sliced pota-

toes, salad, brownies, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili mac, corn, salad, fruit cobbler, milk. dog, WEDNESDAY-Hot french fries, salad, cookies, fruit, milk. THURSDAY-Chicken sand-

wich, chips, salad, cinnamon rolls, milk. burritos, FRIDAY-Soft ranch style beans, salad,

fruit churros, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY MONDAY-Chili mac, salad, corn, crackers, milk. TUESDAY-Chalupas, spanish rice, salad/cheese, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, potato salad, pork & beans, fruit, milk. THURSDAY-Braised beef, mashed potatoes, green

beans, fruit, milk. FRIDAY-Steak burger, fries, salad, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD MONDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges, milk. TUESDAY-Beef stew (corn stromboli, dogs/fries), pears, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande, ranch beans, mixed fruit, milk. THURSDAY-Taco beef pie

(burritos), salad, pinto beans, spice cake, milk. FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potato, green beans, rolls, milk.

SANDS ISD MONDAY-Corn dogs/mustard, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, apple crisp, milk

TUESDAY-Bar-be-que ribs,

potato salad, ranch style beans, hot rolls, cobbler,

WEDNESDAY-Taco salad & cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, crackers, cobbler,

milk THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets/gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit, hot

rolls, milk. FRIDAY-Beef & cheese, salad, corn, batterbread, cookies or fruit, milk

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS MONDAY-Steak fingers, cream potatoes, green peas, fruit, hot rolls.

TUESDAY-Baked potato, chef salad, broccoli, cake, crackers.

WEDNESDAY-Bean/beef burrito, corn, pineapple, cookies.

THURSDAY-Corndogs, tater tots, carrot stick, fruit. FRIDAY-Chicken on a bun, lettuce/tomato/pickles, chips, cookie.

BIG SPRING ISD MONDAY-Pizza, cherries, curly fries, celery w/peanut butter, green apple, milk. TUESDAY-Chicken rings mashed potatoes, fruit salad, green beans, orange wedges, hot roll, milk. WEDNESDAY-Taco, salad w/cheese. strawberries w/topping, pinto beans,

fried okra, milk. THURSDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, w/mixed fruit, fruit juice,

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, ranch style beans, rainbow bar, milk.

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Marvin Fleming Jr. and wife Shirley, Fort Worth. He is retired from a trucking company. She is employed by MHMR.

Farrell Kenyon and wife Sue, Midland. He is employed by Basic Energy Services Inc. as a truck dri-

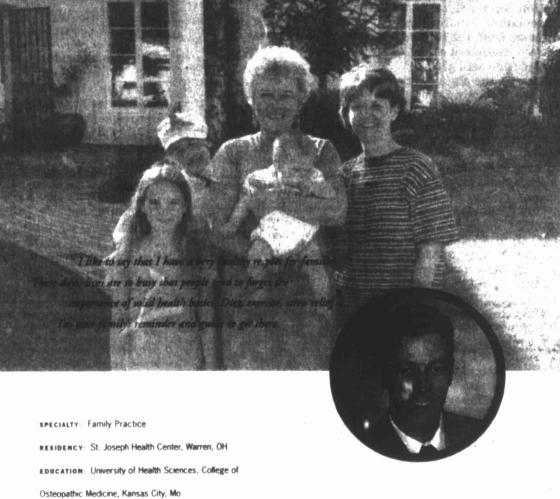
Lou Griffin, Lamesa. He is employed by America Wireless in sales. Ruben and Lucy Campos,

son Michael and daughter Emily, San Antonio. He is employed by the city of Big Spring. She is a student at Howard College

Michael Johnson and daughter Lindsey, Angelo.

Stewart Sinclair and wife Jennifer, Midland. He is employed by CRMWD in the electronics department.

Manila and Dhaniben Patel, and children Xogesh, Paressh and Nalini, Wichita Falls. He is the assistant manager of Camelot Inn Motel.



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California screamin': Who pulled the plug on the Golden State's boom?

months ago, California's fortunes glittered like nuggets in a Sierra stream. Dot-commers were mining Silicon Valley, IPOs were good as gold and the state was sitting on a fat surplus

These days, an energy crisis has lawmakers by the throats, hightech has lowered its expectations and millions in dot-wrong stock options would serve better as fuel to dispel the chill of rolling black-

There's some California screaming going on these winter days. "We seem to be falling apart," chotherapist from Santa Monica. "I don't have a theory on it, but it certainly is frightening. It's kind of like a horror flick from the

"It's almost like it snuck up on everybody," says Nancy Chan, who works at the San Francisco Zoo, which scrambled to keep its animals safe and warm this week when a blackout sent temperatures in a tropical fish pool plunging and locked hydraulic doors, keeping the gorillas from their morning walk.

Seeing the elegant Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Six says Kathy Sica, a 32-year-old psy- Bridge go partially dark may price," and doesn't expect it to strike a somber note, but no one's writing eulogies for the California economy — sixth-largest in the world — just yet. Unemployment rates are low, 1.3 percent in Silicon Valley, and job growth increased slightly in the last three months of 2000, said Stephen Levy, director of the Center for the Continuing Study of the California

'There have been no tangible signs yet of a slowdown," says Levy, who describes the energy crisis as an "old-fashioned, garden-variety negotiation over

have much impact on the économy - provided state officials and suppliers can reach agreement quickly.

Still, there have been some measurable reversals in California's fortunes:

The tech-dominated Nasdaq hit a record close of 5,048,62 on March 10, 2000, but ended up with a 39.3 percent loss for the calendar

Venture capital that flowed into dot-com companies whether they showed a profit or not dried up somewhat, sending unprofitable e-tailers like Pets.com and Productopia.com tumbling.

 Deregulation, limited supplies of hydroelectric power and maintenance projects created an energy mess that has sent blackouts rolling through Northern California and threatened the entire state.

The mood has turned similarly dark. An early January poll by the Public Policy Institute of California found 51 percent of respondents expected good times for the next 12 months, a 21-point drop from a similar survey last

Permian Basin Cotton Conf. set Tuesday

he Third Annual Permian Cotton Conference will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 8:30 a.m., at the **Stanton Community**

Center. Registration will be \$10 which will include lunch.

Topics at the conference will include Weed Control in Round-up Ready and



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other cotton production systems. Dr. Dan Kriegg will conduct a panel discussion of producers on conservation tillage and it's benefits.

Representatives from the **National Cotton Council** will give an update on new and pending farm legislation as well as other matters. Mark Lundren, an aide for U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, will speak on grop insurance reform for ne upcoming farm bill

Energy deregulation and how it will affect you, will be addressed by Kelley Green from the Texas **Cotton Ginners** Association. Finally, the director from the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will give an update on the status of the boll weevil within the Permian Basin Zone.

Lunch will be provided and the program will conclude by noon. Three continuing education units will be given for the pro-

This program is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service from Howard. Martin, Glasscock, Reagan, Upton and Midland counties.

Extension Service programs serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Owner Kou Kowg Hsu and manager Nancy Horsman have reopened Hunan's Restaurant at 1201 Gregg St. The restaurant has undergone major renovations after two fires

forced its closing.

Hunan's Restaurant opens again, features larger buffet, more seating

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Hunan's Chinese Restaurant, located at 1201 Gregg Street, reopened this week after being closed for over two months to do some extensive renovations.

The renovations were not exactly planned, however, according to restaurant manager Nancy Horsman.

"Last October, we had a grease fire in our kitchen," said Horsman. "Then, just 10 days later, we had an electrical fire that did some extensive damage so we just decided to take the opportunity to do some renovations and get new fixtures, equipment, furniture and everything else. It's all new including four new buffet tables that will give us the capability to add another 10 items to the buf-

Horsman said that the only thing that will not be different will be the prices. will be worth the wait the lunch buffet for \$6.75

and the dinner buffet for \$8.50," said Horsman. "The have been renovating," dinner buffet will include the more expensive items: such as the jumbo fried shrimp and we will also have a seafood buffet that will include crablegs and large cocktail shrimp."

Horsman believes customers will enjoy the improvements.

"I think our customers will really love the changes that have been made," said Horsman. "The additional buffet tables, the new tables and chairs, and we added an additional 10 tables to our party room which will give us the capability to seat an additional 40 people. This should help eliminate some waiting for tables we have had in the past."

Horsman said she appreciates the patience of her customers but adds that it to Horsman.

"We will still be offering "We want to thank the their patience while we said Horsman. "We have been getting calls asking when we were going to reopen and I have been telling them soon.

> "Now, after a lot of hard work by our insura ce agent and our general contractor, we have finished and are ready to serve everyone again. We have really missed being open.

We invite all our old customers as well as new ones to come see all the changes that have been made," she added.

Horsman said that she will remain as the restaurant manager under current owner Kou Kowg Hsu. She is looking for a kitchen manager to oversee the kitchen operation.

The restaurant employs around 12 people, according

Name game

Companies move quickly to shut down Web sites over trademark questions

DALLAS (AP) - When Harry Siskind heard about an Internet site selling something called Amazing Body Solutions, he picked up the phone — and called his lawyers.

Siskind is the president and chief executive of San Antonio-based Nutritionals Inc. In Dallas and many other cities, the company's radio advertisements tout a product that promises to burn off extra weight while you sleep.

It's called Body Solutions. "We've spent millions of dollars to develop and market our products," Siskind says. "For somebody to just decide they can come out and reap the benefit of somebody's hard work ... It's ar azing what people think they can get away with.

Within days, Siskind's lawyers persuaded a federal judge to shut down the Web site, citing the similar name.

Texas company's The story is part of a larger trend. Companies looking to protect their trademarks see the Internet as a growing threat, a place where quickbuck artists can assemble a Web site and take orders from customers who think they're dealing with a big, established company.

Companies such as The Walt Disney Co. and The Coca-Cola Co. have long aggressively protected their brand names, which are valuable global assets, against copycat manufacturers.

Trademark wars are now spilling over into cyber-The National space. Football League, Nintendo, Tommy Hilfiger Corp., Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. and Nike Inc. have all recently sued Web site operators whom they accused of trading on their names.

Trademark counterfeiting costs U.S. companies \$200 billion a year, according to the International AntiCoun-

The speed and could-beanywhere nature of the Internet that makes it so attractive to knockoff artists also help companies spot trademark infringement.

That's what happened last month at Mark Nutritionals. An employee surfing the Internet entered "body solutions" in a search engine and pulled up amazingbodysolutions.com, which looked eerily similar Mark Nutritionals' bodysolutions.com Employees placed creditcard orders and learned that the site was being operated by two men in Memphis. Tenn.

The company's lawyers' fired off letters to the site's operators, telling them they were violating trademark laws and asking them to shut down.

The next day, the lawyers went into federal district court in Memphis and got a judge to issue a temporary restraining order shutting down the site. The defendants, Robert Nunn and Perry Belcher, weren't even in the courtroom.

James Rosini, a New York lawyer who represented Mark Nutritionals, said Nunn and Belcher quickly took down their site and have been negotiating a settlement. A lawyer retained by Nunn and Belcher did not respond to messages.

Although the Mark Nutritionals case is a civil matter, trademark infringement is also a crime in most states. Under Texas law, violations involving less than \$1,500 are misdemeanors, ranging to firstdegree felonies for violations involving more than \$200,000.

N THE NEWS

Barbara Brumley, a Big Spring investment representative for the financialservices firm

Edward Jones, was one of 50 representatives honored at a business management forum earlier this month in New York.



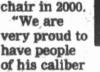
Brumley was recognized for business management skills. In addition to being honored, Brumley met with other Edward Jones investment representatives to share ideas for increasing office efficiency, improving customer service, increasing investment knowledge and expanding her knowledge in the area of estate plan-Brumley's office is locat-

Allan Johnson, owner of Allan's Furniture of Big Spring, has been selected

ed at 1714 Gregg Street.

chairman of the Better **Business Bureau of the** Permian Basin. Johnson has been a

member of the BBB board since 1996 and replaces Lyn Fite, who served as chair in 2000. "We are



available to help us steer the BBB into the new century," said Dick Rowland, BBPB president.

A second meeting to discuss an underground water district for Howard County is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Monday in the Fireplace Room on the Howard College campus. The public is invited.

The meeting is for those who were unable to attend the first meeting, which was held last week. Those attending will

Pope retiring after 25 years at Walls store

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Syble Pope, manager of Walls Outlet Store, enjoys her job and has collected lots of memories but after 25 years she has decided it is time to retire.

"We have lots of good customers and lots of fun. That's why it does not get boring and why I never wanted to do something else," Pope said. "Walls has been a great place to work."

Pope began her career in the early 1970s as a sales clerk. "I came out here and

applied for a job on Sept. 9, 1975," she said. "The manager left in April of 1976, and I took over the store. I have been here ever since," Although Walls clothing

is sold all over the nation, Texas is the only state to have the outlet stores, she

For the majority of the Big Spring store's existence. Pope has been the store manager. "Walls merchandise sells itself," she said. "Its always

been quality merchandise.' Pope said she enjoys her job and especially working for George Wall, the owner.

When Mr. Wall was alive, he was a terrific person," she said. "When he came out he did not make me feel below him. He always made feel he was down on our level."

Pope, who has live in Big Spring all her life, has a daughter, Robbie Froman of Big Spring, and two sons, Byron Pope of Coahoma and Ronny Pope of Clyde.

During her years she has met many interesting cus-

"There was one man who would come in here and buy jeans," she joked. "We would make him come out and model them for us because he was so good looking. Then he got mar-

Pope said he still visits them. In fact, they have many customers who return 's visit, share some ice cream with them or just have fun teasing the



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Syble Pope, manager of Walls, arranges a few coats on display. Pope is retiring from Walls after 25 years of ser-

With some regret, Pope will be handing over the reins to Walls' employee Judy Moore.

"When you have some thing for 25 years, it bothers you to leave it with someone else," she said. "Mr. Wall always said 'take it and make it yours.' That is what we always did and I loved it."

For those who would like to stop by and wish Pope a good retirement, store employees are holding a reception in her honor on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. Cake and punch will be

Walls Industries shut operation in Big Spring and Snyder last year.

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WOC State Office of Risk Management vs Michelle Dawn

Rita J. Botha vs Stephen G. Botha, annul **Divorce** Kerry Dean Fryar vs Wanda Elaine Fryar, div

Diana Lynn Sappington vs William Fred Sappington, div Edeshaus Eynn Shubert v. vs Michael Eugene Shubert, div

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Grantor: Leslie Lloyd Grantee: Miles and Michelle

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hear from two or more speakers on the subject of underground water districts and will be able to ask questions. The meetings are being sponsored by the Howard County Farm Bureau, Howard County Extension Agency and Howard County Commissioners Court.

Alon USA has announced that Joe Concienne will join the company as vice president of refining and transportation, effective Feb. 5. Concienne has more than 26 years of experience in the industry, most recently as manager at the Valero/Phibro Refinery in Texas City.

He and his wife, Brenda, will move to Big Spring were he will be responsible for the Big spring Refinery and the more than 1,000 miles of pipeline and ter-

minal system. "It's a pleasure to welcome a person of Joe's experience and stature to Alon USA," said Jeff Morris, president and CEO of Alon. "His abilities will add to the success of our company.

Flight attendants picket

FORT WORTH (AP) - of Professional Flight Atten-Seeking to ratchet up the dants, which represents pressure on American Airlines to settle a long-running labor standoff, leaders of a flight attendants' union said they would count strike-authorization ballots next month.

"This is the first step toward a strike at American Airlines," said John Ward, president of the Association than two years.

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The union and the airline have been negotiating without agreement for more

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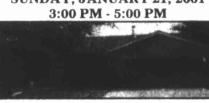
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