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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Forsan students set to present one-act play

The Forsan High School theater department will offer a free performance of its one-act play today at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Theater students will present "Sara Crewe," a play about a Victorian fairy tale presented in an unsentimental, realistic manner.

Raised alone by her father, a British Army captain in India, Sara is left by her father at a London boarding school. When news arrives that Sara's father has been killed, the headmistress turns Sara into a servant, banishing her to a ratinfested attic. Suffering cold, hunger and ill-treatment, Sara maintains her basic goodness.

The cast and trew of the play are Kesha Christian, Rachel Clinton, Heather Hise, Ashley Pierce, Abby Janca, Cassie Christian, Ruth Kaelin, Felicia Osburn, Casi Graves, Ross Rhoton, Cory Reyna, Trey Kuykendall, Clay Vickers, Rachel Kaelin. Kandis Snowden and Lakacia Lewis.

WHAT'S UP...

☐ Big Spring Band Boosters, 6 p.m. in the high school band hall.

☐ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at First and Goliad.

☐ Big Spring Art Association will have a miniature auction at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

Big Spring chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

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Local businessman eyes Big Spring ISD trustee seat

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The race is on for the District position on Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees as local businessman Alan Partee will challenge incumbent

PARTEE

"With an eye on controlling tax increases now and in the future while continuing to provide a quality, progressive educational environment for the children, I agree with the current BSISD trustees actions on the closure of the Anderson Kindergarten Center and realignment of students," Partee said. "As a business owner and a concerned parent of three children, I want

Larry McLellan for the posiment measures without sac-staff in the BSISD schools rifice to the children's education.'

Partee and his wife, Della, have three children, Adam, a senior at Big Spring High School; Erin, a sophomore at BSHS; and Callie, a sixthat Goliad grader Elementary. Partee owns Neighbors Convenience Store and filed on Monday.

"I have had the opportunition of the current quality ty, over the past 12 years, to have personal contact with many of the schools, teachto seek other cost contain- ers, principals and support degrees from Midland

through our children's educational process involvement in various school activities," Partee said. "Our teachers are dedicated beyond words and I feel it's very important to work with our teachers to provide the best financial situation possible for them. This will help ensure reten-

Partee, a 1977 graduate of Big Spring High School, has College and Texas A&I. He has served in a number of civic activities involving children, including as an assistant scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America, president of the Big Spring . Youth Soccer Association, a coach in the soccer association, in the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association and in the YMCA youth basketball pro-

No challengers have filed

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Suspicious substance sparks alert at hospital

Special to the Herald

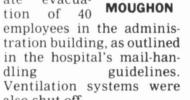
Four Big Spring State Hospital employees underwent preventative safety

measures Monday afternoon after coming direct contact with a suspicious-looking envelope. Safety offi-

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cers ordered the immedievacua-



also shut off. The four employees were immediately taken to the hospital's general medical services unit for decontamination purposes.

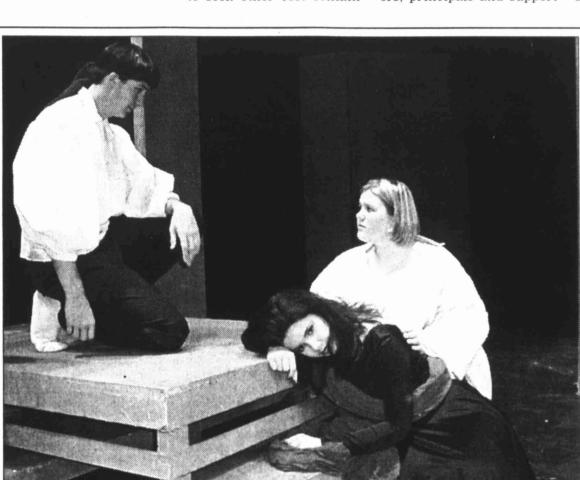
The Big Spring Police Department investigated the powdery substance and determined it was not hazardous. Interoffice mail envelopes on one of the units are stored underneath a chalkboard and traces of chalk were found on envelopes sent to the hospital's administration build-

"We are relieved the material was not hazardous," hospital CEO Ed Moughon said. "At the same time, it's satisfying to know that our emergency guidelines assisted us in continuing to provide safe and necessary care to our patients and provide a safe work environment for our employees.

"Our staff responded to our intensive training on mail handling procedures and were vigilant enough to capture what appeared to be a suspicious envelope.

"We are proud of how our staff responded. It's just one

See SCARE, Page 2



Big Spring High School theater students Justin Plaia and Holli Cobb, top right, comfort Amanda Sheedy in a scene from the school's one-act play "Medea." The students will perform the Greek tragedy at 7 tonight at the school auditorium. The general public will be admitted free.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

City council, mayoral hopefuls have one day left to file for May 4 elections

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Local candidates have one more day to file for city elections.

The deadline to file to run in the May 4 city races is Wednesday at 5 p.m., according to a spokesperson

for the city of Big Spring. Candidates should see their local city secretary before then to file the necessary forms.

Two council seats are up for grabs in Big Spring, and both are already contested.

For the District 1 seat, incumbent Stephanie Horton, a VA Medical Center nurse, will face challenger John Henson, an engineer with Western Container.

The District 3 incumbent, Chuck Cawthon, has decided not to run for re-election, but three people have filed to fill his shoes. Cox

Snakes alive!

By ROGER CLINE

"Snakes...why did it have

Indiana Jones might want

to steer clear of the Howard

County Fairbarns Saturday

and Sunday — it's time for

the 40th Annual Big Spring

The event, sponsored by

the American Business

Clubs of Big Spring, will

open its doors at the 'barns

at 10 a.m. each day.

Saturday the festivities will

continue until 7 p.m. The

roundup ends at 6 p.m.

Snake weighing and pur-

chasing will be held Friday,

as will a free snake show

not open to the public but to

Institute for the Deaf and

from

the

Collegiate

Rattlesnake Roundup.

Staff Writer

Sunday.

students

SouthWest

to be snakes?"

TO FILE

Contact your city secretary or elections clerk before 5 p.m. Wednesday to fill out the proper forms.

Jimmy Ruth, VA Medical Center retiree Staulcup and Dyer Plumbing owner Rick Dyer will vie for the position.

Seats held by council members Oscar Garcia in District 2, Tommy Tune in District 4, JoAnn Smoot in District 5, Greg Biddison in District 6 and Mayor Russ McEwen are not up for election this year.

In Stanton, District 1, 2 and 3 and mayoral incumbents have all filed, as has a second candidate for mayor.

Lester Baker, incumbent mayor, will face challenger Kyle Averitt in May, while Communications technician Ronnie Christian in District

patients from the VA

Roundup

hunters about \$3 to \$4 a

pound for rattlesnakes, and

awards prizes based on the

most pounds brought in, the

heaviest snake and most

from the hunters," said

Roundup Chairman Dennis

Burns. "It basically started,

to my understanding, with

ranchers trying to get rid of

the snakes and also to get

the snakes away from popu-

tradition in Big Spring.

See SNAKES, Page 2

The event has become a

"There are some concerns

that the snakes are disap-

pearing, but we've done this

for 40 years and every year

we have about the same

"We buy these snakes

Medical Center.

The

rattles.

lated areas."

Annual roundup slithers

into Big Spring Saturday

1, Jim Smith in District 2 and James Jenkins in District 3 are currently unopposed.

Incumbents Shelburne, Paulette Lindsey and Eleanor Garrett are so far the only candidates filed in Coahoma, and, barring a late filing, will run unopposed for the three at-large seats up for grabs in that

In Forsan, two at-large council seats currently held by Buddy Gambrell and Jack Hancock are up for grabs, as is the mayor's post now held by Jim Buske.

So far, challenger Marie Wilson is the only filer for a city council seat in Forsan, but Councilman Clarence Williams, whose seat is not up for election, has filed to run for the mayor's job.

Repeated attempts to obtain information on filers from Ackerly city officials have been unsuccessful.

Reservations due for expo here March 28

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is taking booth reservations for the annual Ag Expo Appreciation Luncheon.

The expo is set for March 28 at the Dorothy Garett Coliseum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is free to the public. Businesses from insurance agencies to cell phone retailers and national vendors showcase their wares at the event.

A luncheon, held to show appreciation for area farmers and local agriculture businesses, will begin at 11:45 a.m. The luncheon is free to agriculture producers. Tickets for the general public are \$8 each. To reserve a booth or to

purchase a ticket, call Liz Adamson, Chamber of Commerce secretary, at 263-7641.



Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Tim Schmidt presents a \$1,500 check to LaJean Balley of Parents Who Care at the hospital Monday. The parents' group will hold an after-prom party for Big Spring High School students. Also shown are SMMC CFO Bill Beauchamp and Big Spring High School senior Leslie Wolfe.

Clara Pearl **Patrick**

Graveside funeral service for Clara Pearl Patrick, 67, of Big Spring will be 10 a.m.

Wednesday March 20, 2002, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Randy Gee, pastor of Crestview Baptist

Church, officiating. Mrs. Patrick died Sunday, March 17, at a local hospital.

She was born on Aug. 24, 1934, in Lubbock and married William Napoleon Patrick on Dec. 25, 1988, in Lubbock. She was a long time resident of Lubbock. She was a member of the Salvation Army and taught Sunday School for many years and had also supervised the bell ringers at Christmas time. She moved to Big Spring in 1995 and was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Patrick of Big Spring; two sons, Roger Potter and Bobby Potter, both of Lubbock; one daughter, Ethel Potter of Brownfield; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring 79721-1248.

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

Robert Stripling Sr.

Having witnessed the manifestations of 10 separate decades, the Wrights to

the Concorde. the Model-T to Daytona, cranked telephone to the world wide instanta neous communication today



Robert Stripling, Sr. ended his earthly stay Sunday, March 17, 2002. Passing, as was his custom, in quiet dignity.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. David Ring, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on June 1, 1906, in Big Spring and married Jean Loughridge in 1936 in Weatherford, Okla. Having made peace with

his fellow man and perfect accord with his Maker early in his life, Robert had time and the strong inclination to help his fellow travelers.

That desire led him to serve the Big Spring Independent School district as a board member for eight years; to chair the Salvation Army Board for more than a decade; and to join his service organiza-

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home** Trinity Memorial Park



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including the presidency. Mr. Stripling was the secretary of First Federal Savings and Loan of Big Spring as well as owning and operating the Stripling Insurance Agency for more than 40 years.

Outside his family, to whom he was totally devoted, his greatest love remained his church, the First United Methodist

Member and president of the Men's Bible Class, he served on the Board of Stewards for more than 40

His love and steadfast devotion to his church might best be exemplified by simply stating that when it came time for him to conclude his tenure as treasurer of the entire Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church no one could remember, nor did they discover, how long he had held the post!

Survivors include his wife, Jean Stripling of Big Spring; one son, Dr. Robert L. Stripling Jr., and wife, Karen of Lubbock; one grandson, Dr. Stephen W. Stripling and wife, Tiffany of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Stacy Jean Stripling of San Francisco, Calif.; two brothers, Allen Stripling and wife, Adelle of Dallas and John Stripling and wife, Marjorie of Fort Worth; one sister, Ruth Webb and husband, Darrell of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, www.npwelch.com May He Rest in Peace and

Rise in Glory! Paid obituary

Nell Brown Funeral service for Nell Brown, 92, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Brown died Tuesday,

March 19, 2002, at a local nursing home.

Nora Bolling Mann

Funeral service for Nora Bolling Mann, 95, of Stanton will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at Community of Christ Church with Elder Carl "Hoot" Leonard Jr., officiating, and Elder Tommy Hursh assisting. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 23, at Fairview Cemetery in Holden, Mo.

Mrs. Mann died Monday, March 18, at a Stanton nursing home.

She was born March 20, 1906, in Chehalis, Wash., and married Carrol N. Mann on Dec. 29, 1932, in Independence, Mo. He preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1984. She came to Stanton in September of 1989. She was a member of Community of Christ Church and a member of the Homemakers Club and the Martin County Senior

Survivors include two sons, Joseph Eldon Mann of Kingsville, Mo., and Lonnie Dale Mann of Belton, Mo.; three daughters, Ruby L. McKinney and Garnett M. Sahlberg, both of Stanton, and Donna C. Church of Lenorah; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

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SCARE

more thing that raised our awareness since the tragedies that struck America," Moughon said.

TRUSTEES

Continued from Page 1

for District 1 seat represented by incumbent Irene Bustamante. Bustamante is seeking re-election to a third term.

Candidate filing for area school board trustee positions ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Debbie Burt, a former Forsan Independent School District trustee, and Connie Newell filed on Monday to seek one of the three atlarge positions up for election on the Forsan school board.

"I feel I have enough experience and I want to help with the new administration coming in," Burt said. Burt, who served on the

school board for three terms, lost her position in last year's at-large election by four votes.

Burt is married to Scott and they have three daughters, Callie, a Howard College student; LeDawn, a junior at Forsan High School; and Codye, an eighth-grader at Forsan Junior High School.

Burt and Newell join incumbents Dale Humphreys and Marty Whetsel in the election. Incumbent Donnie Andrews has not filed.

Joining the race for two at-large positions on the Coahoma Independent School District board Monday was Dale Coates. Candy Parrish and incumbents John Wayne Metcalf and Cindy Neff had all already filed.

No one else has filed for the Howard College trustees race. Currently, incumbents Dr. Charles Warren, John Freeman and Ethridge — as well as Joyce Crooker — are seeking one of the three at-large positions up for election.

In other area school board races, incumbent Karla Hoelscher announced his intention to run for another term on the board for the Glasscock



200 Anytime Minutes

3500 Total Minutes

3300 Night & Weekend Minutes

BIG SPRING A ROUND THE TOWN

Incumbent

For

Smith.

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SNAKES_

number of snakes," he said. The highlight of the roundup is always the rat-

tlesnake races, 'There will be snake races, which everybody

loves to watch," he said. Other events include snake shows and arts and crafts.

"All day long we'll be doing snake demonstrations," he said. "All day Saturday there will be arts and crafts in the front building of the fairbarns. There will be a carnival out there

Burns said the event also includes food and drink ven-

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 4 to 11. Admission to the arts and crafts area is free. Proceeds from the roundup go to the AMBUCS Scholarship Fund.

BRIEFS

SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER is accepting donations for its third annual benefit auction. Anything will be accepted except clothes.

Pickup is available. Contact Bobbie Leonard at 267-1628 or the Crossroads Auction Company at 263-8200 for more information.

All proceeds go to the Senior Citizens Center. THE BIG SPRING ART

Association will have a miniature auction at its regular meeting today. The auction will be held at 7 p.m. at the Howard

County Library in the basement. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information call Bonita Lyght at 267-9773. HOWARD COUNTY

HUMANE SOCIETY is offering adoptions of all adult dogs 1-year-old or older at a special discount of \$9, which includes shots and vaccinations. These dogs are neutered. The normal fee is \$18. This special will run through Easter, March 31. For information, contact the humane society at 267-7832.

A BAKE SALE AND garage sale for cancer victims Matthew, 9, and his father, Marvin Wynn a teacher at Big Spring Junior High School, will be held April 12 - 13 at the Coahoma Community Center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Items may be donated to

the sale and will be accepted April 9 - 11. For more information call 394-4363 or 393-5380.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy



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Jimmy TEXAS LOTTERY

Eggemeyer has not filed. Stanton Independent School District who represents District 4, filed on Monday to seek re-election. Current Johnny Louder has not

Seeking to return to the Grady Independent School Board are Tony Sawyer, representing District 3 and Brad Tunnell representing District 4.

Independent School District.

the

Incumbents Billy Reed and Martin Nichols will seek another term on the Sands Consolidated Independent School District.

school board race, Todd from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

BIG SPRING AND SUR-District 3 representative ROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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FIRE/EMS

The following is a summery of EMS and Fire Department activity 6:41 a.m. - I-20 exit 177,traffic accident, service refused.

6:46 p.m. — 1300 block of Utah, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 9:00 p.m. — South Hwy 87,

traffic accident, service refused.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m.

DUNLAPS Your Fashion Headquarters 111 E. Marcy 267-8283

PICK 3: 4,3,1 CASH 5: 6,12,20,25,36

today:

 OTIS KERMIE **PORTER**, 51, of 200 E. 11th Place was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **LUIS RIOS**, 36, of 711 Creighton was arrested on two local warrants.

 FIDENCIO DELEON, 32, of 801 Lorilla Street was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/family vio-

 REY HERNANDEZ **JR**., 24, of 1502 Bluebird was arrested on two local warrants.

• STEPHEN VALENCIA **GAMBOA**, 18, of 4000 Highway 80 was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

 SALLY DAWN **SCHUMPERT**, 43, of 3222 Auburn was arrested on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

 LISA JANELL TRUJIL-**LO**, 32, of 2300 Cindy was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

 THEFT was reported at St. Mary's Episcopal School in the 100 block of Cedar Road. Cash worth \$311.50 and checks worth \$34.50 were reported stolen. MINOR ACCIDENT

was reported in the 400 block of South Goliad, the 400 block of South Birdwell, the 1900 block of Highway 87, the 500 block of South **Gregg Street** • LOUD PARTY/NOISE

was reported in the 1800 block of South Hamilton • DISTURBANCE or

FIGHT was reported in the 300 block of East Third Street, the 1500 block of Wood Street, the 1500 block of Bluebird Street DOMESTIC DISTUR-

BANCE was reported in the 800 block of Aylesford Street CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

was reported:

- In the 800 block of Owens Street. A blue 2001 Chevy Silverado reportedly received \$400 damage. - In the 100 block of East

First Street. Two railroad

locomotives each received about \$500 damage. The Big Spring Police Department reported the

following activity over the weekend: • ACCIDENTS: 7

- Major: 1

- Minor: 6 • ARRESTS: 11

• ASSAULT: 1 ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1

 AGGRAVATED ROB-BERY: 1

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: CRIMINAL TRES-

PASSING: 3 • FAILURE TO IDENTI-**FY/FUGITIVE FROM**

• DRIVING WITH AN **INVALID LICENSE**: 1

• INCIDENTS: 9 • RUNAWAYS: 3

JUSTICE: 1

• THEFT: 1 CONVENIENCE

STORE THEFT: 14

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BIG SPRING

Tuesday, N

U.S. forces kill in an Afghan and captured military com war shifted fi of the largest

of the war so Pentagon acknowledged Qaida fighte escaped the Afghan and co that had sur mountainous ing Operatio which ended 1 may have Pakistan, sa spokeswoman Clarke.

"Given the terrain and tl of the border, twos probably the countrysi over the bord But we have n icant numbers reporters M Defense Depa briefing. No U.S. sold in the latest

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For Reservation

Operation Anaconda called a success

U.S. forces killed 16 fighters in an Afghanistan gunfight and captured 31 others at a military compound as the war shifted from the scene of the largest ground battle of the war so far.

officials Pentagon acknowledged that some al-Qaida fighters may have escaped the ring of U.S., Afghan and coalition troops that had surrounded their mountainous hide-outs during Operation Anaconda, which ended Monday. Some may have crossed into Pakistan, said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke.

"Given the nature of the terrain and the porousness of the border, are ones and twos probably melting into the countryside or slipping over the border? Possibly. But we have not seen significant numbers," Clarke told reporters Monday at a Defense Department news briefing.

No U.S. soldiers were hurt in the latest fighting, officials said.

Those killed and captured did not appear to be senior al-Qaida or Taliban leaders, they said.

American forces and their coalition and Afghan allies will maintain pursuit of

Overseas warning

Terrorists' switch to 'soft targets' means new danger for Americans

"One would have hoped

that there would be some

respect for a church," said

State Department spokes-

man Richard Boucher.

"But even that doesn't

Total security is impossi-

ble, officials acknowledge.

Private companies and the

government need to have

workers overseas, and

those workers often want

their families nearby. If

families are nearby, they

must do things like shop

In recent months, some

U.S. companies with opera-

tions in the Middle ast or

south Asia have chose. to

relocate workers' family

members to another loca-

Others are cutting back

Americans overseas, rely-

ing instead on more local

operation's over, we're still

actively pursuing al-Qaida

and Taliban personnel

throughout Afghanistan,

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WASHINGTON (AP) -Avoid places where fellow Americans congregate, even churches and schools. Drive to work a different way each day, with the windows up. Be cautious. Remain vigilant.

The government is giving Americans overseas those warnings after a weekend attack on a church in Islamabad, Pakistan, that killed five people, including an American woman who worked at the U.S. Embassy and her teen-age daughter.

Because embassy buildings and overseas U.S. military bases are now so fortified against attacks, terrorists increasingly might turn to more vulnerable including targets schools, restaurants and even churches - where Americans gather, the State Department warned.

Taliban and al-Qaida fighters who escaped or are hiding out in Afghanistan, officials said.

"While this particular and we're preparing for any

subsequent missions that may be needed," said Air Force Brig. Gen. John Rosa, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of

President Bush, speaking Monday during a visit to St. Louis, also said that while Anaconda is over, the war in Afghanistan is not.

"I feel like we've got a lot more fighting to do in Afghanistan," he said. "These are people who are there to die, and we accommodated them. ... They are relentless, but so are we."

In a sign of the global scope of the war on terror, Rosa said American troops in the Philippines evacuated three Filipino soldiers from Basilan Island after they were wounded in a firefight with Abu Sayyaf, the small Muslim extremist group some say is linked to al-Qaida.

Rosa said the U.S. troops were not involved in the combat there.

In Afghanistan on Sunday morning, a team of Army Special Forces soldiers attacked a convoy of three vehicles about 45 miles southwest of the city of Gardez, killing 16 people believed to be al-Qaida fighters and wounding one. One other was detained.

Bush proposes tax relief aimed at small businesses

President Bush wants bilbreaks to spur America's small businesses, arguing that improving the entrepreneurial climate will generate new jobs and help pull the nation from the

economic slowdown. The tax changes were the cornerstone of a package of initiatives Bush was unveiling today at a conference for women entrepreneurs.

He also wants the government to encourage small businesses to band together to obtain health care for employees, a move he says would expand coverage to more people and lower business costs.

Bush would remove regulatory "barriers" he says slow growth; encourage greater competition by small businesses seeking government contracts; and make the government a greater advocate for small businesses when it considers regulatory changes.

"More new jobs are created by small business people than anybody else," Bush told workers and managers at a switchboard plant in O'Fallon, Mo., on tax."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Monday. "One of my jobs is to make sure that entreprelions of dollars in new tax neurial spirit is strong and alive in America."

Bush signed a bill earlier this month meant to jumpstart the economy through an array of business tax cuts.

That came at a time when a growing number of experts believed the economy was pulling out of recession.

But with unemployment at 5.6 percent, he is eager to signal his continued attention to Americans still hurting, and to offer up fresh proposals to accelerate a recovery.

Bush revived a proposal to allow small businesses to increase the amount of equipment and machinery that can be deducted in one year from \$25,000 to \$40,000. It would cost the Treasury \$7 billion over a decade, the White House said.

The president also called for a permanent repeal of the estate tax, a move he says would allow small businesses to be "passed from one generation to the next without having to sell assets to pay a punitive

Flash floods hit Texas; boy drowns in creek

LONGVIEW (AP) - A rain-swollen creek has claimed the life of an East Texas youth amid heavy rains that have prompted flash flood watches and warnings across the northern half of the state.

4-year-old boy The drowned Monday creek. The Marshall unidentified boy was swept underwater along with his 10-year-old sister and a 13year-old friend while they were swimming.

Strong thunderstorms from an upper-level, low pressure system dumped up to four inches of rain him. His two companions

North and East Texas. The National Weather Service warned of flooding in the

Some flights of American Airlines were delayed more than two hours at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport because of the severe weather.

Up to five inches of rain were expected from the storm system.

In the East Texas death, law officers believe the victim had been underwater for 10 minutes before police arrived and tried to revive

through early Monday on were treated for hypothermia and released Monday night from Marshall Regional Medical Center.

> The boy, the girls and their parents were not identified by police, pending notification of relatives. According to investiga-

tors, the boy had been playing with his sister and their friend in his back yard when the 13-year-old girl invited the other two to swim in a nearby creek, Leland Benoit of the Marshall Police Department told the Longview News-Journal in

Tuesday's editions.

Benoit said the boy began struggling in the water and the 13-year-old girl sent the younger girl for help at the nearest house. A man at the house, about 150 yards away from the creek, called 911. The boy's sister then returned to the creek and was in the water with the other two when police arrived.

"As officers responded, as they got to the creek area, all three kids were in the water," said Benoit. "The two that were visible appeared to be struggling at that time. The younger had gone under."

Russell Yates misses jury duty, makes talk show circuit instead

HOUSTON (AP) — After weeks of attending his wife's capital murder trial, Russell Yates was absent on the one day he was legally obligated to be at the Harris County Courthouse for another purpose.

Yates was a no-show for jury duty on Monday. He went to New York City instead to appear on NBC's "Today" show in the morning, then flew cross-country for an interview on "Larry King Live" in the evening. In so doing, Yates missed

his wife's formal sentencing Monday morning and his 12:15 p.m. jury call. we saw nim all over TV know he's preoccupied," said Harris County District Clerk Charles Bacarisse. "Sadly, a lot of citizens in

our county miss jury duty," he said. "It's always unfortunate, but in this case it's unfortunate and ironic. It's com-

pletely bizarre." Andrea Yates, convicted of capital murder, was sentenced Monday to two concurrent life prison terms for drowning three of her five

children on June 20. Yates, contacted in Los Angeles as he prepared for the King show, said he remembered seeing a jury summons but it slipped his the last day or so, so we mind.

Demand for Mexican consulate ID soaring

Before sunrise one recent bearers can open bank windy morning, Alejandro David stood in line outside the Mexican consulate waiting for identification cards issued to Mexican citizens living in the United States.

By 11 a.m., the line had grown to about 300 people, most waiting for the cards — now in high demand by people seeking the assurance of identification in a security-conscious, post-Sept. 11 atmosphere.

"Anywhere you go, they want an ID with your photo," said David, 30, who was taking a rare day off from his job as a gardener to wait in line. "It's better to have something on you and not be walking around with fear, nothing to prove who you are."

That a growing number of agencies are now recognizing the cards as valid forms diction.

accounts, conduct city business in San Francisco and Oakland and identify themselves to police in several states, including California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

Called a matricula consular, the card is helpful to undocumented immigrants with no other form of identification, though it is also sought by legal residents who use it when visiting Mexico.

But increased acknowledgment of the cards angers some groups, who say it rewards illegal immigrants. The cards are granted to immigrants both legal and illegal - as long as they have necessary documents such as a birth certificate or passport and proof that they live in the consulate's juris-

to get just about anything they want," said Barbara Coe, chairwoman of the California Coalition for Immigration Reform.

Consular officials and those standing in line said the cards help ease details of daily life that would be impossible without identification: proving they are 21 at bars, signing up for library cards, returning merchandise to a store even collecting jackpot winnings at casinos.

"Those of us who have always had an ID, you take it for granted," said San Francisco Consul General Georgina Lagos. "When you lack ID, then you're really in trouble.'

The growing recognition of the card is the result of a concerted lobbying effort by the 47 Mexican consulates

"This is a document that in the United States. The is aiding and abetting them Mexican foreign ministry has directed the consulates to promote the laminated, credit-card sized IDs.

> Officials plan to issue a high-tech, more fraud-proof version of the card in the next few months.

The Chicago consulate, which introduced the new, digitized version earlier this month, has been issuing about 300 cards a day, said press attache Cesar Romero.

Pushing for wider recognition of the cards is an attempt to fulfill Mexican President Vicente Fox's campaign pledge to help Mexicans abroad so that "they might be able to be integrated into the society of the United States," said Roberto Rodriguez, Mexico's director general for protection and consular ser-

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in California is arrested in Florida **Thank You** County vineyard. Larry McNabney was last For coming out and voting in the

DESTIN, Fla. (AP) - Awoman suspected of killing her husband with a dose of horse tranquilizers and burying his body in a California vineyard has been arrested in this Florida Panhandle beach town.

Laren Renee Sims, who spent six years as Elisa McNabney, was arrested late Monday. Investigators say she

killed Larry McNabney and

put his body in a hastily

seen at a horse show Sept. 10 in Los Angeles. A day later, authorities say, Elisa McNabney began clearing out his office and selling his personal items.

She's a thrice-married 36year-old who has a 113-page criminal record and is wanted in Florida and Washington for credit card and grand theft charges. Sims has more than a dozen dug grave in a San Joaquin

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OUR VIEWS

Deadline nears to file candidacy

ednesday. That's the last day to file as a candidate for anyone wanting to seek a position on any of the school or city boards in the Crossroads area. Most businesses offices close at 5 p.m. After that, you're out of luck.

Most of the entities which have put out the call for candidates have seen a pretty good response. Locally, there will be contested races for both Big Spring City Council districts up for election. And there are four candidates for the three at-large Howard College trustee seats up for election.

There are many other races in the area. Some, including a bid for Coahoma Independent School District board of trustees and Stanton mayor, are contested at this point. Others are not.

. It's not difficult to file. The rules are few. Most entities require only that the candidate live within the city or school district of which they wish to represent. An exception is on the Big Spring Independent School District board, where candidates for trustee of District 1 or 3 must actually reside within those particular areas of the com-

People choose to seek a council or trustee seat for a number of reasons, but there is really only one good one — a sincere wish for that city or school to be the best it can be, while keeping in mind the constituent's bests interests.

Trustees and council persons have to realize that they are not going to please everyone. Sometimes it takes a "thick skin" to handle the job when funds are low and tempers flare. But they must consider everyone, gather the facts, and weigh each issue individually. And they must do all of this with the knowledge that the only compensation they may receive is that they did their best. And that can be very rewarding.

If you've been thinking about filing, time is almost up. For those who take on the challenge, we wish you the best.

Your Views

To the Editor: On behalf of the Disabled American

Veterans, Chapter 47 and Auxiliary, and the Texas State Veterans Home, I would like to thank KBST for giving us air time and taking such a compassionate interest in the welfare of our veterans and their activities and programs.

I also want to thant the wonderful citizens of the Big Spring community who began responding from the heart just minutes after the program.

All donations were greatly appreciated, but please remember, gifts don't have to be physical things. In fact, if you could just donate a little of your time in the way of a personal visit, you would be

amazed what a world of difference it would make by warming someone's heart and putting a smile on his or her face.

I just returned from a DAV convention in El Paso. I again appealed to all of the district's chapters to help in any way they can.

As newly-elected senior vice commander for the district, my plan is to continue expansion of volunteer programs to the best of my ability.

Anyone can volunteer. With only just a few minutes of your time, you, too, can make a difference in someone's life.

> **Ed Meiser** Commander **DAV Chapter 47**

Survival of Arthur Andersen in question

n January we wrote about the real culprit in the Enron fiasco, stating, " ... if the financial information disseminated by the auditors is false or

misleading, then employee stockholders, like all stockholders, have a legitimate legal complaint. ... A public company

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JACK ANDERSON

ments; its auditors do. The typical give-and-take between a company and its auditors usually has the company fighting to include revenue and defray expenses, but not always. Occasionally a company will do the reverse to lessen its tax liability, though this is more customary with privately held companies. In short, public companies like to show profits because their stocks

will trade higher, whereas

private companies like to show losses because their taxes will be reduced. Either way, the decision is not made by the company, but by the auditor. So if there is a complaint about Enron's financial statements, place the blame where it belongs: with Arthur Andersen.

"These facts do not mean that Enron executives are blameless. Evidence will tell the tale ..

On March 14, the Justice Department issued an indictment against Arthur Andersen, primarily alleging that the partnership had obstructed justice by engaging in the mass destruction of documents relating to Enron. As a result, the survival of Arthur Andersen, one of the nation's Big Five accounting firms, is now in question.

The cornerstones of auditing are integrity and competence. Initially, Arthur Andersen executives vowed adherence to the first and guilt to the second, essentially claiming they had been duped by Enron. But

it was their job not to be duped. The investing public relies upon audits of publicly traded companies when they make their investment decisions.

Now, according to the U.S. Justice Department. allegations, Arthur Andersen was well aware that much was amiss with the Enron audit, and this lead to the destruction of what Justice officials described as "tons" of documents. By this scenario, incompetence was not a factor.

This leaves integrity. Here we heed to be careful about righteous condemnation. The real problem is that the Securities and **Exchange Commission** allows auditors to also be consultants, even though the subject has been repeatedly debated in Congress. By their nature, auditing and consulting are in conflict because consultants inevitably end up advising companies on how to improve their situations with the auditors. If this scenario played out in a courtroom, it would be as

TO JUDGMENT!!

though the prosecutor (representing the people) and the defendant's attorney were both being paid by the defendant. Clearly, the people would lose every time.

It is this inherent flaw in the system that undermines the integrity of the system, and it is safe to say that Arthur Andersen has not been the only firm affected

If a company fires its auditors, the new auditors are highly unlikely to offer opinions that would differ markedly from the fired auditors. But consulting is another matter. Companies often look for aggressive consultants, consultants who will advise and fight for the company. And who are they there to fight: the IRS, the SEC, various other entities -- and the auditors. So Arthur Andersen was

hired to fight itself, and it would appear that their consulting arm defeated their auditing arm. But if Arthur Andersen goes under, consulting will have indeed won a Pyrrhic victo-

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Why should they not have guns in cockpits?

ur federal government gets awfully quirky at times. Take the issue of arming pilots with

pistols so they will have a chance if terbreach the door and get into the cockpit.

The federal government opposes the idea. Too dangerous, it



REESE

says On the other hand, the same federal government proposes to put armed air marshals in with the passengers, as well as have fighter jets on standby. The job, of course, of the air marshals is to shoot the hijackers, and if they fail, the job of the fighter jets is to shoot down the passenger plane if it veers from its flight plan. Not only that, but the government has stationed armed National Guardsmen in the airports. Personally, I don't fancy the idea of dodging ricochets if a poorly trained National Guard soldier decides to have a shootout with a terrorist.

Maybe I'm missing something, but I don't see that a pilot shooting a terrorist in a cockpit is any more dangerous than air marshals having a gunfight out amongst the passengers. And certainly a gun in the cockpit is less dangerous than being blown out of the sky by an F-16.

Furthermore, it seems absurd to trust pilots with an aircraft full of passengers, but not trust them to have a pistol. Most commercial pilots are ex-military and have had ample training with firearms. And all commercial pilots are people who know how to stay calm in a stressful situation. A hefty majority of the pilots want to carry personal firearms. They should be allowed to do so.

Just as it is now a given that passengers and crew will resist the hijackers, you can be sure that it is now a given among terrorists that mere box cutters will not be sufficient to take over an aircraft. The flaw in airport security is that the screening stations are well away from the boarding areas. Between those screening areas and the boarding areas are long corridors with offices, restrooms, shops and snack bars. It does not require much imagination to persuade one of the hundreds of people in those areas to plant a firearm for a terrorist who can retrieve it after he's been screened.

And if the government is really serious about Americans being on continuing alert and watching out for terrorists, then it should encourage firearm ownership and pass a national right-to-carry law. A very scholarly work proves that privately owned firearms prevent more crimes than there are crimes committed with firearms. In Israel, private citizens wielding their own firearms have often cut terrorist attacks short.

Encouraging the public to go about their daily lives while armed would also greatly cut down on the crime rate, not to mention improving people's manners. Two of the most famous outlaw gangs, the James Gang and the Daltons, were shot to pieces not by lawmen or Pinkerton detectives, but by the citizens of the towns they tried to rob.

If you want to know how little that elitists think of us common folks, just watch the reaction to this

suggestion. The whole business of gun control is based on the fear of the common people by the elite. Maybe the elite have a guilty conscience and want to keep the common folks unarmed in case the folks figure out how they've been taken advantage of.

When the Florida Legislature was debating a right-to-carry law, I had to listen to really ridiculous predictions from my elitist comrades in the news racket. "Oh, if people can carry guns, there will be shootouts in the supermarkets and at every traffic signal." It was all rubbish. The law passed. A couple of hundred thousand people have permits, and the violent-crime rate has gone down, not increased.

I asked one of my elitist friends, "Do you really think your fellow citizens are stupid and mad?" The answer was "Yes." Nothing is so conducive to making a fool of oneself than a small brain and a big ego.

I say, arm the American public and then watch our country become safe and peaceful once again.

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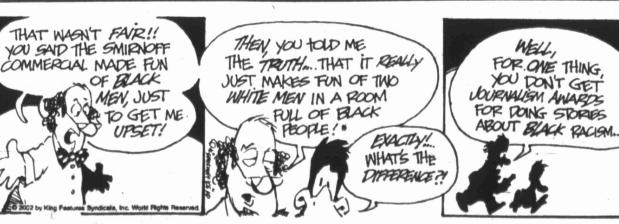
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IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks sweep two from Ranger

Howard College's Lady Hawks had little trouble with Ranger Junior College's Lady Rangers in non-conference softball action Monday afternoon, posting 12-2 and 11-3 wins.

The sweep improves the Lady Hawks' record to 26-12 on the season.

Howard will play host to Seminole (Okla.) State College in a 2 p.m. Wednesday doubleheader at Foundation Field.

Weather washes out Hawk baseball game

Howard College's Hawks saw their game scheduled with Howard Payne University's JV washed out by rains in the Brownwood area on Monday.

The Hawks have replaced that game on their schedule with a 1:30 p.m. Thursday outing at Walt Driggers Field in Abilene. They'll play McMurry University in one seven-inning game.

Coahoma UGSA sets registration sessions

The United Girls Softball Association of Coahoma has scheduled registration for T-ball and softball for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Fees will be \$30 per player.

Late registration will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Community Center and the same hours on Saturday at the softball park. Those registering late must pay a fee of \$35 and will be placed in a blind draw.

Basketball banquet set for Thursday

The Big Spring Boys' Basketball Banquet will be 7 p.m. Thursday at the KC Steakhouse. Tickets are priced at

\$12 per person. For more information,

call Myrna Russell at 267

Steers finish 11th in golf tourney

Big Spring' Steers finished 11th in team standings at the San Angelo Invitational Tournament over the

weekend with a 673 total. Jerrod Simmons' twoday total of 159 led the Steers. Ryan Rodriguez had a 164 total, while Will Conley finished at 166. Clayton Weaver had a 184 total and Jason Murphree finished at 197.

The Steers will host the Big Spring Invitational this weekend.

ON THE AIR

Television HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL 5:45 p.m. — Big Spring Steers at Snyder Tigers,

Television **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

KBST-AM 1490.

6 p.m. - NIT, second round, Temple at Louisville,

ESPN. 8 p.m. - NIT, second round, UNLV at South Carolina, ESPN.

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Milwaukee Bucks at Orlando Magic,

7:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks, FXS.

HOCKEY

6:30 p.m. — Anaheim Mighty Ducks at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN2.

9 p.m. — Washington Capitals at Colorado Avalanche, ESPN2.

Duke clearly has edge in experience in South Regional

many points is experience worth in the NCAA tournament?

Duke hopes it's enough to get the program to another Final Four.

The five starters for the top-seeded and defending national champion Blue Devils (31-3) have played a combined 41 postseason games heading into Duke's South Regional semifinal against Indiana on Thursday night.

While Indiana is another one of college basketball's storied programs, the Hoosiers (22-11) haven't been this far in the NCAAs in eight

And the two other teams in the bracket are even less experienced. was in 1974, while Kent State never made it before.

"Experience has something to do with winning," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said Monday. "We've been in tough situations where if you don't do well on that exchange down the court, that may be it. And our kids have pretty much produced under pressure for us. That's worth a lot.'

Duke's recent NCAA numbers are impressive.

The Blue Devils are 18-3 in their last 21 NCAA games and are riding an eight-game winning streak, while Krzyzewski is 58-14 — the best winning percentage among

Big Spring second baseman Ragan Phillips makes the throw to first and completes a dou-

ble play started by shortstop Jon McKinnon during the Steers' district-opening win over

Lubbock Estacado. The Steers, now 1-1 in District 4-4A play, travel to Snyder today

NFL schedule could now

ation. We would make sure

that CBS and Fox both have

strong programming late in

The new plan must still be

approved by Fox and CBS,

although Tagliabue can uni-

laterally approve it for the

of this through the press,

since our executives met

with the commissioner

socially last night, and he

didn't mention it," Fox

Sports VP Lou D'Ermilio

said. "That said, we look

forward to hearing from the

A CBS spokesperson

In the past, Fox has indi-

Fox and CBS probably

would ask for something in

return for agreeing to give

ABC first choice late in the

season — cash, perhaps, or

a return of limited in-game

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standings in the last three

years, the league knows a

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all the time slots on Sunday matchup of, say, the

Tagliabue said. "I think we not be nearly as attractive

NFL with great interest."

"We are surprised to hear

have late-season switch

NFL.

where they'll face the No. 10-ranked Tigers at 7 p.m.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) —

Changes in the NFL's televi-

sion schedule are in the

league's TV dealings is

On a busy Monday at the

NFL meetings, commission-

er Paul Tagliabue admitted

owners will discuss switch-

ing important late-season

games from Sunday after-

noon to Monday night to

Tagliabue also said the

league's television future

remains with over-the-air

where the other three major

pro leagues have the bulk of

When the 2002 schedule is

released before the end of

March, Tagliabue wants

provisions in place for the

final four weeks allowing

Sunday games to be moved

to ABC's prime time show-

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nate — or at least limit —

games that look enticing

now, but become duds when

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'We will ensure that there

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DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — How Pittsburgh's last round of 16 game active coaches and second only to oiled machine. John Wooden of UCLA.

> Krzyzewski's leadership is not lost on his players heading to Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., this week.

"He knows how to prepare, how to read his team, when to keep them loose and when to tighten everything up," Mike Dunleavy said. "To have a leader like that to take you through something like the NCAA tournament — I'm not going to say it makes it easy — but it certainly helps.

Duke's experience goes beyond Coach K and the players on the floor. After five straight trips to the round of 16, Krzyzewski's support staff runs offcourt issues like a well-

"This is a time of distractions." Krzyzewski said. "They are not necessarily meant to be bad distractions, but people are excited about the tournament

"More people want to see it, more people want to talk to you, more people want tickets, more people want things. If you already have the people around you that understand how to satisfy the needs of the people who want and take care of them properly, then you are well ahead of

"If we get beat, it won't be because I've been distracted. Our people have been through this. That type of experience is invaluable.'

Surprise! BYU women reach the Sweet 16

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Old Dominion reaching the round of the 16 in the NCAA women's basketball tournament is one thing. But Brigham Young? Believe it.

The 11th-seeded Cougars pulled off the biggest upset of the tournament so far by beating third-seeded Iowa State 75-69 on Monday night in a second-round game before a noisy crowd on the

Cyclones' own floor. BYU, 0-4 in the NCAA tournament before this year, denied Iowa State a fourth straight appearance in the round of 16 and a chance to continue playing at home. The Midwest Regional will be played at Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum next Saturday and

HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

Both the NFL and ABC

would like the flexibility to

make a switch so that sur-

prise teams such as the 2000

Ravens or 2001 Patriots can

be televised instead of a

lesser club that was previ-

ously scheduled on Monday

The games to be switched

would have to be consistent

with the two networks that

carry Sunday games, mean-

ing a Fox matchup could be

moved to Monday night

only to replace another Fox

Tagliabue said he doesn't

foresee expect any substan-

tial changes in the league's

presence on over-the-air net-

works. The current \$17.6 bil-

lion contract runs through

2005 and has only one cable

presence, on ESPN on

will continue to have the

mass of our games on broad-

cast television," Tagliabue

said. "We will be developing

a number of different televi-

sion offerings. We have

plenty of opportunities to

stay on broadcast televi-

expects in the future is an

outdoor Super Bowl in a

Something else Tagliabue

"The future I see is we

Sunday nights.

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sion."

Monday. "I'm glad I don't have to play those guys again," said BYU coach Jeff Judkins, whose team rallied from a 13-point deficit. "They've got very good balance. They're very much like us."

While BYU won't see Iowa State again, the Cougars will second-seeded see Tennessee, a six-time national champion. Tennessee advanced by beating defending national champion Notre Dame on Sunday.

Seventh-seeded Dominion also followed the upset route to reach the regional semifinals for the 11th time, beating secondseeded Purdue 74-70 in the Mideast Regional.

"We felt like we were better than a seven seed," Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry said. "It was a true battle of respect."

BYU and Old Dominion seventh-seeded Drake, which upset secondseeded Baylor on Sunday night, as the only teams seeded lower than fourth to make the round of 16. The 13 others who advanced all did so by winning at home.

Among them Connecticut, the No. 1 seed in the Mideast. The Huskies improved to 35-0 with yet another impressive display of teamwork and defense, beating Iowa 86-48.

"They are a great team," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "They have done this and will continue to do this to a lot of people.

In the other Midwest

Vanderbilt beat ninth-seeded Arizona State 61-35 and fourth-seeded Carolina came from behind beat fifth-seeded Minnesota 72-69.

In the East, third-seeded South Carolina routed sixth-seeded Cincinnati 75-56. In the West, top-seeded Oklahoma beat ninth-seeded Villanova 66-53 and second-seeded Stanford was a 77-55 winner over 10th-seeded Tulane.

That sets up the following pairings for Saturday's regional semifinals:

East at Raleigh, N.C. top-seeded Duke (29-3) vs. fourth seeded Texas (22-9) and South Carolina (24-6) against Drake (25-7).

Mideast at Milwaukee, Wis. - Connecticut vs. fourth-seeded Penn State (23-11) and Old Dominion (27-5) vs. third-seeded Kansas State (26-7).

Midwest at Ames, Iowa Vanderbilt (29-6) vs. North Carolina (27-7)Tennessee (27-4) vs. BYU (24-8).

West at Boise, Idaho -Oklahoma (29-3) vs. fourthseeded Texas Tech (20-11) and Stanford (32-2) vs. thirdseeded Colorado (23-9).

Jennifer Leitner scored 17 points to lead BYU, including six in the final 1:22. Her layup gave BYU the lead for good at 68-67, and she hit two free throws to make it 70-67. She got free for another layup for a 73-69 lead with 18.2 seconds left, and Erin Thorn sank two final free throws to finish off the upset.

"We just kept our focus, that was the big thing," said Thorn, who scored 16 points despite being the focus of Iowa State's box-and-one defense. "When the crowd got loud, we tuned into our coaches and we tuned into our team and we focused on us and not what was going on around us.'

Iowa State (24-9) led 60-49 with 8:32 left, then went scoreless for more than four minutes while BYU ran off 13 straight points to get back in it. Angie Welle led the Cyclones with 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Tracy Gahan scored 20.

"At the beginning of the second half, we couldn't miss, and the middle of the second half, we couldn't make one," Welle said.

can make it a win-win situ- as 49ers-Eagles. northern city. Syracuse knocks Butler out of NIT with overtime win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Preston Shumpert's right eye injury might have cost Syracuse an NCAA bid. There's no question that he's fully healed now.

The senior scored 36 points Monday, leading Syracuse over Butler 66-65 in overtime in the NIT's second round. Syracuse held the Bulldogs without a field goal in the extra period.

"The team is depending on me more than ever to go out and give it my all," said Shumpert. "I'm just going out there and playing. I got tired of worrying about this, worry-

ing about that." With Shumpert struggling, the Orangemen lost seven of their final 10 games to land in the NIT.

They'll play at Richmond on Wednesday for a spot in the semifinals at Madison Square Garden. Richmond beat Minnesota 67-66 in Monday's only other game.

Shumpert has returned to form in the postseason. His performance against the Bulldogs set a school record for points in an NIT game, eclipsing Dave Bing's 31 in 1964 against New York University.

"Sometimes, when you get in a zone like he was in, there's not much you can do," said Brandon Miller, who hit five 3-pointers to lead Butler with 15 points.

Syracuse, which won the preseason NIT, used its tough 2-3 zone defense to hold Butler down in OT. Syracuse and Butler were tied at

58 after regulation, and Shumpert's three-point play got the Orangemen going in OT.

After James Thues scored at the shot-clock buzzer to put Syracuse ahead 63-60 with 2:55 left, Thomas Jackson had what appeared to be an easy breakaway for Butler. But he slipped as he neared the basket and never got a shot off.

Shumpert then hit a 3-pointer to give Syracuse a 66-60 lead. The basket gave him 1,845 career points and tied him with Erich Santifer for

eighth in school history. Jackson was fouled by Hakim Warrick on a 3-point attempt with 39.5 seconds left and made all three

free throws for Butler's final points. The Bulldogs had a chance to win the game after Shumpert missed

two free throws with 5.4 seconds left. But Rylan Hainje missed a

layup at the final horn. Richmond 67,

Minnesota 66

With his team trailing by three in the closing seconds, Minnesota senior Kerwin Fleming drove for a layup instead of trying a 3-pointer and missed — allowing visiting Richmond to hang on. .

After Fleming's shot didn't drop, teammate Dusty Rychart's putback sealed the final margin with a second left.

"I don't know what they were thinking," said Mike Skrocki, who led Richmond (22-13) with a careerhigh 28 points, but missed a free throw with 8 seconds left.

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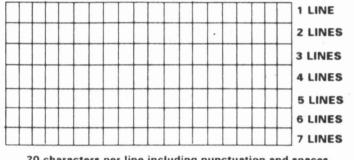
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let go, and head toward your next adventure. Travel and education offer unusual opportunities and help you get past problems that otherwise might beset you. If single, you could meet someone quite unique and caring in the summer. Get to know this person well before making any commitments. He or she has many facets. If attached, you could find this a unique year, in which you revise your thinking and how you approach your sweetie. Keep communication open,

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) **** Much occurs that could trigger a strong reaction from you. Once you get past the emotional responses, your perspective changes considerably. The sun in your sign empowers and energizes you. You find the right path. Tonight: Lead your friends out the door. Do you feel like the

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Pied Piper? TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Someone could let you down, especially regarding your finances. You might not agree with how an associate deals with a problem. Adjust and flex. Pressure builds, both emotionally and financially. You could stir the pot even more. Tonight: Use special care with your funds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Tread with care when dealing with close friends, associates and others in general. Unexpected behavior takes you in a new direction. Others could be difficult. Still, you find the silver lining in the cloud. Tonight: Play ostrich.

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> need some extra R&R. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Greet the Vernal Equinox with a smile, as you feel far better in the spring. Your high energy and astute observations help others change their paths. Keep an eye on a younger family member and/or your present risks. Use your mind, not your passions. Tonight: Join friends who are in a good mood!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** Tread with care in different factions of your life. Family members test the limits of your patience. Review a situation that is close to your heart. Weigh options, but try not to act on them. Consider today to be a passage opening a new door. Tonight: Relax at home

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Choose your words with care. Understand others' actions rather than criticizing them. Much comes forth at the moment. The key, right now, will be to focus on each matter one at a time; otherwise, you could be accident-prone. Tonight: Off to the movies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 234Nov. 21)** Use kid gloves with all financial matters, yours and others. At the same time, keep your wallet close to you. Mistakes might easily happen in this realm. Others react more intensely than normal. Know that this, too, will pass. Tonight: Play it conservatively possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** Be careful with decisions. Don't distrust others' information, but you might change your opinion about another's ideas. Right now, you might be in more of a flux than you're aware. Others react independently of you. Avoid major actions and strong words. Tonight: Try not to make plans

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Much might be happening behind the scenes. Consider your options with care. What

Who's Who,

suits you fine right now could change. Work, and pace yourself evenly. Find a special friend with whom to discuss a problem or resistance you might encounter. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Carefully lie back when dealing with friends. Meetings and interpersonal a new path. Note that others could be touchy. What you might have hoped for starts falling apart. Take it easy with a loved one. Tonight: Help others laugh.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

interactions take you down

20) ** Others might be diffi-

cult. You simply will not win, because everyone is into their own "stuff," and they are pushing left and right. A controlling, primal level emerges in those around you. Be the smart Fish; lie back and observe. You could learn a lot. Tonight: Play ostrich.

BORN TODAY: Filmmaker Spike Lee (1957), TV personality Fred "Mr." Rogers (1928), actor William Hurt (1950)

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Mom blames son for putting sis 'in harms way'

Dear Ann Landers: have two grown children: a 36year-old son, "Mike," and a 38-year-old daughter "Linda." Both of them have



had problems in the past, * including drug abuse. In the past two years, they formed a close relationship.

Last month, Mike and his wife invited Linda to visit for the weekend. Mike's wife had a toothache and was taking a strong prescription painkiller. When Linda left on Monday morning, the bottle of painkiller pills was missing. Mike is certain that Linda took it.

Mike told me his wife knew ahead of time that Linda might try to steal the medicine, but she made no effort to hide the bottle. She assumed Linda would take a few pills and leave the rest. Now, she is angry that Linda stole the entire bottle. I said, if his wife was so woman and he is not responsible for her.

I am upset that neither one of them cared enough to remove the temptation. Mike says I am blaming him for Linda's addiction (I am not), and he hasn't spoken to me since. I am heartbroken that my daughter has a problem she cannot control and angry that my son put her in harm's way. Who is right? Flummoxed in Kansas

Dear Flummoxed: Your son was not waving the bottle in front of Linda's nose. However, it troubles me that Mike and his wife felt it was OK for Linda to "take a few pills." Knowing her history, it would have been a kindness if the bottle had been inaccessible.

The truth, however, is that your daughter has a serious addiction, and without professional intervention, she will not be able to overcome it. Turn this ugly situation around, and use it as an opportunity to talk to Linda about getting some help. Let's hope she listens.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 29-year-old woman, single and living alone. I have been stalked and almost raped, and have learned the hard way to protect myself. I would like to offer some pointers for other single women like me:

1. If you must live alone, make sure it is in a neighborhood where you feel comfortable. The rent may be cheaper elsewhere, but you may wind up paying a heavy price to save a few dollars.

2. Know where the nearest hospital and police station are located.

3. Keep your doors locked at all times. Even if you have the lights on and a friend is visiting, it doesn't mean you are safe from intruders. If you have a chain on the door and a peephole, use them. 4. Keep your eyes and

ears alert when walking in and out of your apartment or office. Watch for suspicious cars, vans or trucks near your home, especially

where you park.

5. Keep your car doors locked, even when the car is moving. .

6. Buy a cell phone, and keep it charged and ready

7. Never let a man into your home until you have dated him several times, met his friends or relatives, and know where he works. If he is over the age of 25, ask to see his driver's license. If he doesn't have one, find out why.

These rules may seem unnecessary, but believe me, Ann, they could save a life. I hope you think they are worth passing along. Single and Safe in Virginia

Dear Virginia: I do, and I thank you for providing them. Single men, while not as vulnerable, may also find them useful. The world can be a dangerous place. It pays to be vigilant.

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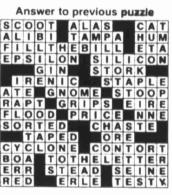
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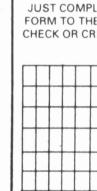
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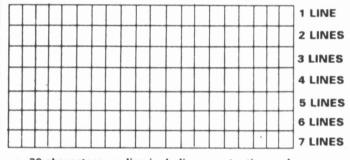
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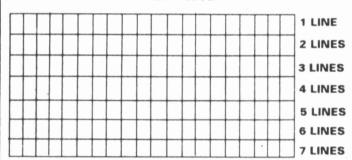
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The first people came to the New Mexico area between 12,000 and 30,000 years ago. They had advanced skills in building and astronomy.

About 1,000 years ago, the Anasazi people built amazing homes in the high cliffs.

The first major European explorer was Francisco de Coronado, in 1540. He came seeking legendary cities

made of gold. Although no one found any golden cities, the Spanish stayed to set up a colony. Today, more than one-third of New Mexicans are Hispanic.

After the Mexican-American War of the mid-1800s, the U.S. took control of the region. It became a state in 1912.

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the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally.

See if you can find: ASTRONOMY, CLIFF, HISPANIC, STATE, TOURISM, CARLSBAD, MESA, PUEBLO, BEAR, CHILI, TAOS, SUNNY, MOUNTAIN, ELK, FRONTIER, GOLD, ATOMIC,

Julio: What do turtles wear to keep warm?

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you guess the common theme or category?

Troy: Why did the turtle hurry to

Shanelle: To get to the Shell station!

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Mini Spy and her friends are enjoying Mexican food in New Mexico. See if you can find:

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each of the presidents..

Carlsbad Caverns is one of the world's biggest cave systems. It is famous for the thousands of bats that fly out at twilight and return at sunrise.

Acoma Pueblo*, known as

Sky City, is thought to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the U.S. It was built hundreds of years ago on top of a 357-foot-high mesa as protection against enemies. *A pueblo is an Indian village with homes

built of stone or adobe on

The Black bear is the state animal.

Chili peppers are one of the most popular foods. The official state question is "Red or green?"

There is an average of 256 sunny **Days** each year in the state. It has an average of less than 20 inches of precipitation a year.

El Camino Real, or the King's Road, built about 1851, is the oldest U.S. road made by Europeans. It was an 1,800-mile trail following the Rio Grande from Mexico City to Santa Fe.

activities

Fishing, hiking, camping, mountain biking, climbing, skiing, snowboarding, sailing and whitewater rafting are top tourist

The Rio Grande flows through mountain ranges, providing needed water for crops



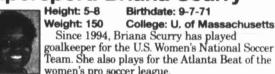
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Go dot to dot and color the state bird of New Mexico.



- 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated
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- 3. Serve warm with tortilla chips. Makes about 21/2 cups.

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Nation.

Since 1994, Briana Scurry has played goalkeeper for the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team. She also plays for the Atlanta Beat of the women's pro soccer league. She is the only goalkeeper to have played in more than 100

games for the national team. She was the team's No. 1 goalkeeper from 1994-1999. She was also the goalkeeper when the team won the 1999 Women's World Cup and the 1996 Olympic gold medal.

Briana was born in Minneapolis and grew up in Dayton, Minn. In her senior year in high school, she was voted the top female athlete in the state.

She studied political science in college and volunteers for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Meet Jump 5



Jump 5 is a musical group made up of five very busy teen-agers. The members are Lesley Moore, 15; Brittany Hargest, 13; Brandon Hargest 14; Libby Hodges, 14; and Chris Fedun, 16. They are from Nashville, Tenn. Lesley began studying dancing when she was 4. She likes cheerleading, playing basketball and doing ballet. Brittany began dancing when she

was 3. Her favorite group is Destiny's

Child.

Brandon likes playing video games, reading, and the music of N'Sync. Libby recorded her own CD when she was in third grade.

She also likes Destiny's Child. Chris used to play baseball. He likes the music of the Bee Gees.

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Albuquerque has the largest collection of rattlesnake species in the world.

formed by volcanoes

The **Jemez**

Mountains were about a million years ago. Experts believe the Jemez range was once one of the biggest volcano systems in North America. Its eruptions blasted material as far away as Kansas.

The Kit Carson Home and Museum in Taos tells the history of this famous frontier mountain man

Los Alamos was the birthplace of the atomic bomb. The first atomic explosion was in a remote area of the

New Mexican desert, two weeks before atomic bombs were dropped on Japan in 1945. Today, Los Alamos is the site of a U.S. scientific laboratory studying nuclear energy. Mount Taylor is a

volcanic sacred to the Navajo, Acoma and

Native Americans belong to one of 22 tribes in the state, each with its own government and language. They include the Navajo,

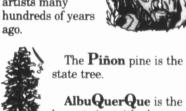
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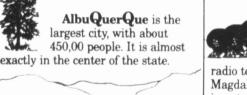
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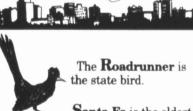
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Taos is a top tourist spot for outdoor lovers and skiers.

A UFO was reported to have crashed at Roswell in 1947, when the U.S. Air Force announced it had found the debris of a flying saucer there. The Air Force later said it had been wrong; there was no flying saucer. But today tourists flock to Roswell to have fun at its UFO museums and festivals.



White Sands

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The **Very** Large Array, the largest grouping of

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has the largest group of gypsum sand dunes in the world, covering about 275 square miles. Gypsum is used to make plaster of paris. **EXtraordinary**

beauty gives the state its nickname, "Land of Enchantment." The landscape ranges from deserts in the south to Rocky Mountain ranges in the north. Forests cover about

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