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The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on Feb. 18 to gather public input on the proposed truck relief route west of Big Spring.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 7

VITA READY TO HELP

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

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Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.

Anyone needing further information should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

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Budget cuts major concern for area schools

Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series on how Howard County educational institutions are dealing with budget Howard County schools cuts from the state.

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

"Doing more with less" has become an all too familiar catch-phrase for rural public schools.

ment and the resulting loss of state funding. more with less.

Many Texas public school districts — already at their state tax rate cap had been looking toward Austin this legislative session to see if

"When it comes down to the final crunch, everybody is going to have to make some decision that could have a negative effect on our funding the next two years."

Dr. Bill Kingston, CISD superintendent



Faced with years of legislators could figure declining student enroll- out a solution to the school funding problems.

Now, as the state faces a budget deficit in the bilare getting use to doing lions, Howard County schools are wondering what else they can cut from already bare-bones budgets.

"I don't know what the answer is (to state funding)," said Wayne Rotan, Forsan Independent School District superintendent. "This legislative session is going to be critical to us and we'll have to see what comes out of the session. With the deficit budget the legislators are facing, I think everything is on the cutting block.

"To fund us at the same have similar concerns.

"There's not much more that can be done through attrition. We certainly don't want programs and students to suffer. We've gotten to the point where we've absorbed all the staff we

Wayne Rotan,

FISD superintendent

level as last year it's going to take more money and I don't know where that money is going to come from," Rotan continued.

can absorb."

Back from attending the Midwinter Superintendents conference, Rotan said superintendents across the state

"We're all worried," he said. "We get more and more state unfunded mandates and less and less money."

It's a worry shared by Coahoma Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston.

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Coach has special bond with students

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Just an old jock?

Maybe Coach Byron Seal has sports on the brain but teaching Elbow Elementary students lies in his heart.

"I wanted to be a high school coach but I did my student teaching in elementary," Seal said. "The

students were so receptive and sweet I decided to teach elementary."

Seal also loves the small school atmosphere of Elbow.

"I wouldn't to want teach anywhere else,"

he said. "When this job came open I was at Washington Elementary. I didn't know anything about Elbow. I came out and saw the facilities and met the teachers and that was it. There is no other job

was it. There is no

other job for me."

Coach Byron Seal.

Elbow Elementary

With obesity becoming so prevalent in the United States, emphasizing physical education is more important then ever.

"Physical education is very important in the elementary level," he said. "You hear all the reports on TV about obesity. We

try to teach them to eat right. exer-"I came out and saw cise and about what the facilities and met food they the teachers and that should eat."

It's important subject but also a class he believes students should enjoy "Everybody

tries to make learning fun," Seal said. " PE is also fun and the kids should have a good time." A native of Andrews, Seal grew up admiring great sports legends such

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While refereeing a in-school basketball tournament, Coach Byron Seal gives the players some direction. A nine-year veteran of Elbow Elementary, Seal enjoys teaching at the ele-

Commissioners hear racial profiling report

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Sheriff Dale Walker presented at Monday's Howard County Commisioner's .Court meeting report of data on

WALKER Sheriff's Office contacts collected throughout 2002.

The report will be submitted to the state in compliance with a state racial profiling law.

"This is the first time it's been compiled because of this law," Walker said. "We've actually had to break down every stop- and show every charge of every violation, and then document their race, their sex, their age, as well as other crite-

ria, as well as if there was search conducted, whether it was consented or by warrant. It's just a whole lot of data that was documented for this report."

According to the report, 97 percent of the SO's 1,188 contacts in 2002 were with white people, 2 percent were with black people and 1 percent were with Asian people.

Of the white contacts, 66

percent Hispanic and 34 percent were Hispanic.

Males represented 69 percent of the contacts, while females represented 31 percent.

The report goes on to say that 41 percent of the contacts were issued warnings and 20 percent were issued citations.

Of 815 traffic stops, 50 or 6 percent — resulted in searches. Of those, 41

non- were consensual and nine were based on probable cause

> Walker said the report shows that there is no racial profiling by the Howard County Sheriff's Office and there were no complaints of racial profiling throughout 2002.

commissioners approved the report. which will be sent to

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Vickle Sutton of Lubbock chats with local resident Jerry Worthy Tuesday afternoon before announcing her candidacy for the 19th Congressional District seat. Sutton, a law professor and former White House Science and Technology expert, made Big Spring's Howard County Library a stop on her announcement tour.

Law professor officially announces candidacy **for congressional** seat Vickie Sutton, and I want By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A Lubbock law professor and recognized biodefense expert made Big Spring a stop Monday on a West Texas tour announcing her candidathe 19th for Congressional District seat.

Vickie Sutton spoke at the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Monday to a crowd of about 20 people.

"America is strong and we have a leader we can be proud of, George W. Bush, and he knows and cares about West Texas," she said. "My name is

to work for you in Congress."

Sutton is a professor of law at Texas Tech University and was the assistant director of the White House Office of Science and Technology under President George H.W. Bush from 1991 to 1993. She has also worked as an assistant city manager in Chesapeake, Va., and as executive vice president of her family business, a manufacturer of epoxy marine and shipbottom coatings for the U.S. Navy and Coast

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BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Beulah Richardson

Beulah Richardson, 78, of Flower Mound, formerly of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, in a Lewisville hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Kevin Parker, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1924, in Taylor County and married T. C. Richardson on July 21, 1943 in Abilene. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1983.

Beulah had lived in Big Spring since 1955 and been an LVN for over 10 years at Big Spring area hospitals. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters and three sons-inlaw, Linda and Kent Reece of Lake Dallas, Rita Frayser of Nicoma Park, Okla., Claudia and Thorstein Vikse of Tolysrod, Norway, and Janet and Eddie Akin of Lamesa; 11 grandchildren; five great grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Merle Bullard Turner

Merle Bullard Turner, 89, of Snyder, died Sunday afternoon, at Mountain View Lodge. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder with Rev. Tim Dunn Officiating. Survivors include a niece Jane Hammond of Big

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home

Support groups

TUESDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

→ The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Thurd and Fourth Streets on the west side of Lancaster Street For more information, call 466 12.74

→ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 35 p. m.

THURSDAY

→ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Women's meeting, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9

→ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center

FRIDAY

⇒ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

→ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to Inoon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m

→ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

→ Encourager's Support Group (All widows and) Widowers are invivted) will meet at 6 p.m. a the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh St. and Runnels (enter through the north door) for food and a covered dish dinner and valentine partty. Bring a Valentine. For more information, call 389-

→ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

→ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

 JORGE ESCAJEDA, 27, of 616 Caylor was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at H-E-B. A blue 1992 Ford reportedly sustained \$80 damage in the incident.

 GRAFITTI was reported at Big Spring High School. \$200 damage was reported in the incident.

 BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported: In the 800 block of South Gregg Street. \$200 damage was reportedly done to the restaurant and \$240 cash was reported stolen.

- In the 2000 block of West Fourth Street. \$200 damage was reportedly done to the building and \$1 cash and other items worth \$25 were reported stolen.

- In the 1600 block of East Fourth Street. \$125 damage was reportedly done to the building and consumable goods worth \$300 and \$12 cash were reported

damage was reportedly done to the building and electronic equipment worth \$100 was reported stolen. · In the 900 block of West Fourth Street. \$20

In the 1300 block of East Fourth Street. \$250

cash was reportedly stolen from the restaurant. · In the 600 block of South Gregg Street. \$200 damage was reportedly done to the building and jewelry worth \$600 and other items worth \$100 were reported stolen.

· THEFT was reported in the 400 block of South Johnson Street. Items worth \$71.92 were reported stolen from the convenience store.

· POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF TOBAC-CO BY A MINOR was reported in the 1600 block of West FM 700. Tobacco products were seized in the incident.

· MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane, the 1000 block of South Gregg Street, the 2400 block of South Goliad and the 700 block of East FM 700.

 DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 900 block of Willia

· LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

 JESSE DEAN MINCE, 31, of 16 Kinley Lane was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Friday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

· JASON JACK BIRDWELL, 21, of 902 E. 15th St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana 2 to 4 ounces.

 CAROL ANN KESLER, 26, of 1212 E. 19th Street or 4405 Connolly was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2

 LENA CLEGG, 30, of 309 W. 19th St. was arrested on three counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

 DANIEL FORREST MONDIER, 18, of 306 W. 18th Street was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Thursday on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

· DANIELLA S. FLORES, 20, of 1407 Park was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Thursday on a charge of criminal mischief \$50 to \$500.

 DEBRA ANN RUTH, 42, of 128 Airbase Road Building 33 Apt. 5 was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Thursday on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

 ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported on the 11th Place Extension.

POSSIBLE BURGLARY IN PROGRESS was reported in the 2900 block of Collins Road.

 LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported on 11th Place Extension.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of South Highway 87. MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 4800

block of Chaparral. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

was reported in the 100 block of Wilson Road. • LOUD MUSIC - VEHICLE was reported at a trail-

er park on Highway 350. PROWLER was reported in the 500 block of South

Main Street.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the first block of Meadowbrook. · ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 2800

block of Oasis.

LOOSE COW was reported in the 11th Place

ABANDONED VEHICLE was reported on

Highway 350 seven miles north of Big Spring. • DOMESTIC PROBLEM was reported in the 100

block of Pettus.

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TODAY

Big Spring Band Booster, 6 p.m., Big Spring High School band hall, 707 11th Place. All band parents are invited to attend.

Gospel singing, 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Activity Center, 2805 Lynn Drive.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Santa Fe Sandwiches, 2-3 p.m. Friday. Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western

Reception for Jeannie Cunningham, retiring-from

Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lottery

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 1-19-23-33-37

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast late this evening.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

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"I am concerned," Kingston said. "The thing they (legislators) are telling us is, they're going to do everything they can to at the very least keep funding levels where they are now for us.

"We all know the reality of the situation,' Kingston said. "When it comes down to the final crunch, everybody is going to have to make

some decisions that could have a negative effect on our funding the next two years."

Some decisions may have already had a negative effect.

Gov. Rick Perry's decision to freeze TIFF grants could hurt the Forsan school district's technology program.

'That is something that has been very beneficial to Forsan ISD," Rotan said. We've received nearly \$200,000 in TIFF funds

industry and to protect

ourselves from domina-

and we were eligible to apply for the next one."

Rotan added Forsan's technology program has basically been supported through the grants. "Its going to be extreme-

ly hard to keep up with the technology without the funding," he said. "We bought our first set of computers five years ago through TIFF funds. Some of our monitors are going to have to be replaced.'

how other grants will be effected.

"We don't know the effect on other grants," he said. "We use the Optional Extended program grants to help pay for part of summer school in the elementary and junior high schools.'

Already working with deficit budgets and at their state tax rate cap. Forsan and Coahoma schools will continue tightening their belts by

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the smaller rural areas."

Kingston worries about cutting positions through attrition, eliminating any nonessential spending, and restricting travel

"How much tighter can the belt go?" is a question both Rotan and Kingston ponder.

"We've gotten to the point where we have a pretty bare staff," Rotan said. "There's not much more that can be done through attrition. We certainly don't want programs and students to suffer. We've gotten to the

point where we've absorbed all the staff we can absorb."

"We've tightened our belts last couple years, Kingston said "Everything extra in the budget above essentials has slowly been eliminated, so there's really not a

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guard. She has a juris doctorate degree from American University Washington, D.C., a Ph.D. in environmental sciences from the University of Texas at Dallas, a master's degree in public administration and bach-

science and zoology. Sutton addressed many issues in her announcement. She spoke in favor of maintaining Social Security benefits, better rewards for teachers and rural economic develop-

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tion by mid-east oil," she said. "I want to make sure to take particular care to protect our remaining refinery in the entire Permian Basin in Texas, right here in Big Spring: ALON. They will be under continued pressure to make changes that will be occurring among refineries, and we have to make sure that that is bal-

sense, so that they will be able to continue in the vital role of their refinery work." Sutton said she would work for forward progress

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ridor and try to prevent diversion of funds away from the project.

"When that kind of issue comes up, if you don't have someone there who's more than a mere lobbyist, who knows how to put coalitions together with other people who have similar interests, then you will fail," she said. "When you have someone who's trying to divert money from a project, you've got to have a coalition who can work together and try to prevent that from happening.

Sutton said she would like to put an office in Big Spring, if she were elect-

"I think a rural area in Big Spring would be a likely candidate for another office," she said. "I think that's one way to

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 Merie Bullard Turner, 89. died Sunday Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Tuesday at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder

James Wells, 70, died Monday. Services are pending in Bradford.



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Richardson. Bobby was the first Christian athlete that I came in touch with," he said. "He had good values which you don't find

every day. An all-around high school athlete. Seal was a member of two state qualifying Andrews baseball teams

And even at 50, Seal continues to play in some adult sports leagues.

Basically I'm an old he said.

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Publisher

Bill McClellar **News Editor**

Our Views

Charitable groups offer solutions for Valentine's Day

then it comes to finding something for that special someone this Valentine's Day, Big Spring has a lot to offer. We invite you to check out the many gifts that our florists, pharmacies, gift shops, jewelers and merchants have to offer. At least two charitable groups are getting in on the act as well, and they are another good choice.

One of those is the Volunteer Valentine House at the Big Spring State Hospital. For as little as \$10 dollars, you can have a gift of flowers, a chocolate heart cookie or a small box of chocolates delivered to your sweetheart by the Volunteer Services Council. For \$5 more, you can send a small basket with a stuffed animal and other goodies, or an ivy plant.

But wait. There's lots more.

For \$20 you can send a stuffed puppy on a large box of chocolates, a singing telegram with a small box of candy, or a medium basket with a bear. There are also gifts for \$25 and \$35

Your gifts won't only be enjoyed by those you send them too, however. Much of the money you spend will be used to purchase holidays presents, coordinate parties and other festive events for patients at the hospital.

Another group raising funds for a worthy cause is the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team. Funds raised by those dedicated volunteers go toward the American Cancer Society. They are offering candy grams, colorful sacks filled with chocolates. The cost is \$5 each and balloons can be added for \$2.50 per balloon. Cards are also available for the purchaser to write their sentiments. All orders should be placed no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday and must be prepaid. Orders will not be delivered outside the hospital or Family Medical Clinic. They must be picked up at the volunteer desk in the Scenic Mountain lobby no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, Valentine's

Both of these charitable groups urge that you contact them as soon as possible. Call the Volunteer Valentine House at 268-7362 or 268-7384 or Scenic Mountain Relay team's Candy-Gram Love Line at 268-4912 to place your order or for more information.

Whether you chose a local business or one of these charitable organizations, it's easy to make this Valentine's Day a little sweeter for your sweetheart.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us honor you with our lives, Lord, let us realize we are only on this earth a short time and we need your help to make a difference. Amen

Apply gun control to Saddam H

t's more than a little ironic that many of the politicians who push for stringent gun-

control laws now want the federal government to sit on its hands while a madman like Saddam **Hussein sits** on stockpiles of chemical and biological



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weapons. Start with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who has supported a ban on Saturday night specials aka, "junk guns.

Boxer wants the law to prohibit not just criminals, but also working mothers and fathers in the flats of Oakland, from buying Saturday night specials. God forbid that poor folk should buy a gun they can afford in order to protect their families.

In 1999, Boxer said that she supported more stringent gun control. "Here's my goal: I want to make sure that guns are kept away from criminals, from people with mental

problems and from children," she said.

But when it comes to protecting the world's children from Iraqi **President Saddam** Hussein - a criminal with mental problems who has violated U.N. resolutions requiring him to give up his caches of weapons of mass destruction - well, the record shows that Boxer voted against last year's Senate resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq to enforce the U.N. resolutions.

Yet in the wake of Sept. 11 and in the face of a possible terrorist attack with weapons of mass destruction, suddenly civil liberties are more important to the anti-gun crowd.

Last month, the Senate voted to freeze funding for the Department of Defense's project to monitor public databases in search of suspicious patterns of activity; those involving certain travel destinations and creditcard purchases. Critics claimed that the Total Information Awareness program would violate individual privacy and civil liberties. One sena

tor told The Washington Times that TIA represented the most "farreaching government surveillance plan in his-

tory." Yet many of the politicians who voted against funding the program have been unhesitating boosters of mandatory gun registration. They didn't lose much sleep over trampling on the privacy and civil rights of law-abiding gun own-

As Boxer once put it: "You register your car. What's the problem registering your gun?"

I'll stipulate: The decision to place Iran-Contra scandal alumnus Rear **Admiral John Poindexter** at the helm of the Department of Defense's **Total Information** Awareness program was a major blunder.

That doesn't change the fact, however, that the government isn't likely to learn much more about you under the Total Information Awareness program than could be learned by a bank checking into your credit wor-

And there's a big differ-

from what is already public information and creating a national database of personal information that previously didn't exist.

Before voting to defund TIA, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., was a co-sponsor of an early measure to study its possible incursions on personal privacy and civil liberties. Yet Feinstein has been a longtime advocate of prying federal gun-control registration.

In 1999, Feinstein vowed to introduce "legislation to provide for a precise system of registration and licensing of every weapon in this country." Personal privacy? Civil liberties? Not for gun owners.

The anti-gun Democrats are ready to go after lawabiding gun owners, but a law-breaking thug such as Saddam Hussein evokes from them only calls for patience. They won't address danger and evil looming on a global scale, nor do they care much about the civil lib erties of those who are gauche enough to own guns.

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Terrorism has brought Hart back

back and ruminating about another run for the presidency. His ticket to run is his expertise about the

hottest subject in politics today: terrorism. Hart cochaired a commission that examined national security threats of the 21st century and warned in



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September 1999 that a large-scale terrorist attack on American soil was likely within the coming decade. The report received little attention at the time, but after 9/11, Hart found himself in demand as an expert on terrorism.

He liked having a forum once again for his views. and he can extend his life in the media spotlight by running for president: the debates are a guaranteed forum, and Hart can critique Bush on the war with more elan than any of the other contenders. He has

nothing to lose. He will never be president, or win the nomination, so he doesn't have to tailor his remarks to suit some pollster or media consultant's advice.

"No thanks. I already ate the

B section of the newspaper."

If Hart were just now bursting on the scene, even at age 66, he would be a force to be reckoned with. But can Hart - can anyone in politics - outrun his past?

Hart was the Bill Clinton of his day. Dogged by rumors of womanizing, he insisted to reporters that he was a changed man, but events proved otherwise. Hart got knocked out of the 1988 presidential race after a photograph turned up of him with a woman half his age and not his wife aboard a yacht aptly named Monkey Business. It was pretty innocent stuff compared to Clinton's shenanigans, but it was enough to con-

gatory. Hart's career ended and the voters moved on. eager to restore some semblance of perspective about a politician's sex life.

sign Hart to political pur-

The media's character cops backed down and Bill Clinton was able to ride out the storm over his misbehavior first as a candidate and then as

president. Now Hart has a message that he thinks is important to get across, and he's prepared to challenge Bush. He believes Bush has not leveled with the public about the risks and the costs of war with Iraq and its aftermath, and that attacking Iraq will increase rather than decrease the likelihood of more terrorist attacks on American soil.

Before he was driven off the national stage. Hart was considered one of the brightest and most creative minds in politics. In the Senate, he was the go-to guy on modernizing the military.

Since leaving the Senate, he has written several mainly academic books on foreign policy and government, and he is well positioned to elevate the dialogue among the Democrats as they duke it out for the nomination.

Terrorism has brought Hart back into prominence, and he has the standing to challenge Bush in a way the others

can't or won't. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry alone in the Democratic field has the credentials to stand up to the Bush war machine, but Kerry is compromised by his vote for Bush's war resolution, which opponents of the war characterize as a blank check.

Previous Vermont Gov.

Howard Dean is the most dovish of the serious candidates, but he seems almost too typecast for the role: a country doctor with a peace sign. Still, Jay Leno's joke writers can hardly wait. After fielding septuagenarian Walter Mondale for the Senate last year, a potential Hart candidacy is further proof of the Democrats' faltering youth movement. Hart's message was and

still is new ideas, a commodity the Democrats badly need. Hart may never live down his starcrossed time in the political spotlight, but he is writing a new legacy for himself, and for the country, if the voters will listen.

Prediction: Candidate or not, Hart will continue to influence national defense policy.



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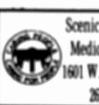
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Family Medical Center employees Mitzi Knight, left and Kelly Tubb work on Valentine's candy grams for a Relay for Life fund-raiser. The candy grams are \$5 each and may be purchased by calling the Candy-Gram Love Line at 268-4912.

Senator wants prisons, police safe from budget cuts

Lawmakers drafting the state budget expressed concern Monday that cutting funding to the state's prisons could cause more crime, cost more money in the long run and undo improvements to Texas' criminal justice system.

Senate Criminal Justice Chairman John Whitmire said he would ask the governor to exempt the Department of Public Safety and **Department of Criminal** Justice from budget cuts as lawmakers deal with a \$9.9 billion budget short fall through 2005.

"I believe public safety is probably the No. 1 responsibility of state government," Whitmire, D-Houston.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt.

House Speaker Tom Craddick have asked state agencies to slash their budgets by 7 percent to save \$700 million this fiscal year. In addition,

Gov. David Dewhurst and cut some 12 percent from their budget requests for **2004**-05.

Only public schools, parts of Medicaid and the Children's Insurance Program were agencies were asked to exempt from the cuts.

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Austin in the near future. In other business, the commissioners:

· Approved a request by Walker to seek a grant for funds to purchase bulletproof vests.

 Approved a re-alignment of Howard County's reinvestment zone.

· Heard a report from District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson that the case against murder suspect Miguel Lopez, should it reach trial, could cost as much as \$100,000 \$50,000 for the prosecution and \$50,000 for a defense conducted by a public / defender.



Wilkerson said the commissioners could probably-split the cost over two fiscal years, 2002 and

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First-half blitz assures Hawks of 95-65 victory

By HANK BOND

Publisher

With 18:48 left in the first half, Howard College held a slim 3-2 lead over Clarendon College. But over the next 7:22, the Hawks went on a 23-0 run and never looked back in posting a 95-65 win Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Steven Goff canned four, three-point goals in the first half, including three in the early big run as Howard raced to a 34-5 lead with 8:20 to go in the first session.

The visiting Bulldogs were ice cold from the field and midway though the first half nothing would fall for Clarendon as the team was hitting a frigid 10 percent from the field while the Hawks were burning up the floor and the nets - at a tor-

rid 63 percent pace. In fact, as Howard College · fashioned a strong 55-26 lead at the break, the Hawks' scorers kept up the pressure.

In the first half Howard connected on 22 of 35 shots from the floor, including a 6-of-12 showing from three-point land and five of six charity tosses. Contrast that with a 7-of-27 performance by the Bulldogs from the field. 3 of 10 from outside the arc and 9 of 11 at the free throw line and it was never close.

The extremely physical

game gave the stronger. well conditioned Hawks an edge and the charge of Coach Chris Jans performed at times very much like a well oiled machine. The ball became an object of obsession with sharp passes, great picks across the middle and deadeye shooting, making the contest a run-

A dry spell of more than three minutes to open the second half. which allowed Clarendon to get as close as 55-31, probably kept the Hawks from hitting the century mark.

From 55-31, the Hawks again went on an 11-0 run keyed by five points from Je'kel Foster to race back to a 66-31 lead.

Jans continued to run players in and out for most of the second half as six players hit double figures and a total 11 Hawks players scored.

Howard's Finlay Brashears topped scorers for the game with 15. Foster had 14. Goff 12 all on three point shots, Eddie Starks had 11 points for the contest and Jon Sykes and Leon Woodstock had 10 points

"We got off to a good start tonight," Jans said of his 23-2 Hawks. The win pushed the Hawks to a 7-2 league mark. "Goff got off to a quick start. That's what he has to do

Goff hit two 3-pointers



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler Howard College's Jon Sykes (5) slams home a dunk during the second half of the Hawks' 95-65 romp over Clarendon's Bulldogs.

in the game's first three minutes to key the Hawks' big run and gave the hosts control of the

"We had a pretty good idea at halftime we would win the game. It was a things like our zone and to play."

match-up defenses that will help us be stronger.

"We have several tough road games facing us. We have to be ready mentally and physically. We know Midland will be tough on Thursday. They will have matter of working on a game plan and be ready

As that game nears, Jans said, "We will have to be ready.

The Hawks and Lady Hawks face Midland Thursday on the road and return home next Monday for a doubleheader with New Mexico Junior College.

Steers Junior varsity chalks up 48-44 win

hour earlier start.

Big Spring's junior varsity Steers posted a 48-44 win over San Angelo Lake View on Friday.

Brandon paced the Steers with 18 points, while Erin Partee had 15.

Marquez records ace at Comanche Trail

Benito Marquez recorded the second hole-in-one of his 15year golfing career on Jan. 4 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Marquez recorded the ace using a 3 wood on the No. 4 hole.

The shot was wit-nessed by Daril Pineda, Johnny Yanez and Ben Rubio.

'Hawk Talk' will air Wednesday on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Lady Hawks' suffer another loss in final seconds, 60-57

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Kevin Bucher and his Howard College Lady Hawks have to wonder what the fates have against them.

Time and time again, it seems, the Lady Hawks have battled Western Junior College Athletic Conference foes for all their worth, only to come up on the short end of very close final scores.

Such was the case Monday night when the Lady Hawks battled back from an early 14-point deficit, only to suffer a 60-57 loss to Clarendon's Lady Bulldogs.

As a result, the Lady Hawks saw their record drop to 10-16 overall and 1-7 in WJCAC play, while Clarendon evened its conference mark to 4-4 and is now 17-7 on the season.

"You've got to wonder what it's going to take to turn this trend around," Bucher said following the loss, his disappointment from Sometimes we try clearly evident

"The turnovers just killed us," the first-year Hawks boss observed, answering his own question. "It's the unforced turnovers We've got the perfect play planned right there at the end, down by one with four seconds left and had the ball out of bounds on our baseline. Then we don't handle the inbounds

But Bucher remained positive in the face of the heart-breaking loss.

"Most of the time when a team's had the kind of experiences we've had ... lost this many close games we could have won, you see them get their heads down. You can see them waiting for the hammer to fall," he noted. "We haven't done that. These girls keep battling people. If anything, in fact, that's where some

to make the great pass when we probably should-

After jumping out on top with the game's first basket with a little more than a minute gone in the contest, the Lady Hawks learned very quickly that Clarendon planned to put the ball and the game in the hands of posts Sancho Lyttle and Vasha Adams, both products of St. Vincent in the Virgin Islands, who seemed almost unstoppable in the paint.

Howard kept pace for a couple of minutes, thanks to a couple of 3-pointers by sophomore guard Belqui Guardado.

But the next four minutes of play saw the Lady Bulldogs rattle off a 15-0 run and take a 22-8 edge with 13:15 still showing on the clock.

Just as quickly, however, Clarendon began to of those turnovers come have trouble getting the

ball into Lyttle and Adams, and the Lady Hawks mounted a sus-

tained comeback. Thanks to solid play inside by Desire Bostice and Brittani Calhoun, solid ball handling from Alexis Britt and sharpshooting from the perimeter by LaTasha Davis, the Lady Hawks trimmed the seemingly insurmountable lead to just one, 33-32. at the halftime buzzer.

Howard regained the lead when Guardado popped mesh from the wing to open the second half, but the Lady Bulldogs began to take control behind the play of Adams, pulling out to a 50-41 edge at the 8:50 mark, but the Lady Hawks answered with an 8-0 run from Calhoun and LaTyia Williams. And when Davis ripped backto-back treys, the Lady Hawks had a 55-54 lead with 2:47 to play.

Clarendon answered with a pair of short-distance jumpers by Adams

to take a 58-55 advantage. Unwilling to go quietly, the Lady Hawks mounted one last stand with less than 10 seconds left. Britt drove the lane and trimmed the lead to 58-57.

Following a time out with four seconds left, Howard threw up a fullcourt press that denied Clarendon an opportunity to get the ball inbounds during the required five seconds.

As a result, the Lady Hawks seemed poised to take the game's final shot. Unfortunately, Bostice was unable to handle Guardado's inbounds pass under the goal.

A desperation foul sent Clarendon's Dacia McGowan to the line with 1.7 seconds left and she provided the game's final points.

Howard had one last slime chance. but Guardado's halfcourt shot at the buzzer that could have tied the game fell just short of the rim.

Lyttle and Adams finished the game with 20 and 17 points, respectively, while Davis was the Lady Hawks' only doubledigit scorer with 13.



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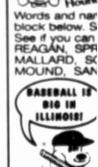




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Land of Lincoln

By BETTY DEBNAM

Illinois From A to Z



Illinois is a big agricultural state. The fertile soil that covers its plains is its most important resource. About three-fourths of it is covered with farmland. Chicago, the largest city, is a center of industry, finance and the arts.

Tourism and manufacturing are top industries. Major companies such as Sears Roebuck, McDonald's and United Airlines are there.

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The British and Virginia also claimed it at times. It became a state in 1818. It fought for the Union in the Civil War.

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sking structures include the tallest building, the Sears Tower; the set aquarium, Shedd Aquarium; the longest street, Western Avenue; and the busiest ort, O'Hare International. Millions of tourists come to see its museums such as the Art tute of Chicago and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Atomic research has made Illinois world-famous.

warrior of the Sauk people, one of the first tribes to live in the area. Illinois is named for the Illinois Indians, a group of Algonquin tribes. They called their group Illiniwek, or "superior men." The French changed the pronunciation to Illinois.

Black Hawk was a famous

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the famous debates between two Senate candidates, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas. Lincoln lost that election.

Eureka features the Ronald Reagan Museum at the site of his former school.



The Field Museum in Chicago is known for its dinosaur exhibits. including Sue, a T-rex

Forests cover about 10 percent of the state.

Gus Goodsport's mount

is in the Hall of Fame. His uncle, Decasis, is an All-Star with the Chacago Blackhawks. Brett also is one of the all-time standouts.

Since 1989, Brett has been selected to play in seven All-Star games. Going into this season, he also ranked third in curver goals (792), behind Wayne Gretzky (1,016) and Gordae Howe (869).

Brett, No. 17, helped the Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup.

nampioenhip last year "Hullio" scored 63 points on 30 goals and 33 amosts

Brett starred at the University of Minisconta-Duluth before joining the National Hockey League He broke in with Calgary and also played for 9t Leans and Dallas before going to Detroit. In 1968 he was a member of the

U.S. Olympic team.

During the off-season, Brett spends time at his two summer bomes in Duluth and Dullila, Texas. His bobbses include playing golf and working

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golden-brown Let cool Serves 8

Mike Myers makes lot of people laugh. He creates funny characters and then plays them on television and movies.

Laughter and jokes were part of Mike's family life. He grew up in Scarborough. Ontario, in Canada. His parents were from

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group. His big break came when he was picked to be on a sturday night TV show in 1988 Now he's an actor, comedian, writer and producer. He has provided the voice of Shrek

Mike is married. He likes to collect model soldiers. Hisfavorite sports team is the Toronto Maple Leafs

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Rookie Cookie Cookbook



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Terry: How do sailors get their clothes rank: They throw them overboard and

Sue: How do sailors break up with their girlfriends? Debbie: They drift apart!



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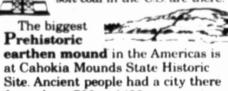
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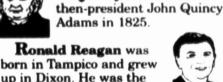
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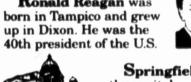
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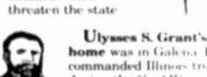
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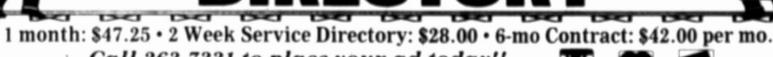
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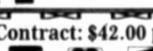
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19) *** You might want to

step back, but events keep

tossing you into the lime-

light. Friends and meetings

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a friend for a get-together. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Take your time making a decision, especially if you feel a bit uncomfortable with news that heads your way. Factor in new ideas vour willingness to put in carefully. New information proves significant and critical. Think in terms of gains and long-term financial goals. Tonight: Pay bills. be more inclined to settle

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Assume a low profile in the morning, when others reveal much more. You might be jolted by a partner and his or her opinions. Revise your thinking. Your mind opens new doors if you allow it to. You work in the afternoon with a surge of energy. Tonight: What would make the Moon Child happy?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Take your time with a friend or in a meeting this morning. Not everything is as it should be. You quickly discover the ramifications of taking someone for granted. Sit back in the afternoon as others lay down their cards. Know that you are in a position of power. Tonight: Vanish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**** Bosses call on you to take charge, but considering someone's rebelliousness, you might wonder what difference you could make. Trust in your abilities. A meeting in the afternoon helps align everyone's different interests. Head in a new direction. Tonight: Let off steam with your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Your perspective helps keep a project in line. Reach out for others in your immediate circle, seeking out answers and new direction. Brainstorming with someone in charge helps you determine your next move. You command others' respect. Tonight: Be willing to burn the midnight oil.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Dealing with a partner or associate could shake you to the core. Remember that you can only control yourself. Choose your response accordingly. Your instincts lead you in a new direction. Tune in to your inner voice and, at the same time, detach. Tonight: Rent a movie

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You work with unpredictability well, but that doesn't mean you like it. Get feedback as you determine what you feel is necessary to keep the ship steady. Work closely with an associate, and you will get the results you need. Flow with an opportunity Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) **** You might want to do something very different than you originally anticipated. Deal with a money matter head-on in order to achieve the goals you desire. Understand what associates want, and vou'll hit the bull's-eye. Open up talks in the p.m. Tonight: Where the crowds

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You might want to consider some options quite suddenly. Understand that your behavior will have an impact on others whether you want it to or not. Your fun personality helps others work with your unpredictability. Focus on work and getting the job done. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might be moti vated by a completely different force than you realize. Think twice about what you're doing and exactly where you're heading. You might do a reversal as a result. Add that touch of creativity to your work, and you'll hit a home run. Tonight: Play away.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My married daughter recently bought a puppy and named it "Susie." Susie happens to be my name.

I don't like animals, and my daughter knows it. I certainly don't want to have the same name as her dog. When I told her about my feelings, she told me she can call the dog whatever she wants and I should learn to deal with it. I think my daughter did

this on purpose. Shouldn't she change the name of this puppy to something else? I think it's extremely rude to go against my wishes on this. What do you think? -Virginia Susie

Dear Susie: How is your relationship with your daughter? It sounds a bit frayed around the edges. It's possible your daughter named the dog after you as a sign of affection, but it seems doubtful considering your reaction. It's more likely she is trying to say something a lot less complimentary. You can't make her change the dog's name, so stop trying. Fix the relationship, and the name will be unimportant. (And if the



Annie's Mailbox

dog has a sweet disposition. your daughter may think more warmly of you.)

Dear Annie: I read the letter about "Linda," who found out who her birth mother was, but the woman did not want to have any contact. I'm so tired of hearing about the "right to privacy" for women who decide to give up children for adoption.

I, too, am adopted. I spent 36 years of my life looking at a mirror to check my hands, my face and my and wondering smile. where I got them. "Linda"

absolutely should have the right to see her birth mother, even if only one time. In most cases, that is all adopted people want just a short look at their own genetic history When I located my birth parents. my biological mother's family accepted me with open arms My birth father agreed to meet me only once, but that was sufficient

Here is a plea to all birth mothers and fathers who have given up a child for adoption: Please give us the common courtesy to meet you one time. We do not want your money or to become a member of your family. We just want a short chat, some medical history and perhaps a picture. Remember, you are the reason we are here on this earth. Thanks for listening. Annie Pat in North Dakota

Dear Pat: It would be great if all adopted children who searched for their biological parents found kindhearted folks willing to accept them. That is not always the case. It is also true that some adopted children DO expect to gain a new family and are disappointed when the biological parent does not want a closer relationship

To those biological par ents who are reluctant to meet the offspring, please consider sending some fam ily photographs along with a medical history

Dear Annie: After being on the waiting list for the past semester. I recently moved into the dorms at my college. I am usually a very bubbly and outgoing per son, but for some reason, I can't seem to make any friends here. Instead of going out, I lock myself in my room with the excuse that I have too much homework to socialize Can you help me? - Lonely in New Hampshire

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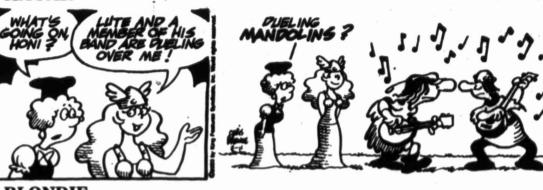
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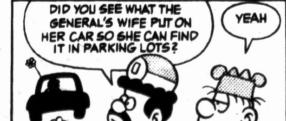
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People In the News

By The Associated Press

NICASIO, Calif. (AP) Filmmaker George Lucas is combining his film production, special effects and video game companies under the name Lucasfilm Ltd.

The strategic business move, announced Tuesday, will bring together special effects shop Lucas Digital, video game maker LucasArts Entertainment, Lucas Licensing and Lucasfilm.

Those four companies are housed in Marin County. where Lucas makes his home. The consolidation means most of the 2,000 employees will relocate to the company's planned Digital Arts Center campus at San Francisco's Presidio in 2005, said Lucasfilm

spokeswoman Lynn Hale. Also coinciding with the

move, Lucasfilm President Gordon Radley has decided to leave the company. Lucas will remain chairman of the board and chief officer executive Lucasfilm Ltd.

"We have a unique array of talent in the areas of special effects, sound design, interactive games, licensing, distribution and marketing." Lucas said Tuesday. "This new structure will make it easier for our diverse talents to work as a team."

LOS ANGELES (AP) Now that the NFL season is done, Bon Jovi is turning to

The band will headline Tiger Woods' benefit concert in Las Vegas on April iξ Wednesday

"I grew up listening to Bon Jovi, and I'm really looking forward to seeing them live," Woods said. "It

means a lot to me that Jon and the guys have joined in my efforts to support today's youth through Tiger Jam."

Bon Jovi played in New York's Times Square at a promotion to start the NFL season and helped close it with a performance at the Super Bowl in San Diego.

The "Tiger Jam" concert raises money for Woods' foundation and children's charities in Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Also performing with Bon Jovi at the Mandalay Bay , Events Center will be the Goo Goo Dolls.



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