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Check mail for new voter card

If they haven't already, registered voters in Howard County should soon be receiving a new card in the mail. County voting officials planned on Friday to mail 16,619 new voter registration cards. The new cards are bright orange, replacing the yellow ones.

Anyone who receives a card for a deceased person or for a person no longer living at their address should return the cards to the Howard County Tax Collector's Office in the Howard County Courthouse Annex, across Main Street from the courthouse.

People wanting to vote in the March 12 primary election must register and correct any mistakes on their registration card by Feb. 11.

WHAT'S UP...

- MONDAY**
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
 - Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.
 - Military Support Group meets at 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church.
 - The Concerned Citizens Council meets Monday, 7 p.m., at Fiber Flex on the airpark. Citizens are invited to attend.
 - Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.
 - Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third at the Bingo hall. Call 264-0674.
- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.
 - Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Senior Citizens Center.
 - VFW Post 2013 will meet at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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RSVP making tour plans at showcase today

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

From tulips to a rose parade, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program along with Bilbrey Tours 2002 tour package seems to offer a variety of interesting, fun tours.

Linda Bilbrey of Bilbrey Tours will be at the Dora Roberts Civic Center at 2 p.m. today to give an overview of tours



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available this year including a nine-day, eight-night trip to the Pella Tulip Festival, visiting the states of Iowa and Minnesota, or a visit to the Rose Bowl Parade in California.

"She will give out brochures giving details of all the tours in 2002 and talk about where they are going, what they will see, what to wear and how much is the cost," said Nancy Jones of RSVP.

The showcase that draws from 100 to 150 people lasts from an hour and half to two hours. Gail's Sweet Shop will provide refresh-

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ments.

Bilbrey and RSVP will offer 32 tours this year from an Alaskan Cruise and a tour of Germany to several day trips across the state.

Every seat booked for the Big Spring RSVP brings

some profit to the community as the organization, which provides senior volunteers throughout the community, earns a percentage off the trip to help sustain the organization.

The trips have been popular in Big Spring with about 92 residents booking last year.

Some of the more popular trips returning this year including New England Fall Foliage, an eight-day, seven-night stay; Christmas in Nashville, Tenn., the Stampede at Calgary, Canada and several trips to Branson, Mo.

Although the trips are set for this year, Bilbrey will be on hand to listen to requests from the audience about next year's possible trips. Jones said attempts are made to vary the trips each year, while bringing back favorites if possible.

"If someone can not make the showcase, they can call the RSVP office and we will send them a brochure," Jones said.

For more information, those who would like to consider joining RSVP on one or more of its tours this year can call the RSVP office at 264-2397.

Youth give it their best shot at stock show

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — The 65 annual Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show wrapped up Saturday as steers and lambs had a chance to strut their stuff for the crowd.

The annual event culminates months of hard work and dedication for many Glasscock County youth who were responsible for feeding, exercising and grooming their animals in an attempt to raise the most attractive meat product.

Glasscock County extension agent Steve Sturtz said overall the event ran very smoothly.

"We are real pleased with the stock show this year," said Sturtz. "It flowed real well. The whole logistics of the event went very well."

Several hundred people attended the event to support the area youth, including U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene).

Stenholm praised the hard work of the competitors and the area residents for the building of the community center, along with adding a plug for his reelection bid.

"The good Lord willing and with the permission of the voters, I will be your Congressman on Jan. 1, 2003," Stenholm said.

The antics of pigs and children highlighted the stock show with the very popular pig scramble.

An awards ceremony was held after the final contest of the three-day stock show, honoring those who earned top honors during the competition.

Top awards went to Ashley Hirt, who earned the Top Hand Trophy, and the Glasscock Co. Top Hand Award and Cap Rock Electric jacket went to Lori Hoelscher. Darrin Hillger earned the Cap Rock Electric Scholarship.

The Showmanship winners for the stock show were: In the cattle show division, junior, Whitney Kellermeier; senior, Drew Plagens; in the goat show division, junior, Sydney Halfmann; intermediate, Cade Halfmann; and senior Angela Schaefer.

In the lamb show division, junior, Paige Sturtz, senior, Ashley Hirt; in the rabbit show division, junior, Samantha Pitts; intermediate, Halie Schaefer; senior Angela Schraeder; in the swine show division, junior Macey Schwartz; intermediate, Erin Hirt; and senior Ashley Hirt.

Contestants whose animal earned

the grand or reserve grand champion received individual trophies at the awards ceremony.

Stock show results are as follows: In the goat show, Grand Champion, Amber Halfmann, Reserve Cade Halfmann.

In the Nannies class, results were: Champion, Sydney Halfmann, Reserve Nannie, Amber Halfmann.

In the Nannies, Class 1 results were: First, Sydney Halfmann; second, Amber Halfmann; third, Amber Halfmann, fourth, Marcus Cook; fifth, Kelsey Jones; sixth, Cade Halfmann; and seventh, Alex Halfmann.

In the Nannies, Class 2 results were: First, Sydney Halfmann, second, Angela Schraeder; third Lane Halfmann; fourth, Marcus Cook; fifth, Angela Schraeder; sixth, Amber Halfmann; and seventh, Marcus Cook.

In the lightweight division Wethers, Champion was Cade Halfmann and Reserve Champion was Paige Sturtz.

In the lightweight division Wethers Class 1: First, Amber Halfmann; second, Sydney Halfmann; third, Cade Halfmann; fourth, Chase O'Brien; fifth, Cade Halfmann.

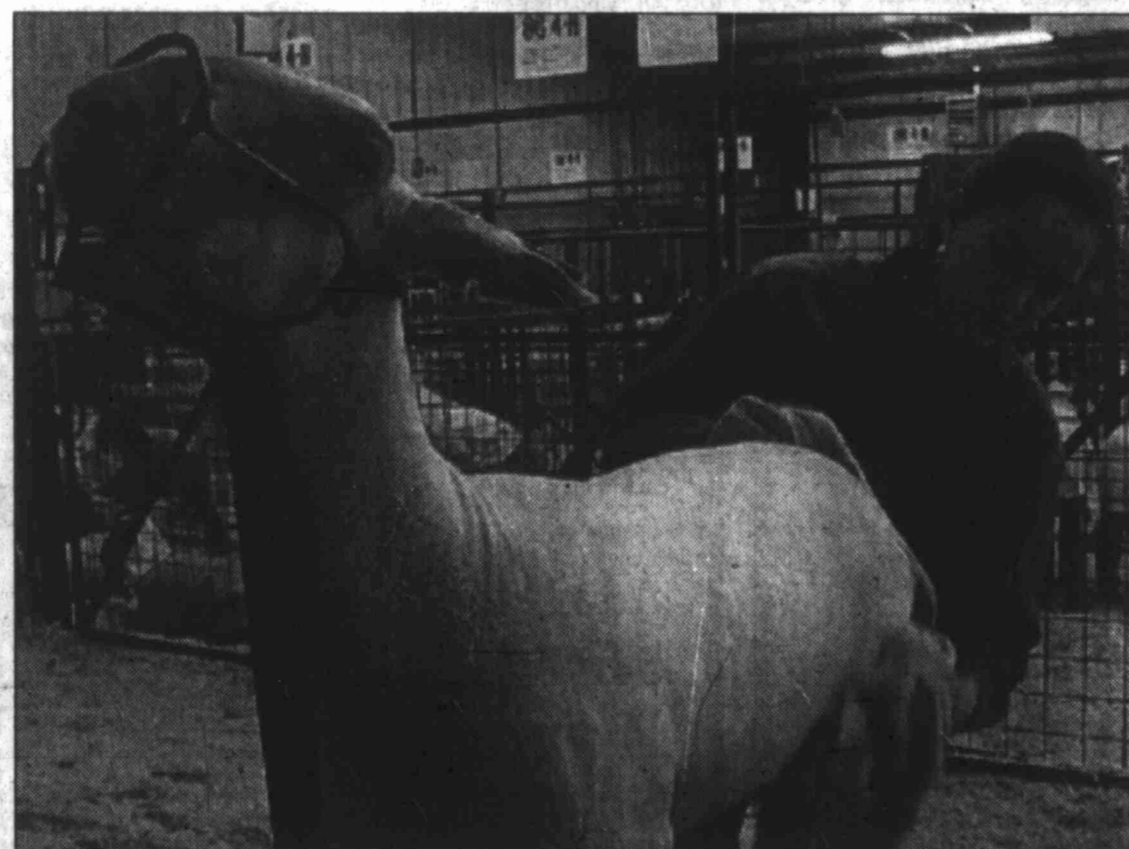
In the lightweight division Wethers Class 2: First Cade Halfmann; second, Angela Schraeder; third, Angela Schraeder; fourth, Kelsey Jones; and fifth,



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Above, Paige Sturtz grooms her animal after competition at the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show Saturday. Below left, Ally Burnett can't quite figure out what to do in the annual pig scramble but, below right, Blayne Batlia does as he quickly pulls in the contest's \$5 bonus pig.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Ashley Hirt prepares her animal for contest at the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show. Competing in stock shows has been a family project for the Hirts, who farm in St. Lawrence. The youngest of three, Ashley is competing in her final year of shows.

When kids show livestock, whole family participates

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Chris Hirt, a farmer in the St. Lawrence community, is going to have to find a new hobby after this year.

For the past 15 years, Chris has assisted his three children as they competed in junior livestock shows teaching them about proper care of animals and driving them to shows across the state.

Now his youngest daughter, 17-year-old Ashley, is participating in her last year of stock shows.

A senior in high school, Ashley will soon be off to college and Chris will not have any children young enough to participate.

"Everyone says I should adopt some other kids," Chris said. "I am trying to find someone to adopt my kids until they get through college."

Chris participated in 4-H and stock shows as a youth and wanted his three children, Ashley, 19-year-old Diedra and 22-year-old Chad, to participate as well.

"They get to meet a lot of people, especially in agriculture, and it gives them responsibility," said Chris.

And parents have to be committed to the project, he added.

"Parents really have to enjoy this because they have got to have the leadership and commitment to participate," Chris said. "It's a lot of work and it can get expensive."

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Slain soldier remembered as father, husband, son

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Sitting beside a framed photo of their son, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, the parents of the first U.S. soldier killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan fought back tears Saturday as they recalled his Army career.

Will and Lynn Chapman said the 31-year-old Green Beret communications specialist had served in Panama, Haiti, Operation Desert Storm and then Afghanistan.

"The Army took to him and he took to the Army. It was a good match up until yesterday," Will Chapman said. "I think he was a better person for going into the Army and the Army was a better place."

On Friday, Chapman had been part of a U.S. team operating near the Afghan town of Khost, a few miles

from the Pakistan border, military officials said.

Officials said Chapman and a CIA officer had met local tribal leaders in Afghanistan's Paktia province, near where U.S. warplanes had struck several al-Qaida and Taliban targets in the past few weeks. After they left the meeting, the Americans were ambushed.

Chapman was killed by small-arms fire. The CIA officer was wounded but expected to survive.

"We mourn for Sergeant Nathan Chapman and we pray with his family for God's blessings on them," President Bush said Saturday during a news conference in Ontario, Calif. "He lost his life for a cause that is just and important. And that cause is the security of the American people, and that cause is the cause

of freedom and a civilized world."

At Fort Lewis, Wash., where Chapman had been based, former colleagues praised him for his commitment to the Army and his dynamic personality.

"He was always the go-to person for people on other teams," said Capt. Edwin D. Hoening, one of several colleagues who spoke Saturday at the base, about 30 miles south of Seattle.

"He was a very charismatic person. People loved working with him and he loved working with soldiers."

Chapman was born on April 23, 1970, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. He joined the Army after his 1988 graduation from high school in Centerville, Ohio.

"He did so well in his career. We were just amazed. He was my little

boy," his mother said Saturday, wiping away tears during an interview in her Sun City home, about 25 miles north of Austin.

Lynn Chapman said her son was a loving husband and father.

The couple said they planned to travel to Seattle on Sunday to be with Chapman's widow, Renae, and children, Amanda, 2, and Brandon, 1.

Army officials said Chapman's wife would not be speaking to reporters Saturday.

Chapman served most of his military career at Fort Lewis. Since the war in Afghanistan began, he had been assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell, Ky., said Maj. Gary Kolb, a spokesman for Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg,

N.C.

His parents said he parachuted into Panama during the U.S. invasion of that country and served in Desert Storm and Haiti. He attended Special Forces school at Fort Bragg, they said.

The Army's Special Forces have been advising, arming, training and coordinating with local Afghan forces since the military campaign began Oct. 7.

Chapman dealt primarily with long-range communications and electronic equipment and had weapons training.

"Nate Chapman was dynamic, outgoing and a physically hard soldier. He is known by his team for his great sense of humor," said Col. David P. Fridovich, his group commander.

Chapman's remains were to be flown to a base in

Germany, where officials said they would arrange transportation back to Fort Lewis, likely by midweek. Funeral details were not finalized Saturday.

Before Friday, the only U.S. military members killed inside Afghanistan were three Green Berets mistakenly hit last month by a U.S. airstrike north of Kandahar.

In October, two Army Rangers were killed when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed in Pakistan.

A CIA operative, Johnny "Mike" Spann, was killed Nov. 25 in an uprising of Taliban prisoners in Afghanistan.

Associated Press writer Sandra Sobieraj in Ontario, Calif., contributed to this report.

Bush jumps into the fray with Democrats on taxes

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — President Bush entered the heated election-year war of words over the recession, telling California workers Saturday that Democrats who criticize his tax cuts are tax-raisers in disguise. With a shout, he declared: "Not over my dead body will they raise your taxes!"

Bush claimed "incredible progress" in the three-month-old war on terrorism, praising a spirit of unity among the American people. "It's time to take the spirit of unity that has been prevalent in fighting the war and bring it to Washington, D.C.," he said.

Last month, Bush and the Democrat-controlled Senate deadlocked on how to revive the economy. The bitter fight was over how much money to provide for tax cuts versus unemployment and health insurance aid. "This economic debate is troubling me," Bush said.

"There are troubling signs that the old way is beginning to creep in to the people's minds in Washington. After all it's an election year," Bush said. "But America is better than that. We're better than that."

One day after Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle fired the

opening salvo in Washington, Bush headed to the West Coast to fire back, first to this California GOP stronghold. Later, he was touring a job center in Portland, Ore.

Anyone who doesn't like the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut he enacted last summer must want to raise taxes instead, Bush said, although Daschle has not actually called for a tax increase.

"There's going to be people who say we can't have the tax cut go through any more. That's a tax raise. I challenge their economics when they say raising taxes will help the country recover," Bush said.

"Not over my dead body will they raise your taxes!" The call invited comparison to his father's famous 1988 promise: "Read my lips — no new taxes." The former president was heavily criticized after later agreeing to a tax increase.

Bush was careful not to criticize Daschle by name and the president did not respond when one man in the hand-picked Republican audience asked Bush about making "Tommy Daschle go to his room for being bad."

Indeed, despite his sharp words

for Democrats, Bush said bipartisanship should rule the day, particularly in the economic debate.

"The old way is, what's more important, the country or my political party?" Bush told about 2,000 people at a town-hall meeting east of Los Angeles. "I stand here as a proud party man, but let me tell you something, the country is far more important."

Bush said the terrorist attacks set back an economy that was already hurting. "The attacks affected the confidence of the American people. It affected our psychology," the president said, adding that he saw signs of recovery.

The answer, he said, was in creating more jobs with his proposed corporate tax breaks.

In a speech Friday, Daschle blamed Bush's tax cut last year for looming budget deficits and the recession that has cost millions of Americans their jobs.

Bush derided the Democratic strategy of linking his tax cut to the recession. "I don't know what economic text book they're reading," he cracked.

The administration wants voters to see Democrats, particularly those who control the Senate, as

do-nothing obstructionists who are keeping the economy down.

The Republican majority in the House approved a version of Bush's plan but Senate leaders did not schedule a vote before recessing for the holidays last month.

"I made my proposals to create new jobs and help dislocated workers on October the 4th, three months and 943,000 lost jobs ago," Bush said in his radio speech Saturday.

"Some in the Senate seem to think we can afford to do nothing, that the economy will get better on its own, sooner or later," he added. "We need a plan to lengthen unemployment benefits, we need a plan to shorten the recession. The Senate should act on both. America's workers cannot afford more delay."

Senate Democrats replied in their Saturday radio broadcast. The GOP tax cuts were implemented and "now, just a few short months later, our economy is in trouble," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "Budget surpluses have turned to budget deficits once again."

Taking pains to assert strong Democratic support for the president's anti-terrorism campaign,

for which Bush enjoys record high voter approval, Dorgan summarized Bush's domestic agenda by quoting Will Rogers during the Great Depression:

"The unemployed here ain't eating regular, but we will get around to them as soon as we get everybody else fixed up OK."

Meanwhile, a Congressional Budget Office report that studied the various economic stimulus plans gave the highest grade to so-called payroll and sales tax "holidays" that have drawn bipartisan support in the Senate.

Several proposals supported by Bush, including a repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax, had less "bang for the buck," the CBO report said.

The GOP-written stimulus bill stalled in the Senate offered jobless Americans an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits and some help paying for health insurance.

The GOP legislation also included corporate tax breaks, which Democrats said were too generous, and tax rebates for lower wage earners. Democrats favor similar rebates and Daschle included them Friday as he suggested new efforts to pass a stimulus bill.

News briefs

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Afghan foreign minister said Mullah Mohammed Omar was surrounded by anti-Taliban forces near the central city of Baghran, as U.S. troops and warplanes on Friday went after al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan.

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S. campaign in Afghanistan, said the location of Omar — once the Taliban's supreme leader and now the second most wanted fugitive after Osama bin Laden — was not certain, though there had been indications he was in the Baghran area.

He said Afghan officials in the southern city of Kandahar were negotiating with Taliban fighters near Baghran and that some had surrendered.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli naval commandos commandeered a cargo ship in the Red Sea hundreds of

miles from Israel's shores, finding 50 tons of Iranian-made weapons meant for the Palestinian Authority on board, the Israeli army chief said Friday.

Israel said the cache proves Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has not abandoned violence, even as U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni tried Friday to nudge the Israeli and Palestinian leaders toward a formal truce.

The Palestinian Authority vehemently denied involvement in weapons smuggling. Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said the Israeli allegations were a "theatrical game" intended to sabotage Zinni's mission.

AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Eduardo Duhalde on Friday asked Congress for unlimited special powers to revamp the economy, including an expected 40 percent devaluation and tricky dual currency system to avoid total eco-

nomie collapse.

The ripple effect was being felt across the Atlantic where Spanish investors scrambled to protect some \$30 billion in Argentine holdings, second only to the U.S. investment in the South American country.

The government wants Congress, by the weekend, to give Duhalde a free hand to restructure the country's economy by decree, opening the way for devaluation and quick imposition of a dual-currency system that would control prices for imports and exports.

AUSTIN (AP) — A tear or two spilled down President Bush's cheek Friday as he saw his portrait unveiled in the Texas state Capitol and reflected on his "joyous six years" as governor.

"I'm going to take that can-do Texas spirit to Washington, for however long I'm there, and remind

people that results are what matters," the president said.

On Monday, he closes a 12-day holiday at his central Texas ranch and returns to Washington to face a politically fractious election year. But Friday was for nostalgia as his gubernatorial portrait took its prominent place on the first floor of the Capitol rotunda, beside that of Democrat Ann Richards.

LONDON (AP) — The world's first cloned sheep has developed arthritis at the relatively early age of 5 1/2 years, scientists said Friday, stirring debate that the current cloning procedures might be flawed.

The announcement of Dolly's problem could raise new doubts about cloning animals for use in human transplantation and about cloning humans themselves.

"Dolly has arthritis in her left hind leg at the hip and the knee," said the scientist, Ian Wilmut.

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OTHER VIEWS

Recognizing mental illness is really real

Congress rejected an opportunity late last year to acknowledge that a sick mind can be every bit as debilitating as a sick body.

House conference committee members defeated a Senate proposal to end disparities in insurance coverage for mental and physical illnesses, despite support for the bill from the entire Senate and more than half the House (244 members).

House Republicans on the conference committee argued that the bill would increase costs for employers already battling a recession. They noted that many businesses already are cutting health benefits.

Supporters of the bill insisted that cost increases would be minimal. The bill also exempted businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

At present, people who seek treatment for schizophrenia, depression and other mental disorders usually face higher co-payments than someone with cancer or diabetes or other physical ailments. Insurance plans often cover visits to a doctor, as well as hospital stays in a hospital.

"We let insurance companies operate on the ridiculous presumption that people with schizophrenia are not sick," Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-New Mexico, told members of the House-Senate conference committee. The senator has a daughter with schizophrenia.

The House rejection perpetuates a common misunderstanding that mental illnesses are somehow not illnesses, despite that fact that some 40 million Americans need treatment and medication for depression, stress disorders, schizophrenia and other illnesses of the brain.

The Wall Street Journal reported recently that mental illness costs American businesses \$70 billion each year in lost productivity and absenteeism. The emotional cost that families and loved ones have to bear is immeasurable.

President Bush, who took no position on the parity controversy, said he would work with Congress this year to devise a "solution" one that would reduce disparities while keeping costs down.

Millions of Americans who know the pain and suffering caused by diseases of the mind hope he's able to keep his word.

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Time for an attitude adjustment?

Here comes everyone's favorite season: The tree is down, the bills are due, January, February, Ry-Krisp and cottage cheese.

It's the festive season for one of our nation's leading industries — dispensers of diet advice. Since we all spent a couple of months home with mac and cheese even before the holidays, it could be a growth year for the stationary bicycle.

Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda are still out there somewhere, with Judge Crater and Chandra Levy. Now that we've won the war, all the king's horses and all the king's men have to put Afghanistan back together again — warlords and all. OPEC just cut production by 6.5 percent.

Looking on the bright side, as we are wont to do at this stand, privatization of Social Security is a dead letter and at least Congress didn't pass the economic stimulus package.

Incredibly enough, the Washington pundit corps spent a couple of weeks running around bellowing,

"Whose fault is this?" and fingering Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle as the most likely suspect. No Republican was allowed to mention Daschle's name without the word "obstructionist" preceding it.

If Daschle did stop the bill, the man should get a medal. Did it never occur to the Washington press corps to look at what was in the bill? The Bushies had already whizzed away the entire budget surplus last April on a monumental folly — a tax cut to enrich the rich. And you may recall, it took a lot of blood on the political floor to erase the deficit and get to a surplus in the first place.

Not content with that piece of stupidity, when it came to "economic stimulus" congressional Republicans then decided to repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations, the one that says no matter how many loopholes a corporation has found to shelter its enormous profits, it has to pay something in income tax.

The R's not only wanted to spare our biggest corporations from this dread burden, they also thought it would be a dandy idea to refund billions from the U.S. treasury to the likes of IBM and General Electric for such taxes as they had to pay in earlier years. The New York Times business section gave the R's the

coveted Leona Helmsley Memorial "Only the Little People Pay Taxes" Award for such egregious chutzpah.

While we have all been enjoying our patriotic fervor — even the Singers' annual New Year's Chili Fest was "17 percent more patriotic" this year — we forgot that patriotism is also the last refuge of scoundrels. High on my scoundrel list is Bill Thomas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, who waited two whole days after Sept. 11 before introducing a steep capital gains tax cut — 80 percent of the benefits to the richest 2 percent of taxpayers.

The Times economic columnist Paul Krugman had some startling figures on the R's final "compromise offer" to pass an economic stimulus package. Tax cuts accounted for 95 percent of the cost of the original Republican bill — the compromise got that down to 92 percent, leaving that much more for the unemployed. In the original bill, 69 percent of those tax cuts were for corporations — the "compromise" went all the way down to 63 percent. The original bill retroactively eliminated the alternative minimum tax, refunding \$24 billion in past corporate taxes. The "compromise" put that down to a mere \$16 billion.

But then Thomas put in another tax break for the very rich, "to console himself for all these compromises," said Krugman.

Some deal. I used to think the problem was that Washington doesn't understand what the rest of the country is actually like. I mean, you've lost your job, you've got no health insurance and so Washington promises you a tax credit in the future, and somehow that's supposed to pay for your health insurance now. (Actually, insurance companies, which have hearts the size of caraway seeds, do not accept future tax credits as payment.) But it occurs to me maybe the problem is the rest of us don't understand how things look from Washington.

Suppose you had gotten lots of big campaign contributions from insurance companies — now wouldn't that make a difference in how you viewed them? Suppose nice insurance lobbyists came around regularly to tell you how brilliant you are and buy tickets to fund-raisers? Wouldn't that make you feel warm and fuzzy about insurance companies?

You see, it's just a question of us getting attitudes adjusted so we can understand Washington. At the very least, there's an attitude adjustment overdue somewhere.



MOLLY IVINS



Two men offering a little patriotic verse

Some junior high and high school students in Colorado City are interviewing war veterans. They hope to get photos, memorabilia and tape recorded reminiscences from all the veterans in their county.

I heard about the program and invited the students and some of their teachers to come speak to my oral history class, which I teach at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

They not only came 100 miles one-way on a school bus to speak to my class; they came with their principal, their parents, sponsors and teachers and impressive displays on several of the veterans they had interviewed. They also brought video and audio tapes of some of their interviewees and a power point presentation about their

project. Their program started with a girl singing a song from the World War II era. My students were impressed. So was I.

The group of about 20 students and that many adults went to eat at a local fast food restaurant before coming to the campus. All the youngsters wore matching shirts and pants and looked extremely professional. A man sitting near them in the restaurant asked them what they were doing. When he found out, he pulled out a poem he had written on Jan. 17, 1991, and gave them a copy. It is called "Freedom" and goes like this:

"They rattle sabers, they roll their tanks. It is not a game, so don't say thanks. The brave will fight, the cowards run. Regardless which it is no fun. For young and old, some lose their lives. And mothers cry, the same with wives. Sometime in life we must unite. To have our freedom we all must fight."

That poem was written by Tommy Johnson of Odessa.

The other day I was eating at my favorite barbecue restaurant when the waitress brought over a piece of very fine paper with a poem and a picture of an eagle on it. She told me, "That man sitting over there asked me to give this to you."

I read the poem, then went over and met the man. Bo Bokelman. He wrote a poem titled "Let the Eagle Fly." The words follow:

"There's a powerful message for you and me. It's written in the Bible in Ecclesiastes Chapter 3. 'There's a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to be born and a time to die.' Now, it's time for the Doves to watch the Eagles fly.

We've tried to talk, we've tried to get along. We've bent over backwards and we've danced to their song. We've watched our ships blown apart and our children die. It's time for the Doves to watch the Eagles fly. The world can't fathom

the fiber of this land. The more you damage it the harder it is to bend.

The people come together with one common cry for the Doves to watch the Eagles fly.

We've been taught to listen to God when he speaks. Let's listen closely, we don't need a repeat.

There's a time for peace and a time for war. The message is clear. We don't need anymore.

How many more people have to die before the Doves stand down and let the Eagles fly.

And when everything's settled and the world's on the mend, let the Eagles stand down and let the Doves fly again."

I'm sure that both these two men represent thousands more who have taken up a pencil or pen during wartime to express how they feel. These two have not just written their words to keep in a book somewhere. They have taken the time to have them printed professionally and are handing them out on rare occasions to people who might understand and appreciate them.



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Governor's race: Morales well known, but could be target

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three days after a change in plans that stunned the state's political watchers, former attorney general Dan Morales returned to his hometown to formally announce his candidacy for governor.

Speaking in a downtown hotel ballroom packed with boisterous supporters on Saturday, the Democrat reminded listeners of accomplishments during his eight years as Texas' top law officer, and he pledged to be tough on criminals and "corporate con men" and tender toward the state's poor, children and senior citizens.

"Unlike the well-heeled interests, which are very well represented in Austin, our needy Texans cannot afford to hire the best lobbyists to plead their cause," said Morales, 45, sharing the stage with his wife Christi. "But with your help and God's, they'll damn sure have a governor."

Morales had spoken of running for the U.S. Senate being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm, but on Wednesday he instead filed for governor.

In doing so, he horned in what was expected to be an easy run to the Democratic nomination for Tony Sanchez, a multimillionaire businessman from Laredo making his first foray into electoral politics.

In an interview with a Dallas-Fort Worth television station, Morales explained his decision by saying, "I would be more suited by temperament and by experience to an executive position."

But others pointed out perhaps a more practical consideration — he has several million dollars in leftover campaign funds that could be used in a gubernatorial bid, but not in a Senate race.

"I was surprised and delighted by the novelty of it," said Bruce Buchanan, a professor of government at the University of Texas in Austin.

"He has name recognition, an Hispanic surname and a pot of money. All of those things make him look potentially stronger than Sanchez does right now."

"Four years ago the Democrats were begging Morales to run (against then-Gov. George W. Bush) and he didn't," observed Jerry Polinard, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg. "Now they were begging him not to run, and he is."

Morales, which once considered the ministry, has had a reputation as a political maverick dating back to his early days in the state House, when he started his career by pushing for a tax increase against the wishes of the Democratic leadership.

While name recognition is generally considered a political plus, in Morales' case it also presents an ample target for those who want to shoot him down.

Morales was hailed after spearheading a legal fight against the tobacco industry that led to a \$17 billion settlement for the state in 1998. But he has since been hammered by accusations that he improperly tried to direct \$260 million of that settlement to Houston lawyer Marc Murr, a longtime friend, for minimal legal work.

And as attorney general, Morales widened the scope of the so-called Hopwood affirmative-action case, which in 1996 banned the consideration of race in college admissions, by extending it to also cover scholarships and financial aid.

"Morales did Hispanics wrong with the Hopwood case, and I will never forgive for that," said Lenora Sorola-Pohlman, a state Democratic committeewoman from Houston who as a result supports Sanchez. "He ruined something that was working just perfectly."

State Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin and chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, railed against Morales' candidacy at a party dinner last week.

"I will not mention his last name, but his first name is Dan," Barrientos said. "I will

remind you, Democrats, about fairness and equity and who practically destroyed affirmative action along with helping the Hopwood case. Do not forget that."

But Morales backers say that he created a body of work during his years as a prosecutor, three-term state legislator and attorney general that goes beyond those issues.

"Dan Morales will be the strongest candidate that the Democrats could put forth in campaign against the governor," said Sam Millsap, who as Bexar County district attorney hired Morales for his staff not long after Morales finished at Harvard Law School.

Of the tobacco flap, which has not resulted in any charges against Morales, Millsap said, "I'm sure that people will try to make that an issue, but it's not an issue."

Rev. Louis Zbinden, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, where Morales is an elder, said the candidate has shown his character as a Sunday school teacher and on church missions to Mexico and Guatemala.

"I know him as a man of informed thought and therefore discernment and wisdom," Zbinden said. "The state would be well-served by his compassion, his integrity, his clear gifts and his ability to be articulate about difficult issues."

Freed writer anxious for 'normal life'

HOUSTON (AP) — A fledgling crime writer burst into joyous tears Friday after being freed from a federal detention center where she had been held for more than five months for refusing to turn over her research on a society murder case.

"I'm very anxious to get back to my normal life," Vanessa Leggett said shortly after walking out of the detention center. Her husband, Doak, was by her side. "This has been the longest five months of my life."

Leggett, 33, was released because the federal grand jury that demanded she turn over her research on the 1997 murder ended its term Friday, said her attorney, Mike DeGeurin.

But federal prosecutors

have indicated they will again ask Leggett for her research and another grand jury could convene as early as next week. She could receive a subpoena to appear before it, he said.

"I hope people understand what she did she was doing for us, for freedom of the press for us, not just to write a book," DeGeurin said later Friday at a news conference at the University of Houston-Downtown campus, where Leggett has taught English and criminal justice courses.

Kesha Handy, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, declined comment on whether the government planned to convene another grand jury in the case or again ask Leggett for her notes.

"We applaud the release of

Vanessa, but still protest her imprisonment," said Al Cross, president of the Society of Professional Journalists. "Her case shows how First Amendment rights belong to everyone."

Leggett said she would be more than willing to go back to jail.

"If that's what it takes, that's what it takes," she said during the news conference. "This is not so much about me...it's about the public's right to a free and independent press."

But her time in jail was still difficult, she said.

"We all enjoy our freedom," Leggett said. "To not have your freedom is to not be human. To have that taken from you is devastating."

Leggett said she looked

forward to resuming work on her book, which will now include details on her jail experience.

Her husband, who spent Thursday cleaning house in anticipation of her homecoming, said he was "very relieved she's coming home."

DeGeurin said he would continue Leggett's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court in hopes of protecting her from being jailed again. He petitioned the high court after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Leggett's incarceration. Federal prosecutors contend Leggett is not a journalist and does not fall under the First Amendment's protection of the press.

Leggett has purportedly not published a book or any news articles.

Teen arrestee claims he sent anthrax letter

FREMONT, N.H. (AP) — A teen-ager arraigned on burglary charges Saturday told police he sent an anthrax-laced letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and was planning to send more, authorities said.

Officials do not believe the 18-year-old sent the letter that was opened in Daschle's office on Thursday, and preliminary tests on another letter found with the teen were negative for anthrax.

Police said they found Elijah Wallace hiding in a closet of a vacant home he had allegedly broken in to. He was armed with a gun and two knives, and he told police he was preparing to send anthrax-laced letters and already had sent four, Fremont Police Chief Neal Janvrin said.

Investigators found five letters addressed to local businesses and a bag of white powder in the house with Wallace. Preliminary tests on one letter were negative for anthrax, Janvrin said.

The letter opened in Daschle's office Thursday contained a white powdery substance and a threatening message. Daschle had been sent a letter heavily contaminated with anthrax Oct. 15, but Army scientists and the FBI said Friday that the substance in the latest letter was talc and contained no trace of the deadly bacteria.

Police said they do not believe Thursday's letter was sent by Wallace, who claimed to have sent it last week.

Postal rates could rise June 30 under proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postage rates could rise June 30, several months earlier than anticipated, under an agreement being worked out between the cash-strapped Postal Service and major mailers.

Under the proposed deal, disclosed Friday, rates would go up 8.7 percent on average, providing an estimated \$6 billion in additional revenue. The cost of a first-class stamp would rise three cents to 37 cents.

The possible increase is the same the Postal Service announced in filing a rate case last Sept. 11 — just minutes before the terrorist attacks — but the deal would let the hikes take effect June 30 instead of in the fall, as was planned earlier.

In return, the agency

promised not to seek another increase this year.

Following the attacks, postal officials had to deal with mail tainted by anthrax, losing millions in revenue from the resulting decline in volume.

George Omas, chairman of the independent Postal Rate Commission, suggested in October that because of the vast emergency costs to the agency, the Postal Service and its major mailers should work out an agreement on the rate case rather than battling it out before his agency, the usual course.

Most of the major parties are supporting the deal, Gene DelPolito of the American Association for Postal Commerce, a trade group, said Friday.

"It looks like a viable

agreement," said Postal Service spokesman Gerry Kreienkamp.

And Neal Denton of the Association of Nonprofit Mailers agreed that most major mailers have signed on. The Postal Service's governing board meets next week.

"We've got to look to Congress now," Denton said, calling for an appropriation to help the post office cover some of the extraordinary costs of screening and decontaminating mail for anthrax.

Freed aid workers make book deal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Former Afghanistan aid workers Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer have agreed to a book deal to tell the story of their Taliban imprisonment, the women's agent said Saturday.

The women will work with a professional writer to explain their motivations for going to Afghanistan and what they encountered there, said Wes Yoder, president of The Ambassador Agency in Nashville.

Curry, 30, is a Nashville native.

"They hope their tremendous story continues to draw attention to the ongoing needs in Afghanistan," Yoder said. "Ours is a country with tremendous resources, and they want to use the book as a platform to do what they can."

The book, to be published by Doubleday, a division of Random House, should be

out in about five months, Yoder said. Curry, Mercer and the publisher have not yet settled on a title.

Yoder declined to reveal what Doubleday will pay the women. But he said the two plan to put most of the money into a nonprofit organization they are establishing to finance humanitarian work in Afghanistan.

The women received about a dozen offers from publishers.

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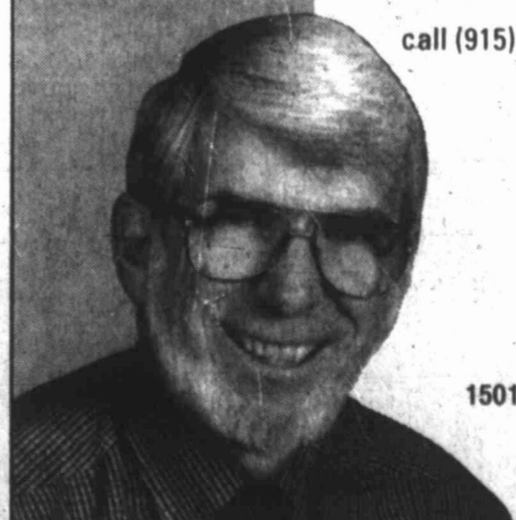
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The physicians of Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic welcome Alan E. Abel, M.D., a board certified General Surgeon, effective January 1. Dr. Abel brings years of experience, serving as Chief of Surgery at Covenant Hospital Plainview and as part of the medical staff at Covenant Family Healthcare Center in Plainview. He specializes in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of breast cancer, gallbladder disease, colo-rectal disease and other health problems that require surgery. Dr. Abel received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. For an appointment with Dr. Abel, call (915) 267-6361.



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IN BRIEF

Bass Club schedules first meeting of year

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday at the Best Western Motel's meeting room.

Club members will be picking the lakes for their monthly tournaments during the year, as well as setting new rules and regulations for competition.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 263-0594.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

Gonzalez nearing decision on future

NEW YORK (AP) — The agent for Juan Gonzalez said Friday the outfielder hopes to choose from among Baltimore, the New York Mets and Texas by early this week. Jeff Moorad, who had dinner Thursday night with Texas owner Tom Hicks and general manager John Hart, returned to California on Friday. All three teams remain in contention.

"I talked to Juan briefly this morning and I intend to talk with him again in the next couple of hours," Moorad said Friday night.

"He is going through his own analysis in terms of the teams involved and the general financial parameters we believe each is comfortable with. When we talk again, I expect to get some more guidance from him, and I'll try to make the deal with the team that makes sense."

The Mets have offered a \$25 million, two-year guarantee, several agents and an official of another team said Friday. Mets general manager Steve Phillips was not commenting Friday, spokesman Jay Horwitz said.

Gonzalez is thought to be seeking three guaranteed years or more, and it is not clear what Baltimore and Texas are prepared to give him. Hart and Baltimore general manager Syd Thrift did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

ON THE AIR

Radio

FOOTBALL
11:50 a.m. — Dallas Cowboys at Detroit Lions, KBST-AM 1490 and KBST-FM 95.7.

Television

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Women
1 p.m. — Texas at Colorado, FXS, Ch. 29.

Men
3 p.m. — Washington State at UCLA, FXS, Ch. 29.
5:30 p.m. — Duke at Florida State, FXS, Ch. 29.

BOWLING
Noon — PBA Seattle Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NFL
Noon — Dallas Cowboys at Detroit Lions, FOX, Ch. 3.
Noon — Jacksonville Jaguars at Chicago Bears, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — New York Jets at Cleveland Browns, CBS, Ch. 7.

7:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Eagles at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF
3:30 p.m. — PGA Tour, Mercedes Championships, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Cowboys, Lions set for final game of forgettable season

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Cory Schlesinger knows what people are thinking.

The Detroit Lions (1-14) have essentially quit since escaping the unwanted spotlight they were in just a few weeks ago, when they still could've been the NFL's first 0-16 team.

"I don't want to end this season with only one win," the fullback said. "Then everybody will really think that once we won a game, we were satisfied. I'd hate that."

The Lions will end the season they can't wait to forget on Sunday against Dallas (5-10) in what will be their last game in the Silverdome.

The Cowboys were also the first team to play a regular-season game in the Silverdome in 1975.

The Lions will return downtown next season to play at Ford Field, a new \$315 million indoor venue that will stage the 2006 Super Bowl.

Emmitt Smith will provide something interesting to watch in a game where neither team is playing for much.

The Cowboys' star running back, who earlier this season passed Barry Sanders for second place on the career rushing list, has a good chance to take another record from the retired running back. Sanders shocked Detroit and the

NFL with his retirement after 10 years and 15,269 yards just before the 1999 season.

Smith is 56 yards from becoming the first player to run for over 1,000 yards in 11 consecutive seasons, breaking a mark he now shares only with Sanders.

"It would mean a lot to me," Smith said. "I think every running back in the National Football League, when they put down their goals list, outside of team goals, is to rush for 1,000 yards or more."

Smith, who has 16,110 yards, is 611 from breaking Walter Payton's career rushing record.

Despite the opportunity Smith

will have next season to pass Payton, he still thinks Sanders is the best running back he's seen.

"I think if he was still playing today, the record would've been shattered 12 months ago if not 18 months ago," Smith said. "He'd probably be up in the 18, 19, if not 20,000-yard area, if he was still playing."

Dallas coach Dave Campo left little doubt Smith will be getting the ball early and often.

"If this was a game that we had to win to be in the playoffs, we would make decisions based solely on the

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Hawks outgun Panola, 91-81

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Sophomore Rodney Blackstock hit five three-pointers in the second half against a runnin'gunnin' Panola College team to pull the Howard College Hawks ahead in a down-to-the-wire 91-81 win.

The Hawks improve to 11-4 as they prepare for Wednesday's home game against Cedar Valley College. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Panola College, who has been averaging 118 points a game fell to 7-6 with the loss.

Howard College trailed for nearly the first 11 minutes of the second half, as Panola's Zackery Allison hit four three-pointers in a row from the left wing.

Maushae Byles cut into the onslaught of raining treys with a three of his own, but it was only the opening act for Blackstock's precision shooting.

The Greensboro, N.C., native hit four field goals? three three-pointers? and Howard began chipping away at the lead. After Blackstock missed a trey, teammate Zach Moss' put-back dunk had the crowd roaring with a 65-62 advantage.

But the lead was short-lived as Allison made another three-pointer. Moss blocked a shot and Dominique Brown was perfect from the charity stripe as Howard pulled within 68-69.

Another Moss dunk — he had a double-double with 15 points and 15 rebounds — off a miss by Brandon Haughton opened the way for Blackstock's two three-pointers, which were matched by treys from Panola's Brandon Gary and Allison.

"(Blackstock) came out with a lot of enthusiasm the second half," first year head coach Chris Jans said. "Allison hit a bunch of three's and Blackstock hit a few and it kept us in the game."

The game was knotted at 77 following three-pointers from Blackstock and Allison with 2:16 remaining.

Howard hit double bonus with just over 2:00 in the game and made their free throws down the stretch. Jared Fears hit his last of four three-pointers in a game that featured 25 three-pointers to pull ahead 82-78.



Howard College's Zach Moss, shown here slamming a dunk in the Hawks' home opener in November, played a big role in Howard's 91-81 win over Panola's Ponies Saturday night.

Panola, coming off a 122-50 drubbing of LeTourneau's JV squad has relied on high point production from freshman Omar Thomas of Philadelphia, who scored 71 points against the WJAC's Clarendon College. Thomas scored six points? two field goals during the game.

"That was part of our game plan," Jans said. "Our guys did a tremendous job keeping him down. We wanted to limit his touches on the ball? deny him the ball. That's the lowest he's scored all year and that's not what he's used. I think he got a little frustrated,

and that helped us." The difference in the game was keeping Panola? a member of the Texas Eastern Conference — from making their customary big runs.

"The way they play, Panola has so many big runs," Jans said. "We just wanted to keep them from making big runs."

The Hawks' Dominique Brown ended the first quarter with a trey to put Howard up 38-35, and Fears canned a three of his own to open the second half. The largest lead Panola possessed was a 52-44 advantage with 14:30 left in the

contest. Howard shot 45 percent from the field and 63 percent from the line, while the Ponies were limited to 36.4 percent and 63.6 percent from the charity stripe.

HAWKS 91
PANOLA 81
PANOLA COLLEGE — Trainee Hancock 0 0 0; Zackery Allison 6 9 18; Zackery Allison 6 0 18; Tony Gipson 2 1 2 5; Timothy Boyd 6 3 16; Omar Thomas 2 2 6; Brandon Gary 4 2 14; Marcus Lewis 2 0 4. Totals: 28 14 22 81.

HOWARD COLLEGE — Jared Fears 5 1 2 15; Zach Moss 6 3 4 15; Van Jamison 1 2 2 4; Rodney Blackstock 6 5 6 22; Andre Fishenden 2 0 0 4; Artavius Davis 1 0 3; Andre Wright 1 4 5 8; Dominique Brown 2 2 2 8; Maushae Byles 2 0 2 8; Brandon Haughton 3 2 5 8. Totals: 29 19 30 91.

Half-time score: Howard 38, Panola 35.
Three-point goals: Panola 11 (Allison 6, Gary 4, Boyd 1, Howard 14 (Blackstock 5, Fears 4, Brown 2, Byles 2, Davis). Total fouls: Panola 22, Howard 19. Fouled out: Jamison. Technical fouls: None. Records: Panola is 7-6; Howard is 11-4.

Spurrier's decision a shocker

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The latest Spurrier Shuffle has nothing to do with quarterbacks.

It has everything to do with the NFL.

And the next coach at Florida.

And the future of the Gators, who shockingly find themselves without their leader, Steven Orr Spurrier — S.O.S. — the true-blue alum who answered his school's call for help and finally made Florida great.

In an interview with The Orlando Sentinel on Saturday, Spurrier insisted he didn't leave with any specific NFL job in mind.

"No way," he said. But still, he felt he had to go.

"I can't help it, I've got the itch," he said. "I need to find out if my style of coaching can be successful with those NFL boys."

So, the guessing game begins. Tampa Bay, San Diego and Carolina are obvious candidates. Washington, Minnesota and Atlanta are possibilities, too.

Each has pros and cons, and Spurrier may give his thoughts on the matter Monday when he is scheduled to speak to the media.

Tampa Bay has a coach, Tony Dungy, and a playoff berth wrapped up. Still, there has been speculation his job could be in jeopardy, and the position might be Spurrier's NFL dream job if it ever came open. He closed his NFL playing career there, coached the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL and came close to leaving Florida for the opening in 1995.

Carolina has a coach, George Seifert, but the Panthers are 1-14 and some people think Seifert might be gone after Sunday's season finale. Spurrier's parents grew up in Charlotte. He still has family there. He coached at Duke.

"I hope the Panthers go for him. I really don't know anything about it, though. This was a shock for all of us," said Spurrier's uncle, Bob Spurrier.

San Diego has an opening. It also has golf, great weather and Drew Brees. Spurrier spent nine of his 10 NFL seasons as a backup quarterback in California, up the coast with the 49ers.

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Lady Steers suffer double-overtime loss to Andrews

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Andrews outscored the Lady Steers 11-4 in the second overtime to take a hard-fought game away from Big Spring in a 64-57 loss Saturday in the Steer Gym.

The loss drops the Lady Steers to 11-9 and 2-3 in District 4-4A. Andrews improves to 13-6 and 2-3 on the year.

The Lady Steers put themselves in the hole during the third quarter as sophomore Leina Braxton scored the only points of the period — a three-pointer. Andrews made two field goals and went six-for-six from the line.

both teams scored six points apiece. Ashley Smith fouled out in the first overtime.

Brittany Bryant and Braxton fouled out in the second overtime, leaving the Lady Steers playing with four.

Andrews converted 9-of-10 from the free throw line in the second overtime and made a basket, holding Big Spring to two points by Jessica Woodward and two free throws from Leina Braxton.

"The effort was there," Avery said. "The girls are working very hard. Their effort on the defensive end is giving them a chance to win. We shot 31 percent from the field for the game. We just couldn't score enough

points."

"You have to remember also that this is an Andrews team which beat us by 30 in the Abilene tournament and then by eight in the Big Spring tournament. Each time we play them, we play them better and better. This is a very good district we are in. We have nine games left, and anything can still happen. We just have to keep our heads up and keep fighting."

Big Spring had a season-high 11 blocked shots and 14 steals — seven by Wrightsil. Bryant corralled in 8 rebounds followed by Long's seven and Smith's six.

Big Spring led most of the first half as six Lady Steers contributed to the scoring.

Tejal Patel and Bryant hit three-pointers in the first half.

The Lady Steers prepare for a Tuesday tip-off with the defending Class 4A state champion Plainview Lady Bulldogs.

Game time is set for 6 p.m.

ANDREWS 64
LADY STEERS 57, 2OT
ANDREWS — Mandy Roberts 2 3 7; Amber Menefee 0 2 2; Judy DeHerns 3 2 2 8; Brittany Courtney 1 4 4 7; Katie Fariss 7 1 1 17; Halli Richards 2 5 9; Nitra Woods 2 10 14. Totals: 17 27 39 64.
BIG SPRING — Tejal Patel 1 0 0 3; Brittany Bryant 2 4 8 9; Courtney Brock 2 2 3 6; Kim Wrightsil 3 2 2 8; Krystle Long 4 0 0 8; Jessica Woodward 1 0 2 2; Leina Braxton 6 4 18; Ashley Smith 1 1 2 3. Totals: 20 13 21 57.
Score by Quarters
ANDREWS 9 20 10 8 6 53-44
BIG SPRING 12 16 3 18 6 457
Three-point goals: Andrews 3 (Fariss 2, Courtney); Big Spring 4 (Braxton 2, Bryant, Patel). Total fouls: Andrews 20, Big Spring 30. Fouled out: Roberts, Richards, Bryant, Wrightsil, Braxton, Smith. Technical fouls: None. Records: Andrews is 13-6 and 2-3; Big Spring is 11-9 and 2-3.

Big Spring Sunday, Jan 6

SPORTS

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five Final college football votes in parentheses as follows:

1. Miami (72)	13. South Carolina
2. Oregon	14. Syracuse
3. Florida	15. Florida St.
4. Tennessee	16. Stanford
5. Texas	17. Louisville
6. Oklahoma	18. Virginia Tech
7. LSU	19. Washington
8. Nebraska	20. Michigan
9. Colorado	21. Boston College
10. Washington St.	22. Georgia
11. Maryland	23. Toledo
12. Illinois	24. Georgia Tech
25. BYU	

Others receiving votes: St. 104, Hawaii 95, Ohio 56, Texas A&M 41, Mich 31, Clemson 9, Utah 9, 4, Pittsburgh 4, UCLA 4.

NFL

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East	W	L
x-New England	10	5
Miami	9	5
N.Y. Jets	9	5
Indianapolis	5	9
Buffalo	2	12

Central

W	L	
y-Pittsburgh	12	2
Baltimore	7	7
Tennessee	7	7
Cleveland	6	8
Jacksonville	6	8
Cincinnati	4	10

West

W	L	
y-Oakland	10	4
Denver	7	7
Seattle	7	7
Kansas City	5	9
San Diego	5	10

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T
Philadelphia	9	5	0
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0
Arizona	6	8	0
Washington	6	8	0
Dallas	4	10	0

Central

W	L	T
x-Chicago	11	3
x-Green Bay	10	4
Tampa Bay	8	6
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x-St. Louis	12	2
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Saturday's Games

New England 20, Miami 1
San Francisco 13, Philadelphia 13
Tennessee 13, Oakland 1
Sunday's Games
Atlanta 33, Buffalo 30
Chicago 20, Washington 1
N.Y. Giants 27, Seattle 24
St. Louis 38, Carolina 32
Pittsburgh 47, Denver 15
Baltimore 16, Cincinnati 0
Kansas City 20, San Diego 7
Tampa Bay 48, New Orleans 10
Jacksonville 35, Minnesota 10
Arizona 17, Dallas 10
Green Bay 30, Cleveland 7
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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New Jersey	20
Boston	19
Washington	17
Orlando	16
New York	14
Philadelphia	14
Miami	7

Central Division

W	L
Milwaukee	18
Toronto	18
Indiana	18
Detroit	15
Charlotte	14
Cleveland	13
Atlanta	12
Chicago	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L
San Antonio	22
Minnesota	22
Dallas	22
Utah	16
Denver	16
Houston	10
Memphis	9

Pacific Division

W	L
L.A. Lakers	23
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AP Top 25

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Longhorns take 70-61 upset win over No. 5 Oklahoma St.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Royal Ivey scored 15 points as Texas stunned No. 5 Oklahoma State 70-61 Saturday in a game delayed several minutes when some Longhorns players fought with fans.

With 18 seconds left, a fan shoved Texas' T.J. Ford after he and Ivey wound up in the stands while scrambling for a loose ball. About four Texas players scuffled with spectators, and play was held up until the officials calmed things down.

Texas was assessed a technical foul.

It didn't affect the outcome of the Big 12 opener for both teams. Ivey made a career-high 3-pointers for the Longhorns (9-4), who have won five straight games and eight of 10 against Oklahoma State (13-1). The Cowboys played most of the game without leading scorer Maurice Baker.

Baker, averaging 18.5 points, strained a groin in practice last weekend and played just 11 minutes, all in the second half. He scored six points.

The Cowboys missed their first eight shots and wound up shooting just 33 percent from the field (21 of 64). They were unable to get their transition game going and missed several open shots from a halfcourt set.

They also missed 12 of 25 free throws, including seven of nine after rallying from a 10-point deficit to tie the score at 56 with 8:20 left.

Victor Williams' 3-pointer tied the score, and it was 57-51 all when James Thomas sank two free throws, Ivey hit a 3-pointer from the left side and Thomas scored on a dunk to give the Longhorns a 64-57 lead at the 5:32 mark.

Oklahoma State scored

the game's next point but couldn't get any closer the rest of the way.

Thomas and Brandon Mouton scored 13 each for the Longhorns. Williams was the only Cowboys player in double figures with 16.

No. 3 Florida 69, South Carolina 60

Udonis Haslem had 24 points and 10 rebounds as third-ranked Florida opened defense of its Southeastern Conference championship by beating South Carolina 69-60 Saturday.

The Gators (12-1) won their school-record 11th straight game, building a 31-24 halftime lead and breaking it open with a 12-2 surge late in the second half.

Haslem, who made nine of 13 shots, keyed the spurt with a short jumper and a rebound dunk. He, Matt Bonner and Orrien Greene were the only Florida players to score in the second half until James White's 3-pointer increased the lead to 60-43 with 5:01 left.

South Carolina (10-4) did a fairly good job of handling Florida's relentless fullcourt defensive pressure. But the Gamecocks missed 23 of 32 shots in the opening half and shot just 37 percent (23-of-62) for the game.

Despite the loss, South Carolina has won nine of 11 since losing to Duke and UCLA on successive nights in November. Aaron Lucas led the Gamecocks with 14 points, and Jamal Bradley had 10 of his 13 in the second half.

South Carolina upset Florida 69-68 in last season's SEC opener, overcoming a 10-point deficit in the final five minutes at home. But the closest Dave Odom's team could get down the stretch Saturday was nine on three free throws by Lucas in the closing sec-

onds. Bonner, Florida's second-leading scorer, made four straight shots and scored nine of the Gators' first 11 points in the second half after going scoreless in the first half.

North Carolina St. 81, No. 4 Virginia 74

Julius Hodge scored 21 points on near-perfect shooting, and North Carolina State ended a 13-game losing streak at University Hall with a 81-74 victory over No. 4 Virginia on Saturday.

The Wolfpack (11-3, 1-1 ACC) led 65-64 with 9:57 to go after a 12-3 run by Virginia, but held the Cavaliers (9-1, 0-1) without a field goal for the next 7:47 while opening a 73-66 lead.

Roger Mason Jr.'s fifth 3-pointer finally broke the drought with 2:15 left, pulling Virginia to 73-69, but Anthony Grundy hit both ends of a one-and-one with 1:13 to go and the Wolfpack held on, their first victory here since 1988 and only their third in the last 25 visits.

In the first half, the Wolfpack shot 60.7 percent, with Hodge going 5-for-5 with two 3-pointers. They were 8-for-13 from 3-point territory and hit 11 of their first 16 3s.

Wisconsin 72, No. 7 Illinois 66

Charlie Willis scored 19 points as Wisconsin stunned No. 7 Illinois 72-66 Saturday, the biggest victory yet for Badgers first-year coach Bo Ryan.

Students stormed the floor at the Kohl Center after the Badgers ran out the clock, ending Illinois' six-game winning streak.

The Badgers (8-7, 1-1 Big Ten) have won 10 of their last 12 at home against the Illini (12-3, 1-1).

Lady Sooners top Lady Raiders, 80-68

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LaNeishia Caufield scored 23 points, and Rosalind Ross added 21 and 12 rebounds to help No. 3 Oklahoma beat No. 9 Texas Tech 80-68 Saturday.

Stacey Dales added in 15 points for Oklahoma (12-1, 2-0 Big 12), and Caton Hill had 10 points and 10 rebounds, for the Sooners, who took a 24-3 lead and dominated throughout.

Natalie Ritchie and Amber Tarr led Texas Tech (9-3, 1-1) with 13 points each.

The Sooners built their margin to as many as 25 points in the second half, taking a 56-31 lead with 16:41 left. The Lady Raiders closed to 69-55 with an 18-7 run punctuated by a layup by Cisti Greenwalt with 7:14 remaining.

After missing 17 of their first 18 shots in their 10

minutes, Tech went 24-of-55 for the remainder of the game.

The Sooners dominated the boards with a 54-41 rebounding advantage. Oklahoma scored 22 second-chance points.

No. 13 Louisiana Tech 90, UTEP 53

Cheryl Ford had 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Amber Obaze scored 20 as No. 13 Louisiana Tech beat UTEP 90-53 Saturday for its sixth straight victory.

Louisiana Tech's reserves contributed 22 points as the hosts (9-3, 4-0 Western Athletic Conference) dominated. Tech forced 28 turnovers, had 10 steals and outrebounded the Lady Miners 45-31.

Ayana Walker added 12 points for Tech, which also ran its streak to 56 consecutive conference home vic-

ries. Kimya Murray led UTEP (3-8, 1-2) with 20 points, and Pamela Massey scored 14.

Kansas St. 89, No. 7 Baylor 75

Nicole Ohlde had 26 points and 13 rebounds as Kansas State beat No. 7 Baylor 89-75 Saturday, the Wildcats' second straight victory over a Top 10 team.

Ohlde hit a turnaround jumper and a free throw with 3:08 to go that gave the Wildcats an eight-point lead and secured Kansas State's 12th straight victory.

Baylor (12-1, 0-1 Big 12) led by as many as 11 points, but the Wildcats (14-1, 2-0) never went away. They tied it early in the second half and held close until making a 12-0 run with 5:20 left.

The unranked Wildcats are off to their best start in school history. They beat

No. 4 Iowa State 69-63 Wednesday.

The Lady Bears led by five with 10 minutes left, but Kristin Rethman hit a 3-pointer with 4:37 remaining to give the Wildcats a 69-66 lead. On Kansas State's next position, Kendra Wecker hit two foul shots.

Wecker finished with 22 points, Laurie Koehn 15, and Megan Mahoney 11. Sheila Lambert led Baylor with 26 points, while Jessica Stratton had 20, Stephanie Blackmon 11, and Danielle Crockmon 10.

The Lady Bears forced 10 turnovers in the first half, and Lambert scored 13 points in the final seven minutes to lead the Bears on a 17-3 run. But Koehn fueled a nine-point run with a 3-pointer with 49.6 seconds remaining. Mahoney followed with a jumper to cut the lead to 38-36 at halftime.

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Green forced out as Vikings' coach

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Dennis Green led the Minnesota Vikings to four division titles and two NFC championship games. That success wasn't enough to save his job.

Green's run with the Vikings ended abruptly Friday, when he was forced out with one game left in a grim season.

The Vikings (5-10) will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1995. But the team's record wasn't the reason for the change, according to owner Red McCombs.

McCombs alluded to the issue of control when he said he "couldn't find a way for leadership with Dennis that worked."

"I admire Dennis a lot and appreciate what he's done," McCombs said. "But I also know that we live by the fact there ain't never a horse that can't be rode and there's never a cowboy that can't be thrown."

Green, whose 10-year tenure tied him with Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher for longest in the league, accepted a buyout of the last two years of his con-

tract. "I've been very blessed and very fortunate. The players have been absolutely fantastic," said Green.

"This year we had to fight our way from close to the bottom, and that's life in the National Football League," he added. "You cannot love something and have passion for something only when it goes the way you want it to go."

Green was only the second black head coach in modern NFL history when he was hired in 1992. His dismissal leaves Tampa Bay's Tony Dungy and the New York Jets' Herman Edwards as the league's only black head coaches.

Offensive line coach Mike Tice was appointed interim head coach for the team's finale Monday night at Baltimore. The Vikings are 0-7 on the road and have been beaten by the two teams that have just one win — Detroit and Carolina.

Tice called it a "very tough situation" before leaving to run the team's first practice without Green.

SPURRIER

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But does he want to move cross country and work with a powerful GM in John Butler?

Redskins owner Dan Snyder is reportedly interested in Spurrier. He recently said he plans to meet with first-year coach Marty Schottenheimer to discuss changes in the team. Nobody knows if the changes will be small or large. What everyone does know is that Snyder courted Spurrier last year and Spurrier said no.

Minnesota just fired Dennis Green. But is golf played there? Remember,

Spurrier is a warm-weather guy: Last year at the Sugar Bowl he was moving practices inside when it fell below 45 degrees. And dealing with Randy Moss? Doesn't seem likely.

Atlanta is on the radar because the Falcons have a new owner, coach Dan Reeves has a history of health problems, it's a seven-hour drive from his beach home and Spurrier has always had an affinity for the Georgia Dome. If it is, after all, where he won four of his six Southeastern Conference titles.

As for the Florida search, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops was still the leading candi-

date Saturday. Athletic director Jeremy Foley, who will make the hire, stuck to his vow of not naming names or commenting on the search.

A source familiar with the search told The Associated Press that while Stoops is still the guy Florida wants, he's no sure thing to come. The Sooners won't let Stoops go easily. Last year, after Stoops won the national title, he got a raise to \$2 million a year, just \$100,000 less than what Spurrier made.

Stoops has three years invested and one national title at Oklahoma, a school with seven national champi-

onships compared with one at Florida.

The so-called dead period of recruiting ends next Saturday, which is clearly when Foley would like to have someone in place, although he wouldn't say as much at his news conference Friday.

When the new coach arrives, his roster almost certainly will be without all four underclassmen who were thinking about leaving for the NFL.

Several Florida newspapers reported junior cornerback Lito Sheppard, junior offensive lineman Mike Pearson and junior receiver Reche Caldwell will leave.

COWBOYS

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team," Campo said. "In this situation, the good thing is, it does give us the best chance to win to give him his carries. It's good that he has that opportunity."

The Lions have a chance to be in a select group they want no part of. If Detroit loses, it will join just six other teams — and perhaps Carolina — with 1-15 records.

While Dallas is finishing the season relatively strong

with three wins in five weeks and with a chance to top last year's 5-11 record, Detroit has lost its last two games 24-0 to Chicago and 47-14 to Pittsburgh since beating Minnesota.

Lions quarterback Ty Detmer, who likely will start for injured rookie Mike McMahon, insists he and his teammates haven't already made tee times for next week.

"I don't sense that from being in the locker room," Detmer said. "We've played

two of the best teams in the league the past two weeks. I don't think anybody here has shut it down."

The Lions have been shut out twice this season and could be in danger of being scoreless for a third time against Dallas, which has quietly had a good year defensively.

The Cowboys have allowed just 282.2 yards per game, trailing only AFC Central winner Pittsburgh (264.2) and NFC West champion St. Louis (281.1) in the

NFL rankings. The Cowboys are just above defending Super Bowl champion Baltimore (284.5).

Safety George Teague doesn't think the Cowboys will letdown after their impressive 27-21 win over San Francisco last week.

"We are going to hear the same stuff, it's a nothing game," Teague said. "But for us, we try to set our goals at being the best defense. We have one more game to try to be the best defense."

Jets, Raiders are clearly two teams sliding, bickering to the end

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Jets may have squandered their best shot at the playoffs when they lost last week to Buffalo. Then they began bickering about who to blame — offensive coordinator Paul Hackett or quarterback Vinny Testaverde — for a stupid play call late in the game.

Now the Jets go to Oakland to play the Raiders, who have lost three of five to endanger their chances of a first-round bye. They're bickering, too, as quarterback Rich Gannon claims the team lacks discipline.

"Rich Gannon can say what he wants to say," coach Jon Gruden says. "I respect his opinion, but his opinion isn't the only one on this football team."

The Raiders (10-5) will clinch a first-round bye with a win, as long as New England wins at Carolina (1-14) or Miami loses to Buffalo. If the Raiders lose, they'll probably have to play a first-round game.

The Jets (9-6) will make the playoffs if they win, but they should have done that against the Bills. If they lose and Seattle beats Kansas City at home, they're out, adding another late-season failure to the ones they've had under Bruce Coslet, Pete Carroll, Bill Parcells and Al Groh.

If New York does miss out, it has more people to blame than Testaverde and Hackett.

Buffalo had won just two games going into last Sunday and has allowed the third most points in the league, 386 in 15 games. Yet the Jets, playing at home, got just three field goals.

In other words, it shouldn't have come down to the one play, on which Testaverde threw over the middle to Curtis Martin with the clock running down and no timeouts left. That left him time only to get off a futile desperation pass.

"The past is irrelevant," safety Victor Green said. "We made it hard for ourselves. Now we've got to go out there and play for a playoff spot."

This weekend was supposed to be Week 2, but was postponed when the league called it off following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

Ten teams are assured playoff berths and the Jets, Baltimore and Seattle are competing for the final two AFC wild-card slots. The Ravens and Jets need only win, Seattle must beat Kansas City and hope New York loses or Baltimore loses at home Monday night to Minnesota.

There's also positioning to consider. St. Louis can clinch home-field advantage in the NFC with a win at home against Atlanta. If the Rams lose, Chicago can catch them with a win over Jacksonville. If the Bears lose, Green Bay can win the NFC Central by beating the Giants in the Meadowlands.

New England, 5-11 last year, can clinch the AFC East with a win.

There's also an outside chance last season's two Super Bowl teams will miss the playoffs. The New York Giants were eliminated last week and Baltimore could miss out if it loses and Seattle and the Jets both win.

The rest of this week's schedule: Denver at Indianapolis; Dallas at Detroit; Arizona at Washington; Cleveland at Pittsburgh;

NFL THIS WEEK

Cincinnati at Tennessee; San Francisco at New Orleans; and Philadelphia at Tampa Bay.

San Diego is off. Coach Mike Riley was fired Monday after nine straight losses and a 5-11 season.

New England (10-5) at Carolina (1-14)
Buffalo (3-12) at Miami (10-5)
Kansas City (6-9) at Seattle (8-7)

The Patriots can clinch the AFC East with a win and can get a first-round bye if they win and Oakland loses. If New England loses, Miami can win the division by beating the Bills, although Buffalo proved last week it can be dangerous.

For the Panthers, the stakes are more embarrassing. They can become the first team to lose 15 straight games in a single season. They have a long way to go to reach the two-season record: Tampa Bay lost its first 26 as an expansion team in 1976-77, 14 games the first season and 12 the next.

Seattle has no walkover, because Kansas City has won three straight, something the Seahawks haven't done all season — their longest winning and losing streaks are two games.

Atlanta (7-8) at St. Louis (13-2)
Jacksonville (6-9) at Chicago (12-3)
Green Bay (11-4) at New York Giants (7-8)

The NFC pecking order. If St. Louis, Chicago and Green Bay all win, the Rams will be seeded first and have home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. But Chicago can catch the Rams if they win and St. Louis loses. If the Bears lose and Green Bay wins, the Packers win the Central and the first-round bye that goes with it.

Most likely, nothing will change, although what happens to the Packers may depend on whether the Giants feel like playing after being eliminated in Philadelphia last week.

One incentive for New York is Michael Strahan's challenge to Mark Gastineau's single-season sacks record. Strahan enters the game with 21 1/2, just behind the 22 Gastineau had in 1984.

"I might give it to him early," Brett Favre says.

Minnesota (5-10) at Baltimore (9-6)
(Monday night)

The Ravens should make the playoffs, but their chances of repeating aren't very good. Elvis Grbac was terrible in Tampa last week, the running game is nil and the 262 points allowed in 15 games is 97 more than in 16 games last season.

The Vikings will be without coach Dennis Green for the first time in 10 years. He was forced out Friday.

Philadelphia (10-5) at Tampa Bay (9-6)

This Sunday night contest is more like an exhibition than a regular-season game. Whatever happens, these teams will meet in a playoff game next week in Philadelphia. Eagles coach Andy Reid says "we'll play to win, just like we do every game."

Note: There are 17 Bucs and 15 Eagles on the "injury" report.

Note: Teams playing regular-season and playoff games in consecutive weeks has happened before, although not like this. Last year, St. Louis and New Orleans played the final week in New Orleans, with the Rams winning to get into the playoffs. Then they lost to the Saints in the first round.

Dallas (5-10) at Detroit (1-14)

The major story line involves Emmitt Smith, who needs 56 yards to become the first player with 11 straight 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Smith, who turns 33 next May, had a season-high 126 yards last week against San Francisco and is 616 yards behind Walter Payton's NFL record of 16,726.

Also of note: This is the final NFL game in the Silverdome. The Lions will move to a new stadium in downtown Detroit next season.

Cincinnati (5-10) at Tennessee (7-8)

This is likely to be the final game for Bruce Matthews, Tennessee's 41-year-old offensive lineman, who has played more NFL games than any non-kicker.

The Bengals are one of two teams (Atlanta is the other) without a Pro Bowler. Linebacker Takeo Spikes should have gone.

San Francisco (11-4) at New Orleans (7-8)

The 49ers' loss in Dallas last week leaves them facing a trip to Green Bay for a first-round playoff game. If they win and the Packers lose in the Meadowlands, the game will be in San Francisco.

The Saints, whose strength is supposed to

be defense, have allowed 34, 48 and 40 points in their last three games, all losses that knocked them out of playoff contention. The 34 against offensive power St. Louis is understandable, the 48 and 40 against the mediocre offenses of Tampa Bay and Washington are not.

Cleveland (7-8) at Pittsburgh (12-3)

The Browns aren't satisfied with the way their season has ended, although they ended a four-game losing streak in Tennessee last week. Nonetheless, their seven victories are two more than they had combined in their first two seasons back in the league.

The Steelers are annoyed with losing last week in Cincinnati, although they still clinched home-field advantage in the AFC when Oakland lost. Jerome Bettis should be back to tune up for the playoffs after missing four weeks with a groin problem.

Denver (8-7) at Indianapolis (5-10)

Two examples of what injuries can do to teams that began the season with high hopes, although the Colts' awful defense probably doomed them anyway. The league-worst 476 points the Colts have allowed (31.7 a game) is 62 points more than the next worst.

Arizona (7-8) at Washington (7-8)

The winner gets to .500, quite an accomplishment for both. The Redskins have bounced back from an 0-5 start. If the Cardinals win, it would be just their third year at .500 or better in the 14 seasons since they moved from St. Louis.

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Winter recipes warm both body and soul...

With an unseasonably cold and snowy winter upon us it is likely that many are spending more time cooking and eating at home.

Cold weather demands comfort foods that please the palate and warm the soul.

To satisfy this basic need (and it is a need because comfort in the form of food is imperative to keeping us mentally stable) many good cooks turn to favorite home recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Others, tired of traditional fare or whose adventurous spirit is most prevalent in the kitchen, may have the desire to turn to something they've never tried before.

With the holidays behind us and a few days left before the children return to school what better time to try a new recipe. Either indigenous to West Texas, like corn bread and black eyed peas or pinto beans, or a recipe from our northern cousins like a creamy chowder recipe from New England or a tomatoey Manhattan version of the soup could prove a treat-

in the onions; cook until soft, about five minutes. Add potatoes, clam juice, diced tomatoes with juice, water and thyme. Bring to a boil over high heat; then reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are just tender, about 10 minutes. Reduce heat to low; stir in fish. Cook until fish is just firm and opaque, about five minutes. Stir in parsley. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

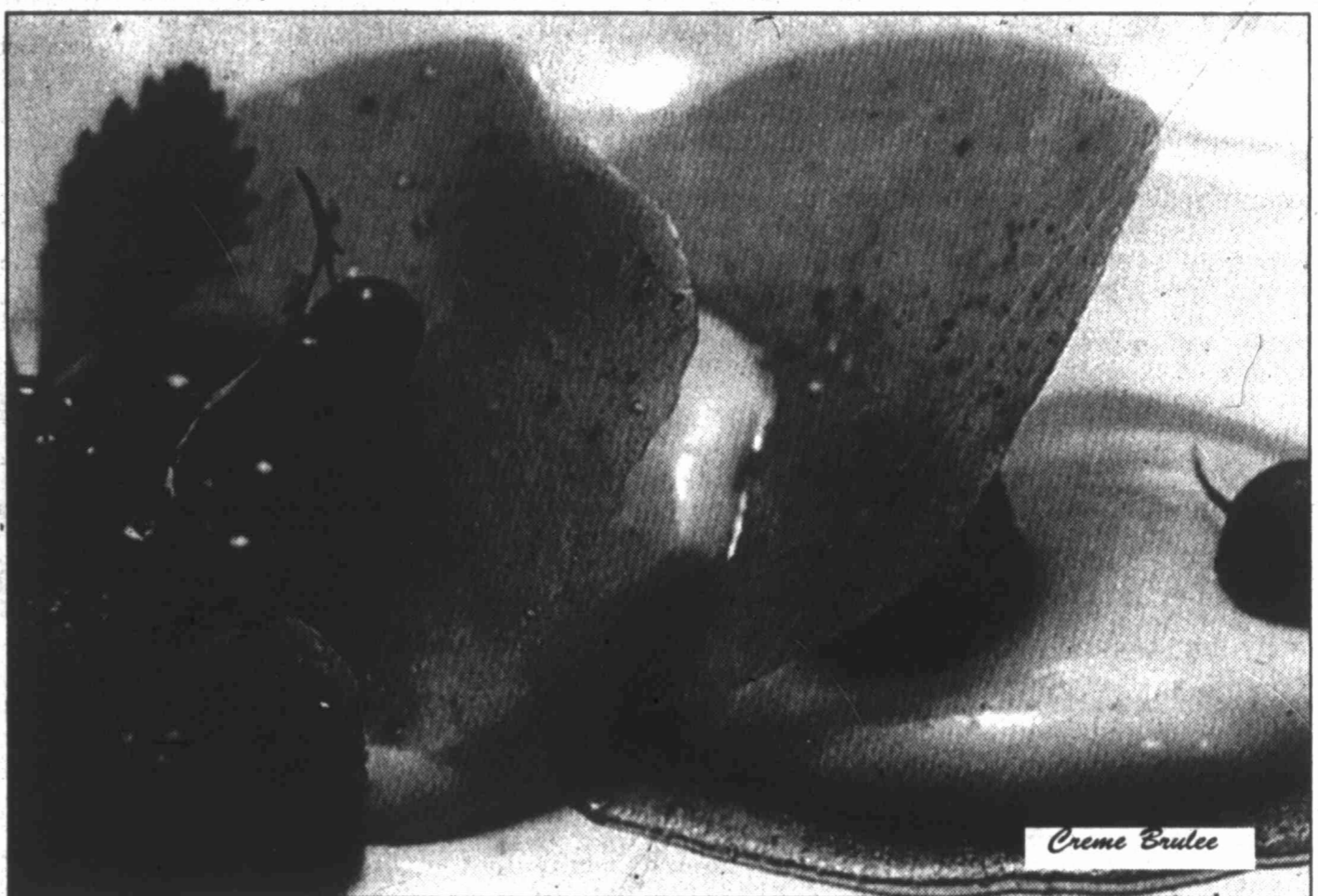
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Mushroom and Spinach Chowder

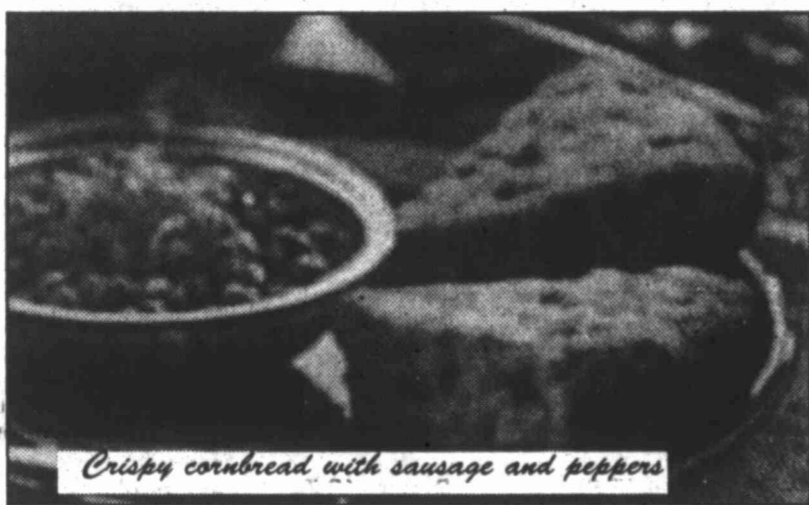
This vegetarian soup is high in flavor but considerably lower in calories and fat than most traditional chowders.

1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil

1 tablespoon butter
1 pound assorted mushrooms, such as crimini, shiitake, and oyster, coarsely chopped



Creme Brulee



Crispy cornbread with sausage and peppers

sured find or a learning experience that will never be forgotten.

Whatever your choice the following recipes are provided for you and your family's enjoyment.

Statistics show that when families eat and cook together they become closer and that children are more likely to become successful, respectful and self-sufficient adults.

Sweet Onion Fish Chowder

2 hot or sweet Italian sausages, casings removed
2 teaspoons olive oil
2 sweet onions (about 1 1/4 pounds), quartered, then thinly sliced

1 pound russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/4-inch dice
3 bottles (8 ounces each) clam juice

1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with juice
2 cups water
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried leaf thyme

1 1/2 pounds firm white fish, such as cod or haddock, boned and skinned, cut into 1/2 inch dice

1/2 cup (lightly packed) chopped fresh Italian flat-leaf parsley

1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste

In a large soup pot, cook sausage in oil, stirring frequently to break into bite-size pieces, until sausage just begins to brown, about five minutes. Stir

2 sweet onions (about 1 1/4 pounds), quartered, then thinly sliced

2 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoons ground cumin
Large dash of ground cloves
3 medium boiling potatoes (about 1 pound), peeled and cut into 1/4-inch dice

4 cups water
1 package (10 ounces) frozen spinach

3 cups nonfat milk
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Melt butter in oil; cook mushrooms over high heat, stirring constantly, until they just begin to release their juices, about five minutes. Stir in onion; cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until soft, about five minutes. Sprinkle flour, cumin, and clove over vegetables; add potato and water. Bring to a boil over high heat; then reduce heat to medium. Cook until potato is just tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in spinach; cover. Cook, stirring occasionally to break up the spinach, until spinach is separated and tender, about eight minutes. Add milk and cook, stirring, until heated through. Stir in nutmeg. Stir in lemon juice, a half-teaspoon at a time, to blend well.

Makes about 10 cups

Crispy Cornbread with Sausage and Peppers

1/2 lb. bulk pork sausage
1 medium red or green bell pepper, chopped
1 small onion, chopped

1 egg
1 1/4 cups milk
3 tablespoons oil
1 1/2 cups self-rising corn meal mix

Heat oven to 450 degrees F. In 10 1/2-inch cast iron or oven-proof skillet, combine sausage, bell pepper and onion; cook until sausage is browned and vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring frequently. Remove sausage mixture from skillet; drain.

Beat egg in large bowl. Add all remaining ingredients; mix well. Stir in sausage mixture.

Wipe skillet clean with paper towel; spray skillet with non-stick cooking spray. Pour batter into sprayed skillet.

Bake at 450 degrees F for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cut into wedges to serve.

8 servings

Apricot Almond Scones

2 1/2 cups self-rising flour
1/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, cut into pieces
1 (7-oz.) pkg. dried apricots, chopped (about 1 cup)

1 egg
Buttermilk (about 3/4 cup)
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
2 tablespoons butter, melted

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease large cookie sheet. In large bowl, combine flour and sugar; mix well. With pastry blender or fork, cut in 1/2 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in apricots.

Beat egg in 1-cup measuring cup. Add enough buttermilk to egg to make 1 cup. Stir in almond extract. Add buttermilk mixture to flour mixture; stir gently until soft dough forms. Drop dough by 1/4 cupfuls about 2 inches apart onto greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 400 degrees F for 20 to 25 minutes or until light golden brown. Brush scones with 2 tablespoons melted butter. Serve warm or cool.

12 scones

Creme Brulee Custard

1 quart heavy cream
1 vanilla bean, split and scraped
8 egg yolks
2/3 cup C&H Pure Cane



Sweet Onion Fish Chowder

Baker's Sugar plus
1 tablespoon C&H Pure Cane Baker's Sugar
2 teaspoons Rum or liquor of choice

Bring the cream and vanilla bean to a scald by heating it in a saucepan and bringing it just to a boil. Remove immediately from heat. Whisk egg yolks and Baker's Sugar together in a stainless steel mixing bowl until smooth. Add a small amount of the cream. Whisk to combine and then stir in the rest of the hot cream.

Place the stainless steel mixing bowl over a pot of simmering water. Let the custard cook over this bain-marie (double boiler) for 30 minutes, stirring every 5 to 10 minutes. This custard will break. strain the mix-

ture and whisk until smooth. Cover the custard with a sheet wrap and chill.

To assemble Place a small spoonful of custard on a plate. Place a tuile on top of the custard and then a spoonful of custard on or off center of the tuile. Repeat with another tuile and spoonful of the custard. Top with a third tuile.

Alternative serving suggestion: Place a large spoonful of custard in a bowl and stick 3 of the tuiles out of the top. Option: garnish with fresh fruit.

Serves 8

Recipes and photos courtesy of OSO Sweet Onions, Martha White and C&H Pure Cane Baker's Sugar.
Story by Andrea Medlin.

Kilroy was here, there and everywhere a GI was stationed

"Kilroy was here"...He was anywhere and everywhere during World War II. ETO Theatre in Europe, Africa, Alutians, Saipan, Guam, the Philippines, Midway, all of those island stepping stones on the "Road to Tokyo."

We never knew his rank, cause he never printed it. Heck...he could even have been some general, but we all suspected that Kilroy was an enlisted GI.

Any American GI worth his C and K rations, will remember him.

His image was scribbled on walls, demolished buildings, aircraft,



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jeeps, and Sherman tanks. Normandy veteran, Leo Welch remembers him well, so does Army Air Corps Sergeant Jesse Hernandez.

So does Purple Heart recipient Marine Gunny Sergeant Don Schiber Korea veteran.

He was definitely in the Korea police action, but he would have had to have been in at least in his 70's by then.

We doubt that Mr. Kilroy made it to Vietnam, but it is entirely possible since the illusive and mysterious Kilroy had the ability to appear everywhere.

As a China Marine I spotted his scribbled image on walls in Tientsin and the Forbidden City of Peiping.

Mr. Kilroy, whatever his rank seemed to be anywhere American GI's were stationed.

I like to believe that he is a true American patriot who served his country with all the honors that went with it.

I would like to believe that private Kilroy, or whatever his rank...truly deserves an honored place in our hearts, in our memories and with some carved in white stone at Arlington National Cemetery.

He truly deserves that

honor.

Thank you, thank you, those of you folks, who approach me on the streets or in the supermarket and tell me you are reading an enjoying these columns.

This is my pay and when you do this you really make my day.

Al Scott writes a regular column for the Herald.

An assortment of bird feeders can attract different birds

KILLEEN, Texas — Nature-lovers hoping to encourage birds to remain in their landscapes this winter have been stocking up on bird seed at local garden centers.

"The wild bird seed mix is probably the best seller," Michelle Carl, a certified nursery professional with Cove Nursery and Landscaping, said. "That mixture contains a variety of seeds and that seems to attract several different types of birds."

Feeders are available in a variety of styles and sizes from house-shaped types to cylindrical models, she said. Both the esthetics of how the feeder fits into the landscape and the type of birds the homeowner wants to attract to the yard comes into play when choosing a feeder.

Wrens and other tiny birds eat small seeds and only need a short perch to light on, said George Ballentine of Copperas Cove. Larger birds, like robins, will need a feeder

that will support their weight and provide ample space for them to land.

Birds looking for a treat can find a feast in the backyard of George and Deborah Ballentine's home. This year the couple's environmentally-friendly backyard earn them a backyard habitat designation from the National Wildlife Federation.

"I mix my own combination of bird seed," he said. "It has three parts chicken scratch, two parts milo and two parts black sunflower seeds."

Ballentine's patio often has several large bags of seed stacked in a corner waiting to be mixed and dished out to his winged visitors. He pours about 11 pounds of seed into the feeders daily.

"I also use shelled corn, but that's more for the squirrels and the doves," he added.

The number of bird species Ballentine is accustomed to seeing has dwindled to just a handful lately,

down from the 20 species usually found during warmer weather. But he is hopeful those bird watching numbers will rise as winter weather settles into the northern states and prompts the birds to head south.

Mark Klym, a Texas wildlife coordinator with the Texas Parks and Wildlife office in Austin, said that in the weeks ahead bird watchers can expect to see good variety of fowl, including blue jays, cardinals, American gold finches, flickers, cq warblers and two types of woodpeckers.

"There are even some hummingbirds, like the broadtail hummingbird, that winter over in Texas," said Klym.

"Texas is home to 18 species of hummingbirds and five of those stay here during the winter."

"Homeowners who have already taken down their nectar feeders will have a difficult time attracting hummingbirds back to the yard at this point," he said. "But by February, be ready

to put them back up."

To keep hummingbirds in the yard year-round it is important to supply ample shelter from predators, water and food, to include flowering plants in the landscape.

"Finding plants for the hummingbirds to feed on that will bloom through the winter months in Central Texas is the difficult part," he said.

Food is an important factor when trying to attract birds, but even more so is the need for water and shelter, Klym said.

"Water is more significant than food when attracting birds, moving water especially," he said.

"The noise of falling water attracts birds like a magnet."

To keep the birds in his backyard happy Ballentine has two bird baths and a small recirculating pond.

When freezing weather hits he heads outside to check on the water sources in the yard.

"Birds need plenty of

water, even in the winter," he said. "Our pond has moving water in it so it doesn't freeze, but the bird baths can freeze so I check them and remove any layers of ice that form."

When landscaping, homeowners who want to attract wildlife should plan on planting live oak, cedar, pines and other evergreens, especially those that produce bright red berries, said Klym.

"It's not something that should be done haphazardly," he said. "If you enjoy watching the birds and wildlife then some shrubbery and trees should be planted near a window."

"I also recommend scattering the perimeter of the yard with holly and other evergreens to provide plenty of places for the birds to escape from predator," he added.

The importance of maintaining the feeders and the grounds beneath the feeders is another point Klym stressed.

"Usually you just need to

knock out any moist food stuck in the bottom of the feeder before refilling them," he said. "But if you notice any signs that the seeds are germinating in the bird feeder you have to clean it out immediately to prevent bacterial growth that can harm the birds."

Klym recommends discarding any leftover seed in the dirty feeder and thoroughly washing it with soap and hot water.

Rinse the container with bleach water and then a final rinse with plenty of hot water, he said.

Allow the feeder to dry completely before using it again.

Ballentine notes that birds come to rely on feeders, so it is important to keep them clean and filled.

"Once you start feeding birds, don't just stop, at least not during the winter months," he cautioned.

"The birds look to you for that food and can die if there is nothing else for them to feed on in the landscape."

Creed's album "Weathered," still dominates music charts

NEW YORK (AP) — Creed ended 2001 on an up note, holding on to the No. 1 spot on the album charts with its disc, "Weathered."

The CD sold 398,000 copies for the week ending Sunday, according to figures released Thursday, although it was less than half of the previous week's sales of 865,000. Creed has not budged from the top sales spot since "Weathered," which has sold 3.5 million copies, debuted at No. 1 at the end of November.

"There's no question they're the biggest thing out there right now, and that doesn't seem to be slowing down," Spin magazine

Editor-in-Chief Alan Light said. "I think they're going to camp out there for a while."

Sales of most albums plummeted in the week after Christmas, when the frenzied buying season ends and there are virtually no new products to lure customers into stores.

Still, there was movement on the charts.

Linkin Park jumped from No. 7 to No. 2 as "Hybrid Theory" sold 263,000 copies. The eighth volume of "Now That's What I Call Music" compilation series fell from No. 2 to No. 3, with sales of 234,000. Rapper Ludacris soared from No. 16 to No. 4, selling 228,000 copies of his

sophomore disc, "Word of Mouf," and rock band "Nickelback" rose one notch, to No. 5, as "Silver Side Up" sold 226,000 copies. Both Britney Spears and Garth Brooks fell out of the top 10 for the first time since their discs were released in November. Spears fell from No. 4 to No. 12 with 180,000 copies sold of "Britney"; Brooks fell from No. 3 to No. 14, with 155,000 copies sold of "Scarecrow."

"It's interesting that the ones that seemed to drop the biggest the week after Christmas were the Garth record and the Britney record," said Light. "I don't know what lesson you get

from that, other than they are the brand names that people turn to for Christmas presents."

1. "Weathered," Creed, 398,000
2. "Hybrid Theory," Linkin Park, 263,000
3. "Now That's What I Call Music: Volume Eight," Various Artists, 234,000
4. "Word of Mouf," Ludacris, 228,000
5. "Silver Side Up," Nickelback, 226,000
6. "8701," Usher, 213,000
7. "A Day Without Rain," Enya, 185,000
8. "Pain Is Love," Ja Rule, 184,000
9. "Stillmatic," Nas, 183,000
10. "Missundaztood," Pink, 181,000

Tips on how to be good safety net

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "Frightened Mom" and saw myself. She was concerned that her daughter was involved in an abusive relationship and wanted to know how to help.



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I was in a similar situation when I was 18. My parents raised me well, but I still ended up with a boyfriend who refused to get a job, used my car as if it were his own, and was physically and verbally abusive. I was sure if I continued to love him and be patient, everything would work out fine. I was wrong. May I offer some advice to that concerned mother?

1. Encourage your daughter to see a doctor about birth control. The last thing she needs is a baby. If she cannot afford a private physician, she should seek help from the city health department.

2. Find out if the apartment lease and other bills are in her name. It took me five years to pay off all my debts after my drug-addicted boyfriend was through with me. It will take even longer to clear my credit record.

3. Stop pointing out the guy's faults to your daughter. That will only make her try harder to "fix" him.

4. Let her know your home is open to her and she can come back to live with you whenever she wants. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. You will be her safety net, and one of these days, she will need it.

It took me too long to figure things out, but I hope

my words will help someone else. I wasn't smart enough to remove myself from that toxic situation, but when I became pregnant, I realized I could never raise my child in such an unhealthy environment. Where that wisdom came from I will never know. When the baby was 3 months old, I told my boyfriend I was going to do laundry at my mother's house. I left and never went back. — Healthy Now in the East

Dear Healthy Now: Your gut instincts led you to a safe place in your life. It's wonderful when your head and your heart are in the same spot. Yours certainly are now. Congratulations on having the courage to do the wise (but difficult) thing. The payoff in the long run will be tremendous. I guarantee it.

Dear Ann Landers: I get a weekly manicure and have encountered a problem that I hope you can solve.

I am always on time, and often remove my old nail polish to save a few minutes. Frequently, the customer ahead of me will walk in 15 or 20 minutes late. The manicurist always takes her appointments in order, and this means I have to wait while she accommodates the late arrival.

I feel my time is just as important as the tardy cus-

tomers'. Just because she doesn't mind running 20 minutes late does not mean it's OK with me. If I'm on my lunch hour or have to pick up my kids, why should I have to go without a manicure while Miss Tardy slithers out the door fully done?

I say, when your scheduled time is up, it's UP. Get out of the chair! If you aren't considerate enough to notice that you're imposing on the next customer, the manicurist should have the courage to say, "Sorry, but since you were late, I will have to reschedule you for another time." What do you say? — Peeved in Bay City, Mich.

Dear Peeved: You are absolutely right. In fact, if you are able to get to your appointment a few minutes earlier, the manicurist could start on you first, and Miss Tardy would have to wait until you are finished.

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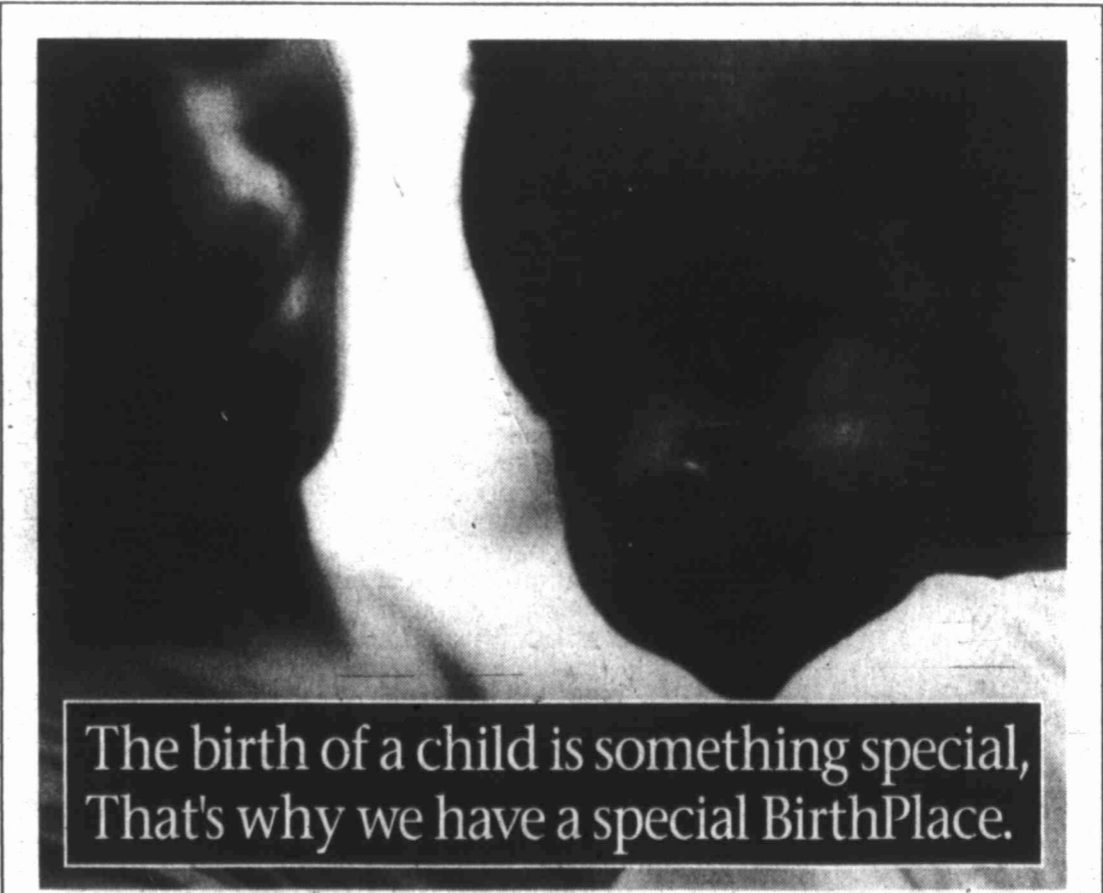


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The legacy of Ansel Adams by George Lauerstein

WIMBERLEY, Texas — George Lauerstein loves the black-and-white landscape photography of the late, legendary Ansel Adams. He doesn't have to tell us, though. It is evident in Lauerstein's own photography, in which he utilizes the same Western imagery and compositional style found in Adams' most familiar work.

Lauerstein lives on a hill-top in Wimberley; he's surrounded by grand Hill Country vistas. Yet he rarely photographs nature in Texas. Instead, he packs his camera and journeys West — to Oregon, Washington, Utah and, most of all, Yosemite National Park in California.

He walks where Ansel walked, pauses where Ansel paused.

"I have a photographer friend who is always telling me, 'You know, Lauerstein, all you do is walk around in this world looking for Ansel's old tripod holes,'" he says with a chuckle. "And you know how I respond to that? 'I can think of worse ways to make a living.'"

Lauerstein is flattered, in fact, when people pause before one of his images of Half Dome and exclaim, "That looks just like an Ansel Adams." But the man — who's dressed in black, white and gray on this day, no trace of Kodachrome in his wardrobe — does not fancy himself as an artist. "I know I'm not that good," Lauerstein says flatly, though he is profiled on occasion in photography journals.

His affinity for Adams, and his tripod holes, is anchored in curiosity and the joy of experience.

"That friend who teases me — he lives in

California but refuses to photograph Yosemite," says Lauerstein. "He says, 'Ansel has already done that.' And I say, 'Aren't you interested to know given the same set of circumstances how you would interpret it?' ... The way I see it, Ansel Adams discovered all the good spots. And good spots don't change."

Lauerstein knew a bit about photography, and a bit about nature, when he visited Yosemite for the first time in 1978. He was a corporate salesman then, a family man on a family vacation. Like many Americans, Lauerstein was impressed by the peaks and waterfalls of Yosemite Valley. But Adams' photographic treatment of those monuments — which Lauerstein saw first in a Yosemite dining hall — awed him even more.

"I'd never heard of this man Adams. ... But when I saw those prints in the dining hall, I almost dropped my tray," says Lauerstein. "I said, 'I have the funniest feeling. I've seen the world in a special way I never could explain to anybody. This guy sees the world the same way. I've got to find out who he is.'"

Inspired, Lauerstein began collecting Ansel Adams prints — one of which he bought on that very first Yosemite visit. He studied Adams' genius, read Adams' books. He undertook photography with a passion and built his own home darkroom.

He returned to Yosemite. In time, he even met the master himself. That meeting occurred in California, in the coastal town of Carmel. Lauerstein had traveled there to purchase some Adams prints.

Gallery owner Maggie Weston (wife of photographer Cole Weston) invited him to dinner.

Afterward, as a surprise, she asked if Lauerstein would like to visit Adams at his home. "It was," says Lauerstein, "like asking Moses if he might be interested in taking a look at these stone tablets."

"Sit close to him, because his hearing is not good," Weston told Lauerstein when the two men met.

"Talk loud."

"Anything else?"

"Yes. Compliment him."

"Now, I believe in carrying coals to Newcastle, but this was ridiculous," recalls Lauerstein. "But she said he (Adams) honestly doesn't believe what other people are saying about (his mastery). He just nods and says thank you, but he really doesn't believe it."

During their brief visit, Adams showed him his darkroom. When Adams remarked that he was planning to sell an old camera, Lauerstein offered to write him a blank check for it. At one point, Adams removed a small object from a safe — the one and only negative of his most famous image, "Moonrise over Hernandez, N.M., 1941."

Lauerstein reacted to this encounter with energy. He bought dozens of cameras, took photographic excursions to the American West, proceeded to learn the fine art of composition and the dark room. The aspects he admired in Adams' photography — clarity and tone — became his passions.

He celebrated the way Adams' work encouraged him not just to glance ... but to see.

"Adams showed me — and so many others — what this world could look

like," says Lauerstein. "He made people who never looked at a sunset, never thought about the mountains, look at that. And you could almost see their eyes saying, 'Ahhh. Is it really like that all the time?' Or: 'Did he get there on a lucky day?' No! No! He got there with great eyes, and heart and soul."

Through the years, Lauerstein's eye has become more refined. He shoots fewer grand vistas now and finds himself "moving closer and closer" to his subjects. He's still loyal to the black-and-white landscape format, but there are more and more times, these days, when he finds beauty beyond Ansel Adams' old tripod holes.

Lately, he's taken another departure from the Ansel Adams' tradition. He's sold dozens of his old cameras, dismantled his darkroom and — gasp — embraced the digital tradition. Many of Lauerstein's friends are shocked, since, after all, so much of the Adams Legacy is in the way he worked magic in the darkroom. "You loved Ansel Adams!" they exclaim. "And now you're doing this?"

"Well, why not?," asks Lauerstein. "He would have been out there sooner than I would. He was aware that technology was changing. He even said once, in one of his books, 'If I could use neon and make an image that transmitted what I feel, I'd do it. I don't care what it is.' 'The purists' say, 'A digital camera allows you to play with an image in a computer.' Well, what do you think Adams was doing in the darkroom all those years?"

He was playing with it. It's just different schools, that's all."

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AP) — "Gentleman, include me out" — off-Broadway. Comedian Alan King will portray Samuel Goldwyn, the legendary Hollywood producer known for mangling the English language, in "Mr. Goldwyn," a new play opening March 13 at off-Broadway's Promenade Theatre. Preview performances start Feb. 26.

The play by Marsha Leiby and John Lollo is set in 1952 when Goldwyn's studio is threatened by the rise of television, and the producer needs a big hit to pull through.

The 74-year-old King, best known as a standup comic, has written several books including his autobiogra-

phy, "Name-Dropping — The Life and Lies of Alan King," and starred in and produced the Broadway hit "The Impossible Years" in the 1960s.

"Mr. Goldwyn" will be directed by Gene Saks, who directed several Neil Simon successes including "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues," and "Broadway Bound," as well as the musicals "Mame," "Half a Sixpence" and "I Love My Wife."

Goldwyn, who died in 1974, produced such celluloid classics as "Stella Dallas," "Hurricane," "Wuthering Heights," "The Pride of the Yankees," "The Best Years of Our Lives" and "The Secret Life of Walter

Mitty."

CHICAGO (AP) — Pages from the Emancipation Proclamation will be on display Feb. 15-18 at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

"This is the first time in 50 years it will be on display in the Midwest," said Mike Sarna, the museum's director of exhibits. "It will be on display over Presidents Day weekend in Lincoln Park during Black History Month. What could be more perfect?"

The fragile pages of the document, which President Lincoln signed in 1863 during the Civil War, are part of a traveling National Archives and Records

Administration exhibit that will be on view at the museum from Feb. 8 through April 28.

A museum spokeswoman said some of the pages are facsimiles, while others are originals.

The Emancipation Proclamation will only be displayed for four days because of its fragile condition.

"It really doesn't travel much and it's rarely on display, even in Washington, D.C.," said Stephanie Clemson, a National Archives spokeswoman.

STORK CLUB

Haley Kate Patterson, girl, born Dec. 29, 2001, at 11:50 a.m. Weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Parents are Amanda and Brian Patterson. Maternal grandparents are Calvin and Bernetta Gaston. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Linda Patterson.

Franz Suderman Unger, boy, born Dec. 26, 2001, at 2:34 a.m. Weighing 6 1/2 pounds and was 20 1/4 inches long. Parents are Jacob and Anita Suderman.

Darren Mathew Gonzales, boy, born Dec. 28, 2001, at 8:48 a.m. Weighing 6 pounds 4 1/4 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Parents are Gilbert and

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Tristan Tye Hilario, boy, born Dec. 28, 2001, at 3:32 a.m. Weighing 6 pounds 6 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Larry Hilario and Amanda Contreras.

Bethany Ann Arriaga, girl, born Dec. 30, 2001, at 11:29 p.m. Weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parents are Fernando and Doty Arriaga. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Vanderpool, Alicia Morelaes and Fernando Arriaga Sr.

MILITARY

Air Force Airman, Michael Joseph Martinez, recently graduated from basic training at Lackland



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Warranty Deed:
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Property: Lot 21, Blk. 3, May Thixton Addition
Date filed: Dec. 26, 2001
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Grantee: Ricardo Beltran
Property: Lot 13, Blk. B, Merrick Greene Addition
Date filed: Dec. 26, 2001
Grantor: William and Juanita Vanderpool
Grantee: Leslie Lloyd
Property: Lot 4, less E/43 feet, blk. 13, McDowell Heights Addition (1507 Lancaster)
Date filed: Dec. 26, 2001
Grantor: Daymond C. and Shelley Brooke Paxton
Grantee: Jay and Sheila Holt
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 30, amended plat of College Park Estates
Date filed: Dec. 26, 2001
Grantor: H.E. Tubb
Grantee: Donald and Joan Blackburn
Property: 2 acres in the south part of Sec. 46, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Dec. 27, 2001
Grantor: Malcolm Patterson
Grantee: Jimmy and Maryann Taylor
Property: Sec. 1, 3, and SE/4, W/2 SW/4, NW/4, S/2 NE/4 and all of N/2 NE/4 except ten acres, of Sec. 2, Blk. 30, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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Grantee: A.E. Kelley
Property: All except the N/5 feet of the E/55 feet of Lot 11, Blk. 2, Government Heights to Bauer Addition.
Date filed: Dec. 28, 2001
Grantor: Elouise Swinney, individually and as co-independent executrix of the estate of Ella B. Carroll, deceased, and Wesley C. Carroll Jr., co-independent executor of the estate of Ella B. Carroll, deceased.
Grantee: Howard County Investments, LLC
Property: One-half interest in 81.45 acres in Sec. 17, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantee: Lot 4, Blk. 61, Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: Dec. 27, 2001
Grantor: Michael L. Seal
Grantee: Mano Luis Rivera and Noelia Ortega Rivera
Property: Lot 11, Blk. 11, Washington Place Addition
Date filed: Dec. 27, 2001
Grantor: H.E. Tubb
Grantee: Sophia Juarez
Property: 15.30 acres in Sec. 104, Blk. 29, W&N RR survey.
Date filed: Dec. 27, 2001
Grantor: Cary Curt Lloyd and Dana K. Lloyd
Grantee: Calvin C. and Dorothy M. Larson
Property: W/38 feet of Lot 5 and the E/20 feet of Lot 6, Blk. 3, Amended Edwards Heights Addition.
Date filed: Dec. 28, 2001

Panhandle pig farming pits development against environmental concern

PAMPA (AP) — Dale Roth knows stink.
As an engineer for Celanese, he was instrumental in installing a facility in Pampa that handled wastewater from the company's chemical plant.
Now retired, Roth lives about eight miles from the site of a pig farm proposed by National Pig Development USA, a subsidiary of North Carolina food company. In Roth's opinion, the planned 45 acres of lagoons that will absorb manure from as many as 50,000 pigs would be inadequate to handle the odor.
But his chief concern is that heavy rainfall or an overflow from the lagoons could taint the Ogallala Aquifer, the region's major source of water.
"They call them lagoons. I prefer to call them cesspools," he said. "The lagoon system is a pollution device."
National Pig Development has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a permit for its \$18 million genetic research facility planned 11 miles east of Pampa. Because residents have voiced concern, officials with the state agency and NPD will field questions from the public

Tuesday at the request of state Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa.
"We will always meet the TNRC requirements and, at times, exceed it," said John Carter, general manager of NPD. "We have just as much interest in protecting the environment."
It isn't just the Pampa facility that worries some Panhandle residents. An influx of pig farms, they say, is putting the region's environment at risk.
In 1990, the Panhandle was home to about 8 percent of the state's pigs, with the majority in the south-central and eastern parts of Texas. A decade later, propelled by the region's national campaign to attract the industry, the Panhandle had 85 percent of the state's 920,000 pigs.
Texas ranks 17th in the nation in pig production, according to the National Pork Board.
Proponents claim the industry creates jobs and fits well with the economies of small towns that are struggling to survive population loss.
Ken Horton, president of the Texas Pork Producers Association, points to Perryton, home to a Texas Farms Inc. pig farm. "This little town had empty businesses up and down Main

Street and now it's bustling," he said.
When residents first heard that Texas Farms was considering putting its \$100 million pig operation in Perryton in the mid-1990s, they too expressed concerns about the environment.
Since then, Texas Farms has added more than 300 jobs to the economy and proved itself a good neighbor, said Cheryl Hardy, Perryton's economic development director.
The company adheres to TNRC requirements, maintains its property, encourages employees to participate in civic organizations and donates \$20,000 a year to the chamber of commerce for community development, Hardy said.
"They have been excellent stewards," she said. "I think our community now views them differently. They have met and exceeded the environmental issues."
Lagoons must have synthetic or compacted clay lin-

ers to prevent wastewater from seeping into the earth.
In Dalhart, Premium Standard Farms uses a steel, above-ground tank into which wastewater is piped, blended with normal irrigation ground water and used as fertilizer, said Brad Jones, regional director for TNRC in Amarillo.
"They have to go through a rigorous permitting process," he said of pig farms. "From our standpoint, we want to make sure they don't have a negative impact on the environment."
Marilyn Yanke, a Panhandle resident since 1955, lives in Sunray near where Seaboard Farms has obtained a permit to operate a facility of up to 88,000 pigs. Seaboard also may be eyeing Moore County for a multimillion-dollar pork-processing facility, a prospect that Yanke said would lure even more pig farms.
"I know that we have eco-

nomic problems but a development that will in the long run damage, hurt our people and the health of our people is a detriment to our area, not a development," said Yanke, who is working with an activist organization that opposes the pork-feeding operation.
"Keeping the aquifer safe, I would prefer to err on the side of too much regulation and keeping it clean rather than the possibility of contamination. It is the lifeblood of all of us."
Environmental experts and NPD officials dispute that the industry damages the region's environment. They cite a dry climate that is good for pig growth and leads to increased evaporation from the lagoons, the depth of the Ogallala (more than 200 feet in some places), and a 100-foot protective barrier of sand, clay, shale and rock. They also note that the region typically does not get heavy rainfall, making it unlikely that

the lagoons would overflow.
"It reduces the risk to an extraordinarily low level," said John McGlone, a professor at Texas Tech University's Department of Animal Science and Food Technology who studies swine. "You can't say zero, but it's close to zero."
Jones also noted that the state's ground water has never been contaminated by a confined animal feeding operation for pigs, cattle, sheep, chickens, turkeys or horses.
In 1999, floodwaters from Hurricane Floyd washed millions of gallons of pig waste into a river in North Carolina that emptied into the Atlantic Ocean. The incident led to a moratorium on new or expanded hog lagoons there through September 2003.
"Well, that's unlikely to happen here," McGlone said. "We don't like to deal with absolutes here but most likely a hurricane won't hit West Texas."

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said they have adequate insurance. In a filing last month with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the company said it has \$250 million in cash, \$2.7 billion of working capital and \$700 million of unused credit.
The company has settled 194,000 asbestos-related claims over the years, most without a trial and many without paying anything. New claims have slowed somewhat, but continue to

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 6:
You like to have control of your life. You will do whatever you can to manifest your power. Others find you responsible and unusually with-it. Only you know the true rowdiness that lies beneath. You pull the wild card financially, just watch the swings! You might not want to share with others what is going on with you. If you are single, you will meet many people. You're likely to want to settle in after spring. If attached, include your loved one in your unusually busy social life.

Summer 2002: Expect a lot of warmth! LIBRA pushes your buttons.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** Others tug at you. Everyone has something to share. Enjoy your popularity, yet still be spontaneous. Do what you most want with those you want to be with. A theme of wildness and out-of-control behavior runs high with friends. Tonight: Slow down.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** Continue to relax, despite someone's request

or demand. You know what you want here. Do not push someone too hard. You don't like it. Why would anyone else like it? Be reasonable with a parent or someone in charge. Listen, but try not to react. Tonight: Someone lures you into his or her lair.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Your effervescent and playful ways melt a stiff friend or relative. You know how to make someone relax. Allow more erratic behavior to emerge. Don't encourage others to always be conventional. Let off steam while you can. Tonight: Finally, you are dragging.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Your light side emanates, allowing you to express your feelings openly. Stay close to home with family or, if single, invite a friend over. You verbalize your caring in a way that permits others not to be threatened. Think positively. Tonight: Let the fun begin!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** You deliver when someone asks for support, though it might be an unconventional request. You find this person unusually exciting. Make plans to

go ice-skating or maybe rollerblading together. Do more as a team. Speak your mind. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*** You might opt to work when others go off and play. An unusual offer or problem demands your time and attention. Figure out just how much you need to do before you can join a friend, if for nothing else but dinner. Relax and feel good. Tonight: Out at a favorite place.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** Your personality excites someone and allows you the freedom and self-expression you desire. Dance away. Allow your athletic side to come out. Indulge in a favorite winter sport with a loved one or child. Warm up with a hot chocolate later. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Loosen up with a family member or roommate. You can only hold back so much. You might be stunned by someone's reaction. You discover that a situation is far different than you imagined. Stop putting words in others' mouths. Check out each situation. Tonight: Whatever

you want.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Surprises become the byword of the day. Express your love of excitement rather than your desire for control. You'll find that everything flows as a result. Catch up on a neighbor's news. Don't make a big deal out of a change. Tonight: Hang out.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** Assume responsibility for your finances, not someone else's. The best way to avoid a quarrel would be through this attitude. You cannot teach someone. This person needs to want to learn. Clear out some work. Check in with a parent. Play away. Tonight: All eyes look to you.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** You often skip a step — verbalizing your thoughts. If you want others to understand you, explain your thinking process more carefully. Express your unique qualities. Meanwhile, take off with a loved one or friend for a day outing. Relax in a

new setting. Tonight: Homeward bound.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)*** Take your time with a partner. What hits you like a stunning realization, might not be for someone else. Digest your thoughts before you share them. You might inadvertently cause yourself a problem by making someone too aware of him- or herself. Tonight: Make nice.
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ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS
Glasscock County (hereinafter called the OWNER) will receive Bids for WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE IV Elevated Storage Tank. TCDP Contract No. 721289, until 1:30 PM (Local Time), WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002, in person at the Commissioners Court Meeting, District Court Room, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas or by mail to Wilburn E. Bednar, County Judge, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas 79739. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:30 PM (Local Time), WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002.
Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at 10:00 AM (Local Time), MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2002, at the Commissioners Court, Glasscock County Courthouse, Garden City, Texas.
Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:
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Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of Gutierrez, Smouse, Wilmut & Associates, Inc., 1039 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701. Copies of the contract Documents may be purchased for \$100.00 from Gutierrez, Smouse, Wilmut & Associates for each set of documents obtained. No refunds will be made.
A certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the OWNER, negotiable U.S. Government bond (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-

Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on the project, and the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin on the entire project.
The Prime Contractor will review the equal employment opportunity section under the General Contract Conditions - Part I and will take affirmative action to meet minority and female participation goals in each task. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding. If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Commissioners Court on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2002 then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.
Date December 12, 2001
By: Wilburn Bednar, County Judge
#3401 December 23, 2001 & January 6, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Deborah Ann Sheppard, Deceased, were issued on December 17, 2001, in Cause No. P-12871, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to BURT SHEPPARD. The residence of the Administrator is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; the post office address is: c/o C.E. (Mike) Thomas, III, Attorney at Law, P.O. Drawer 2117, Big Spring, Texas 79721. All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 3 day of January, 2002.
C.E. (Mike) Thomas, III, P.O. Drawer 2117, Big Spring, Texas 79721, Tel: 915-263-4142, Fax: 915-267-2763
By: C.E. (Mike) Thomas, III, Attorney for the Estate, State Bar No. 19845200, #3418 January 6, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct a accreditation survey of Scenic Mountain Medical Center on January 28 and January 29, 2002.
The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the condition under which accreditation should be awarded to the organization.
Joint commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process.
Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The quest should be addressed to: Division of accreditation Operations Accreditation Service Specialist
Joint Commission on accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
The Joint commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the meeting.
This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may be removed before the survey is completed.
Date Posted: December 28, 2001
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No. P-12,877
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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Louise G. Welch, Deceased, were issued on the 31st day of December, 2001, under docket No. P-12,877, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Lillie Blasingame and Robert Blasingame. Claims may be presented in care of Lillie Blasingame and Robert Blasingame to the Estate addressed as follows: Estate of Louise G. Welch, Deceased
#3416 January 6, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lillie Blasingame and Robert Blasingame
3212 Auburn
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 31st day of December, 2001
Lillie Blasingame, Co-Independent Executrix of the Estate of Louise G. Welch, Deceased
Robert Blasingame, Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Louise G. Welch, Deceased
#3416 January 6, 2002

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