BIG SPRING ISD (TAX RATE: \$1.5663 PER \$100)

Entity

Fina Oil & Chemical Co.

Western Container Corp.

Scenic Mtn. Medical Ctr.

Southwestern Bell Tele.

Merit Energy Company

Texaco Exploration

Sid Richardson Carbon LTD

Power Resources Inc.

TXU Electric

### SUNDAY

February 4, 2001

WEATHER

**Today:** 



TODAY 60°-65° 32°-33°

## **After Hours** event slated for StarTek

Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's first Business After Hours program of 2001 will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at StarTek, located in the College Park Shopping Center.

**Business After Hours is** an informal social function that allows clients, employees and other business persons to meet and share ideas.

Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend.

## WHAT'S UP...

**MONDAY** 

☐ Hawk Flight Booster Club Luncheon. Monday, Feb. 5, Howard College Cactus Room. \$5.25 per person. RSVP to Betty Reed at 264-5040.

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

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

## 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

## WEDNESDAY

☐ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

 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** 

### THURSDAY ☐ Gideons

International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 Herman's Restaurant, 7

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## "Reflecting a Proud Community"

# Oil and gas industry, manufacturing county's major taxpayers

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Not surprisingly, Howard County's leading taxpayers continue to be centered in oil, gas and manufacturing.

Fina Oil & Chemical Co. is by far the county's largest taxpayer, boasting \$86,254,328 in taxable values. Power Resources Inc. is second with values totaling \$58,197,902, followed by bottling manufacturer Western Container Corp. \$36,863,590.

Sid Richardson Carlon ranks fourth in the county with values of \$23,366,740, followed in order by Conoco Inc., \$22,376,483; Kerr-

## TOP 10 TAXPAYERS IN HOWARD COUNTY

CITY OF BIG SPRING (TAX RATE: 65.634 PER \$100)		HOWARD (
Entity	Taxable value	Entity
Western Container	\$36,863,590	Fina Oil &
Scenic Mtn. Medical Cntr	\$13,051,839	Power Re
IXU Electric Co.	\$8,793,470	Western (
Southwestern Bell Tele	\$8,547,820	Sid Richa
Wal-Mart Real Estate	\$6,355,549	Conoco Ir
Wal-Mart Stores #513	\$6,100,737	Kerr-McGe
Huntsman Polymers Corp.	\$5,909,720	TXU Elect
HE Butt Grocery Co.	\$3,622,538	Texaco Ex
Rip Griffin Truck Stop	\$2,811,538	Scenic M

\$21,939,120; TXU Electric, \$19,808,280; and Texaco Exploration, \$16,438,730.

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Rounding out the top 10 Scenic Mountain

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with taxable values of \$13,051,839 and Southwestern Bell

Telephone at \$12,410,780.

McGee Oil & Gas, Medical Center (SMMC) rate of 44.89 cents per \$100 valuation for the current tax year

\$58,197,902

\$36,863,590

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The city of Big Spring, which receives minimal tax Howard County has a tax revenue from oil and gas,

Exxon Mobil Corp. \$6.387.290 relies on manufacturing and utilities for much of its tax proceeds. The city's tax rate is 65.63 cents per \$100.

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# Caregiving can be tremendous strain

After suffering an emotional breakdown from stress, a loving wife can do no more

Editor's Note: The following article is the first in a four-part series profiling caregivers in Howard County.

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

imeree Permenter cared for her husband, Robert, at home as long as she could actually longer. It was eight ye that Mr. Permenter started showing signs of Alzheimer's Disease. After more than 30 years of mar riage, she couldn't bring

nursing home. "When I finally did, I knew it was final," said Mrs. Permenter. "I love him, and I just didn't want to let him go."

herself to place him in a

But the 75-year-old Garden City resident was forced to place her husband in a Midland care center when he became violent and dangerous. The once gentle, loving husband became paranoid and angry, cursing and threat-



Jimeree Permenter is shown with a photograph of her husband, Robert, (right) and his brother. While the brother died with Alzheimer's Disease, Robert Permenter still suffers from it. His wife cared for him at home for almost four years, until she reached her breaking point.

ening his wife repeatedly. "I just had to take it,"

Mrs. Permenter explained. "I knew that wasn't him. He fussed at me 24 hours a

After a nervous breakdown caused by the stress of caring for him alone for four years, she found a nursing facility that specializes in the care of people with the devastating

## GIMMIE A BREAK

What: Seminar for care-

When: 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Where: Howard County Library Community Room.

Cost: Free. disease

With friends and family,

Mrs. Permenter had some support in caring for her husband. But, like many people who serve as a caregiver for a loved one, she nevertheless felt very

That's why the Permian Basin Agency on Aging and Greater West Chapter of the Alzheimer's

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alone.

# Ivins joins columnists on Herald's Opinion page

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Managing Editor

Today's edition of the fea-Herald tures the debut of syndicated columnist Molly Ivins our Opinion page.

Ivins' addition to the list



of editorial columnists featured by the Herald comes in response to requests from a great many our readers asking that we provide a more even mix of liberal and conservative viewpoints.

Currently a columnist for Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Ivins is a native received a bachelor's degree from Smith College and a master's degree in journal-Columbia University. She studied for a year at the Institute for Political Science in Paris. Ivins began her career at

the Houston Chronicle and worked for the Minneapolis Tribune, The Texas Observer and The New York Times before returning to Texas in 1982.

Her freelance work has appeared in numerous publications including Esquire, Atlantic, The Nation, Harper's and TV Guide. She also provides occasional commentary for National Public Radio and the McNeil/Lehrer program.

Ivins spent three years on the board of the National News Council and is active in Amnesty International's Journalism Network and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

She writes about press issues for the American Civil Liberties Union and several journalism reviews

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# **Power**

TXU Electric files rate plan that would increase bills 15 percent

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

First natural gas, now

Coming on the heels of double and even quadruple increases in natural gas Electric on Friday filed for a rate increase and surcharge that would

add

more than 15 percent to the

age customer's bill. The culprit? Natural gas

prices, TXU says. TXU officials said the rate increase and surcharge are necessary to cover the cost of natural gas used to fuel many of the utility's power plants. The company said the cost of its gas has doubled in the past year.

"The fuel surcharge is due to the increasing higher cost of natural gas," said Mike Nieto, TXU operations manager for Big Spring. "There is no profit for TXU; the cost is passed on to customer. Also, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) says we can go back and collect for undercollected fuel charges, and that's what the surcharge is for."

The rate increase comes as an adjustment in TXU's "fuel factor" and would add \$6.30 to the monthly bill of an average residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, the company said.

"The fuel factor is an anticipation of future fuelcosts and averages the highs and lows," said Nieto.

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# Boys Scouts collect 3,600 cans to assist two local food banks

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

More than 3,600 cans of food to benefit the pantries of both the Salvation Army and the West Texas Food Bank were collected on Saturday during the annual "Good Turn Food Drive" conducted by members of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of

According to Clem Jones, project coordinator, food collected from the drive was equally split between the two organizations

this year. "We didn't reach our goal of 5,000 cans that we had set but we are extremely happy with the effort we had," said Jones. "The Salvation Army and the West Texas Food Bank were able to

receive around 1,800 cans each which will help replenish food stocks that had been depleted somewhat due to Thanksgiving and Christmas hol-Jones said the food drive is now

held each year on the Saturday prior to Boy Scout Sunday, a day in which Scouts are recognized by their local churches.

"We used to hold this food drive in November but a lot of other organizations were having drives during that same time frame," said Jones. "So we decided to have it in conjunction with our Boy Scout Sunday program. The Scouts will wear their uniforms to church on Sunday and the pastors will recognize each of them.

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HERALD photo/Carl Graha Boy Scout Troop #5 members, from left, Kip White, Heath Wilkerson and David Weich load c anned goods into a trailer that will take the food items to the Salvation Army and the West Texas Food Bank for distribution.

## **Jack Watson**

Service for Jack Watson, 42, of Big Spring, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5,

2001, at First Assembly of God with Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor, officiat-Burial will follow in Trinity Memoria Park

Mr Watson died

Thursday from injuries sustained in a one car accident.

He was born on Feb. 25, 1958, in Big Spring. He married Liz Trevino on April 14, 1989, in Big Spring and had been a lifetime resident. He attended First Assembly of God Church. He was a master plumber and owned Watson Plumbing.

Survivors include his wife, Liz Watson of Big Spring; two sons, Seve Watson and Jimmy Watson, both of Big Spring; his mother and step-father, Wanda and Dale Young of Big Spring; and one sister, Wynona J. Watson of Big Spring.

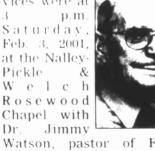
He was preceded in death by his father, William J. Watson.

the direction of Myers & Pickle & Welch Funeral Smith Funeral Home & Home. Chapel.

## Jack Griffin Sr.

Jack Griffin Sr., 77, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, at his residence. Funeral ser-

vices were at Saturday Feb. 3, 2001, at the Nalley Pickle W e l cRosewood



Watson, pastor of First Christian Church and the Rev. Michael King, pastor of Baker's Chapel AME, officiating. Interment is at -

1923, in Hamlin and married Jo Nell Faulkenberry on May 5, 1944, in Ackerly.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

William "Jack" Watson. 42. died Thursday. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Monday at First Assembly of God Church, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

#### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



(915) 267-6331 www.npwelch.com Beauna J. McGregor, 85. died Thursday, Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will

follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2:00 to 4:00 PM Sunday. Luther Ray Meek, 83, died Thursday. Graveside funeral services will be at

2:00 PM Wednesday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park. Mastin David (Dave) Johnson, 86, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 3:00 PM Monday at the

Sand Springs Baptist Church with interment at

Coahoma Cemetery. **Big Spring Herald** ISSN 0746-6811 BY THE MONTH HOME DELIVERY: Evenings and Sunday, \$8.65

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Mr. Griffin had worked for Fina Oil Company, retiring on Jan. 31, 1983. He had umpired Little League Baseball for 40 years, officiated football and basketball for 20 years and was an avid bowler and fisherman.

He was a member of First Christian Church and had served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946 Survivors include: his

wife, Jo Nell Griffin of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jack Jr. and Sandra Griffin of Big Spring, Robert and Sherry Griffin of Lewisville and James and Cathy Griffin of Coppell; one daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Stephen Fenton of San Antonio; one brother and sister-in-law, Joe A. and Dell Griffin of Carlsbad, N.M.; two sisters, Sarah West of Big Spring and Cleola Grigg of San Angelo; one sister-in-law, Fran Green of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, five greatgrandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends

The family suggest memorials to the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad., Big Spring 79720

Arrangements are under Arrangements are under the direction of Nallev-

Paid obituary

## Beauna J. McGregor

Beauna J. McGregor, 84, formerly of Knott and Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001,

in Carrollton hursing center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle Welch



Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jess Colegrove, past Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Feb. 9. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on June 20, 1916, in Dierks, Ark., and married J.D. McGregor on Nov. 14, 1939, in Martin County. He preceded her in death on Sept. 1, 1995,

Mrs. McGregor had lived in the Knott and Big Spring communities from 1923 until May of 2000. She taught school in Brown, in Knott and then for 22 years in Big Spring at Washington Elementary School.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Tom Remkus of Lewisville; one son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Mickie McGregor of Allen; one granddaughter, Tracy Stanton of Lewisville: one grandson, Jonathan McGregor of Allen; two sisters, Orrian Billings of Big and Joyce Spring Armstrong of Quemado. N.M.; two brothers, A.C. Billings Jr. of Mena, Ark., and Avon Billings of Coffeeville, Miss.; and sev-

eral nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials to: Birdwell Lane

Baptist Church, Big Spring, or to your favorite charity. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Arrangements are under

the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

# **Mastin David**

(Dave) Johnson Funeral services for Mastin David (Dave)

Johnson, 86, of Big Spring, will be at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, at Sand Springs Baptist Church with Ted Rev. Bostick, pastor, officiating. Military

graveside rites will follow at

Coahoma Cemetery. Mr. Mastin D. Johnson left this earth to be with our Lord on Friday, Feb. 2, 2001.

#### Mr. Johnson was born on Dec. 18, 1914, in Eastland County to John T. and Virginia Johnson. He married Mildred Ethel Diez on

April 26, 1948, in Kermit. Mr. Johnson moved to Big Spring in 1960 from Kermit. He worked for Cabot Carbon Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs for 40 years. Mr. Johnson served in World War II with the 384th Fighter Squadron and was active in many European campaigns.

Mr. Johnson had many friends in the Sand Springs area who remember him fondly walking his dog, Otto, all around the Sand Springs area. Mr. Johnson never met a stranger and shared his loving heart with all he knew.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his mother and father, John T. and Virginia Johnson; one sister, Lorna Johnson; and three brothers, L.C. Johnson, Afton Johnson and Paul Johnson.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mildred E. Johnson; one daughter, Carolyn Taylor of Midland; two sons, Dave Fisk of Dallas, and John Johnson of Big Spring; four grandsons, Mike Taylor and wife Judy of Midland, Owen Taylor and wife Wendy of Jal, N.M., Michael Fisk of Dallas, and Matthew Johnson of Odessa; two granddaughters, Elizabeth Weaver and husband Wes and Linda Coburn and husband Clark, all of Gardendale; and nine greatgrandchildren.

Mr. Johnson will be greatly missed by his family and

all who knew him. The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, % Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

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

Paid obituary

## **Luther Ray** Meek

Service for Luther Ray Meek, 83, of Star, and formerly of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7. 2001, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Meeks died on Mr. Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, in a Brownwood hospital.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1917, in Majestic, N.M., and was a resident of Big Spring from 1954 until 1981 and worked for Cabot for over 30 year's, retiring as plant supervisor. He moved to Stanton in 1981 and then to

Star in 1988. He was a Baptist. Survivors include one son daughter-in-law, Millard and Theresa Meek of Tucson, Ariz.; seven brothers and sisters; six grandchildren; seven great-

great-great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Jowers, and by one sister, Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley

grandchildren; and one

Pickle & Welch Funeral

**Grace Lane** Grace Lane, 92, formerly of Colorado City, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2001, in a San Antonio care center. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001, in Colorado City Cemetery

# BIG SPRING A ROUND THE TOWN

with Dr. Bentley Gwyn officiating.

Mrs. Lane was born July 20, 1908, in Mitchell County and had lived in the county most of her life. She married J.I. Lane on Jan. 10, 1926, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Sept. 1, 1996.

She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by two daughters, Ivalene Giesick of San Antonio and Alta Geiger Breckenridge; two sons, John Lane of Midway and Bert Lane of McKinney; 14 grandchildren; 18 greatgrandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

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and has received a number of journalism awards. In 1976 she was named Outstanding Alumna by Columbia University's School of Journalism

She is also the author of two best-selling books, "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?" and "Nothin' But Good Times Ahead," both collections of essays on politics and journalism.

Ivins has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize three times and was winner of the 1992 Headliners Award for best column in Texas.

# **Police** investigate second killing at Gallaudet

WASHINGTON (AP) For the second time in just over four months, a student has been killed at the nation's only liberal arts university for deaf and hearing-impaired students.

Police identified the dead student as Benjamin Varner, 19, a freshman from

San Antonio. "We feel violated, really violated," said Jane H. Fernandes, Gallaudet University provost.

The body of a male student was found in a fourthfloor dormitory room on the Washington, D.C., campus early Saturday morning. Cogswell Hall is the same dormitory where Eric F. Plunkett. 19. of Burnsville, Minn., was found beaten to Sept. 28.

death in a first-floor room Emergency responding to a fire alarm at 4:15 a.m. Saturday found an unconscious male, but they did not find any smoke or fire in the building, according to university offi-

spokesman for District of Columbia police, said there are indications that foul play was involved, but he would not give further details. Gentile said the district medical examiner will have

Joe Gentile, a

to determine the exact cause and manner of death. Police have also called upon the FBI to assist with

special forensic investiga-Police closed Cogswell Hall and limited pedestrian traffic on much of the cam-

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THURSDAY

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·Alcoholics Anonymous,

•Al-Anon support group, 8

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT

GROUP LISTING, PLEASE

SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

The Big Spring Police

Department reported the

following activities between

8 a.m. Friday through noon

• JAMES LLOYD, 75, of

1206 Angela Rd., was arrest-

· RONNIE FREEMAN,

· OSCAR GONZALES,

21, of 627 State, was arrest

1408 Oriole, was arrested

on a Howard County war-

rant on a charge of tamper-

• ABEL GUZMAN, 18, of

1504 Vine, was arrested on

a charge of possession of a

· JOE SPENCER: 36, of

1515 E. 17th; was arrested

while intoxicated, forgery

and on an Arkansas war-

• DOMESTIC DISTUR-

**BANCE** was reported in

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and in the 600 block of

the 1100 block of Lamesa

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Highway, the 2300 block of

the 1200 block of Lindbergh

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DISTURBANCE-

· MARIO YANEZ, 20, of

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p.m., 615 Settles.

POLICE

Saturday:

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7

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

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scene and we have to determine whether the suspect may have traveled in a particular direction," Gentile

More than 100 students were evacuated from the dormitory and moved to a cafeteria, where they were questioned by police with the aid of interpreters. Police said they were especially interested in talking to students who left campus yesterday evening and have not yet returned. Gentile said the students may have seen something.

By Saturday afternoon, people were only allowed to enter or leave the campus at the main gate and were being questioned.

Fernandes said the university was also beefing up security. "It's possible the person's here," she said. "It's possible the person isn't here.'

In the dormitory where the two slayings occurred, university officials said students must swipe an ID card to enter the building, and guests can only enter if accompanied by residents. The school canceled cam-

pus activities Saturday, saying students were "too upset" to participate. "Our community is in

grief and really shocked," Fernandes added. Last fall, the death of Plunkett and the arrest of a fellow student shook and disturbed the university's

staff and its 2,000 students. Gallaudet student Thomas Minch, 18, of Greenland, N.H., was arrested Oct. 3 on a warrant charging seconddegree murder. The next day, prosecutors dropped the charges against Minch. District of Columbia

police at the time said the

two freshmen had a dispute that erupted into a physical altercation ending Plunkett's death. Police officials said detec-

tives acted prematurely in arresting Minch. A District of Columbia Superior Court grand jury

convened recently to look into Plunkett's death. Minch has not been allowed to return to cam-

pus, according to university officials.

Police said they have no evidence of a link between the two killings.

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

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First Bank of West Texas	\$505,076	
TXU Electric Co.	\$366,150	
J&S Oilfield Electric	\$246,599	
Richeson Restaurants #1	\$183,618	
Union Pacific Railroad	\$179,260	
Peterson DL Trust	\$153,925	
Lil Sooper Market	\$137,250	
Little Sooper Marker Inc.	\$136,373	
Town & Country Food	\$113,293	

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Key Energy- Permian Basin \$555,630 an's Well Service Inc. \* Peterson DL Trust Prize Operating Co. Royalty Supply Co. Smith International Inc.

CITY OF FORSAN (41.2884 PER \$100) GOAHOMA ISD (TAX RATE: \$1.39 PER \$100) **Taxable value** Entity Santa Fe Snyder Corp. \$211,430 Anadarko Petroleum \$190,020 New World Tx Ram Operating Inc. \$134,666 Chevron USA Inc. \$122,250 \$120,646 Walsh & Watts \$102,808 GPM Gas Corp. \$79,410 Texaco Explorations \$78,000 West Texas LPG LLP \$69,323 Saga Petroleum LTD

FORSAN ISD (TAX RATE: \$1.45 PER \$100) **Taxable value Entity** \$10,707,560 New World Tx \$8,993,850 Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas \$8,044,370 Conoco Inc. \$7,425,150 Seminole Pipeline Co. \$5,473,830 Marathon Oil Company \$4,133,419 West Texas Renewables \$3,818,700 Westport Oil & Gas Co. Exxon Mobile Corp. \$3,738,710 \$3,558,550 **Dora Roberts Foundation** \$3,558,380 TXU Electric Co. with taxable values of tax rate of 41.288 cents per

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Western Container is the city's largest taxpayer, with **\$36,863,590** in values. Second is SMMC with taxable values of \$13,051,839, followed by TXU Electric with values in the city of \$8,793,470 and Southwestern Bell with values of \$8,547,820. Wal-Mart Real Estate, \$6,355,549, and Wal-Mart Stores, \$6,100,737, are fifth and sixth.

The top four taxpayers for Big Spring Independent School District are the same as the county — Fina Oil & Chemical, Power Resources, Western Container and Sid Richardson. Fifth is SMMC. Big Spring ISD has a tax rate of \$1.5663 per \$100.

The various other taxing entities rely on a variety of

industry and business. The city of Coahoma's largest WesTex taxpayer is Telephone Corp., with \$505,450 in taxable values. WesTex is followed closely by First Bank of West Texas, with \$505,076 in values. TXU Electric — which makes all of the top 10 taxpayer lists in the county except for Coahoma ISD follows at \$366,150. J&S Oilfield Electric is fourth

\$246,599. Fifth is Richeson Restaurants — Dairy Queen with \$183,618 in values. Coahoma's tax rate is

64.43 cents per \$100. Forsan's largest taxpayer is Key Energy with values of \$555,630, followed by Van's Well Service at \$2111,430; Wilson Systems, \$190,020; Peterson DL Trust, \$134,666; and Jeff Kester,

\$122,250. Forsan has a city

\$100.

Forsan ISD boasts a strong tax base, led by New World Tx Renewable Energy with taxable values of \$25,437,660. Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas has taxable values of \$21,915,020, followed by Conoco Inc., \$21,076,733; Seminole Pipeline, \$9,608,970; and Marathon Oil, \$8,541,172. Forsan school district's tax rate is \$1.45 per \$100.

Coahoina ISD's top taxpay er is Santa Fe Snyder Corp. with taxable values of \$10,707,560.

Rounding out the top five are Anadarko Petroleum. **\$8,993,850**; New World Tx Renewable Energy **\$8,044,370**; Ram Operating Inc., \$7,425,150; and Chevron USA, \$5,473,830.

Coahoma ISD has a \$1.39 per \$100 tax rate

# Junior high copes with electrical problem

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High School staff, faculty and students had a taste of liv-

the California life Wednesday as they dealt with a power outage that lasted almost three hours.

"We had a **TARLETON** small taste of what it is like living in California,' William "Bill" said McQueary, superintendent of Big Spring Independent

School District. According to Tarleton, BSJH principal, problems with a utility pole caused a short in one of the

power outages throughout the school.

'We had power off and on for about three hours," Tarleton said. "The students and faculty were great through the whole problem," he added.

Tarleton mentioned the problem begin about 7:45 when power went off in most parts of the building expect for the cafeteria, gym and some parts of the hall — about 25 percent of the lights were on.

"Most of the students start out in the morning in the gym or cafeteria." he said.

The students stayed in the cafeteria for about 45 minutes before power was restored and the eighth grade class was escorted to

motor units in the junior their rooms, "then all the the public address system high gym, resulting in lights went out," Tarleton said

> Fixing the power problem led to other lights being shut and on until the power was restored around 10:45

"The staff knows what to do in those situations,' Tarleton said. "We have contingency plans that went into action.'

If the a teacher could not teach in the classroom, Tarleton said, class was held in the hall were there was some light.

"Power was up by third period and we were back on schedule," he said. "I have to compliment the Big Spring, maintaince department for finding the problem and getting up and going so quickly.

The power outage affected

along with the bell system during the day, Tarleton said, but cell phones were used in some cases for communication. Time to change classes was passed by word of mouth during the day.

Because of the off and on again power problem, the junior high school cafeteria was not able to cook the students a hot lunch, but Tarleton said the students did receive a full meal with peanut butter sandwiches, fruit and drinks

"Some of the students did not like that but they survived," he said.

And life went on, he added, as basketball and band pictures along with other activities planned for the day were handled without problem.

## TXU

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The fuel factor adjustment makes up about 7.1 percent of the increase.

The other 8.6 percent would come from a \$7.67 surcharge per month, which would appear on customers' bills until the end of the year. The company said the surcharge would repay TXU for money it has already spent on higher fuel prices.

If the PUC grants TXU's request for a new rate hike and surcharge, the average residential customer's monthly bill would be \$102. It would also be 26 percent

higher than six months ago.

In October, TXU Electric received fuel-factor and surcharge increases totaling about \$5.50 per month and in January received another \$5.50

TXU spokesman Chris Schein said TXU customers would be paying even more > were it not for the company's ability to generate power with cheaper lignite and nuclear fuel

"Gas prices are up more than double what they were at this time a year ago, but because of our fuel diversity we're not as price-sensitive to a single commodity as a lot of utilities," Schein said.

"We've benefited from a decade and a half of cheap gas," he added.

# CARE

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Association are teaming up to offer a free seminar for caregivers on Tuesday. The hour-long session, titled "Gimme a Break..." begins at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room.

Presenter Maryjane Allen said the session will cover a variety of helpful tips and information for caregivers, regardless of the

See disease or disability involved.

"The majority of caregiving is done by family and friends," Allen said, adding that a myth persists that most ill or disabled people in the U.S. are cared for full-time in a nursing home or institution.

"Families are the sole source of care for 70 percent of older adults in the community," she said. "Only seven percent rely entirely on formal caregivers such as a nursing homes."

As a result, Allen said, many caregivers suffer stress.

"It can be a thankless task," she said. "A lot of times, the person we are supposed to be taking care of doesn't want to be taken care of. They want to do things for themselves." Some of the topics to be mulijust a few topics. discussed include:

· Finding time to laugh at least once a day.

· Facing the super-care-

giver complex. Discovering new strengths within yourself.

 Setting priorities and boundaries. Thinking outside the

box — learning new ways to get the important things Allen said people who

attend will have the chance to ask questions or get more information following the seminar. Mrs. Permenter said such

a presentation would have been helpful to her during the time she was caring for her husband at home.

"Sometimes it is harder on the caregiver than on the one that is sick," she said

But now that her husband is in a care center, with a locked ward for Alzheimer's patients, she said he seems content most of the time.

"He always seems so happy there. It makes it a little easier." When she vis-

its, she often takes him something to eat and they talk - although their conversations are limited to

all tal'lbask him what he's been doing, and he usually says he's been working all day," Mrs. Permenter said. "One time I asked him if he was married and he said, 'Nope.

Mr. Permenter also at times refers to deceased relatives as if they are still alive, and believes a member of the staff is his son. At times, he ignores her or leaves the room during her visits and doesn't come back. Other times, he greets her like an old

friend. "It's hard to see him like this," she said. "I know if he knew, he wouldn't want

to live like this." But she is convinced he is getting the best care possible now, and said she looks forward to her regular visits and daily calls to check on her husband.

"He would do the same for me," she said. For more information

about Tuesday's seminar, call Nancy Jones at 264-2397, or the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-682-

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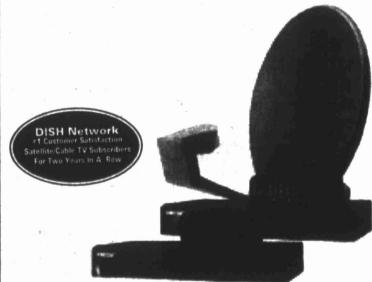
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# **SCOUTS**

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It's a traditional thing." He said the boys enjoy holding the food drive each

"It's a fun thing for them," said Jones. "They also get the satisfaction of helping people who are not as fortunate as themselves. That's the whole purpose behind the food drive each year." Jones said that the drive

could not have been as successful as it was had it not been for the help from the media and from the unselfishness of a lot of peo-

"First of all we want to thank the media for getting the word out to everyone about our food drive," said Jones. "And we want to give a special thanks to Leland

Pierce who each year allows us to use his white horse trailer in collecting the canned goods. It takes a joint effort on everyone's part for the thing to go off and we truly appreciate everyone for helping."

If anyone ho had bags out but did not get them picked up, they may call Jones at 263-3752



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# OUR VIEWS

# Lets back Hawks in home debut

aseball season has officially arrived in the Crossroads area, as Howard College's Hawks opened their 2001 schedule on the road Saturday at Ranger Junior College.

The Hawks' home opener comes today at 11 a.m. when they play host to that same Ranger squad at Jack Barber Field.

That home opener was originally scheduled for Friday afternoon, but was rescheduled so the Hawks could join the rest of school's athletes in attending funeral services for Howard College head athletic trainer Everett Blackburn. Just what to expect from this year's Hawks baseball team seems somewhat uncertain because head coach Justin Hays has just four players returning from last season.

That means the Hawks will be long on underclassmen and Hays will have his focus on providing his team with as much experience as possible before opening Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play on March 2 when the league's newest program, Midland College's Chaparrals, make their debut.

One thing is certain, the Hawks will again be playing in one of the nation's most exciting junior college baseball leagues, as they join Midland, Odessa College, El Paso Community College, Clarendon College, Frank Phillips College, South Plains College, New Mexico Junior College and New Mexico Military Institute in battling for berths in the NJCAA Region V Tournament set for May 5-9 in Abilene.

We wish the Hawks the best of luck as they head into the new season and encourage local fans to come out to Jack Barber Field today and show their support.

We'll see you there.

# Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to inform people about the excellent staff that work on the fourth floor at the VA Medical Center.

I was in good hands with

the staff. All of the nurse's are fantastic. I'll never forget Mrs. Meiser. I love her and the entire fourth floor west staff.

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# Just who does a tax cut benefit, anyway

hristmas! Tax cuts ahead! Look out whatever you do don't get between the hogs and the trough. The K Street lobbyists are

ginning up a campaign to get big business a bigger slice of the tax-cut pie. In fact, the corporations will

thanks. You will not be amazed to learn that the business

take the pie,

lobby is ecstatic about the prospect of a \$1.6 trillion tax cut. But President Bush's plan to cut marginal rates across the board, although exceptionally good for rich individuals, does dog for corporations.

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And guess who gives big campaign money? The Wall Street Journal notes that the real-estate lobby gave Bush \$4.2 million and another \$4.3 million to members of the House Ways and Means and the Senate Finance committees this election cycle. Those are the committees that write the tax laws. The real-estate lobby wants more generous property depreciation laws for office buildings.

The insurance lobby, again according to the Journal, gave \$1.6 million to Bush and \$5.7 million to Ways and Means and

Senate Finance. Life insurers want a \$645 million provision that would help them compete against other financial services companies. (Ever notice how many television ads these days are about financial services? They are not selling deodorant, widgets or cars. They're selling "financial security" and "the American dream" and retirement in some beautiful place.)

Those with long memories will recall the education of David Stockman, Ronald Reagan's first budget director. Reagan started with an across-the-board cut for individuals and wound up with a corporate greedfest that sent the national debt roaring up and interest rates with it.

A disillusioned Stockman later said: "The hogs were really feeding. The greed level, the level of opportunism just got out of con-

The fact is that the portion of the tax burden paid by business in America has been falling steadily for decades. According to Citizens for Tax Justice, during the 1950s and '60s, business paid about onefourth of the taxes. Its share is now down to one-10th. That leaves you-know who to pay the rest. The major tax lobbyists are hard at work forming a coalition.

"The guiding philosophy of that effort is that big business has to unify around one or two big cuts to get the largest possible share. One goal that the

How Many Californians Does It Take To Screw In A Light Bulb ?

Ale Eight ... one to hold the bulb in place,

seven to pray the power stays on...

trade groups are discussing is a reduction in the current corporate income tax of 35 percent," reports the Journal.

In a splendid example of cognitive dissonance, the Journal also reports that manufacturing activity plunged in January to levels that are usually seen only when the entire economy is in recession. This would indicate that the anticipated surplus will not, in fact, materialize. And some estimate that the total cost of the bill over 10 years in terms of lost tax revenue and higher interest costs because of the increase in the federal debt could be as much as \$2.7 trillion.

Unfortunately, everyone predicts that this will be a months-long marathon, which means that whatever passes won't take effect until next year, leaving the economic wisdom of a tax cut in serious doubt. **Economist Jamie Galbraith** of the University of Texas at Austin has suggested that because the Bush presidency is illegitimate (every indication from the recounts so far is that Bush lost Florida), he should not be permitted to do anything that will last beyond his

That includes a 10-year tax cut that is stacked so that its biggest impact is at the end, when no one has any idea what the economy will look like.

The Bush plan is bad enough: 42.5 percent of his tax cut goes to the richest 1 percent; 60 percent of it

goes the richest 10 percent and these are not people who are hurting.

If the D's sell out and let the business lobby make a bad plan even worse, we will know that the system of legalized bribery that now funds our political system has eaten well into the heart of governance.

I, for one, appreciate the fact that Sen. John McCain is willing to be a pain in the rear about campaign finance reform. He now has a March date for consideration of the McCain-Feingold reform bill and will need the help of every sentient citizen who cares about saving representative democracy.

The good news is that the latest reports show the D's have surpassed the R's in soft money: \$63 million for the Senate Democrats vs. \$43 million for the R's. That should give Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell pause.

Unfortunately, Texas' own Rep. Tom DeLay, the bug exterminator from Sugar Land, has been lobbying the new president against the bill. The fact is, DeLay wasn't considered very bright even when he served in the Texas Legislature, where the standards have never been

Ken Herman of the

Austin American-Statesman recently observed of the Legislature: "Some are inspired geniuses mindful only of the greater good; some are connivers mindful only of personal good; most are wondering what's for lunch.'

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# They are real heros, not reluctant heros

athan Blaisdell is discussing the 'reluctant hero" in the book his club just read

Or maybe it is Nathan's brother.

Justin, who first uses the term "reluctant hero." The twins are so identical that even varying the stripes on their shirts

one wears

RHETA GRIMSLEY **JOHNSON** 

horizontal, the other vertical - does-

n't end the confusion. Only their mother, Linda, knows At any rate, it's one of the

12-year-old twins, Nathan or Justin, holding forth on the "reluctant hero" in the book "Perloo the Bold." The twins "compare and contrast" their latest read with another book from the club's past.

I'm so impressed that I almost fall out of my chair. This book-club meeting in Marietta, Ga., called the Book Stars, is all boys, seven of them, ages 10 to

12. They have kept the club.

going for three years.

That's an eternity in boy years, and at an age when kids change interests more often than socks. Alex Overholt, 11, had the

idea in 1998 when he watched his mother, Anne, start a book club for adult friends. So he asked five of his pals to join him in reading "My Side of the Mountain" by Jean Craighead George. They later met to discuss it.

And thus it began, a monthly meeting of the half-dozen home-schooled boys, alternating houses for the get-togethers and letting the next host choose the next book to be read.

The boys have read Jack London and Washington Irving and Franklin Dixon's Hardy Boys series. They have read biographies of Mark Twain and Neal **Armstrong and Albert** Einstein. They have read adventure stories and mysteries and nature books. They even read "Beowulf."
They haven't lost a single

member since the club started; instead, they recently added one -Matthew Hellman, 11, whose favorite club book so far is "The Great Turkey

At this meeting, it's Matthew and Alex who per-

form a puppet show based on "Perloo the Bold."

"For the pleasure of others," they begin, "please turn off all cell phones and beepers. Or, if you have any crying babies please exit the theater ..

The adventure story unfolds through monkey hand puppets, and the five other club members sit, entranced, in a half-circle in front of the cleverly rigged stage.

Only when the cotton-ball snow falls to the floor is there a moment of distraction. Someone lofts a 'snowball," and someone else answers.

Boys will be boys. After the show, it's down to the business of dissecting the book. That's when the Blaisdell twins get into the act, and Jerry Floyd. 10, gives a succinct, informative report on the book's author, Avi. Avi began writing when his sons were young, Jerry relates, "and now those sons are rock musicians.'

Nobody comes unprepared. Jordan Prince and Chase Eidson have both fashioned "Perloo" dioramas from modeling clay and scrap materials. And everyone has an opinion about the book's mes

and worth.

The mothers provide refreshments and transportation for field trips. When the boys read "The Buffalo Knife," for instance, they also visited New Echota, Ga., the restored site of the 1825 capital of the Cherokee Nation. The books come alive.

Anne Overholt says it's been amazing to watch the boys grow and evolve through their book choices and discussions.

Mary Floyd says reluctant readers have become voracious ones.

The boys, too, have thoughts on their club's success.

"It's a good way to find out about new books," Jordan says. "You get to read books

you probably wouldn't read otherwise," Alex says. "And see your friends,"

Chase adds. Whatever the motivation, the list grows - "Homer Price" to "Time Cat." Jordan Prince has made

the Matterhorn from clay. and Alex Overholt has dressed as a minstrel to discuss "Beowulf."

They are boys who read - real heroes, and not reluctant ones.



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# Lawmaker wants tougher animal cruelty laws

DALLAS (AP) - When Greg Autry's 9-month-old dachshund-beagle mix disappeared from his East Dallas home in early January, Autry thought the puppy had just wandered away.

Four days later, a listless Loco lay on Autry's front porch, his eyes caked with blood. A veterinarian confirmed Autry's worst nightmare: someone had gouged out the puppy's eyes with a pencil or pen.

"If it happens to our dog," said Autry, "it can happen to somebody else's."

Loco is one of many victims of cruelty to animals, a crime that can range from extreme neglect to gruesome violence to even tripping a horse. Unless it's a third offense, the crime is a misdemeanor in Texas.

State Rep. Manny Najera, D-El Paso, is leading a crusade to upgrade the crime to

a state jail felony - a step the victim that matters, it's below a third-degree felony on the first offense.

"People can torture animals and get away with it," said Najera, who has received supportive letters from across the state. "I think we need to have laws that have teeth in them so that something can be done

Should Najera's bill become law, Texas would join 31 other states that have felony animal cruelty laws, said a researcher for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Many of those states have passed the laws in the past five years, amid increasing awareness of the "undeniable link" between animal abuse and violence toward people, said Daphna Nachminovitch, senior case worker for Norfolk, Va.based PETA.

"It's not the category of

the severity of a behavior," Nachminovitch "Anyone who's capable of setting an animal on fire ... we cannot ignore those

cases any longer." She cites serial killers, including Jeffrey Dahmer, as examples of criminals who had histories of animal

Dr. Randall Lockwood, a psychologist with the Humane Society of the United States Washington, D.C., said animal abusers and violent criminals both lack empathy and seek power. Attacking a powerless victim like an animal gives them a sense of self-worth

and authority, he said. Lockwood said there is virtually no chance that perpetrators of animal cruelty would be healthy and nonviolent in human relation-

"Animal cruelty is something that does not occur in a vacuum," said Lockwood, co-author of "Cruelty to Animals and Interpersonal Violence," a book published

"I have yet to encounter the happy, well-adjusted, loving father who just happens to like strangling cats," he said.

The most common animal abusers are male, Lockwood

Many are teen-agers, and some are even children.

"The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior," he said. "If it has no consequences, it's eventually quite likely to esca-

Current Texas law classifies animal cruelty as a Class A misdemeanor on the first and second conviction, punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine of up to

# Nokia's massive layoffs reflect slowing economy

telecommunications company Nokia said laying off 1,500 workers from North Texas is a move designed to cut costs and won't change its commitment to

the region. Nokia, with U.S. headquarters in Irving, announced Friday it was closing its factory at CentrePort business park, just south of Dallas/Fort International Worth Airport, and laying off 800 full-time and 700 part-time workers.

The cuts will come from its Alliance Gateway Business Park and CentrePort facilities, both in Fort Worth

Nøkia declined to quantify the savings but said they would be significant. The company will move cell

DALLAS (AP) — Finnish phone manufacturing from a Fort Worth factory to Mexico and South Korea.

Remaining staff will be work at Alliance, where the firm will continue to manufacture phones. The move will have no significant effect on the Irving corporate campus. The company employs about 5,500 people in North Texas.

"Our commitment to Alliance is: We will be there for a long time," said Kari-Pekka Wilska, president of Nokia Americas in Irving.

Laid-off workers would be given priority over out siders for open positions Wilska said

Nokia employees were informed about the layoffs at a companywide meeting Friday morning.

# Search continues for child, suspect's former girlfriend

five people who police U.S. Customs Service and believe forced their way into a suburban Fort Worth **apartment** and kidnapped a 17-year-old girl and her toddler were in jail Saturday on charges of aggravated kidnapping.

Police, however, were still searching for 21-year-old Delfino Romero, who they believe planned the kidnap-

Romero allegedly abducted his ex-girlfriend Candida Chavira, 17, and Alyssa Chavira, 2, while three of the male suspects beat Chavira's parents. A 17 year-old girl was waiting outside and drove the get? away car, police said.

Police believe Romero was to headed to Durango, Mexico, where he has fami-

An arrest warrant on two counts of aggravated kidnapping was issued ously injured.

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EULESS (AP) - Four of Mexican authorities, the the U.S. Border Patrol.

On Friday, police arrested Crystal Davis, 17, Ricky Lane McPherson, 19, and a 16-year-old boy in the kidnapping. Evidence linking the 16-year-old to the crime was found in his Irving home, said police spokesman Williamson.

Police declined to release the boy's name because of his age. They also declined to described the nature of the evidence linking the boy to the kidnapping.

Romero's best friend, Antonio Rogers, 21, was arrested Thursday

According to police, the three male suspects wore black ski masks as they entered Eusebio and Norma Chavira's apartment early Thursday and began beating them. Neither was seri-

Thursday day Romergaeway Romero then grabbed is the father of the toddler Candida Chayira and his 2-Euless police are working year-old daughter and ran with the FBI, which is coor- outside to the getaway car

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# State concerned over pair's adoption of disabled child

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP) -A severely disabled 2month-old girl is at the center of a dispute between the Indiana couple who is caring for her and adoption officials who want the infant returned to Texas.

Baby Grace was born in Texas to a single mother and suffering a severe mental handicap. She was given up for adoption to an Anderson couple with a long history of caring for children with special needs. Rachael and Ron Ginder hope to keep Grace in Indiana, and they say they

are prepared to seek a court order if necessary. "What would be best for her is to stay right where she is, because that's what her mother wants, and we're doing just fine," Rachael Ginder said. "You can't ship her back and

forth like a piece of furni-

ture." The case has raised issues of age, of money and of when and where states should draw the line in adoptions of severely handicapped children.

"Why are you going to send this child back to a birth mother who has had this child under very difficult circumstances?" asked Maureen Hogan of the Washington-based National Adoption Foundation. "It's a recipe for disaster."

Grace was born in Texas to a 17-year-old girl who became pregnant because of a date rape, Hogan said.

The girl tried to conceal the pregnancy, but about four days before the baby's birth in December, the mother suffered a massive seizure that caused brain damage to the fetus.



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# Terry McAuliffe takes over as Democratic Par

Promising a more aggressive and harder working Democratic Party, the man who once wrestled an alligator for a campaign donation won election Saturday as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Terry McAuliffe, best known as a prolific fundraiser for Bill Clinton, said Democrats would waste no time, beating Republicans in local elections before the

"That's my mission: to

the best run, the best man- Black Caucus. "Terry had aged, the best organized and the best funded political party in America," he said in his acceptance speech.

McAuliffe, 43, won by voice vote hours after his rival, former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, withdrew from the race. Jackson's supporters con-

ceded early Saturday that he did not have the votes to beat McAuliffe

long enough so we can count," said Al Edwards, a win elections. And to win Texas legislator who is will use his skills as an elections, we must create chairman of the DNC's organizer and advocate to

the votes."

The caucus had supported Jackson, 62, the first black mayor of a major Southern

"I'm more interested in fighting Republicans than in having us fight each other," Jackson told the crowd in a hotel ballroom as he introduced McAuliffe. Jackson will serve as chief of the party's new Voting "We've been in this stuff Rights Institute and also direct party-building efforts. McAuliffe said Jackson

"help us move forward on McAuliffe and Jackson. the single most critical issue facing all voters ensuring that every vote is counted.

Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, head of the National Black Leadership Roundtable, said Jackson's role is vital.

"George W. Bush is in the White House on the margin of African-American voters whose votes were not counted," he said. Blacks voted against the Republican Bush by a 9-1 margin in the November election

Party members praised the agreement between

"The bottom line is, we realized what we wanted to do is elect Democrats in the years ahead," said Carroll G. Robinson, a member of Houston's city council. He said the party will get "two for the price of one - two national leaders of stature."

McAuliffe promised to challenge the Bush White House at every turn and belp equip state parties with the resources needed to get out the vote, win elections and regain control of Congress.

"We will transform the

anger about Florida into energy about politics. We will prove there is victory after denial, democracy after Florida ... justice after the United States Supreme Court," McAuliffe. "We will give the American people a Congress that they can be proud of, and we will show George Bush the door in 2004.

McAuliffe, is a one-time investment banker who made a fortune in home building, telecommunications and title insurance. He was also a partner in successful lobbying firm.

# With trillions at stake, Bush, Democrats try to define budget fight

WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush and his Democratic congressional rivals are dueling over who gets to define this year's budget battle to the public. At stake are trillions of dollars in projected federal sur-

pluses. For Bush, the goal is to portray Democrats as wanting to carve money out of his budget centerpiece, a big tax cut, to feed their habit of wasteful spending.

The president plans to send Congress an outline of his proposal on Thursday,

radio address Saturday, "It is broad and responsible. It will help our economy, and it is the right thing to do." The plan is expected to closely track the \$1.6 trillion, 10-year reduction in income and other taxes that he campaigned on.

"Washington was built to White House spend." spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "And that's true whether we've had Democrats, Republicans, and that's one of the reasons the president wants to cut

spending.

Democrats want to cast Bush's tax plan as so excessive that when combined with other spending priorities such as schools, defense, and prescription drug benefits, the budget would return to running up huge deficits.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said his party supports a "major tax cut" this year. But, he said rather than passing "a big tax cut that we can't afford ... we

and he said in his weekly taxes and hold the line on need a fair, responsible tax

"Putting the tax cut at the head of the queue is a recipe for disaster," said Jack Lew, White House budget chief under President Clinton. "I don't see how it could lead to anything but a bad set of choices.

Winning the public over will be particularly important this year, considering Bush's narrow loss of the popular vote for president and Republicans' razor-thin control of Congress, said Richard May, former

Republican director of the House Budget Committee.

"If there isn't a perception by Democrats that there is a strong sentiment" by the public for tax cuts, May "they won't be said. inclined to work with the administration.

To prevent that, May said Democrats "are trying to define the Bush budget before it even comes out.

Bush's two-week-old administration is only now beginning to craft its first budget, covering fiscal 2002, which starts on Oct. 1.

Officials hope to present an abridged, \$1.9 trillion spending blueprint in late February.

Republicans say that to help afford the tax cut, White House officials may propose holding overall growth of discretionary spending to the rate of inflation.

Discretionary spending covers the one-third of the budget -- everything from

defense to health research that is not paid automatically, like Social Security and Medicaid benefits.

# Clinton to pay for gifts, won't let taxpayers be 'taken for a ride'

WASHINGTON (AP) Trying to erase blots that marred their exit from the White House, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton say they will pay for nearly half the \$190,000 in gifts they opted to keep just as they

were moving out. Clinton also says he won't let taxpayers be "taken for a ride" paying for his pricey post-presidential office in

Manhattan. Clinton's first days as a former president and his wife's debut as a senator from New York have been tainted by three controversies: their decision to tote thousands of dollars worth of china, rugs, flatware and other gifts out of the White House: Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich; and his decision to rent a taxpayer-financed, \$600,000-a-year office overlooking Central Park.

On Friday, the Clintons spoke out on all three issues

The William J. Clinton Foundation notified the government in a letter that it would pay half the annual for Clinton's rent Manhattan office. Standing outside in New York City, Clinton said high rent is "part of being in New York, and I'm proud to be here, but I don't want the taxpayers to be taken for a ride on the lease.

Secondly, Clinton took full responsibility for the pardon of Rich, a commodities who fled trader Switzerland, evading 51 counts of tax evasion and fraud. A congressional committee begins hearings next week into the propriety of the pardon, although it is irreversible

"On the merits, I don't think it was a wrong decision," the former president said. "I regret all the political flap.'

And the Clintons sought to put to rest the controversy that swirled around their decision to take \$190,000 in gifts, including two coffee tables and two chairs worth \$7,375 that they got from York songwriter New Denise Rich, the former wife of the man Clinton pardoned and a big Democratic contributor.

"To eliminate even the slightest question, we are taking the step of paying for gifts given to us in 2000,' Clinton said in a statement.

Trying to make a fresh start in the nate, Hillary

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pummeled by stinging suggestions that accepting the gifts in the period between her election and her swearing-in was improper. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. R-Miss., said he would consider legislation to extend

the ban on gift-taking from the Jan. 3 Senate swearingin day to Election Day on

"I believe the step we are taking today reaffirms that I am fully committed to being the best senator I can possi-

bly be for the people of New York;" Hillary Clinton said in a statement.

The gifts they're paying for include: a china cabinet, chandelier and a copy of President Lincoln's Cooper Union Speech valued at nishings.

\$9,433, more than \$11,000 in rugs; at least \$16,816 in flatware; a \$300 painting of Buddy, the family dog; more than \$19,700 in china; c'othes; golf equipment; televisions and other home fur-

All the gifts they are paying for were given to the Clintons last year. The only exception is a \$800 photograph of Duke Ellington the Clintons will donate to the Duke Ellington School for the Arts in Washington.

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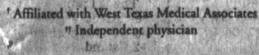














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## Harris adds double eagle to career cart

Byron Harris had a double eagle on the par 5 eleventh Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club. Zac Hall, Rawleigh McCullough and Jerry Dudley witnessed the event.

## Hawk flight Booster Club luncheon

There will be a Hawk flight Booster Club luncheion Monday in the Cactus Room of the Student Union at Howard College.

The cost is \$5.25 per person. For more information call Betty Reed at 264

#### **Hunter education** course offered

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitevint will be instructing a two-day hunter education course beginning Feb. 24-25 in the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The course will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each

There will be a \$10 fee. To pre-register call 267 6957 or 264-7033.

#### National LL to meet for officer selection

The National Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Allan's :Furniture to select officers and coaches for the 2001 season.

For more information call Allan Johnson at 267 6278 or 263-1163.

# International LL offers coed ragball tourney The international little

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For more information call Denise at 756-2841/263-1945.

## 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.

The Laker Girls - the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders — will perform during the games.

## ON THE AIR

#### **Television** COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon - Texas at Kansas, CBS, Ch. 7. 3 p.m. - Arizona St. at

Oregon, FXS, Ch. 29. Women

1 p.m. - Hawaii at Nevada, FXS, Ch. 29.

Noon - New York at Miami, NBC, Ch. 9. 2:30 p.m. - Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, NBC, Ch. 9.

4:30 p.m. - Probowl, ABC, Ch. 2.

2 p.m. - Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Final rd, CBS. Ch. 7.

1:30 p.m. - Hockey All-Star Game, ABC, Ch. 2. Boxing

6 p.m. Forbes vs. Santos, FXS, Ch. 29. **EXTREME SPORTS** 

Noon - Winter X-Games ABC. Ch. 2.

11:30 a.m. - National Championship, ESPN, Ch.

# Lady Steers, Steers fall to Levelland squad

HERALD Correspondent

LEVELLAND — Freshman Leina Braxton's free throw with less than a minute to play against 17thranked Levelland brought the Lady Steers to within 45-36, but neither team scored down the stretch as the Loboettes claimed outright second place in District 4-4A with the win.

In the nightcap, the Steers were knotted 31-all near the end of the third quarter and trailed 64-55 with 1:59 to play, but Levelland pulled ahead for a 72-58 win.

Big Spring's Lady Steers remain tied for third place in the district standings with Frenship and faces a district finale Tuesday with No. 1-

ranked Plainview.

Levelland burst out to an 18-4 first quarter lead, but back-to-back 3pointers by Kim Wrightsil and Chelsea Churchwell closed the gap to 33-20 in the third quarter.

"That was a big boost," head coach Jimmy Avery said. "We were drowning and they brought us up

Senior Melissa Forth's followup bucket on a miss took Big Spring to 34-22 and 6-foot sophomore post Christina Gwyn's basket narrowed the margin to 35-24.

"We let them get out to a huge lead," Avery said. "We couldn't hit our shots. We shot 20 percent from the field. That has been our worst production of the year. It just

amazes me that even shooting as poorly as we do; we're always in the ball game. The girls just play great defense. That's hard work, and I appreciate them for that."

Levelland came out roaring rolling to an impressive 18-4 lead to start the contest. But Wrightsil fought back and made three buckets in the second quarter, while Gwyn converted 2-of-3 from the charity stripe to outscore the Loboettes 8-7.

The two squads traded baskets in the third quarter for 12 points apiece, but Levelland held onto a commanding 37-24 lead.

Big Spring outscored Levelland 12-8 in the final period. Braxton hit a three-pointer and Gwyn was perfect from the free throw line.

The Lady Steers did shoot an impressive 76 percent from the freethrow line - Gwyn going 6-for-7 and making all four in the hotly contested fourth quarter when the Lady Steers outscored Levelland 12-

Levelland had trouble rebounding the ball during the contest.

"Levelland knew we've been having trouble scoring this season, so they played a soft man and packed the paint and gave us the outside shot. When we missed, they'd get the rebound and go score," Avery

In the boys' contest, the Steers played even with Levelland and

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# Coahoma splits pair with Seagraves

Sports Writer

COAHOMA - Free throws, free throws and more free throws!

Coahoma's Bulldogettes managed to edge Seagraves' Lady Eagles for their seventh District 3-2A win sealing, the game with a couple of trips to the free throw line in the closing seconds of Friday night's match up.

That victory set up a 6:30 p.m. Tuesday showdown at Colorado City where the Bulldogettes and Lady Wolves will determine the 3-2A girls'

championship. The game stayed close throughout the contest with the Bulldogettes trailing by a few baskets for the most part of the night.

Seagraves jumped out to a 12-4 lead early in the contest behind point guard Soli Quintanilla's nine points in the first three minutes of play.

The Bulldogettes cut into Seagraves' 8-point lead after Kynzi Roberts hit a pair of free throws and closed the first quarter trailing 18-12.

In the second quarter, the Bulldogettes pulled within two in the first minute of play after a couple of trips to the charity stripe and a bas-

ket by Roberts. But Seagraves would once again go on a scoring tear, using an 11-4 run to boost its lead back to nine points with

a minute remaining before the break. The Bulldogettes used another pair of free throws by Ashley Lang and a couple of baskets by Stephanie Sparks to cut the lead to three, going into the half trailing 29-26.

The Lady Eagles widened the margin with a 9-3 run at the start of the third quarter with a long bomb from Quintanilla. They forced Coahoma to come out of its 2-3 zone by using the passing game with four minutes remaining.

But the Bulldogettes once again used free throws in the closing seconds to stay within six points and entered the fourth quarter trailing 39-

In the final eight minutes, Coahoma stepped up its defense by adding a little pressure. They managed to tie the game at 45-all at the 2:50 mark.

From that point on, the two teams would stay within two points of each other. Coahoma took the lead for the first time at 51-50 on a layup by Crystal Atkinson and never looked back.

Atkinson converted on 2-of-2 from the free throw line. Kortney Kemper added two more free throws after Seagraves was awarded a technical foul during a time out.

Rachel Williams then sealed the win with a layup with just six seconds remaining.

In the boys' nightcap, Coahoma fell behind in the third quarter to suffer a 66-49 loss at the hands of the Eagles. In the first half of play, a mere point

ionship against the Lady Wolves. separated the two teams at the end of

Coahoma's Karen Sterling (25) attempts a shot over Seagraves' Tanisha Chew

(54) during the Bulldogettes' 57-53 win Friday night in District 3-2A. The

ilidogettes will travel to Colorado City Tuesday to play for the district cham-

both quarters. The first quarter saw Coahoma use a couple of 3-pointers by Randall Rich to keep the game close.

Seagraves' Daniel Webb scored seven of his team's 11 points with putbacks and a trip to the free throw line

to take the early 11-10 lead. The second quarter would be the ame story.

Coahoma used a 11-5 run to take a 21-16 lead with 3:40 remaining. But the Eagles, paced by Webb and teammates Orlando Esparza and Scott Lacy, would drain a few 3-pointers to give Seagraves a 5-point lead with two minutes remaining in the half.

The Bulldogs finished the half trailing 29-28 after Chase Ward hit a long bomb with 20 seconds left.

The third quarter would spell trouble for the Bulldogs as they could muster only five points over the 8minute span.

Coahoma's lack of scoring, along with Seagraves' 18-point outpouring, hurt the Bulldogs as they fell behind by 16 and trailed 49-33 going into the

final period.

The remainder of the game, Coahoma played catch up with the Eagles only coming as close as 15 points in the first minute of the quarter before suffering their fifth loss in district play.

HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

COAHOMA 57.

SEAGRAVES 53
SEAGRAVES — Q. Griffin 2 0-0 4. S. Quintanilla 8 9-13 28. F. Terrell 1 1:3 3. S. Rodríguez 1:3 1. C. Wilson 4 5-10 13. T. Chew 2 0-0 4. Totals 17 16-29 53.
COAHOMA — Rachel Williams 2 0-0 5. Crystal Atkinson 4 4-4 12. Ashley Lang 1 2:2 5. Brandi Hart 1 0-1 2. Kortney Kemper 1 3-5 5. Karen Sterling 4 4-6 12. Stephanie Sparks 3 0-0 6. Kynzi Roberts 3 4-4 10. Totals 19 17-22 57.

Score by Quarters: COAHOMA 12 14 7 24 - 57 SEAGRAVES 18 11 10 14 - 53

Three-point goals: Segraves 3 (Quintanilla), Coahoma 2 (Wifliams, Lang), Rebounds: Seagraves 21, Coahoma 26. Turnovers: Seagraves 21, Coahoma 19, Total fouls: Seagraves 20, Coahoma 23, Fouled out: Terrell, Technical fouls: None. Records: Seagraves 6-3, Coahoma 21-8 7-2.

SEAGRAVES -- Lonnie McKenzie 0 0-0 0, B.J. David 6 4-6 16 Matt Alvarez 0 0-0 0, Oriando Esparza 2 3-4 9, Scott Lacy 3 0-0 9, Edwardo Gallegos 4 0 0 8. Michael Cole 0 0-0 0. Webb 7 9-11 24. Totals 22 16-21 66. COAHOMA — Davis 3 2-2 10, Rich 3 2-2 10, Herrera 6 4-6 16. Chadwell 1-0-0 2, Haile 0 0-0 0, Kemper 4 0-0 8, Ward 6 2-3 17, Long 0 1-2 1. Richters 1 0-0 2.

COAHOMA
Three-point goals: Seagraves 6 (Webb, Esparza 2, Lacy 3).
Coahoma 8 (Davis 2, Rich 3, Ward 2). Rebounds: Seagraves 23.
Coahoma 19. Turnovers: Seagraves16, Coahoma 23. Total fouls: Seagraves 13, Coahoma 16. Fouled out: None. Records: Seagraves 11:15, 3-4, Coahoma 9:17, 2:5.

# **DeFrantz** set to run for IOC

LONDON (AP) -DeFrantz, the highest-ranking American on the International Olympic Committee, is set to run for the most powerful post in the sports world

The 48-year-old former Olympic rower is expected to announce in the next few days that she will be a candidate for president of the

DeFrantz would be the first woman and first black to seek the IOC presidency.

The announcement could come as early as Sunday in Dakar, Senegal, where the IOC is holding an executive

board meeting. "I'm seriously approaching a time of declaring,' DeFrantz told Associated Press on Friday in a telephone interview from Portugal, where she was attending a meeting of the International Rowing

Federation. In shineshort "I'm pleased people are supporting me, and the time is very, very near when I will make my statement. I will speak for myself at the proper time,'

she said. Juan Antonio Samaranch, who steps down in July after 21 years as IOC president, welcomed the prospect of DeFrantz entering the race to succeed him.

"She is a vice president, she is a woman, very intelligent, a medalist in the Olympic Games. Samaranch told the AP. "She fought against the boycott of the United States. She can be a good candidate.'

So far, Hungary's Pal Schmitt is the only IOC delegate who has publicly declared as a candidate.

Belgium's Jacques Rogge and Canada's Dick Pound are widely viewed as the two leading hopefuls. While they have yet to announce their candidacies, both are considered certainties to run.

DeFrantz would be considered an outsider in a race against the two established contenders.

The deadline for declaration of candidacies is April 10. The election will take

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## Stanton stays in race with sweeps; Lady Wolves rout Plains By HERALD Staff Reports

GIRLS' GAME

COLORADO CITY 53, PLAINS 35

## STANTON - Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady Buffs collected a pair of

wins at home Friday night posting District 3-2A victories over Forsan's **Buffaloes and Queens.** The Lady Buffs managed to stay in the 3-2A race after routing the

Queens, 51-23. Stanton carried a commanding 32-12 lead into halftime and returned in the second half with the same

momentum to take the 28-point vic-The Lady Buffs will face Seagraves Tuesday, as they try to hold on to the third-place spot in the

3-2A standings.

In the nightcap, Stanton's boys also stayed in the district chase by taking a 60-51 win. Stanton managed to outscore

Forsan by 10 points in the second quarter to pull out the win. Stanton listed three players in double figures and were led by

The Buffaloes held on to second place in the 3-2A standings.

GIRLS' GAME
STANTON 51, FORSAN 23
FORSAN — Gamble 2, Fishback 1, Cantu 2, Walker 3, Graves 9, Nichols 6, Totals — 9 5.16 23.
STANTON — Benavidez 2, Bridges 3, Christon 2, L. Newell 7, A. Newell 1, Rios 2, Williams 7, Thompson 7, Moore 11 Salgado 2, Langford 2, Weshington 4, Kidd 1. Totals — 18 12-28 51.

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BOYS' GAME
STANTON 60, FORSAN 81
Forsan — Bristow 11, Johnson 19, Baker 2. Ellis 11, Longoria 6, Hopper 2. Totalis 18 11-22 51.
STANTON — Holl 16, White 14, Cotton 12, Ramos 6, Keele 8, Chandler 4, Totals 23 11-23 60. 

**Lady Wolves** 

PLAINS - Colorado City's Lady Wolves hold a share of first place in District 3-2A after claiming a 53-35 win over Plains Friday night.

# AREA ROUNDUP

The Lady Wolves used a 31-18 halftime lead to gain momentum over the Cowgirls.

Vanessa Quintero and Alison Lopez led all scorers with 15 points

The Lady Wolves will play host to Coahoma's Bulldogettes at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

COLORADO — Quintero 15, Lopez 15, Redwine 9, Phariss Russell 4, Passham 2, Rivera 2, Totals 18 12-29 53. LAINS - Blount 7, Warren 5, Wynn 3, Wagnon 4, inguez 2, 0 Quinn 6, Willis 6, Treweck 2. Totals 12 10-15

**Garden City splits** 

with Irion County MERTZON - Garden City's Lady 'Kats used a 17-point halftime lead to grab a 64-54 win ever Irion County Friday night in District 8-1A

basketball action. Summer Eoff paced the Lady 'Kats with a 20-point showing, while M'Lynn Niehues and Collene Cox added 14 points apiece.

The Bearkats weren't as fortunate, however, as they suffered a 64-44 loss at the hands of the Hornets. The Bearkats were led by junior Kendall Goodwin with 19 points.

GIRLS' GAME
GARDEN CITY 64, IRION COUNTY 54
GARDEN CITY — Cox 14, Jansa 1, Eoff 20, Maxie 2, Nietues 14, Hoch 13, Totals 22 16-26 64.
IRION — Harpen 2, Turner 19, McOurgien 13, Vasquez 2, Daves 10, Hinson 6, Frazier 2, Totals 27:12-20 54.

Three-point goals: Garden City 4 (Cox. Eoff 2. Hoch)
Records: Garden City 18-8, 7-2; Irion 18-9, 4-5.

BOYS GAME IRION COUNTY 64, GARDEN CITY 44 GARDER CITY — Bednar 3, Schmitz, Hilger 10, Goodwin 19, Hoffmann 2, M. Batle 5, Totals 14 12-21 44 IRION CO. — McGeehee 3, Whitlow 2, Fentress 18, Harris 12, Bailey 2, Moynihan 23, Whitaker 4, Totals 24 13-19 64,

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American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jamie Brown. HP Cameron Carricross, LHP Roy Padilla and 1B Danny Peoples on ne-year contracts
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed o terms with RHP Cory Lidle on a

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA—Suspended Portland Trail Blazers F Rasheed Wallace for two games without pay and fined him \$10,000 for hitting an official with a towel in a Feb. 1 game against the Phoenix Suns. Fined Philadelphia 76ers G Allen Iverson \$5,000 for shouting a derogatory remark at taunting fans in a Jan. 28 game against the Indiana ATLANIA HAWKS -- Activated G

Brevin Knight from the injured list. DETROIT PISTONS - Activated C Eric Montross from the injured list. Placed F Billy Owens on the injured SACRAMENTO KINGS-Signed

Geoff Petrie, vice president of has kethall operations, to a multiyear UTAH JAZZ-Signed Jerry Sloan, coach, to a three year contract extension through the 2003 FOOTBALL

National Football League BUFFALO BILLS – Named Gregg CLEVELAND BROWNS Named

NFL PLAYOFFS

HOUSTON TEXANS Named

MIAM! DOLPHINS Signed Dave Wannstedt coach to a one year contract extension, through 2003

NEW YORK IETS Named Phil of player development.

TITANS -

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ovidence of the AHL CALGARY FLAMES - Announced the Sweden Games CAGO BLACKHAWKS Assigned C Mark Bell G Jeff Maund and G Michel Larocque to

DALLAS STARS - Assigned LW

Rangers enjoy

record first-day

sales of tickets

ARLINGTON (AP) - The

Texas Rangers set a record

for the first day of individ-

ual ticket sales, with 142,736 tickets sold by

All available individual

against

game tickets for the home

Anaheim Angels on April 3

were sold by early after-

The Rangers said about

2,000 opening-day tickets were held back to take care

of season ticket sales. Any tickets remaining from this

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Mickelson enjoys a sünny view from the top at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The last time Pebble Beach enjoyed such spectacular sunshine for the National Pro-Am, Phil Mickelson was the winner.

Maybe he won't have to wait until August this year. On a day when John Daly and Matt Gogel collapsed and Tiger Woods failed to get on track, Mickelson had a 6-under 66 at Pebble Beach on Saturday to share the 54hole lead with Olin Browne.

Mickelson won the tournament three years ago under bizarre circumstances. It rained so much that the final round was pushed back nearly seven months to the day after the PGA Championship.

"It was a weird tournament," Mickelson said. "The way I look at it is instead of 16 tour wins, I have 17 because of it."

Browne made an eagle on his first hole at Poppy Hills and finished off his 65 by nearly chipping in for eagle on his last hole. He and Mickelson were at 14-under

Masters champion Vijay Singh had a 70 at Spyglass Hill and was two strokes behind. Mike Weir of Canada, who has managed to catch a nasty cold in such glorious weather, made two eagles at Poppy for a 65 that put him at 11-under 205.

Woods, playing Pebble Beach for the first time in competition since his 15stroke runaway victory in the U.S. Open last June, bogeyed his first two holes and had to settle for a 69 when a 3-foot birdie putt made a horseshoe around the cup.

That left him at 208, and it need of his greatest comeback on the PGA Tour to win at Pebble for the third time in the last 12 months.

"It's indicative of how my year has gone," Woods said of the lipout. It could have been worse.

Just ask Gogel, whose 40 on the back nine last year set the stage for Woods to make up seven strokes on the last seven holes to win. Gogel didn't wait for Sunday to have his game leave him.

He had a 81 at Spyglass 19 strokes worse than his career round the day before at Poppy Hills — and was 10 strokes behind.

Daly wasn't much better. Known as much for his blowups as his two major championships, he opened with a quadruple-bogey 9 on his first hole, went out in 46 and had to birdie four of the last six holes to break 80.

Daly had a 79 and missed the cut.

"I've been through so much stuff, I can't let my golf game get me down any more," Daly said. "It was just weird - 10-over-par after three holes."

Mickelson had no such worries.

He was slowly working his way into contention when he rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 9 and hit an 8-iron into 5 feet two holes later. His only goof was when he missed a 2-foot birdie putt on the par-5 14th, but a two-putt birdie from the fringe on No. 18 got him into a share of the lead and into the final group on Sunday.

Mickelson usually plays his best golf in the first part of the year, so this week is important. He made too many big numbers in Hawaii, and missed the cut in Phoenix last week when he tried to work through a pulled muscle in his lower "I feel very comfortable

with the way my golf swing is right now," said Mickelson, trying to build on the momentum from his four victories last year, including Championship victory over

LOCAL BOWLING

RESULTS-Big Spring State Park tied Big Spring Collision Center 4-4. Team 6 tied Last Chance Saloon 4-4, La Pasada tied Bowl-a-rama 6.2; hi sc team series Bowl-a-rama 1876. Big Spring State Park 1802: hi sc team game Bowl-a-rama 639. La Pasada 629: hi sc series men Junior Barber 602. Tom Daily 542: hi sc game men James Gaither 233. Junior Barber 221. hi sc series women Anne Sigmon 481. Kathrine Smith 473. hi sc game women Anne Sigmon 186. Kathrine Smith 176. hi hdop team series La Pasada 2355. Big Spring State Park 2303: hi hdcp team game La Pasada 833. Big Spring Collision Center 799: hi hdcp series men JM Ringener 617, Junior Barber 605, hi hdcp game men James Gaither 252, Ton Daily 226; hi hdcp series women Katherine Smith 647. Anne Sigmon 625; hi hdcp game women Anne Sigmon

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# Randall McDaniel to set Pro Bowl history with 12th appearance

HONOLULU (AP) Randall McDaniel will make history Sunday when he plays in his 12th Pro Bowl - all as a starter and in consecutive years.

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That's quite an accomplishment for a player Minnesota didn't want following the 1999 season.

"They cut me, that was the first time I've ever been cut in my life," the 36-yearold Tampa Bay Buccaneers guard said. "If I had my choice, I would have loved

to finish where I started." McDaniel started every Vikings informing him of

game for the Vikings from their decision. 1990-99, and became the first player to start in 11 straight Pro Bowls last year, a record he'll extend Sunday.

Then came the news Feb. 10 that he was being released for what the Vikings called salary cap reasons. McDaniel signed a three-year contract worth more than \$6 million with the Bucs less than three some things right." weeks later.

He said this week he kept quiet about one item in a letter he received from the

Until now.

"The one box they checked was I could no longer compete for my job with the guys who were there," McDaniel said, shaking his head. "That ticked me off. This is great for me to make it back to the Pro Bowl this year, it shows I'm not too old, I'm able to do

McDaniel said his hard feelings didn't last long. "For about a week, I sat there saying, 'I can't believe

they cut me.' I got over it in

'You can't dwell on the past, you've got to move forward. I've let it go. But I'm not going to lie to you, when we play them, that's one of the easy games to get up for.

"Other than playing them twice a year, I don't even think about it."

McDaniel, a 6-foot-3, 287pounder who has started in every Pro Bowl since 1990, said he signed with the Bucs about a week after coach Tony Dungy called

and said he wanted him. great," been

about a week," he said. McDaniel said. "The whole organization is top notch." He'll break the record he

shares with Reggie White for most Pro Bowl appearances.

"I never planned on doing it," he said. "I've just been fortunate enough to come back 12 years. It's a great honor. I wouldn't miss this game for the world.

"I've made friends over here in the 12 years, it's fun to be able to see them again. We do stuff every year with them, I go back to all these places. When I first started

playing in the NFL, I was going to play 10 years. Anything more would just be gravy.'

The Bucs also signed former Minnesota center Jeff Christy, a three-time Pro Bowl player, as a free agent last winter.

"He's the consummate pro," Christy said of McDaniel. "He knows what he has to do in his job, and he does it, on or off the field. He does what everyone wants to do, he doesn't do anything wrong, at least to my knowledge.

# Larry Coker to succeed Davis at Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Spurned by Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez, Miami stayed home to find its new coach, hiring Larry Coker on a permanent basis Saturday to run one of the

A university source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Coker's deal is worth \$650,000 annu-

DENVER (AP) — Jaromir

Jagr's absence from the

**World team** is good news for

North America's goalies.

The same can't be said for

the opposing netminders,

who must compensate for

the loss of the high-scoring

The World team lost its

top offensive weapon as

Jagr was forced to pull out

of Sunday's game because of

a head injury. Jagr, the

Pittsburgh captain who led

the All-Star voting three of

the last four years, experi-

enced dizziness and a

headache after he was

rammed into the boards

Wednesday night by

He was replaced Friday by

Boston's Sergei Samsonov,

who will be making his first

"Even if there had been Hurricanes' interim coach efforts in a week filled with 500 people, I knew I was going to get this job," Coker

coordinator and quarterbacks coach since 1995, Coker emerged as the leading candidate for the job when Alvarez pulled out of contention Friday night. Alvarez, highly coveted and strongly courted by the Hurricanes, agreed to a contract extension with Wisconsin, saying he plans to finish his coaching

Monday and received strong endorsements from Davis, Miami players and several others, including Dolphins coach Dave

top choice. Athletic director Paul Dee made offers to Alvarez and Wannstedt

sincere and extremely laidback, Coker briefly lobbied for the head coaching job. Then he went back to work, the spearheading

uncertainty

Coker was recruiting in Arkansas on Friday night when Dee called him and told him he needed to travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with Miami's president-elect Donna Shalala.

She approved, and Coker became Miami's first coach in more than 25 years to be hired from within the current staff. Assistant coach Carl Selmer was promoted to head coach in 1975.

"It's a great decision by the university," defensive recruiting tackle Matt Walters said.

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were behind 22-20 at halftime before the Loboes hit a desperate three off of the glass at the buzzer to end the half, up 25-20.

"It kind of gave them momentum," said head coach Brian Ellington. "That second quarter, we really struggled. We were 3of-9 from the line. We got that (Nate) Bridges in foul trouble in the second quarter and we didn't capitalize on that at all. He was out of the game, and we felt as if he was the major threat.

The Steers pulled even with Levelland at 31 in the third period, before the Loboes pulled ahead 38-33 and ended three quarters with a 43-37 lead.

"We did some things defensively that we did well against Lake View, and we'll try to do them against everybody the rest of the year," Ellington said. "They made some changes, and we started turning the ball over a couple of times in the third period and got fatigued."

Junior Mic Fleming accounted for nine of the Steers 17 points in the third quarter hitting three buckets and a three-pointer before finishing with a team-high 23 points.

Levelland stretched the lead to 51-41 with 6:28 remaining before Mike Smith hit a bucket to close the gap to 55-47. Brandon Greathouse's lay-up brought the game to 55-49.

The Loboes converted a three-point play before Curtis Woodruff made both of his free throws at 2:46 to trail 58-51. Fleming's bucket brought it to 60-53, but the Steers could get no closer than seven. "We've got Plainview (sec-

ond in District 4-4A) coming Tuesday, and we're hoping we can bump them off." Ellington said. "Do somebody else some favors in the playoffs."

The Steers and Lady Steers host Plainview Tuesday at Steer Gym.

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country's top programs.

The 52-year-old Coker signed a three-year contract to replace Butch Davis, who resigned Monday to take the head coaching job with the Cleveland Browns.

said. The Hurricanes' offensive

career with the Badgers. Coker was tabbed the

All-Star appearance.

Without the scoring

punch of Jagr, the league's

leading scorer three years

running and No. 2 so far

this season, the unlikely

Czech goalie duo of

Dominik Hasek and Roman

Cechmanek — along with

San Jose rookie Evgeni

Nabokov — will have the

daunting task of making up

The All-Star Game has

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Wannstedt. But he never was Miami's

before turning to Coker. Best described as honest,

time Vezina Trophy winner

the World team at the Pepsi

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last year at Toronto without

"Of course I want to win,"

said the Buffalo Sabres star.

"I've played two games for

the World Team, and any

time I've played we've never

More surprising than

Hasek's inclusion in the

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Cechmanek. The 29-year-old

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Jagr's injury makes goalies more important Nagano Olympics.

> goalie He will start in goal for the World squad won 9-4 to be there," Hasek said.

Cechmanek wrested the Flyers starting job from Brian Boucher, who had a great rookie season and led Philadelphia within one game of the Stanley Cup finals.

When Boucher struggled early, Cechmanek — too old to have rookie status — took over by performing like a

Game," Hasek said.

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forward.

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Philadelphia's

place July 13 during the IOC session in Moscow, where Samaranch was elected in 1980.

DeFrantz boasts a long resume as an athlete and sports administrator.

She won a bronze medal in rowing at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and was a vice president of the organizing committee for the 1984 Los Angeles Games. A lawyer, DeFrantz is president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles, vice president of the international rowing federation and a member of

U.S. Olympic Committee executive board. DeFrantz was a vocal opponent of the U.S.-led boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, which was ordered by President Jimmy Carter following the invasion Soviet Afghanistan.

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She became the first woman elected to the IOC executive board — the organization's powerful inner cabinet — in 1992.

She was elected a vice president in 1997. Since October, she has been first vice president, the highest ranking post Samaranch.

DeFrantz has been a powerful advocate for the promotion of women in sports, campaigning for increase of female athletes at the games and greater representation of women in executive roles in Olympic organizations.

DeFrantz was a driving force behind the IOC's call for national Olympic bodies and international sports federations to have at least 10 percent of their decisionmaking roles reserved for women by the end of 2000.

The IOC currently has 12 women among its 125 memhalf the season and the All-

"He's supposed to be a Philadelphia, but once he got his chance he proved that he can play at the higher level. The way he's played, I think he deserves

"He is not young, but I am first-year player served as really surprised for him to Hasek intended to retire Hasek's backup on the gold-following last season, until medal winning Czech come in his first year in the NHL and make the All-Star a groin injury cost the five- Republic team at the 1998





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# Third-ranked Kansas survives physical battle with Lönghorns

In a foul-filled game, marred by a technical against Kansas coach Roy Williams for throwing his coat into the stands, the No. 3 Jayhawks beat Texas 82-66 Saturday.

Williams, upset with officials throughout the game, tossed his coat several rows behind the Kansas bench when Drew Gooden was charged with his fourth foul with 6:08 remaining.

Darren Kelly missed both free throws for Texas, then a moment later Jeff Boschee's fourth 3-pointer gave Kansas (18-2, 7-1 Big 12) a 70-55 lead

Gooden, only 1-for-6 in the first half, was 6-of-7 in the second and finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds as the Jayhawks stretched their home court winning streak to 13.

Texas (16-6, 5-3) trailed by only two at halftime and sliced the lead to 37-36 early in the second half on a basket and a free throw by James Thomas.

Then Gooden, working mostly run that put the Jayhawks in command.

Play was halted for several minutes in the second half when Thomas hit his head on the floor after going for a rebound. The groggy Thomas was helped away but returned to the game later.

Texas, only 2-5 on the road, missed 14 of its first 17 shots in the second half and hit only 31 percent for the game. Kansas was 22of-37 from the foul line and Texas was 15-of-22

Kelly had 19 points for Texas, while Chris Owens had 14 and Brandon Mouton 11

Boschee, the Big 12's leading 3point shooter, was 3-of-3 in the first half and finished 4-of-6 with 16 points. Kenny Gregory also had 16 points for Kansas and Nick Collison 14.

Eric Chenowith had 14 rebounds for Kansas, which outrebounded the Longhorns 55-41

#### No. 10 Wisconsin 60, Michigan 41

NCAA ROUNDUP

teams looking to rebound from bad performances.

The Badgers (14-5, 5-3 Big Ten) lost to Butler by 11 points and the Wolverines (9-11, 3-6) by 27 to Michigan State at home on Tuesday. The loss to Butler probably will cost Wisconsin its ranking, its highest since 1962.

Michigan's Bernard Robinson scored a career-high 21 points. LaVell Blanchard added 10 points after averaging more than 25 in the last four games.

Wisconsin turned the game into a lopsided victory with big runs in

### No. 6 Illinois 84,

Northwestern 59 Backup guard Sean Harrington hit a pair of 3-pointers to finish off a 20-0 run in the first half and No. 6 Illinois beat Northwestern 84-59

The Illini (17-5, 7-2 Big Ten) made a season-high 12 3-pointers inside, scored six points in a 10-0 in 22 tries, with Harrington shooting 4-for-5.

> Brian Cook had 16 points and Damir Krupalija added 15 points and 12 rebounds for Illinois. Harrington scored 14.

Unlike three days ago, when Illinois led Penn State by 13 late in the first half but ended up losing 98-95 in overtime, the Illini grabbed an early advantage Saturday and then finished the job early against Northwestern (8-14,

The Illini were 9-for-14 from 3point range in the first half while holding Northwestern to 28 percent shooting in the period.

Ben Johnson led the Wildcats with 13 points and Jitim Young and Jason Burke added 11 each.

Illinois outscored Northwestern 20-0 over eight minutes midway through the first half to take a 32-8 lead. Northwestern never got closer than 22 after that

## UCLA 79,

No. 1 Stanford 73

For the second straight season, Kirk Penney scored 23 points as UCLA came to Stanford and beat No. 10 Wisconsin beat Michigan the No. 1 Cardinal — this time. 60-41 Saturday in a matchup of defeating the nation's last unbeat-

Billy Knight had a career-high 22 points and the Bruins used an 11-0 run midway through the second half to win 79-73 and end Stanford's school-record 20-game winning streak.

Earl Watson added 20 points and Jason Kapono had 14 points and nine rebounds for UCLA (13-6, 7-2 Pac-10), which defeated the topranked Cardinal 94-93 in overtime last year at Stanford.

Casey Jacobsen had 17 points on 4-for-18 shooting and Michael McDonald had 15 for Stanford (20-1, 8-1), which had been defeating opponents by an average of 30 points on its home court this sea-

UCLA used pressure defense and pinpoint outside shooting to take a 40-37 halftime lead after leading by as many as nine points late in the first half.

Stanford still trailed by nine points with 2:39 left, but pulled within 72-68 with 92 seconds remaining.

Watson hit a pair of foul shots with a minute left, and Stanford got no closer than three points the rest of the game.

## No. 24 Oklahoma 72,

Texas A&M 63

Aaron McGhee scored 22 points as No. 24 Oklahoma beat Texas A&M 72-63 on Saturday.

The Sooners (17-4, 6-3 Big 12) were perfect from the free throw line in the second half, making 16of-16 to hand the Aggies (6-15, 0-9) their ninth straight loss

A&M lost despite outrebounding the Sooners 32-23. They also shot 47 percent for the game, compared to 46 percent for Oklahoma.

The Sooners led 33-25 at half-

J.R. Raymond scored 17 points for Oklahoma. Nolan Johnson scored 11 and Hollis Price added

Bernard King led the Aggies with 18 points. Nick Anderson and Keith Bean each scored 10. It was the fifth-straight win the

Oklahoma.

#### No. 4 North Carolina 82, Georgia Tech 69

Joseph Forte scored 23 points

and No. 4 North Carolina erased

any thoughts of a letdown with 23 poned after the OSU plane crash. straight points in the first half as the Tar Heels beat Georgia Tech 82-69 Saturday

North Carolina, which beat No. 2 Duke just two days earlier, staked a claim to the No. 1 ranking as the only team in the top four not to lose this week.

Third-ranked Kansas lost to Missouri on Monday, the Tar Heels beat Duke 80-70 on Thursday and UCLA knocked off top-ranked Stanford 79-73 earlier Saturday.

Stanford's loss went on the scoreboard with about 16 minutes left in the game, sending fans in the Smith Center into a chant of "We're No. 1! We're No. 1!"

North Carolina (19-2) won its 16th consecutive game and is 9-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference for the first time since 1986-87.

North Carolina got off to a slow start, but quickly turned the game into a rout. Georgia Tech opened on an 11-3

run as North Carolina missed 5 of its first 6 shots, but the Tar Heels followed with a 27-2 run, including 23 straight.

#### Baylor 82, **Texas Tech 74**

win over Texas Tech.

Terry Black scored 21 points Saturday as Baylor broke a fourgame losing streak with a 82-74

Baylor (15-5, 3-5, Big 12) built a 50-34 lead early in the second half. Black, who also had nine rebounds and four steals, was one of six Bears to score in double figures as Baylor ended a seven-game scoring slump. The Bears shot 58.6 percent from the field in the second half, and 46.9 percent for the

Baylor was coming off its worst shooting game of the year, at 31.1 percent effort in a 65-51 loss to Oklahoma on Wednesday

Jamal Brown scored 19 to lead the Red Raiders (8-10, 2-5). Jayson Mitchell added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Baylor's defense held Tech's leading scorer, Andy Ellis, to 11 points 5 below his season aver-

Tech has lost three straight.

The Red Raiders had not played in a week, as their Jan. 30 game against Oklahoma State was post-

Baylor's victory avenged a 68-58 loss to the Red Raiders on Jan. 9 in Lubbock.

#### **WOMEN'S GAMES** No. 23 Colorado 85, No. 20 Baylor 66

Britt Hartshorn scored 17 points and Mandy Nightingale had 15, leading No. 23 Colorado past No. 20 Baylor 85-66 on Saturday.

It was Colorado's 500th victory. making the Buffaloes the 46th team in NCAA history to reach that milestone.

Colorado (15-5, 6-3 Big 12) also got 13 points from Eisha Bohman and 11 from Tara Bjorklund.

Baylor (15-6, 4-6) was playing its second game since Thursday night. The Bears' scheduled game against Oklahoma State was postponed on Wednesday because of the plane crash last weekend that killed 10 people, including two members of the OSU men's basketball team.

Sheila Lambert led the Bears with 28 points and seven assists. Colorado outshot Baylor 54 per-

cent to 37 percent. The Buffs used a 15-4 run to open up a 37-28 lead at halftime, and the Bears' hopes for a comeback were thwarted by leading scorer Danielle Crockrom's foul trouble in the second half. Crockrom, averaging 23 points and 13 rebounds, fouled out with 2:09 left in the game and finished with 15 points and five rebounds.

## Kansas 70.

No. 22 Texas 60

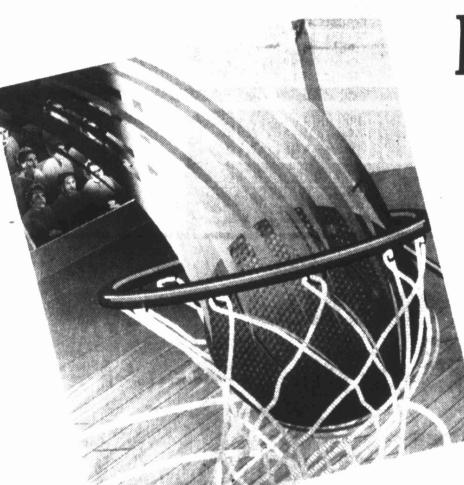
Brooke Reves scored a gamehigh 22 points and 14 rebounds to lead Kansas to a 70-60 win over No. 22 Texas Saturday.

Selena Scott added 15 points for Kansas (9-11, 3-6 Big 12), which snapped the Longhorns' four-game home winning streak.

Stacy Stephens Longhorns with 11 points, and Meg Brown finished with 10.

The Longhorns (16-7, 4-5) came out cold in the first half. Their only basket in the first three minutes was a jumper from Dana Godfrey.

The Longhorns, who never led in the game, trailed by as many as 13 in the second half.



# I-4A Region Basketball Tournaments

**Dorothy Garrett Coliseum** Girls Feb. 23-24-Boys-March 2-3

The Region I-4A girls and boys basketball tournaments are coming to Big Spring... and you can deliver your message to a captive audience by advertising in the official tournament programs.

A total of 3,500 programs will be printed for each tournament. which will feature the four top Class 4A teams from Region I. The fans supporting these teams will be looking for places to eat and shop while in Big Spring And advertising in the official tournament program will put your message in front of these visitors. Special advertising packages for one or both tournaments, as well as coupon inserts, are available.

For more information, call Edwin Vela at 263-7331. Hurry, because both time and space are limited.

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# things you should know (and probably don't) about African-American history

hances are there are many things you don't know about the history of African-Americans in this country. Efforts to increase knowledge about the contributions of this segment of our population led to the designation of February as Black History Month. And still, myths, misunderstandings and lack of knowledge persist. Even Jeffrey C. Stewart, whose book, "1001 Things Everyone Should Know About African American History," chronicles black achievement in culture, politics, science, education and other areas, admits even his 400-page tome cannot go far enough.

"Quite frankly there is so much to know about African Americans. that it would be quite impossible to provide anything truly exhaustive in one volume such as this — especially with such a numerical limit," Stewart writes in the introduction to his 1996 book.

Still, the book makes a start at providing historical accounts of accomplishments made by black Americans, many of them surprising

since they aren't often in other history books. From the hidden lives of slaves to the struggle for civil rights and battles for recognition on other fronts, the book is a story not often told, rarely heard.

Few may know a black man invented the precursor to our modern-day traffic light, or that it was a black physician who performed the first successful openheart surgery. And those are just a few of the facts in Stewart's book.

As February begins, we offer five things you didn't know about black history, with Marcy Elementary students to count them down:

One: During the Civil War, at least 16 African Americans received the Congressional Medal of

Honor, a commendation established by Congress in 1862. The medal was designed to recognize servicemen who, "distinguished themselves by their gallantry in action."

Typical of the acts that were honored were those of two men who fought at New Market Heights and Chaffin's Farm in September 1864. Private James Gardner of the 36th United States Colored Troops rushed ahead of his brigade as they stormed the fort at New Market Heights, shooting and bayoneting a rebel officer. At Chaffin's Farm, Christian A. Fleetwood, a sergeant major of the Fourth United States Colored Troops, grabbed the Union flag after two color bearers had been shot. Without officers present, Fleetwood then rallied a group of reserves to attack the fort during the final successful battle of the engagement.

Two: Leontyne Price was the first African American woman to sing with the Metropolitan Opera when she performed the role of Leonora in "Il

Barber's "Anthony and Cleopatra" at the opening of the new Metropolitan Opera. Price, who had attended Julliard School of Music on a scholarship in 1949, got her first big break in 1952 in the Broadway musical "Four Saints in Three Acts. Three: Garrett Augustus Morgan was the inventor of a three-way automatic stop sign,

Trovatore" on Jan. 27, 1961. After her debut,

she returned five years later as Cleopatra in

the precursor of the modern-day traffic light. Before his invention, traffic signals only had two commands, "Go," and "Stop," and were called "Go-stop" signals. Morgan created a tall pole with a bell on top and two flags with "stop" printed on

them; the signal was controlled by raising and lowering the flags with a rotating hand

crank. Paused in a half-mast position, the flags alerted drivers and pedestrians to prepare to stop. His invention was patented on Nov. 20, 1923, and was also patented in Great Britain and Canada. General Electric paid Morgan \$40,000 for the rights to

his automatic stop sign



Four: Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, who founded the Provident Hospital and Training School on May 4, 1891, was the first person to perform a successful openheart operation. On July 9, 1893, a man stabbed in the chest during a bar brawl was brought to the hospital with a wound considered fatal. Williams performed the operation without X-rays, breathing apparatus or blood transfusions, opening a "trap door" in the chest and repairing the damage. The patient was pronounced healthy and discharged 51 days later.

Five: In 1915, Paul Leroy Robeson began attending Rutgers University on an academic scholarship. In his second year, Robeson was promoted to first string on the football team in two positions but was left off the team when it played schools that refused to play against blacks. In 1918.

Robeson was named to the first-team All-America roster. Robeson went on to grad-

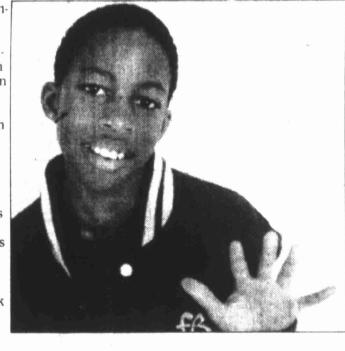
uate Phi Beta Kappa with honors and played professional football while supporting himself through law school. He was also a successful concert singer, stage and motion picture actor, and was known as a civil rights activist.

His views on the country's racial practices, coupled with a voice of support for the Soviet Union during the McCarthy era resulted in blacklisting of Robeson that even affected his football accomplishments: When lists of All-Americans were published in the 1950s, there was a blank space where Robeson's name had been.

For another lesson in black history, the Big Spring VA Medical Center will offer a program and soul food lun-

cheon on Friday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. in Room 212. The musical program will feature the choir from Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, and the luncheon will feature barbecue and sausage provided by the medical center. Guests are welcome to bring their favorite soul food dish.

Counting down the history lessons are Marcy Elementary students, (1) Desirae Cooper, (2) Joey Carrillo, (3) Carolyn Sellers, (4) Joe Ramos, and (5) Ben Coker.



# Nothing can replace the comfort of shopping among friends Let's see, that number is 1- strange surroundings with It would take more than one cases, I found if I ordered wear more pantsuits. Those

800... I'm doing what I've done for a long time; ordering by phone.

I have never really enjoyed shopping. Living in a small town, lovely people in the local shops were kind to find things for me to look at and buy; you can get very spoiled in that situation.

I'm just not one of those who enjoys going to a mall and every shop for the joy of looking. I probably should do more of it, but at the moment, that's not possible. During the time I lived in Dallas after I got off work, which was late, I would have some supper and then go to a mall. Not to shop particularly, but to walk. By that time of day, working in people you didn't know, I raise to justify even looking needed to walk out the kinks.

You would think I would love to go through every store in Northpark. Wrong! There were times when I did shop and got excellent bargains. But it also taught me that after so many shops, it's all the same, or

seems to be. Once, after getting a nice raise, I went to Neiman Marcus shopping for a handbag. I had a nice one Adrian had given me for our anniversary and it came from Neiman's downtown. I was very proud of it.

I was looking at a lovely Italian bag of braided leather, far out of my range.

at it. Noting my bag on the

counter the clerk made the observation that "it was a nice little but bag, not one you would take for a lunch with the girls."

I left as

quickly as I Why do I order by phone? Convenience. I used to worry that nothing would fit, it would be too small, too long or not what I thought it should be. Not so, in most

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from just a few catalogs, I wasn't disappointed.

Since I had retired, my wardrobe was quite different. I didn't need suits and dresses. I have cotton knit pants and sweaters; my coats are more casual, mostly light-weight jackets.

Even Adrian's wardrobe has changed. He would never wear jeans before. Somewhere along the way we found jeans with a stretch waist he liked. Guess what? Now I have trouble getting him to wear anything else.

In West Texas, people still dress up, but over the years it seems we dress more casually. Not so many ties and suits; women seem to suits can be dressy, though, and pricey.

I remember a local church asking a member to leave because she was wearing a very expensive pantsuit, complete with hat and gloves. How times change.

I have the pleasure of baking my church's communion bread; I order my flour from Nora Mills in Helen, Ga., one of our favorite places.

Recently when I ordered flour I asked if he had any jams or jellies. He told me Bea grew her own strawberries and picked wild ones. She took them to a cannery and they made her jam.

We eagerly awaited the jam; it was unbelievably

A small tag invited you to visit Bea and her berries April through June. Some mail orders are great.

Let's face it, ordering by mail is easy. Of course you have to look at a lot of catalogs and wait for the order to arrive, but I do that pretty well. I still don't shop the Internet, though. I'm a little leery of sharing our credit card numbers unknown security measures

in new companies. I would prefer to go to a local shop, see someone I've known for years and go home with a purchase they know I'll enjoy.

Home is always better, Mary Randle's column appears monthly

# Herink-Hoenninger

Corbett Reed Hoenninger were united in marriage on Jan. 1, 2001, on Carnival Cruise Ship "Celebration" in Galveston. The Rev. Ron Ramey of Houston performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Pam Herink of Roberts, Wis.

The groom is the son of Dick and Donna Hoenninger of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, and the grandson of Olga Reed and the late Howard Reed of Big Spring and the late Munson and Fern Stewart of Big Spring.

Vocalist for the ceremony was Kelly Wunsch.

Maid of honor was Melissa Herink, Roberts, Wis., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were: Melissa Claypool, Hudson, Wis., Julie Ray, Madison, Wis. Erica Herink, Roberts, Wis., sister-in-law of the bride, Kara Knoll, Menomonie, Wis., Christine Stanger, Wayzata, Minn., Jessica Wunsch, College Station, Jocelyn Britton, Houston and Shelli Rumpf, Dublin, Ireland

Best man was Dick Hoenninger, father of the groom. Groomsmen were: Joel Hoenninger, Rick Hoenninger and Robb Hoenninger, brothers of the groom, all of San Antonio, Ryan Herink and Matt Herink, brothers of the bride, both of Roberts, Wis., Kelly Wunsch, College



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Usher was Brian Finch of Houston. Ringbearer was Cody Fallin of Oakdale, Minn., cousin of the bride. A reception on the ship followed the ceremony.

Another reception hosted by the bride's parents will be held in June in Roberts.

The bride is a graduate of University Wisconsin, Madison, and earned a master's at Texas A&M University. She teaches at Texas A&M, College Station.

The groom is currently completing his Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering at Texas A&M and plans to continue for his Ph.D.

The couple are planning a delayed wedding trip another cruise during the

## VA ready to salute hospitalized vets VA VITAL SIGNS Brown, Chief Executive Officer, recognizes an

"Employee of the Month." These Employees are nomians to feel the strong comnated based on their exemmunity support we count plary service to our veteron," VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi said.

ans and fellow co-workers. January 2001 Employee of the Month: Mark Arista. The nominee wrote, "This young man does an outstanding job at this medical center. I have observed him on numerous occasions and he is always an outstanding example of treating all staff Community and state offiand veterans in a friendly and welcoming manner. He has a presence about him that sets the tone for everyone around him. His great smile remains through the day as he accomplishes a great amount of work. He has a great future with the VA and should be considered for positions of more

Accomplished stage and television actor Hal Linden has teamed up with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to honor hospitalized veterans and promote volunteerism at VA medical centers. Linden, best known for his role as TV's popular detective "Barney Miller," chairs VA's 2001 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans campaign. This year it will be marked by community activities around the country Feb. 11-17 at health care centers.

authority.'

"As a fellow veteran, Hal Linden knows how much it means to hospitalized veter-

The national focus on events is timed to coincide with Valentine's Day because the sentiments of caring and sharing match the salute's purpose of expressing honor and appreciation to veterans.

cials, military and veterans organizations and youth groups often join with the public during the National Salute week to visit patients in VA hopitals, nursing homes, state veterans homes and other facilities. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in activities during the 2001 Salute National Hospitalized Veterans. Any group or individual interested in participating in National Salute activities are encouraged to contact Iva Jo Hanslik, Acting Relations Community Coordinator, 915-264-4824.

Major renovations are underway at the West Texas VA Healthcare System. Demolition has begun on the third floor to make way for a new six-bed ICU and 12-bed medical/surgical intermediate unit. The east wing of the third floor is being gutted; everything will be brand new when the floor reopens.

When the project is completed in September, these functions will relocate from the fifth floor to the third.

Remodeling has begun in the Outpatient Clinic as well. The old file room and adjacent spaces are being converted into eight new Primary Care exam rooms. This is enough to accomodate two Primary Care teams. These rooms are scheduled to reopen in April. When they do reopen, work will begin on modernization of the Urgent care area. Some of the new Primary Care space will temporarily be used as swing space until the Urgent Care project is completed in August.

Building 10 is being con verted into our new Education Center, a central location for various education activities including classroom training, satellite conferences, and more.

French Government Honors World War II Veterans

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi and H. E. Francois de l'Estang, ambassador of France, announced that the French Government will present certificates to World War II veterans to thank them for their participation in the liberation of France.

"This honor is further evidence that the contributions

of our World War II veterans will be remembered by this nation and by our allies around the world whom they helped to free," said Principi.

To be eligible, a veteran must have served on French territory, in French territorial waters, or in French airspace between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945. The certifcate will not be issued posthumously. Presentation of the certificates is expected to begin later this year.

Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomes the following new employees: Lorretta Graham, Nursing Service: Amy Smith, Recreation; Tiffanie Smith, MAS; Lockhart. Jimmy Engineering Service; Johni MAS; O'Dell, Linda Nursing Trowbridge, Service; Jody Gonzales, Chief Medical Office; Michele Beach, Resource Management Service; Lana Greenhill, Nursing Service; Nancy Vega MAS, Wark Warren, Chief Medicak Office; Lynda Walker, Nursing Service; Cheryl Castillo, Medical Service: Melissa Perry-Foster, EMS.

Upcoming Events in February:

Black History Month American Heart Month 2/19-President Pay

Iva Jo hanslik is iemporarily the Community Relations Coordinator at the VA Medical Center. She may be contacted at (915) 264-4824.

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# WHO'S WHO

A Big Spring resident was among the fall 2000 graduating class at Tarleton University. Darla K. Doty Education-Counseling.

Hardin-Sim mons University announces that Big Spring resident Shay Adams has made the Honor Roll for the fall 2000 semes-

The HSU Honor Roll honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours graduated with a Masters in with a grade point average of 3.6 or higher

# IN THE

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Neil C. Allen, a 1995 graduate of Sands High School, Ackerly, recently returned from a six-month deployment to Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf While assigned to the aircraft car-USS George

During the deployment. Allen's ship assisted in the recovery effort of Gulf Air Flight 072, which crashed on its approach to Bahrain International Airport Aug.

Allen also visited cities in Croatia, Greece, Italy, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

While in Bahrain, USS George Washington sailors painted the Al Hytham Islamic School hand hithe Washington, home ported in Saudi/Bahraini School for the Blind.

# **HUMÂNE** SOCIETY



Pictured are Bess - blond, Cocker Spaniel, 1 year old female, and Randy - red Cocker Spaniel, 2 year old

Doodle Bug - Sheltie mix,

7 month old male. Sammy - Blond Cocker Spaniel, adult female, needs special care, great for older

Rose - Red nose Pit, 2 year old female, spayed, very

Jake - Rottweiler mix. black/brown, 3 months old, neutered male. Samson - Black Lab mix. 3

months old neutered male X Delilah - Black Lab mix/ 2 year old spayed female. Samson's sister.

Bongo - Silver terrier mix 2 year old neutered male. Spook - Black Lab, 3 to 4

years old, neutered male, very large, loves to play. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, for purebred dogs

\$100 and cats are \$60.

# STORK **CLUB**

Lilia Clarise Rogers, Feb. 1, 2001, 3:42 p.m., seven pounds and 19 inches long. Parents are Brent and Marilyn (Corwin) Rogers of Columbus. Ohio. Grandparents are Tommy and Jobeth Corwin of Big Spring and Anita Rogers of Barnesville, Ohio.

Nicole McKenzie Earnest, Jan. 17, 2001, 7:58 a.m., six pounds nine ounces and 18 1/4 inches long. Parents are Scott and Lanette Earnest, Pearland. Grandparents are Doug and Leitha Earnest, Big Spring and Bennie and Bernice Stolarski, Sealy. Great-grandmother Sand Marzell Earnest, Springs

Paid announcement

Mikaela Belle Graham, Jan 24, 2001, 10:30 a.m., seven pounds one ounce and 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Brent Graham and Michelle Watkins-Graham Warrensburg,

Grandparents are Carl and Sandra Graham of Loraine and the late Mame Graham. and Roy and Victoria Bacca of Roswell, N.M. Greatgrandparents are Elwood

and Mabel Graham of Belle Annie Loraine, Bardeleben of Austin, Loundo Earl Johnson of Seminole, Okla., and Manual and Martha Duran and Lillie Bacca all of

Paid announcement

Roswell, N.M.

Bryson Jon Cline, July 3, 2000, 11:40 a.m., seven pounds 11 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long. Parent is Kandi Dawn Cline. Grandparents are John and Anita Cline of Big Spring. Aunt is Krystal Cline. Great-grandparents are Johnnie and Faye Hobbs and Clara Cline and the late Johnny Cline all of Big Spring.

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Brandon Andrew Freitag, Jan. 24, 2001, 6:55 p.m., seven pounds 12 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long. Parent is Audrey Lynn Freitag of Forsan. Grandparents are Rita Rodriguez and Robert

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Freitag Jr. of Forsan.

Dakota Quinn Birmelin, Jan. 26, 2001, 11:07 a.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long. Parent is Kelly Birmelin of Big Spring. Grandparents are Brenda and David Mault of Coahoma.

Ambia Nicole Lopez, Jan. 25, 2001, 10:38 a.m., five pounds 13.5 ounces and 19 inches long. Parents are Mark and Ester Lopez of Big Spring. Grandparents are Robert and Susan Gilmore of Big Spring and Pat and Manuel Bustos of Odessa.

Kacee Lynn Allen, Jan. 23, 2001, 10:54 a.m., seven pounds six ounces and 21 1/2 inches long. Parents are Kirk and Lindsey Allen of Coahoma. Grandparents are Kenneth and Linda Barfield of Big Spring and Bruce and Marsha Allen of Coahoma.

Jacey Elizabeth Babb, Jan. 22, 2001, 9:12 p.m., six pounds 10 ounces and 20 inches long. Parents are Jessica Bills and James Babb Snyder.

Grandparents are Johnna Babb of Snyder, Jack Babb of Comstock, Dan Bills of Chicago and Carole Bills of Cotulla.

Summer Renee Cook, Jan. 18, 2001, 3:44 p.m., five pounds 12 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long. Parents are Angela Proctor and Michael Cook of Big Spring. Grandparents are Charlene Cook of Big Spring, Joseph Cook of Des Moines, Iowa. Janyce Proctor, Cedar Rapids. Iowa and Pat Proctor of Des Moines,

Sady Belle Ramirez, Jan. 17. 2001, 12:53 p.m., five pounds 11 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are and Francisco Ramirez. Grandparents are the late Alcario Padron, Rob and Teresa Robin, and Anne Torres of Big Spring and Ramirez of Aleja Herefor

> READ all about it... in the Herald.

# **Family Medical Center** 2301 South Gregg St.

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

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# ANNIVERSARIES

# Holcomb

E.D. and Evelyn Holcomb of Stanton celebrated their 50th anniversary on Jan. 20, 2001, with a family dinner The Barn Door Restaurant in Odessa hosted by their children.

They were both born in Martin County, she as Evelyn Roberts. They were married Jan. 24, 1951, in

The couple have two children: Deana Smith of Ackerly and Beth Phinny of Coahoma; also four grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

The Holcombs have lived in Martin County through-



**E.D. AND EVELYN HOLCOMB** 

out their marriage and farm in Martin and Glasscock

# McCall





WALTER AND CHERYL MCCALL, THEN AND NOW.

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CHARLIE AND LARUE SHANKS, THEN AND NOW.

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They have seven grand-

During their marriage.

the couple have lived briefly

in Lawton, Okla, then in

Charlie is now retired,

having worked for Texas

Electric; LaRue was a home-

maker. They are members

of the 14th and Main

Church of Christ. He loves

to collect, trade and sell; she

follows him to shows and

Their comment about

marriage is, "50 years can

pass awfully fast if you're

Knott and in Big Spring.

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celebrated their 25th anniversary on Jan. 24, 2001. They were honored with a surprise supper at Carlos' on Jan. 22, hosted by their son and friends.

He was born in Holbrook, Ala. She was born Cheryl Mayo in Wichita Falls. They met on a blind date and had dated three weeks when Walter proposed. They were married 10 months later on Jan. 24, 1976, at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland.

The couple have one son, Kyle McCall, of Big Spring Walter worked for R&J Service Company at the

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15, 1951, in LaRue's home in

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Walter and Cheryl McCall time they married and Cheryl worked for Midland Memorial Hospital. He had owned and operated Big Spring Muffler and Brake. In 1986 they moved to Fort Worth where Walter graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Walter has pastored at First Baptist Church in Poolville, Southside Baptist Church, Bowie and Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring.

He is presently employed by Community Hospice as chaplain and Cheryl is employed by the Big Spring-Lamesa Baptis

# TV movie: Oh, the pain of growing up an Osmond

LOS ANGELES (AP) - It executive scolded her for wasn't all sunshine and lollipops being a singing. dancing member of the Osmonds in the 1970s. Really...

Sure the brothers had girls chasing them and guys ruptcy. wanting to be them. The worldwide travel, magazine covers and gold records were great, too.

But behind the toothy grins and wholesome, milkdrinking image, there was infighting, heartache, rebellion and bad investments. Working amid the smoking, drinking and cussing of show business also clashed with the family's Mormon religious values.

It's all revealed — along with white jumpsuits, fringe and polyester — in the ABC movie "Inside the Osmonds," airing Monday at 7 p.m. CST.

The film "was almost therapy in a way for my family. It really shows what happened. Some of it was hard to swallow," said Jimmy Osmond, served as one of six executive producers. "For many years, we would just not talk about anything that is negative, and now everybody is kind of having fun sharing the true Osmond

story.' The girls who screamed and cried over the Osmonds in the '70s might have been shocked to know what real-

ly happened: The Symbionese Liberation Army, a revolu-tionary group that kidnapped Patty Hearst in 1974, once threatened to bomb the Osmonds' concerts. "Everyone's a - critic,"

replied one of the brothers. - Donny and Jay engaged in a major makeout session with fan-club members. True to their morals, the brothers kept their pants on and kicked out the girls for getting too frisky.

Merrill rebelled after being replaced by Donny as the group's lead singer.

Donny fumed at being the butt of jokes on the goofy "Donny and Marie" variety show; Marie briefly starved herself after an ABC

Birth to 12 years old



Henry and Ella Vonne Spring. West of Granbury, formerly of Big Spring, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Feb. 17, 2001.

A reception in their honor will be hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren; Teresa and Mike Green. Ashley and Brenden of Spring, Feb. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Fellowship Center of the Granbury Church of Christ in Granbury.

He was born in Dawson County. She was born Ella Vonne Fortune in Tarzan.

The couple met in May of 1950. Henry's sister, Jo Nell West, was one of Ella Vonne's best friends. Ella Vonne was going to church services with the Wests one day and Henry was with them when they came to get her. He had just been discharged from the Armed Forces. They started dating the next evening going roller skating in Midland. They were married Feb. 17,

The wedding ceremony was held in the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Olga and Howard Reed, in Big

The couple has a daughter, Vonne Green, and sonin-law Mike Green, of Spring; and a son, Ron West married to Gloria, of Bedford. They also have two grandchildren.

The couple lived in Big Spring from 1951-1991 and have lived in Granbury since then.

They are both currently retired. Henry worked at Cosden/Fina for 35 years, retiring in August of 1987. Ella Vonne worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital for 33 years, also retiring in August of 1987.

The Wests are members of the Church of Christ. While working, Ella Vonne was in the National Secretaries Association.

Upon retirement, she began working as a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant and Henry established a boat business.

Henry Plays golf and fishes; Ella Vonne is an enthusiastic bridge player.

Their comment about marriage is: "It requires total commitment and the Lord must be the center.

Father George and

brother Alan were plagued

with guilt over misguided

investments that left the

family on the verge of bank;

gaining weight.

# ON THE MENU

**SENIOR CITIZENS** CENTER

MONDAY-Smothered steak. potatoes, okra & tomatoes. salad, milk/rolls, fruit. TUESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, beans, lettuce & tomatoes, milk/buns, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken, squash, milk/rolls, cookies. THURSDAY-Fish, noodles, brussel sprouts, coleslaw,

milk/cornbread, pie. FRIDAY-Roast, potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

**ELBOW ELEMENTARY** MONDAY-Burritos, potatoes, salad, fruit, milk. TUESDAY-Beef pot pie, corn, salad, fruit, crackers. WEDNESDAY-Corn dog, pinto beans, spinach, corn-

bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-b-que sandwich, french fries, pickle, fruit, milk. FRIDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, fruit, garlic

bread, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS MONDAY-Bar-b-que on bun. ranch style beans, french fries, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, jello, hot rolls, milk. WEDNESDAY-Beef & choese

tacos, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cobbler, milk. THURSDAY-Baked ham, potato salad, june peas w/carrots, hot rolls, pumpkimpie, milk.

FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, salad, cookies, batter bread, milk.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS** MONDAY-Sausage pattie. pancake, hashbrown, fruit juice, spiced apples, milk. TUESDAY-Charbroiled meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, ranch style beans. jello/mixed fruit, hot roll,

WEDNESDAY-Mexican jambalaya, salad, corn, grapes. milklemos and stablists to THURSDAY-Crispy chicken sandwich, french fries. lettuce & tomatoes, fried okra,

rainbow freeze bar, milk. FRID 1Y-NO SCHOOL

COAHOMA SCHOOLS MONDAY-Homemade burritos (cheese fries and almonds), ranch beans, peaches, milk. TUESDAY-Chicken patty

(burritos), gravy, spicy fries, fruit, rolls, milk. WEDNESDAY-Pizza, tater tots, apples, milk. Teachers only-salad or baked potato. THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, breaded okra, mashed potatoes, rolls,

FRIDAY-Enchiladas (corndogs), pinto beans, jello w/fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS MONDAY-NO SCHOOL TUESDAY-Steak fingers (grill cheese), french fries, vegetable sticks, orange, cinnamon cookie, ranch dress-

ing, ketchup. WEDNESDAY-Beef (corndog), pinto beans lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cheese, taco sauce.

cornbread. THURSDAY-Spaghetti and meat sauce (country fried steak), green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin.

french bread. FRIDAY-Deli sandwich, french fries, pickles, sandwich salad, mustard, salad dressing, ketchup, apples.

FORSAN SCHOOLS MONDAY-Western casserole, corn, salad, cinnamon crispies, fruit, milk. TUESDAY- Chicken stir fry, egg rolls, rice, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, pickle/onions, salad, cookies/creme, milk. THURSDAY Sandwich/chips, soup, salad, cake, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham/gravy whipped potatoes, english peas, hot rolls, jello w/fruit,

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS MONDAY-Chicken strips, cream potatoes, green beans. peaches, hot roll. TUESDAY-Chalupas,

tuce/tomato, salsa, pudding. WEDNESDAY-Chicken stew, carrot stick, pears, cobbler. THURSDAY-Baked potato, chef salad, fruit, cake, crack

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, french lies, lettuce/tomato, pickles, fruit, cookie.

Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic would like to welcome Micheal D. Stephens, M.D. to our staff, effective January 1. Dr. Stephens will continue seeing patients at his current location through the end of January. He will relocate to 1501 W. 11th Place effective February 1, 2001. Dr. Stephens has been practicing in Big Spring since May 18, 1998 providing family and emergency medicine. He received his medical degree from the University of Ontario and a degree in Family Medicine from the University of British Columbia. He has gained extensive experience in several medical settings throughout his education and career which will contribute to his practice in Family Medicine at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. We are excited to add his medical expertise to our exceptional group of physicians. For an appointment with Dr. Stephens, please call 264-1100 through January 31, 2001, then 267-6361 beginning February 1st.



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Tamara Love of Dallas and Brad Moore of Carrollton will exchange wedding vows April 28, 2001, at the Chapel on the Hill, Abilene Christian University, with Gary Hubbard of First United Methodist Church in Ralls, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bruce and Denise Love of Abilene and the granddaughter of Charles and LaQuita Hicks Brownwood, formerly of

Big Spring. He is the son of Bob and Vernice Moore of Big

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Beef practice that was banned in 1997 industry officials say the quarantine of a herd of Texas cattle that ate outlawed feed shouldn't have a lasting impact on beef prices.

At the National Cattlemen's Beef Association annual convention in San Antonio last week, the group's chief economist said the government investigation of the Texas herd may have contributed to a decline in beef futures but that prices already have rebounded.

About 1,200 cattle on a feedlot 30 miles from San Antonio ate a protein supplement that contained meal from ground-up cattle - a

as a precaution against mad-cow disease. After a two-week investigation, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday the amount eaten by each animal was so small that it didn't pose a threat to the human food supply.

"Uncertainty breeds volat.lity, and I think at least some of 'he (cattle price) break can be attr buted to just uncertainty about what the FDA was going to announce," said Chuck Lambert, chief economist of the cattlemen's

"Also, we were at a price level

because of weather and other ly things where the market was due for a correction, so any kind of negative news like that or uncertainty just accelerates or acerbates that break," he said.

Ron Plain, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Missouri, also said the Texas incident appeared to have a minimal effect.

"I'd say that so far the impact of all the publicity on mad-cow disease has had a very minor impact on the markets," he said by telephone from the university.

Mad-cow disease, known formal-

bovine encephalopathy, has devastated herds in Britain and appeared elsewhere in Europe but has never been found in U.S. cattle.

The disease has been transmitted to humans since at least 1995 and is blamed for more than 80 deaths in Britain. Beef sales have plummeted across Europe.

Researchers believe cattle contract the disease by eating feed made from the parts of infected cows or other animals.

The 1997 ban on feeding animal meal to cattle is a precaution to keep the illness from striking U.S.

Purina Mills Inc., which made the improper feed, said this week it would buy the 1,200 cattle and the meat would not be sold for human consumption.

Plain said the mad-cow risk to U.S. cattle is "very, very low."

"I think consumers have sort of understood the risk here is really quite low, so it hasn't quite developed into a scare," he said.

But there is potential for a scare. he said, and that has ranchers on edge at a time when beef has been rebounding after a decade of flat

## IN THE NEWS

A reception for JOE CONCIENNE, new manager for the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery, will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Civic Center. The public is invited to meet Concienne and his wife, Brenda

The Howard County Farm Service Agency (FSA) will hold a producer

meeting on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room

The purpose of the meeting will be to LILES discuss provi sions of the 2000 Crop Disaster Program and the Livestock Assistance Program.

According to RICK LILES, executive director for the **Howard County Farm** Service Agency, the meeting will help producers get a better idea of how these programs work.

ROCKY BARNES was welcomed as incoming chamber of commerce president at Stanton. During the festivities, former Martin County Judge Bob **DEAVENPORT** was presented with a special award on behalf of the Mustang Soil and Water Conservation

District.

The SMALL BUSINESS **DEVELOPMENT CENTER of** the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is offering the "Small Business Financing and Informational Workshop" from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification. The workshop is being held for free at the center, located at 1400 North FM 1788. Topics will include loans, making a business plan and programs and services available. Advanced registration is required. For reservations, call (915) 552-2455.

JIMMY STALLINGS, tax consultant with Stallings & Herm and Stallings Financial Services of Stanton, has been installed as a board member with the Permian Basin Area Foundation. Stallings has been a school board member and a city councilman. and was a key figure in the organization of the Martin County Community Fund. He is also an advisor to the Connell Family Fund and the Dan and Billye Saunders Scholarship Fund, which are components of the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S first Business After Hours program of 2001 will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at STARTEK, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Business After Hours is an informal social function that allows clients, employees and other business persons to meet and share ideas. Refreshments will be erved. There is no charge



Toby Lindsey, a resident of Carriage Inn, drops a few coins into community director Phillis S. Palmer's pig. The employee who has the most and least amount of money in their pig will have to kiss a real pot belly pig in March, national pig month.

# Carriage Inn employees hold contest to raise money for residents' activities

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Carriage Inn residents and staff want community director Phillis S. Palmer to kiss the pig. A pot belly pig, in fact.

"March is national pig month." said Palmer. Each employee has a plastic pig that the residents can put money in. The employee with the most

amount of money at the end

There is a catch. The staff member who has the least amount of money will also have to pucker up.

The plastic pigs, displayed at the reception area, were decorated by the employees. Pigs with sunglasses and cow pigs are just of the few of the choices residents have to drop money in.

Residents, friends or the of the contest has to kiss general public are encouraged to add a few coins, dollar bills or a hundred dollar bill to the pig of the employee they would most like to receive a pig

> smooch. According to Palmer, residents and some of the employee's family have taken up the challenge and have created a rivalry to

See **EMPLOYEES**, Page 5B

# South Orient

# TxDOT purchases partly abandoned international railroad for \$9.5 million

The Texas Department of Transportation has reached a \$9.5 million agreement to purchase a partly abandoned West Texas railroad, which is expected to become an important NAFTA trade route.

"Eighty percent NAFTA freight is moving Texas," through Charles Heald, executive director for the transportation department. "When you look at the growth in Texas and the amount of trucks that are on the roads, anytime you can get it on the rail, it is a benefit.'

The railroad runs from Coleman, southwest to San Angelo and to Presidio near Big Bend National Park. It had been the only rail access in San Angelo and other West Texas cities, which see its continued use as vital to their economies.

It is one of eight U.S. lines that crosses into Mexico.

The deal announced Friday will allow the transportation department to become the railroad's permanent owner and lease it to Texas Pacifico Transportation, a subsidiary of Nuevo Grupo Mexico, for 40 years. Texas Pacifico will have five renewal options.

"It's really good news for us because (previous owner South Orient Railroad Co.)

was wanting to get out of the business," said Dennis Hirschfeld, chief financial officer of San Angelo's Hirschfeld Steel Company. "They were wanting to pull up the tracks and sell them for scrap. We would have had to do some scrambling to get our product in here if that happened." Hirschfeld has been using parts of the railroad.

In 1998, South Orient ended most of its operations on the line and asked the **National** Surface Transportation Board to allow the company to abandon it.

The board instead ordered South Orient to find a buyer.

When a buyer could not be located, the state stepped in and offered \$6 million to help find one. Texas Pacifico began negotiations about a year ago.

The purchase should be complete by mid-March with the state making an initial \$6 million payment to South Orient this month. Texas Pacifico will pay the remaining \$3.5 million in March.

"We are about to invest a lot (of taxpayer money) in a rail that we need to see benefit the state," said David Laney, a member of the Transportation Texas Commission.

# The Pipeline Group to hold seminar Thursday on excavation safety

**HERALD Staff Report** 

The Pipeline Group will hold a seminar on preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities on Thursday at Howard County Fairbarns.

program, which The begins at 8 p.m., includes a meal catered by Big John's

fter input from

viduals involved in excavation-related activities in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Scurry Sterling counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems and the importance and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed.

Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety

Feed Lot and is for all indi- of working with pipeline related brochures and other items

> According to The Pipeline roup, many lives or Group, injured or lost and millions of dollars incurred due to someone digging into a

pipeline. accidents can, These through the damage of fiberoptic cables, disrupt thousands of communications some of which could be lifesaving emergency calls industry safety professionals stress

The safety program is an attempt to help those who conduct excavation work to avoid such situations.

The program is sponsored by a group of pipeline companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities

# Areas to be exempt from underground water district

two public hearings and additioninput from the task force examining the excluded areas of the proposed

annexation with the Permian Basin Under-

A 9 mg DAVID KIGHT ground Water District, boundaries of exempted areas have been

drawn. The following is a description of where the

lines are drawn: The city of Big Spring city limits to the south on Wasson Road to Highway 33, back to Highway 87 south to Wildfire Road, to the east of Wildfire Road, north on Kay to Country Club Road, back to Brackeen Road.

To the east, the exempted areas will include everything between railroad tracks running east to Midway Road to the eastern edge of the Coahoma city limits. (See map)

There will be two more public meetings that will be held in March and at the end of April. The exact times and places have not been determined.

A vote of all eligible voters is anticipated to be on May 5.

The water district's primary duty will be to enhance water quality and to conserve underground water within its boundaries. A local board of directors will be elected to give input on direction of planning and implementation for the district.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)



Howard County residents residing in the shaded area of the map above would from participating in the Permian Basin Underground Water District and would not be subect to be taxed by the district should voters ap

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Marriage Licenses: Antonio Joe Flores Jr. 20 and Viviana Sarmiento. 18, both of Big. Spring

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36. both of Big Spring

#### **County Court Filings: Howard County Clerk's**

Revocation of probation and impo sition of sentence: Manuel Cuellar assault \$500 fine \$360.25 court cost 60 days in jail

Probated judgment: Melissa M Escanuelas, criminal mischief more than \$500 and less than \$1500. \$250 fine, \$310.25 court cost. 80 hrs community service \$1106.79 restitution Probated judgment Abram Aguilar dwls. \$250 fine \$260.25 court cost.

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Warranty Deed with Vendor's

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum Grantee: Michael J. and Melissa A

Property: Lot 6 and 7. Settles Date filed: Jan. 23: 2001

Grantor: Grady Winford Barr and Nelda Yvone Thomas Grantee: Dancel C. and Christina

Wagner Property: Lot 11 blk 3. Kentwood Addition Date filed, Jan 23: 2001

Grantor: Kimberly L. Moore Grantee: Joel Rocky and Brenda Carol Dunlap

Property: Lot 15. blk 13. Kentwood. Addition Date filed: Jan. 17, 2001

Grantor: D.D. and Lois Johnston Grantee. Roy and Joy Hester Tract 1-5 Fairview Property:

Heights Addition

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have their favorite or not so favorite employee kiss the

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in her pig." Currently Palmer has the lead with several dollar bills stacking up in her pig.

The contest, which began on Thursday, will continue until the end of the month.

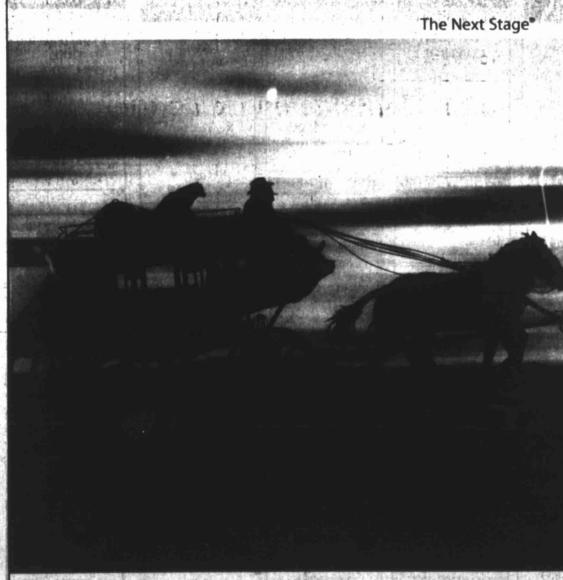
Palmer said if the weather holds, they plan to have an ice-cream social on March 1 and bring in the pot belly pig. The employee with the most and least amount of money collected will be announced.

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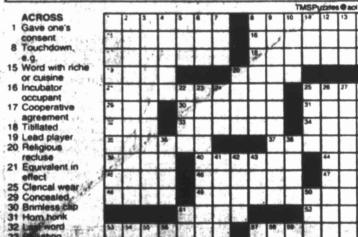
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Bidders must submit a Cashiers or Certified Check sued by a bank satisfactory the Owner or a Proposa Bond from a reliable Surety Company payatle withou ecourse to the ords.

Ity of Big Spring, in an amount not less than five perof the largest poss to a contract and execute within fifteen (15) days after otice of award of contract to im Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will

not be considered The successful Bidder must and a Payment Bond, each in from a Surety Company hold Texas to act as a Surety of factory to the Owner If the total bid is less than \$25,000 Performance And Paymen Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions A pre-bid conference will be

held at the Roy C. Hester Water Treatment Plant at 1:30 p.m.. February 16, 2001 Information for bidders, pro-

posal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the City of Big Spring. Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street Lubbock, Texas Copies of the plans, specifica-

may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper . Consulting Engineers 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 (Phone (806)

473-2200) for a price of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, tol each set of documents), in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, the entire deposit will be refunded. Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the gen eral prevailing rates of wages have been established by the Secretary of Labor.

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifica

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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

\*\*\*\* Optimism marks your reactions, even when you're stunned and surprised. You find the words to deal with even the strangest of circumstances. Give loved ones and friends the benefit of the doubt. Make plans to go to an art gallery or a movie. Visit with friends. Tonight: Put up your feet.

TAURUS (April 20-May

\*\*\*\* What is wrong with indulging another? What is wrong with indulging yourself? Today, you simply cannot see a reason why you shouldn't let go and enjoy. Optimism surrounds money and communication. You feel as if no one can say no to you. Ask for what want. Tonight: Munchies with friends.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* You beam, and others respond. You understand the role of your charisma and upbeat spirit. Make the impossible possible. Refuse to\understand the word 'no\" Laughter surrounds friendship and sharing. Accept an invitation that involves more than one person. "The more, the merrier" works. Tonight: Your

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Your smile draws another toward vdu. You might want to indulge an older relative or friend. Your instincts direct you, and you naturally do the right thing. Return calls and try to reach out for another. Caring abounds. Get\some extra ZZZ's, as the unexpected could keep you up late, Tonight: Anything

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Your mood swings like a pendulum. Work on being positive. If faced with a problem or decision, be optimistic. Only good can come of this attitude. A partner's mind could be overactive. Talk about what is really going on with each of you. Bonding occurs through vulnerability.

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3059 February 1, 2 & 4, 2001

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of

the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received

until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday. February 13, 2001, for the pur-

Bids are to be opened and

read aloud in the Big Spring

City Council Chambers, City

Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big

Spring. Texas 79720, with

Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a requirity scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bidg. a19. Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a gen-

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* All eyes turn to you for ideas. Bring friends together for a movie and a meal. Being with others adds to the friendly mood. Relax and don't worry so much about time. Let go of restrictions, and you'll find that anything can happen. A friendship deepens considerably. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Reach out to someone at a distance. Caring enhances a special friendship. Pull back some and give up being so reactive. You will make good decisions. Trust yourself. Someone makes his feelings quite clear. Be more nurturing to those around you. Express your happy-golucky side. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow's work

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

21) \*\*\*\* Reach out for another. Allow more caring to flow between you and a special friend. Feelings deepen. Someone expresses his feelings. Seek out a person who sometimes pulls back or is shy. You add that "magic' to any situation. Allow your feelings to flow Tonight: Hop on the Internet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

\*\*\*\*\* Others knock on your door. Popularity soars, and you have many invitations. Discussions with a family member lead to a strong decision. Don't kid yourself about another's role in your life. Discuss what you want from a relationship. Look to the long term. Tonight: Be with your favorite person...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

\*\*\* Dig into a project and get it done. You might want to share a favorite pastime with a loved one. You might not see eye to eye with another. Discuss options with someone who plays a major role in your life. Accept an invitation to join others later. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

\*\*\*\* You naturally want to frolic. You naturally want to risk. Almost nothing stops you. Allow greater creativity in your plans. You don't always need to do the tried and true. An expenditure might make you uncomfortable. If you want to cut back plans and just be lazy, do so. Make this a perfect day for you. Tonight: Do only what is relaxing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

🔭 Once you have thought through an important decision, speak your mind. Deal with family or a roommate earl on. Allow more time for a loved one. Good feelings flow between you and

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national origin.
The City of Big Spring, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by City of Big Spring, Texas for a period not to exceed (80) days from the date of the bid opening, for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the Bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

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Fluss McEwen, Mayor

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years younger than he is He has spent more than \$20,000 on these girls who quit calling after they get his

money His house has been robbed three

times, and it's a constant hassle to cancel his credit cards, call the banks, etc., in the middle of the night after he discovers that someone has been in his house while he slept.

All precautions have been taken, locks changed, a motion-activated alarm instal ed in the hallway. but he s the one to blame.

He I new the latest girl who robbed him for only three weeks. He invited her into the house. She led him to believe she was going to stay the night with him, got undressed, and then told him she needed to tell the person who gave her a ride that she was staying. She pretended she couldn't find her shirt, and when my father got out of bed to help her look for it, she grabbed his wallet and ran out of the house - topless. Her shirt was discovered later.

Abby, how can I stop Dad from making such stupid mistakes? I've tried explaining what these women really were interested in, but it happens over and over Please help. — WORRIED ABOUT DAD IN NEW **MEXICO** 

DEAR WORRIED: You didn't mention how old your father is or what his mental capacity was before your mother's death, but. it's possible that his ability to care for himself has diminished to the point where intervention is nec-

Schedule an appointment with a doctor who specializes in geriatric medicine and discuss mental and neurological evaluations for your father. Since it appears that he has lost the ability to protect himself from being taken advantage of, also consider consulting an attorney with expertise in elder law about options for protecting your father.

DEAR ABBY: My older sister (age 18 1/2) was treated to a lavish wedding and reception courtesy of our parents. As a favor to my mother, her cousin - a caterer - catered the wedding for free.

While my father was on his way home to change my infant brother's diapers (during the wedding madness, no one brought any), my sister and her new husband packed up all the finger sandwiches and most of the remaining food at the reception and left to spend their honeymoon in their new apartment.

When my father returned to the reception, he was outraged to discover that the food was gone, and embarrassed by my sister's behavior in front of her guests who were trying to enjoy themselves without

Dad drove to my sister's apartment and demanded the food and an apology.

My sister says it was 'her" wedding and, therefore, "her" food. She won't forgive my father for disturbing her on her honey moon. My father is sore at my sister for being so thoughtless, thankless, greedy and selfish as to take the food in the first place. Who is right? **HUNGRY IN PHOENIX** 

DEAR HUNGRY: Your father. To pack up the food from the reception before the wedding guests had finished eating was a major breach of good manners. If the newlyweds felt they needed fortification for their honeymoon marathon. they could have phoned a restaurant and had something delivered. Your sister

guests an apology DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers is being married in the spring. She has announced that none of her co-workers will be invited to her wedding.

owes her father and her

That's fine with me because I understand the expense involved with a large guest list. However, she is strongly hinting that I should do her a favor and host a bridal shower for her

a co-workers' party. I was under the impression that bridal attendants should host the showers Am I wrong? FEELING GUILTY

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: you are right. Also. no one should be asked to a bridal shower who isn't being invited to attend the wedding.

P.S. Don't feel guilty for ignoring the hints. You're doing her a favor by preventing her from being crit-

DEAR ABBY: I have just finished the letter from "Desperate for Compliment." I have been married 13 years to my high school sweetheart. I felt the same way "Desperate" did until a friend asked me if I ever told my husband how hand some he is.

That got me to thinking. 1 assumed that because he is so good-looking, he didn't need a compliment. I was wrong. I began giving him sincere compliments, letting him know I noticed how good he looked and praising him for other nice things he did daily.

He has given me more compliments in the last few months than I would have received in a year's time. and they are sincere and sweet. He has even gone back to calling me "pet

Please let "Desperate" know that a little kindness will get her much more than a lot of nagging will. NEVER TOO LATE

DEAR ABBY: The letter about protecting oneself from colds by frequent hand-washing hit home. Sixty-six years ago, we had the first personal hygiene course given in high school. The teacher's advice: "Never touch any door handle with your bare hands, especially bathroom doors.

My sons and grandsons, laugh every time I open a door in a public place with a tissue, a glove or my jacket. I keep reminding them about the person who sneezes with his hand cupped over his nose. DR. BOB IN BEACHWOOD,

DEAR DR. BOB: I'm not laughing. I'm reminded of Howard Hughes. Maybe he wasn't so eccentric after all.

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