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WEEKEND **EDITION**

January 10-11 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



SUNDAY SUNDAY NIGHT 64°-66° 40°-41°

Eyeglasses

The Evening Lions Club will be offering free recycled eyeglasses for any adults who cannot afford to purchase glasses. The eyeglass clinic will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third.

INSIDE



Bernard Lafayette, a civil rights worker who worked closely with Martin Luther King Jr., has dedicated his life to building peace.

Hometown Hero: Bringing joy into the lives of terminally ill children is not an easy task, but for the past 15 years it has been a way of life for Kandi and Mark Bailey of North Platte, Neb. (pop. 23,878). After they lost their young son to a brain tumor in 1986, the Baileys found strength and healing through their volunteer efforts with the North Platte chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Hometown Spotlight: Founded during in 1887, Eatonville, Fla., (pop. 2,432) is the nation's oldest surviving incor-Africanporated American municipali-

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Early voting continues in District 31 Senate election

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The number of early voting ballots cast this week in the District 31 Senate race were by no means outstanding, but county officials predict a good overall outcome.

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Howard County Clerk Donna Wright said 269 ballots were cast through Friday in the first week of early voting. In addition, 10 ballots had been mailed, with three returned.



Wright compared numbers to last year's special election for U.S. Senate. "We currently have

156 in the office as of today, and we've mailed out five ballots, one of which has

been returned," said Wright. "In comparison to the special election we had last year, the first

Earlier in the week, three days of early voting yielded Howard County, which comes 189 votes. We're not to far behind at this point.'

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Wright said she hopes current election totals meet or exceed previous special election ballot-

"In last year's special election we had a total of 1,874 ballots cast," said Wright. "That was early voting and election day totals together. At that point we had 17,482 registered voters in

out to 10.72 percent participation."

While a 10 percent turnout may seem rather bleak, Wright said the short nature of special elections has a lot to do with the voter turnout.

"I really think people just don't get the chance to review the candidates as well when it comes to

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Funds are necessary in order to conduct Bible history classes

Missionary League

By THOMAS JENKINS

boost

Staff Writer

In God we trust. It's the cornerstone of County schools. American culture and the

"It's a wonderful Friday afternoon, as the mission opportunity Lutheran Women's when you consider Missionary the kids at the Léague at St. Paul high school that Lutheran Church preare getting the sented the Bible knowledge." Howard County Bible Leighrene Kohl, President of Class Board with a check the Lutheran Women's

for \$1,168. Board President

the check from Leighrene Kohl, President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at St. Paul Lutheran. Henry fund-raisers, people from said the money will be the community and local used to fund the program, which provides Bible

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classes in three Howard

"We have Bible classes concept got a much need- in the three schools in

Howard County," she said. "We currently have three classes at Big Spring High School, two classes at Forsan and one Coahoma. This is the first year for

classes

Coahoma. "We are allowed

have those as Jackie Henry accepted humanities classes. The school district doesn't pay for any of the supplies or for the teacher's salaries, so we are dependent on

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Garden City High School sophomore Alex Halfmann shears a goat in preparation for the the goat judging at the annual Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show. Halfmann was

ALON USA

Refinery officials bring curriculum to Big Spring ISD

By MARSHA ALLEN

Life Editor

It didn't go "oink," but it was impressive all the

Demonstrating principles of a "pig," ALON USA went to the classroom on Friday to bring its two-week instruction program to Big Spring Independent School District students.

Ernie Morgan, operations manager at ALON USA's Big Spring Refinery, demonstrated the principle of a "pig" to Goliad Intermediate School students. A "pig," Morgan explained, is an apparatus which does the hefty job of cleaning the refinery's pipelines. The term "pigs" came from a former practice of using live swine to clean sewer lines in the early days of sewer line installments. Of course, swine are no longer used for such methods, cleaning

Morgan added. Oil refinery "pigs" are refinery placed in

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pipelines at one entry location, such as Big Spring, and retrieved at another junction. They have traveled along the pipeline, cleaning sludge as they go. Sludge is emptied at various pipeline junctions such Abilene, Wichita Falls and Big Spring.

further Morgan explained that some "pigs" are dumb and some are smart. Smart "pigs" are computerized; dumb ones are not. When smart "pigs" are placed

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Big Spring Refinery Manager Joe Concienne presents a flag that was flown over construction of the facility's new low-sulfur gasoline unit to Operations Manager Jeff Brorman.

Milestone in production of gasoline noted with presentation of U.S. flag

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Refinery celebrated the completion of its new \$18 million low-sulfur gasoline unit in a rather patriotic way Friday afternoon, as Refinery Manager Joe Concienne

presented the group most important accomresponsible for running the unit with an American flag that flew above the project during construction.

Concienne said the new unit is a milestone in the production of gasoline, and marked the plant's

plishment of the past year.

"There was not one more important thing we had to do this year," he said. "There were a lot of things that were important, but that was at the

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Howard County commissioners will hold their first scheduled meeting of the new year Monday morning. The following matters are currently on the meeting

agenda: · Jackie Olson, County Auditor

- Invoices

Purchase requests

- Discuss credit cards for payment of fines, fees and

· Teresa Thomas, County Treasurer

- Personnel considerations

- Payroll report

- Treasurer's quarterly report

 Phil Furqueron, Construction Administrator - Courthouse/Library renovations

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

The Annual Meeting of Big Spring Main Street, Inc. will be held on Wednesday at noon, in the Doc Hardy Railroad Museum, 123 Main Street.

Please make plans to attend this Annual Meeting. The agenda will include:

•Election of new Board Members

Accomplishments in 2003

•Goals for 2004

For more information, please contact Sandra Waggoner at 263-3620.

The Board of Trustees of the Stanton Independent School district will hold it's regular school board meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the school Administration Building.

The agenda will include:

·Consider quarterly investments report

·Discuss the restroom facility at the Elementary campus

•Discuss student enrollment

 Consider superintenden'ts contract, resignations and employ personnel

·Campus principas, maintenance, technology, special programs and status of various athletic programs.

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Big Spring Independent School district will be held Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the High School Board Room at 707 11th Place.

The subject to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed

TASB Policy Update 72

Approve contract for general Legal services

Approval of Annual Audit Report

· Approve to request qualifications for audit ser-Approve Board of Trustees Calendar of Events

Approve Big Spring Steer Band trip

· Consideration of resignations, retirements or

employments

Preliminary 2004-2005 budget

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the southwest 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon..Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the southwest 5 to 15 mph after midnight.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.. Monday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.. Tuesday night... Partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Wednesday...Breezy, Partly cloudy, Highs in the mid 50s.. Wednesday night... Mostly clear. Lows around 30.

Support groups

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

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

☐ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY

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

☐ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

☐ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

· CHRISTOPHER PERKINS, 29, of 2507 Kelly Circle, was arrested Friday on a charge of failure to

· TRACI RENE CASTILLO, 26, of 1708 Main Street, was arrested Friday and held for the Howard County

Sheriff's Office. · NATHAN ALAN RITZ, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Friday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

· PAUL FLANNELL, 46, of 1106 W. Fourth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxica-

JOE CONDE, 32, of Lamesa, was arrested Saturday on a Midland County warrant for aggravated assault.

· THEFT was reported:

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 1100 block of Lames.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell. - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

· ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 2300 block of Runnels.

 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of FM 700.

• FAILURE TO IDENTIFY was reported in the 2500 block of Langley.

· ASSAULT was reported: - in the 2500 block of Langley.

- in the 300 block of Settles.

· BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in

the 1100 block of E. 12th Street.

Take note

A FUND HAS BEEN established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3

□ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer

patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

☐ THE CLASS OF 1974 is looking for the following classmates, If your know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net: Kim Adams, Stanley Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Beverly Anderson, Jim Archer, Albert Arriols, Teresa Atkinson, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Jackie Barber, Debra Barksdale, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Richard Brackeen, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Mary Burke, Greg Burris, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Karen Conley Melendez, Linda Curtis, Janice Danford, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Lorraine Davis, Jimmey Dean, Donna DeFlitch, Joyce DeFlitch, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eyssen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Victor Garcia, Lonnie Gary, Raul Garza, Ricky Gilliland, Sandra Gleason, Susan Gleason Williams, Belinda Gomez, Evelyn Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Donna Hale, Sue Harris, Terry Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Adolpho Herrera, Cynthia Herron, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Calvin Junek, Virginia Keathley, Matthew King, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth,



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Bulletin board

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Saturday

A dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third. Members and guests wel-

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

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

Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster Streets. Breakfast is served.

Hanger 25 Air Museum, located at McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Big Spring Squares meets the first and third Saturday. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more informa-

Karen Lawler, John Lipscombe, Wayne Lister, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Mark McLeod, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Patsy Medina, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Ethel Minter, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Ronald Myrick, Marilyn Neill, Billy Nugent, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Barbara Pierce, Carletta Pierce Roberts; Debrora Pineda, Cherri Polanco, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Jackie Richards, Linda Richardson, Earl Richlart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriquez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Danny Rountree, Mary Rubio Fierro, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Esperanza Salazar, Irene Saldivar, Carol Scott, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Rita Sherril Yeats, Terri Sledge, Doug Smith, Rickey Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Leatreca Stewart, Linda Stewart, Sharon Thorp, Sheryl Tibbs Allen, Carolyn Toaz, Tiburico Trevino, Alice Trevino Hernandez, Robbie Tubb, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Randy Weaver, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Julie Williams, Kenneth Williamson, Monte Wood.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday

Winning numbers drawn: 3-4-11-20 (numerical

order). Bonus Ball: 23. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Prize: \$200,000 (estimate). Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing:

\$250,000. Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 21-2-30-20-29. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-3

The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday: 24-32-38-47-49 Mega Ball = 12

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported to following activity:

· ANIMAL CRUELTY was reported in the area of Brandon Road. Contact was made, offense report was

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 5500 block of Old Colorado City Highway. Incident report

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Culp. Deputy responded, no report was taken.

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HERALD photo/Marsha Allen Ernie Morgan, operations manager for ALON USA Big Spring Refinery, demonstrates the principles of "pigs" to Goliad Intermediate School students and Lucy Odom, Goliad teacher. He holds a typical "pig" apparatus. Students include, left to right. Chance Urias, Odom, James Grimes, Morgan, Wayne Bateman, Ashley Thomas, and Lindsey Deel. See arti-

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in pipelines they measure thickness of pipeline walls and register any problems as they proceed along.

The interesting educational program was just a sampling of what ALON USA professionals plan to present to BSISD students over the next two weeks as the company celebrates its 75th anniversary.

The curriculum will focus on four areas of the refinery - environmental aspects, scientific principals, the economic impact on the community and technological innovations throughout the years. Big Spring Refinery Manager Joe

Concienne said ALON officials are eager to assist the school district.

"We have groups of people, experts, who are going to serve as a resource in every way possible," Concienne said in October, while addressing school district teachers and students.

Before the two weeks are over, ALON personnel will have made visits to all campuses, many of them on multiple occasions.

In addition to his explanation of "pigs" on Friday, Morgan gave an overview of the refinery. He went on to explain that refinery storage tanks can raise and lower temperatures to keep crude oil or other petroleum products at liquefied levels. The tall towers at the refinery are distillation towers, he noted.

Also, operators at the plant are required to wear hard hats, earplugs, gloves and fire retardant tributed to this article.

shirts. Each operator carries a radio, Armstrong told the youngsters during presentations in the school's library...

Costs for operating a refinery are much the same as operating one's home, Morgan said. For instance, a normal size home needs to be equipped with water, natural gas and electricity. Refineries need these commodities as well.

A normal home's operation might require approximately \$150 a month in water bills, \$200 in natural gas use and approximately \$200 to \$300 in electricity use. A refinery's bills for water is approximately \$70,000 a month, \$ 1.5 million for natural gas use, and from \$600,000 to \$800,000 for electricity.

News Editor Bill McClellan con-

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top, matnly because we couldn't sell gasoline at the end of the year if we

didn't get it finished. "It's a milestone and a success, and the way I define a success is it was done on time, and we didn't give ourselves any more time than we needed to do it. It was done on budget. Lastly, and most importantly, it does what it was designed to do."

Concienne said the flag, which was placed in a shadow box to be displayed at the facility's control room, symbolizes more than just a Big Spring Refinery accomplishment.

"One of the things this flag symbolizes for me is the fact that the project was completed with American labor," said Concienne. "It was an American project all the way, and it was done at a time when this country was involved in the Iraq war. So I think it's a reminder of the accomand what was going on at that time in the U.S. I feel like it's very appropriate in many different ways."

Jeff Operations Supervisor over the new low-sultur gasoline unit, who did so on behalf of the men and women that worked so hard to meet Concienne's high standard of success. Brorman said the project went smoothly from its inception in 2002, right up to its completion in December of 2003.

"We started the engineering phase, which is the process design of the unit, back in 2002," said Brorman. "We wrapped up that part of the phase in 2003, and went from that point on to the design construction phase, where they designed and engineered all of the equipment that went into it. We started construction some time in April and worked the construction all the way until the early part of December. Operations started

right after that." Brorman said the pro-

plishments of the project ject represented a collaboration on the parts of many different departments within the plant, and its smooth start-up The flag was accepted and operation is testa-Brorman, ment to that cooperation.

> of wet weather but overall when they burn it. we were lucky on the weather we had," he said. "There was a lot of wind, but that's just West Texas for you.

"I think it was a good project for the company. Everybody pulled together, and we're not real long on people resources and their availability, so everyone had to play a part to make it all work everyone from maintenance, operations, construction group and outside contractors. I'm just pleased with the way it's been running since we got it up, and it's been running very smoothly."

The gasoline the new unit is producing represents a serious step forward for the environment, said Brorman, with even note improvements coming in the near future.

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"The previous gasoline that left the refinery ran in the range of 600 parts per million in sulfur, and we've been able to reduce that by almost half," he explained. "That's a big "We had a few days reduction in the amount where we had a little bit of sulfur the cars make Ultimately, there's going to be more work to be done to remove even more of the sulfur out of the gasoline. The target in the future is 30 PPM, so we still have a way to go. It's staged in so we don't have to spend all of the money right up front, so we still have work to do to get the final goal for the gasoline we produce.'

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Jean Goertz, 55, died Wednesday. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM Saturday at St. Paul Church. Lutheran Graveside services were at 2:30 PM Saturday at Lawnhaven Cemetery in San Angelo.

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these special elections," she said. "Especially in this one. Everyone has had such a short time to hear from the candidates, I think it makes it really tough for them to go to the polls.

"We're approaching this with a positive frame of mind and we hope the voters will as well.

The special election was announced shortly after Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, announced his resignation from the seat effective Jan. 12. Bivins cited his nomination by President Bush as ambassador to Sweden and a desire to spend more time with this family as the reasons.

On the ballot will be seven candidates, including lone Democratic hopeful Elaine King Miller of Amarillo. Republican candidates include farmer Lee Gibson of businessman Dumas, Kirk Edwards of Odessa, businessman Kel Seliger of Amarillo, businessman Don Sparks of Midland, Odessa businessman Bob Barnes, and restaurant Jesse owner/attorney Quackenbush Amarillo.





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OUR VIEWS

Value of keeping children from drugs... priceless

hat's it worth to help provide child safety and drug prevention education in our community? That's basically the question the Big Spring Police Department is currently asking local businesses and individuals.

Police department personnel are again working with the National Drug & Safety League and the national Child Safety Council in an effort to raise funds for the BSPD Child Safety and Drug Prevention Education Program which is designed to place important educational material in both homes and classrooms in Big Spring.

"We realize that business people are constantly being asked for donations," Police Chief Lonnie Smith said of the fund-raising effort. "However, I feel that acquiring these materials is one of the most worthwhile ways to help our community."

The materials police officers and teachers receive are instrumental in the BSPD's programs on child safety, drug and gang issues, gun safety and other community concerns. 4

The department has mailed donation requests seeking sponsorships from local businesses. Contributors can participate at several different levels. Providing materials for 35 children costs \$50.40, while providing materials for 500 can be done for \$750.

That's a small price to pay when one considers that if it keeps just one child from the horrors of drug addiction, alcoholism or gang violence, the reward has been absolutely priceless.

Anyone wanting additional information on the program can contact Chief Smith or Lt. Parker by calling 264-2559.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I meet many people every day going about my daily business. Today, I met a man that truly impressed me. His name is Don Sparks. I knew about him and I had heard that he was a good man and one that had a strong sense of value. After meeting with him and two of his sons for about an hour I came away with the knowledge that the great things I had heard about Don were way understated.

I learned from thismeeting that Don really believes in the values of faith, family, free enterprise and freedom. His background in agriculture and the oil and gas business make him the right choice to represent this district in the Texas Senate race. These things are important to me and to this district. He will help to protect the foundation of our economy (oil, gas and agriculture) as well as seeking new industries to help us grow.

It is my wish that my circle of friends and influence will cast their vote for Don Sparks for the Texas Senate. He is the right person for this very important job. I believe he will serve us well.

> TERRY PHILLIPS MIDLAND, TEXAS

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Looking at Bush's immigration proposal

resident Bush announced a sweeping new immigration reform proposal this week that could become a hot-button issue in the November election. For months, insiders have hinted that the president would propose a new guest worker program

aimed at allowing more foreign workers into the country on a temporary basis. Widely favored by the American business community, a guest worker program would allow employers to fill jobs in industries that routinely experience shortages of workers

willing to do the often difficult, dangerous jobs Americans shun at least at wages that allow employers to remain in business.

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But the guest worker provisions won't be the most controversial part of the administration's new proposal. Although some groups that want to limit immigration altogether - such as the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) oppose guest worker plans, even such staunch restrictionists as Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO) are on record supporting the idea of guest workers. The real battle will be over what to do with those millions of illegal aliens who are already here.

Some 8-12 million illegal aliens reside in the United States now up three- or four-fold from a decade ago. An estimated 60 percent of these are from Mexico

alone, and it is no accident that the Bush plan was announced in anticipation of the president's meeting with his Mexican counterpart, President Vicente Fox, next week. The White House announced less than a week before the Fox meeting that millions of illegal aliens from Mexico and elsewhere will be allowed, over time, to earn legal status in the U.S., so long as they have been working continuously, paid taxes and not broken other laws. The plan will impose some penalties on these workers - most likely fines similar to those proposed in legislation sponsored by Republican Representatives Jeff Flake and Jim Kolbe and Senator John McCain, all from Arizona.

These proposals may not offer perfect justice - who can blame those who resent rewarding "line jumpers" with legal status while millions of other would-be immigrants wait patiently to enter the country legally. But "earned legalization" is probably the best solution to a largely intractable problem. There is no way that the United States can find and deport 8-12 million illegal aliens in this country, and even if we could, we would do more harm than good.

The American economy depends on these workers, who, along with legal immigrants, contributed significantly to the economic boon of the 1990s. If FAIR could wave a magic wand and make these illegal aliens disappear overnight, the rest of us would suffer by having to pay more for everything from the food we put on the table to the houses in which we live. Our office buildings wouldn't get

cleaned, our crops wouldn't get picked, our meat wouldn't get processed, nor our tables cleaned when we go out to eat.

Sure, we could double wages toattract American-born workers to some of these jobs, but at even twice the salary it would be difficult to fill the nastiest of these tasks, like processing poultry. But why would we want American workers, who we've spent trillions of dollars educating for 13 or 14 years, on average, to perform jobs that require only the most minimal skills? Even if we got rid of all illegal aliens in the U.S., these jobs would likely go to foreign workers, like it or not.

What sense does it make to insist that we get rid of the very people doing these jobs now in order to make way for other foreign workers to take them under a new guest worker plan? It makes a lot more sense to figure out how to get those illegal aliens already employed at these jobs to come in from the shadows and become part of the legal system. They should pay a penalty for having broken the law in the first place by sneaking into the country or overstaying their visas, but it is better for all of us if they earn their way toward legal status than remain in the illegal netherworld where they now hide.

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Amazing: There is no concrete fairy

r. Bumble observed that the law is an ass, and he'd never even seen the congressional redistricting plan drawn by Texas Republicans. Sigh. I just hate when Tom DeLay and Karl Rove get away with a dirty deal like this. The

University of Texas is now represented by Lamar Smith of San Antonio, I'm in a district that runs to the Mexican border, and two blocks north of me, they're in with Houston. Help!

As one who relishes our state's incontrovertibly bizarre political mores, I must confess I love the sheer

awfulness of this map. It is, in its own way, totally awesome and worthy of the truly noble tradition of lunacy for which Texas is so

Speaking of said tradition, I have failed to give sufficient recognition to our only governor, Goodhair Perry, who is adding to the old je ne sais quoi in truly impressive quantities. Goodhair gave such an amazing performance at his end-of-the-year press conference that I was forced to call a perfectly reliable reporter for the Dallas Morning News and ask if it was a joke.

In a textbook example of how to handle a nasty problem, Gov. Goodhair addressed the awkward report by the state auditor's office on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Not to put too fine a point on it, the auditor says the commission stinks. While this was not exactly astonishing news — the commission's pathetic record is an old story - the guv took the opportunity to lambaste - yes, of course - the state auditor's office. "It appears to me that (they) have gone from auditing to trying to make statements on public policy," said our concerned chief executive. "That's not the state auditor's function, in my humble explanation." (sic)

The auditor's report says the agency responsible for the cleanliness of our air and water has reduced, capped and inconsistently collected penalties to the extent that some polluters economically benefit from continuing to violate the law. In other words, SNAFU, the normal condition of any Texas regulatory agency. Get used to it, America — Bush is remaking the entire country in the image of Texas.

The guv remains convinced that his greatest accomplishment was not raising taxes, even though fees, tuition, fines and everything else they could find to jack up without calling it a tax was jacked sky-high. Concerning the citizens' reaction to more toll roads, the Guv said, "I think they understand full well that concrete and that asphalt doesn't get out there because of the concrete fairy." It's Texas: We were all amazed to learn there's no concrete fairy.

You may recall that during the session the Guv promised us our insurance rates would drop by up to 18 percent if the Lege would just pass that tort deform bill putting an end to all those frivolous lawsuits. Hasn't happened, of course - never does, another thing the rest of the country will eventually learn.

"I'm very comfortable there will be better news once we get those guys out of the courthouse and quit hiding behind that action," said the Guv, referring to the big insurance companies, which, totally unimpressed by the new tort reform law, have filed what we all hope is a frivolous lawsuit against

the state. As the college admissions official said to the applicant who had killed both his parents,

"Oh well, these things do happen." You may think the Guv's had a rough year — three special sessions on top of the regular session just to pass that misbegotten redistricting bill, not counting the two bolts by Democrats and such minor unpleasantness as having to hack \$10 billion out of the state budget. For some, the budget-cutting, aimed mostly of course at services for desperately needy people, was a painful and even tragic exercise. Especially knocking 250,000 poor children off health insurance. Fortunately, Gov. Goodhair has a firm grasp on priorities, and when asked his biggest disappointment of the year, replied, "Aggie football."

On the Cheerleader Conspiracy front, please note that both of the governor's possible opponents in next year's primary — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Comptroller Carole Keaton Strayhorn - were cheerleaders, as was Goodhair himself. As was the president. Are we in the Twilight Zone yet? Has anyone seen the Spirit Stick?

Crow Eaten Here: I learn via The Weekly Standard that I owe credit for a line I've used about Arnold Schwarzenegger - "looks like a condom stuffed with walnuts" - to an Australian journalist named Clive James. I first heard the line from a civil libertarian in Vermont and had no idea it had come from James, or I would have given him credit. My apologies.

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Jackie Henry, president of the Howard County Bible Class Board, right, receives a check for \$1,168 from Leighrene Kohl, president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at St. Paul Lutheran. Kohl and her group raised the money through different projects including a fall bazaar.

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businesses to support us financially.

Henry said donations like these are vital to the continuation of the program.

"Their are a couple of groups here at the Lutheran Church, and they're donating the funds that they've raised to the prògram," said Henry. "Without these donations, the classes simply wouldn't be possible. The teachers that teach these classes are paid on the same pay rate as the other teachers at the school district, and if we can't afford to pay them we have to start cutting the classes down.

"It's taught to the students as history. It's not taught from a denominational or theological standpoint."

Kohl said they had a great deal of fun raising the money for the pro-

"We did fund-raisers and a big bazaar last fall, and from those we were able to raise enough to donate more than \$1,100 to the Bible fund," said Kohl. "The quarterly mission project for our Sunday School children was to collect funds as well, and they've raised right at \$1,000, which will be presented to the fund as well at a later date."

Kohl said the need for funding became apparent thanks to her husband, who is on the board of directors for the program.

"My husband is on the board and he made us aware of the need," she said. "It's a wonderful mission opportunity when you consider the kids at the high school that are getting the Bible knowledge.

"I feel like this helps strengthen the entire community. It gives the children the basic biblical knowledge, regardless of their denomination and it speaks well of our community and city when newcomers and businesses come in and see that it's an important part of our community."

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Challengers of redistricting plan are seeking Supreme Court stay

Opponents Republican congressional redistricting plan for Texas on Friday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the use of the new map for the 2004 elections pending their full appeal to the high court.

Congressional Democrats and other Democratic interests that had challenged the plan asked the Supreme Court to stay a lower federal court's ruling approving the map. If that request is not granted, the plaintiffs said, they want an injunction to require previous congressional districts to be used in the election.

The plaintiffs have up to days to appeal Tuesday's approval of the map by a three-judge

The panel listened to trial testimony in Austin in December before ruling that the Democrats and minority groups had failed to prove their claims that the new congressional plan violated the U.S. Constitution or the federal Voting Rights

"It's likely the case will be reversed ultimately by the Supreme Court," said Gerry Hebert, an attorney

gressional Democrats.

Attorneys for the state have argued the new map was passed by lawmakers in October with political interests in mind, not racial gerrymandering. But Democrats claim minority voting rights were trampled in the new plan.

Attorney General Greg Abbott repeatedly has said he believes the GOP map will withstand court challenges. "As I indicat-

representing Texas con- ed earlier this week, I do not believe that the United States Supreme Court will grant the plaintiffs' request for (a) stay in the redistricting case," Abbott said through a spokesman Friday.

Ted Royer, spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas, said GOP leaders expect the new redistricting plan to continue to get legal validation.

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'We're confident... that the outcome is going to be the same," Royer said.



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Woman who planned abduction receives prison term

INDIO, Calif. (AP) - A woman who helped plan the violent abduction of her 9-year-old son from his father's home during a bitter custody dispute has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Debra Rose, 39, wept as the judge handed down the sentence Friday.

Rose and her boyfriend, 49-year-old Michael Riley, paid two men to snatch Nicholas Farber from his father's home in August 2002. Police found the boy disguised in girl's clothing two days later at a San Diego County campground with Rose and Riley.

The armed kidnapping came during a summer of several high-profile abductions, including that of Samantha Runnion, an Orange County girl whose body was found weeks later along a highway.

Rose and Riley hired Rodrique Van Blake and Elias Gutierrez, both 29, to kidnap the boy. The men said Riley had told them the child was in danger and the kidnapping was part of a CIA mission.

All four were found guilty in October of child abduction, custodial interference, burglary, assault and false imprisonment.

Riley, whom the judge called the mastermind of the plot, was also convicted of felony kidnapping and given a 16-year sen-

Van Blake, a former Marine with no criminal record, was sentenced to eight years in prison. Gutierrez was sentenced to five years.

Nicholas' father said his son was traumatized by the abduction.

"I now have a little boy who doesn't like to go outside, who always has to make sure the doors and windows are locked, who doesn't make friends," Michael Farber said.

Land mine found in passenger's luggage

DENVER (AP) - A 24year-old Army sergeant was removed from an after an inert land mine was found in his checked baggage, Safety Transportation

Administration said. TSA screeners noticed

the land mine Friday, pulled the bag from the luggage system at Denver International Airport and confiscated the mine, TSA spokesman Mike Fierberg

No flights were delayed. The soldier, whose name was not released, could face civil penalties for trying to put a prohibited item aboard a flight, Fierberg said. No criminal charges would be filed, he said.

The man was released by police, but the airline refused to allow him aboard his flight to Dallas, Fierberg said.

FDA head says agency working to cut drug costs

WASHINGTON (AP) States can cut their drug costs without turning to imports from Canada, says the head of the Food and Drug Administration, and states that defy the ban on importing pharmaceuticals might face legal action.

Commissioner McClellan said Mark Friday his agency is working with state governments to increase the use of less-expensive generic drugs and to find other ways to cut costs, such as using the states' buying power to negotiate lower prices from drug compa-

City governments in Springfield, Mass., and Montgomery, Ala., have begun buying drugs from Canada, and several states are studying the idea.

The FDA contends that it can't guarantee the safety of imported drugs and has been working to discourage the imports. Importing medicine from abroad for resale is illegal.

Iraqis surprised on Saddam's POW status

By SAMEER N. YACOUB Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq authorities expressed surprise and disappointment Saturday at reports that Pentagon lawyers have determined that Saddam Hussein has been a prisoner of war since .American forces captured him last month.

On Friday, a Pentagon spokesman, Maj. Michael Shavers, said the Defense Department's top civilian lawyers have determined that Saddam is a prisoner of war because of his status as former commander in chief of Iraq's military. The lawyers determined that no formal declaration of Saddam's status was needed, he said.

Some Iraqis expressed concern that prisoner of war status, which grants Saddam certain legal rights and protection under the Geneva Conventions, could prevent Iraqi courts from trying the ousted dictator for alleged crimes against the Iraqi people.

decision," said Dara Nor al-Din, a former appeals court judge and member of the Iraqi Governing Council. "We still consider Saddam a criminal and he will be tried on this basis. This new move will be discussed thoroughly in the Governing Council."

But officials of the U.S.led coalition late Saturday repeated President Bush's assurance that Iraqis would play a leading role, and said that his POW status could change later.

The top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, denied suggestions that a deal was made with Saddam, telling a news conference: "There was no deal brokered between the coalition forces and Saddam for changing his status to an enemy prisoner of war.'

they plan to turn Saddam over to an Iraqi court for trial. The United States says Saddam's government killed at least

"I am surprised by this 300,000 Iraqis, including thousands of Iraqi Kurds in a poison gas attack in

But the Geneva Conventions say POWs can be tried for crimes against humanity only by an international tribunal or the occupying power in this case the United States. "I think it is a bad deci-

sion, and the Americans have no right to make such decisions because it is the Iraqi people alone who can decide," said Governing Council member Mahmoud Othman. "The Iraqi people want Saddam to be tried for his crimes in accordance with the Iraqi law. Iraqis want to know the parties which helped Saddam to commit those crimes and to possess weapons of mass destruction.'

Dan Senor told reporters U.S. officials have said that "there is no need for concern" since Saddam's "ultimate designation will be determined down the road."

Senor reiterated that

that the pursuit of justice Saddam regarding Hussein should have an Iraqi leadership role ... a substantial leadership role by the Iraqi people itself."

Iraq's justice minister. Hashim Abdul-Rahman, called the Pentagon comments about POW status "mere views" and insisted that Iraqis themselves would determine Saddam's fate.

"It is a political decision, not a legal one," Abdul-Rahman said. "I do not know why it is was taken. But the only thing I do know is that Iraqi bodies will decide Saddam's status. We will determine his legal statues when the Iraqi authorities take over this

The United States plans Coalition spokesman to transfer sovereignty to

"President Bush has said a provisional Iraqi government by July 1, after which Iraqi authorities could press demands for jurisdiction over Saddam.

On the streets of the Iraqi capital, some Iraqis speculated that the Americans were trying to deny Iraq the chance to try Saddam for fear the ousted leader would expose secret contacts between Washington and Baghdad during the years when the United States was trying to cultivate ties with this country.

"The are considering him a POW in order to have a legal excuse to keep him with them away from the hands of Iragis,' taxi driver Imad Abbas said.

"I don't think they will hand him for Iragis for investigation lest he should reveal previous contacts with them,"



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Woman mauled, man killed by California mountain lion "The chains fell off or Chamois Andersen! The

By ANGELA WATERCUTTER

Associated Press Writer MISSION VIEJO, Calif.

 Anne Hjelle was bicycling along a wilderness trail when a mountain lion sprang from the brush, pounced on her back and dragged her off by the head as fellow bikers threw rocks at the animal and tried to pull her away. The cougar finally ran off, leaving Hjelle - a former Marine who works as a fitness instructor — bloody and near

Hjelle, 30, lay in serious condition Friday after the mauling Thursday in Whiting evening Ranch Wilderness Park.

"This guy would not let go. He had a hold of her face," said Debbie Nichols, who was riding with Hjelle and held on to her friend during a desperate tug-of-war with the

"I just told her, 'I'm never letting go."

Authorities suspect the same mountain lion also killed 35-year-old Mark Jeffrey Reynolds, an amateur mountain bike racer whose half-eaten body was found Thursday in the park near his disabled bike.

He had apparently been killed earlier in the day.

while he was attempting to fix his bike is when the attack happened," said Amormino, a spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

The two attacks shocked people in Southern California and reminded them of the dangers of the outdoors in places where suburban sprawl has encroached on the wilder-

shot and killed Thursday' where Reynolds' body was found.

Initial tests conducted Friday revealed that tissues consistent with human skin were found and Game spokeswoman as wildlife habitat.

somehow broke, and full necropsy will be completed next week, she

> "We are fairly confident we have the sole cat that was responsible for both attacks," Andersen said. Footprints taken at the

site of both attacks had the same measurements, state officials said. A female mountain lion was also being tested after it was hit by a car and killed late Thursday. California has bad salv

A 2-year-old male mountain lion at acts tain lion, which weighed on humans — six of them about 110 pounds, was deadly - in the past 114 years, said state Fish and night after it returned to Game Department biologist Doug Updike. The park where the

attacks occurred is in an area of Orange County bordered by Cleveland National Forest and sevin the stomach of the eral residential developmale cat, said state Fish ments, and is designated

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Former trainer sentenced to 30 years

BRYAN (AP) - A former Livingston High School athletic trainer who was convicted of molesting two of his students has been sentenced to 30 years in prison. Shannon "Doc" Wheat, 39, was convicted this week

of two counts of indecency with a child and one count of sexual assault. He was sentenced on Friday.

A half dozen teenage witnesses said Wheat brought students to Bryan to work on his grandmother's farm. They said he got a motel room with one bed, drugged the boys and touched them inappropriately after they fell asleep.

Defense attorneys asked for probation on all three charges, arguing that Wheat's formerly spotless record was a sign that he could be reformed.

"The fact is Shannon Wheat is a generous, hard working individual," defense attorney Jim James said. "There is a lot of good in Shannon Wheat. He's done some despicable things, but there is an awful lot of good in him."

Man pleads guilty to 1991 slayings

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Laredo man who pleaded guilty to the bloody 1991 slayings of two men and a boy has been sentenced to 41 years in prison.

Miguel Angel Venegas Jr. pleaded guilty to three counts of murder on Friday, the day jury selection was scheduled to begin for his trial. He received his sentence a short time later.

Venegas was 16 when he used a knife and an ax to kill James Smiley, a 33-year-old restaurant manager and Baptist youth counselor, Ruben Martinez, 22, and Daniel Duenez, 14, two residents of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. The trio was attacked as they slept in Smiley's Laredo home.

After his sentencing, Venegas said he does not remember the slayings because he was high from sniffing glue and taking cocaine.

"I have maintained, and I still maintain in my heart, that I am not guilty for the reason that I was on drugs and I was beside myself," Venegas told the San Antonio Express-News for a Saturday story. "I don't remember much of what happened that night."

Ohio lottery loser faces police charge

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP) - A woman who claimed to have lost a lottery ticket worth \$162 million was charged Friday with filing a false police report.

The charges came a day after 40-year-old Elecia Battle all but admitted making up the story. The misdemeanor charge carries 30 days to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Police Lt. Kevin Nietert said police pursued the charge because protecting the lottery's integrity is important.

"I think the general public that's been reviewing this wants to know that the police department is going to do something about this," he said.

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Days after the Dec. 30 Mega Millions drawing, Battle filed a police report saying she had bought the winning ticket but had lost it, possibly when she dropped her purse outside the convenience store.

Wife of Ex-Enron CFO will go to trial

HOUSTON (AP) - A judge said Friday that the wife of former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow would go to trial as planned after a noon deadline for her to accept the judge's conditions on a plea deal passed with no word from her attorneys.

Without a deal for Lea Fastow, a separate plea agreement for Andrew Fastow seemed unlikely, which could hinder the government's investigation of other executives from the failed energy giant, most notably former top executives Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner had said Thursday he would accept a plea from Lea Fastow, a former assistant treasurer at Enron, but he reserved the right to impose a sentence longer than the five months suggested by her attorneys and prosecutors. He gave her until noon Friday to decide whether to accept his con-

After the deadline passed, Hittner issued a statement saving Lea Fastow failed to advise the court of her "willingness to receive a plea of guilty" under his conditions, and her trial would go ahead as scheduled on

Supreme Court to rule on terror detainee

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court agreed Friday to hear the case of a U.S.-born man captured during fighting in Afghanistan and held without charges, the latest setback for the Bush administration and its assertion of broad new powers to prosecute the war on terrorism.

Over the administration's objections, the court said it will consider the treatment of Yaser Esam Hamdi, a suspected Taliban foot soldier held at a U.S. naval brig in South Carolina. The government calls Hamdi an "enemy combatant" and says he is ineligible for ordinary legal protections.

The administration says it is reluctant to allow enemy combatants access to lawyers because that could greatly inhibit efforts to obtain information from them about potential terrorist operations.

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin endorses Dean

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin endorsed Howard Dean for president on Friday, calling him "the best person to beat George W. Bush" and giving a key boost to the embattled front-runner 10 days before the state's kick-off caucuses.

Dean is "the Harry Truman of our time. Howard Dean is really the kind of plain-spoken Democrat we

need," Harkin said in an interview with The Associated Press hours before his official announce-

Harkin represents the state's most durable Democratic politician, a four-term senator whose organization can prove a vital asset on caucus night Jan. 19. Dean and all his rivals for the nomination had appealed to Harkin for his support, and the lawmaker said recently that he was weighing whether to choose

Blast at Iraq mosque leaves five dead

BAQOUBA, Iraq (AP) An explosion ripped through worshippers streaming from a Shiite mosque Friday, killing five people and wounding dozens, and police defused a car bomb outside another nearby mosque.

The apparently coordinated attacks came amid rising tensions between Shiite and Sunni Muslims following the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Elsewhere, U.S. soldiers kicked open doors early Friday and dragged out men in a raid aimed at Saddam lovalists in his hometown of Tikrit. U.S. officials said they detained 30 men - including 14 suspected of orchestrating, financing or carrying out attacks on American soldiers. Among them was a man believed to have detonated a bomb that killed a female soldier from Texas.

In Baghdad, rockets struck a hotel used by Western contract workers, shattering windows but causing no casualties, and a homemade bomb exploded on a street leading to a U.S. military base, wounding an Iraqi civilian and a child.

Extreme cold grips Northeast

BELCHERTOWN, Mass. (AP) - Extreme cold gripped the Northeast on Friday with wind chill readings well below zero, forcing even the hardiest New Englanders to think twice before venturing outside.

In Syracuse, N.Y., where the wind chill was minus 26, the school system canceled classes for 22,000 stu-

The actual daytime high was minus 2.

Governor proposes billions in cuts

Gov. Arnold SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) Schwarzenegger unveiled a \$99.1 billion budget plan Friday and proposed cutting billions of dollars from public health and welfare programs to help pay for it.

Without cuts or higher taxes. California is expected to face a \$14 billion deficit by June 30, 2005, the end of the upcoming fiscal year.

Schwarzenegger did not include any new taxes in his budget plan Friday, but in addition to the cuts, he requested higher state park fees and tuition increases of as much as 40 percent for college students.

"For the past five years, the politicians have made a mess of California's budget." Schwarzenegger said. "Now it's time to clean it up.

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Phillips nominated for Red Zone Player of the Year

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Jared Phillips was something special this past season for the Big Spring Steers at middle linebacker. Just how special is becoming more and more evident.

Phillips, an all-district pick in each of his final two seasons, was nominated for the Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year award last week. The award is presented

school players in the United States.

"It's a great honor for him," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "He spent a lot of time and effort doing the things he needed to do to be the best football player and student he could be. He's very deserving of the

A senior, Phillips was a member of the Big Spring varsity football program for three years. In 2003,

Steers' top defensive players. He racked up more than 100 tackles and had an interception while spearheading a rejuvenated BSHS defense.

Players from throughout Texas and the U.S. are nominated for the award by high school coaches. By being nominated for the national award, Phillips is eligible to be selected to the national

ored as the U.S.'s top prep players next month in USA Today.

As a nominee for the award, the 205-pound twoway standout received a certificate acknowledging his efforts.

The Red Zone Player of the Year award, which is sponsored by Old Spice, recognizes high school football players who go above and beyond the call Red Zone Players of the of duty, particularly in first Steers player ever Year team — a group of 50 the red zone — or final 20

annually to the top high he finished as one of the athletes who will be hon- yards on either end of the field. The award honors those athletes who are able to elevate their play and step up at crucial times

> Phillips, who starred late in the year at fullback for Big Spring, is the second Big Spring High School player nominated for the Red Zone Player of the Year award. Last fall, record-setting quarterback Tye Butler was the nominated.



Big Spring senior Jared Phillips was nominated for the Red Zone Player of the Year award.

FHS girls run past **Lady Birds** in opener

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — If you make your shots from the charity stripe, chances are you're going to

The Forsan Lady Buffs found out just how big free throws are Friday night as they converted 9-of-19 free throw opportunities in the second half en route to claiming a 42-37 win over the Crane Lady Birds in the District 3-2A opener in front of a vocal crowd at Buffalo Gym.

The Lady Buffs' second-half surge enabled them to rally from a 12-6 deficit in the first quarter and, more importantly, head into the second game of district action Tuesday with a 6-12 record and tied for the lead in the 3-2A race.

The Crane Lady Birds, who fell to 7:12 and 0-1, managed just four shots from the charity line — of which they converted only two — in the second half.

After a frigid shooting performance to open the game, Forsan began turning up the heat in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Birds by a 14-7 clip to go into the break holding a 20-19 lead.

Jackylynn Hise and Casi Graves continued the FHS onslaught in the third. Hise buried a 3-point shot to open the stanza. Graves followed Hise's heroics by capping a 6-0 run by converting one of two shots from the charity stripe and then, just 30 seconds after her free throw opportunity, pushing a shot from the floor for a 26-21 lead.

After a 7-2 run by Crane had knotted the score at 28-28, the Lady Buffs responded to coach Brandye Hughey's plea for rebounds by turning in a clinic on about rebounding on the offensive boards. Forsan all but sealed the win by grabbing 11 rebounds on its next two trips down the court — resulting in Misty McGuire being fouled as she sank a short jumper.

McGuire completed the three-

Big Spring rider takes

second at NCHA Futurity

See FORSAN, Page 9B

By BRANDON HALLFORD

After four years of com-

poting in the cutting

horse business, Big

Spring's Thomas Ross

saw the fruits of his labor

last month at the

National Cutting Horse

Ross tied for second in

the non-professional divi-

sion at the event which

was held at the Will

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Special to the Herald

Lady Steers come up short Lake View snaps 41-game losing streak with 59-50 win

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO - The Big Spring Lady Steers had amost everything going for them Friday night in their District 4-4A opener against the Lake View Maidens.

Unfortunately, the whistle wasn't one of them.

The Lady Steers committed 35 fouls and had four players foul out en route to suffering a tough 59-50 loss to Lake View in Ben Norton the Gymnasium. Big Spring's foul trouble enabled the Maidens to snap a 41district losing streak by hitting on 25 of 44 free throw opportunities.

With the loss, Big Spring slipped to 5-13 for the year and to 0-1 in league play. Lake View is now 11-10 and 1-0.

Big Spring held its own in the early minutes of the contest. After Lake View senior Allison Hill had opened the game with a pair of baskets. Imari Brown kicked the Lady Steers' offense into gear with a 3-point shot from the wing. Brown's basket pulled Big Spring to within 4-3 with 5:26 left in the first.

Elida Rodriguez and Alex Watkins followed Brown's lead from there. After an Acacia Ramirez lavup had given the Maidens a 6-3 lead, Rodriguez and Watkins pumped in back-to-backshots that staked the Lady Steers to a 7-6 cushion with 4:28 left.

That turned out to be

Big Spring's only lead. Hill, who finished the game with 25 points, knocked down two shots from the floor in the final 2:12 to give Lake View a slim 12-11 advantage heading into the second.

Lady Steers to host Levelland

The Big Spring Lady Steers are scheduled to host the Levelland Tuesday Lobettes evening in the Steer Gym.

Big Spring heads into the game sporting an 0-1 mark in District 4-4A play. Levelland is 0-1 following a 45-41 setback to Frenship.

In other 4-4A action Lubbock Friday, downed Estacado Andrews by an 84-50 mar-

won a district encounter in the 2000 season, shifted into high gear in the sec-The Maidens, spurred on by a 7-of-11 effort from the charity stripe in the second, stretched their lead to 31-21 at the half with a 19-10 run.

Raegan Ritchey and Carmen Lewis helped power Big Spring in the second with clutch baskets.

Lake View continues to push the lead higher in the third. The Maidens behind six more points from Hill, posted a 14-11 run in the frame and took a 12-point lead, at 45-32, into the final eight minutes of the game.

Freshman Haley Hill keyed the Maidens' thirdquarter success by collecting six of her 11

points in the frame. Things look bleak for Big Spring in the opening moments of the fourth. Lake View opened the fourth with a 5-0 run that inflated its lead to 18, at 50-32.

The Lady Steers, who had two players Carmen Lewis and Brown collect four fouls apiece in the first half, refused to go down quiet-See GIRLS, Page 9A

Lake View, which last Free throws help Pirates slip past Steers, 56-38

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

LUBBOCK Lubbock Cooper Pirates scored 35 second-half points Tuesday night and raced to a tough 56-38 win over the Big Spring Steers in non-district

Cooper, which improved to 9-9 overall, converted 17 of 21 opportunities from the free throw line in the contest. Big Spring went to the charity stripe just 15 times in the game.

The Steers, coming off

an impressive win over Pecos last week, held their own in the first half. Big Spring trailed by just six points, at 21-15, at the end of the first 16 minutes of play.

Cooper outscored Big Spring by a 35-23 margin in the second half.

With the loss, the Steers head into Tuesday's nondistrict finale against Sweetwater with a 4-16 record.

Jordan Cobb led all BSHS scorers with 14 points. Michael Ornales-Doporto added 11.

BS softball boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring Lady Athletic Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the BSHS

Training Complex. All parents of players are urged to



Big Spring sophomore Codye Burt drives past Lake View's Erin Jacobs for a basket

during the third quarter Friday night. Lake View managed to snap a 41-game district

NCHA Futurity in Fort Worth.

second-place finish. In the non-pro finals, Furgeson Scott Hempstead, avenged his reserve-championship showing the year before by winning the title with a score of 223. Linda Holmes of Long-mont, Colo., was second.

slide with a 59-50 win.

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her horse. Wood Ya

Ross, one of only three

Texans to finish in the

non-professional top 10,

pocketed \$15,050 for his

Wanna, to the title.

Kevin Parker of Stephenville won the limited Open title with a score of 221, while Carol Dewrell of Gulf Breeze, Fla., claimed the limited nonpro event.



Big Spring cowboy Thomas Ross and his horse Jazabelle Jerry claimed second in the non-professional division at the

attend.

BIG SPRIN Weekend

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By BRANDO

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School last buzzer-beat

Wall weathers 'Dogs' fourth-quarter surge

By BRANDON HALLFORD into the final frame.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs went ice cold in the second and third quarters Friday night and then fell just short with a wild fourth-quarter comeback against No. 10-ranked Wall.

Wall withstood a 25point outburst in the final eight minutes to claim a 58-51 victory.

Coahoma, which held a 13-12 lead heading into the second quarter, hit the wall offensively in the second period. Plagued by inconsistent play all season, the Bulldogs managed just 13 points over the next two quarters and fell behind 40-26 entering

Coahoma attempted to claw its way back in the fourth.

Sam Tindol led the Coahoma offense by pumping in a team-high 17 points. Kelby Kemper and Tyler Fowler combined to score 18, hitting for 11 and seven, respectively.

Slade Weishuhn captured game-high honors with 37 for the Hawks.

With the loss, Coahoma falls to 8-9 on the year. Wall improved to 19-1.

The Bulldogs will close out their non-district slate Tuesday when they face the Reagan County Owls. Coahoma begins District 3-2A play Friday by hosting rival Forsan.

Stanton thumps C-City, 42-30

Kristi Bridges scored 18 points and Shelby Harp added 16 more Friday and helped the Stanton Lady Buffaloes pound out a 42-30 victory over the Colorado City Lady Wolves in the District 3-2A opener for both teams.

With the win, Stanton improved to 13-8 for the year.

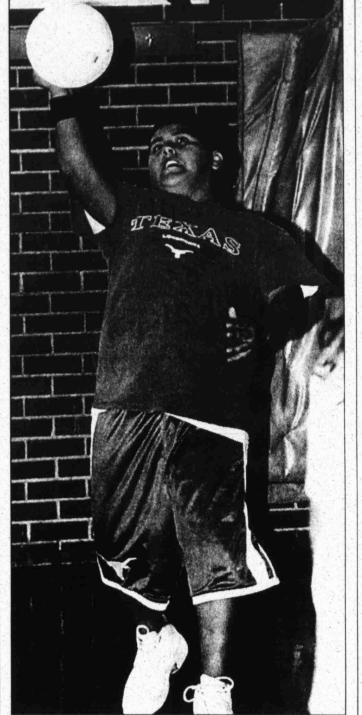
Colorado City controlled the tempo in the first eight minutes. The Lady **Wolves outscored Stanton** by a 12-11 clip in the first period.

The Lady Buffaloes,

who also collected points from Colby Ringener, Tasha Smith and Amy Jo Bryand, got untracked in the second. Stanton pounded out a 15-9 run in the frame and took a 25-20 cushion into the half.

The Lady Buffalo defense all but floored Colorado City in the third. Stanton stretched its lead to 10 by limiting the Lady Wolves to just a single basket.

Stanton, 1-0 in loop play, is scheduled to return to action Tuesday with a trip to Forsan.



Goliad Intermediate School sixth grader Ernest Saiz serves up a shot during the Intimidators' win in the school's benefit game Friday.

No. 2-ranked Wildcats clip Ira in 7-A opener

Jason Pribyla and Trent into the half, Ira managed May pushed in 17 points apiece Friday night and the Bulldogs in their District 7-A opener.

Grady, which trailed 31-29 at the end of the third quarter, staged a convincing 30-12 run in the final eight minutes to nail

down its 18th win in 19 outings.

The Wildcats; who also had 14 points from Brent Madison, opened the contest with a bang. Grady outscored Ira by a 12-3 clip in the first quarter.

After taking a 25-17 lead

to take advantage of the Wildcats' foul trouble to Grady rally back. With Pribyla -Wildcats roll to a 59-43 on the bench, the victory over the Ira Bulldogs posted a 14-4 run in the third period.

Jake Barnes led all Ira scorers with 17.

Grady 52 Ira 45

Kelsey Tubb scored 19 points and helped the Grady Lady Cats to a 52-45 victory over Ira Friday night.

With the win, the Lady Cats improved to 14-5 for the year and to 1-0 in District 7-A action.

Mary Harryman added 11 to the GHS cause.

FORSAN

Continued from Page 8A

point play to stake the Lady Buffs to a 33-28 lead heading into the final stanza.

After a Lacy Eggleston free throw had pushed the Lady Buffs' lead to 37-28 with 6:14 remaining in the contest, the Lady Birds made one final run. Crane outscored Forsan by an 8-2 clip over the ensuing five minutes to close to within three with just over a minute to go.

Hali Belew made sure Crane wouldn't get any closer. She put the game out of reach by sinking 3-

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of-4 from the foul line in the final minute.

"I'm extremely proud of the girls." said Hughey "They worked extremely hard and earned this win."

Amanda Baker captured game-high honors by pouring in 16 points for the Lady Birds.

Graves paced Forsan offensively with 12, while McGuire torched Crane's defense for 10. Hise ended the night with seven while Audra Bailey scored five.

The Lady Buffs will return to action Tuesday when they host the Stanton Lady Buffaloes.

Coahoma opens 3-2A slate with loss to Seagraves

COAHOMA - The utes. Seagraves Lady Eagles spoiled the Coahoma Bulldogettes' districtopener Friday night by pounding out a 97-40 vic-

Seagraves did most of its damage in the first half, outscoring the Bulldogettes by a 50-20 clip in the first 16 min- Miranda Hester con-

With the victory, Seagraves improved its season record to 16-5.

The Lady Bulldogs, who are scheduled to travel to Colorado City Tuesday. were led in the game by Vickie Cortez's 12 points. Sterling Gee added five while Mendy Morgan and

tributed five apiece. Stanton 59

Eldorado Washington Michael scored 15 point's and teammates Luis Chapa and Jeremy Esparza added 13 and 11, respectively, and led Stanton to a 59-52 win over Eldorado. Stanton opens 3-2A play

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Good For Any Home Game

Big Spring's Brenn Swinney shots over the top of Lake View's Haley Hill during the third quarter of the Lady Steers' District 4-4A opener Friday in San Angelo.

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ly. Leina Braxton helped the BSHS girls stage a dominating 13-5 effort over the final six minutes of the game by pumping in seven of her nine points before fouling out.

Sophomore Codye Burt — a transfer student who starred at Forsan High School last fall - capped Big Spring's run with a buzzer-beating

shot.

Braxton was one of the Big Spring players to reach double figures in the contest. Shannon Higgins and Watkins also chalked up nine in the game.

The Lady Steers are scheduled to make their district home Tuesday appearance night when they host the Levelland Loboettes in the Steer Gym. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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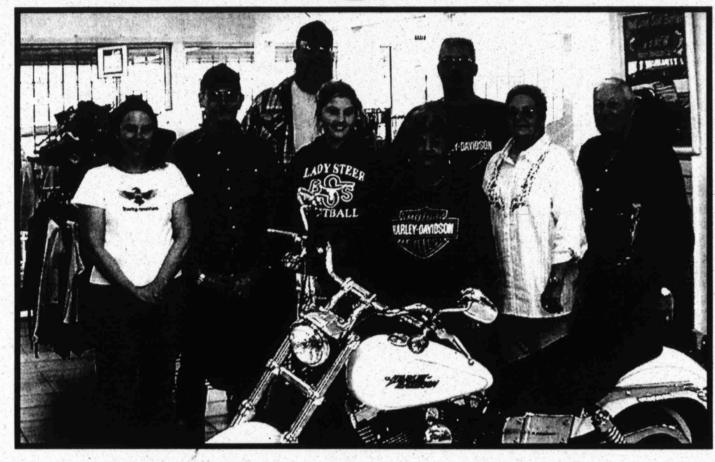
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Texas: home to thriving pecan industry

Pecan is Algonquian for "hard-shelled nut."

The pecan is the only commercially grown nut in Texas and is native to most of the state's river valleys.

The tree, one of the most widely distributed trees in the state, is native to 152 counties and is grown commercially in some 30 additional counties.

It is also widely used as a dual-purpose yard tree. The size and quality of pecans are influenced by the number of leaves per nut. More leaves are needed for large nuts. Pecan trees begin growing in early spring and continue in early fall; deep, loose, and well-watered soil is conducive to growth.

In 1919 the Legislature declared the pecan the state tree, and eight years later the 40th Legislature reaffirmed the decision.

There is evidence that the pecan tree grew in the Texas region during prehistoric times. Records indi-cate that the nut was exported from the state before 1860.

Exports from Galveston alone amounted to 1,525 bushels in 1850, and 13,224 in 1854. In 1866, 8,962 bar-rels were shipped from Indianola, and 1,500 barrels from Port Lavaca.

The value of the pecan, however, was apparently not fully recognized for many decades, for many trees were cut to make way for cotton, and the wood was used for making wagon parts and farm implements.

By 1904 pecan trees had been cut to such an extent that laws to prevent their complete destruction were considered. The financial value of the crop was soon recognized, and pecans became one of the leading money crops in the state.

Texas pecan production in 1910 was 5,832,267 pounds. In 1914 all but eight counties reported pecan trees growing within their boundaries. The leading pecan-producing counties in 1926 were Brown, Bell, Bexar, Burnet, Comanche, Dallas, Erath, Gillespie, Gonzales, Grayson and Guadalupe.

These counties produced over 250,000 pounds of pecans each. Exports from Texas during the 1920s ranged from 25 to 500 carloads a year.

The pecan crop in 1932 totaled 19,500,000 pounds. The average annual production for the 1936-46 period was 26,815,000 pounds. By the 1950s pecans were being divided into two general kinds. natives and improved varieties. In 1984 ranked second Texas nationally in pecan production with 25,000,000 pounds. By the early 1990s a Texas Pecan Producers Board existed. A Texas Pecan Growers Association, organized in 1921, ran annual pecan meetings at the state level.

Internet provided by George Ray McEachern and Larry A. Stein, Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service.



The pecan tree at Mt. Vernon was given to George Washington form Thomas Jefferson. The tree was a sapling at the time.





Pecans are a fine, tasty food that's a good source of vitamins and minerals. Plant a pecan tree, and discover the joy of growing a mighty pecan, pronounced puh-kon in Texas. The pecan tree became the Texas state tree by act of the Texas Legislature in 1919. Governor James Hogg favored the tree so much he requested that one be planted at his gravesite.

Put the tasty pecan in any menu

Traditional pecan pie one cup white corn

syrup one cup packed brown sugar

1/3 teaspoon salt 1/3 cup butter, melted three eggs

one cup chopped pecans one recipe pastry for 9inch single crust pie

Mix syrup, sugar, salt, and melted butter or margarine. Beat eggs slightly. Add to sugar mixture. Beat well, and pour into uncooked pie shell. Sprinkle pecans on top. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50 to 60 minutes:

Easy pecan pralines one box of brown sugar one-half pint of heavy

whipping cream Put into the microwave for 10 to 13 minutes on a high setting in a 5-quart container. When sugar is melted, add to the mixture, two tablespoons of butter; two cups of pecan halves; one teaspoon of vanilla. Mix and drop by spoonfuls onto aluminum foil. Let cool and start eating.

Sweet roasted pecans In a bowl of luke warm tom of 13 x 9-inch baking

water, put pecan kernels. Stir for several minutes until discoloration in the water. Pour off water. Repeat the process. Spread pecans on a paper towel and dry for 10 or 15 minutes. Spread kernels evenly in a pan and put in a pre-heated 350 degrees F. oven. Cook for 10 minutes, mixing every few minutes. Brown pecans. Remove from the oven. Stir in two tablespoons of butter per pound of pecans. Salt to taste.

Pecan chocolate bars 1 1/4 cups unsifted flour one cup confectioners'

sugar 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa

one cup margarine or butter one can Eagle Brand **Sweetened Condensed**

Milk one egg two teaspoons vanilla

one cup chopped pecans Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Mix flour, cocoa and sugar. Cut in margarine to crumble

consistency. Pack on bot-



pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Mix condensed milk, egg and vanilla. Add pecans. Spread over crust. Bake 25 minutes until brown. Cool. Slice into bars. Hot chicken salad

Chicken salad is a nutritious, welcome taste for any menu. Hot chicken salad is a delightful complement for any occasion.

two cups chopped cooked chicken one cup chopped celery 1/2 cup chopped green onions

one cup mayonnaise one tablespoon lemon juice

one cup chopped pecans Set pecans aside. Mix ingredients. Pour into a 1 1/2 quart casserole. Top with pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until thoroughly heared.

The nutritious pecan

Pecans offer good nutrition. For instance, 90 percent of the fats in pecans are unsaturated (about 60 percent monounsaturated; 30 percent polyunsaturated).

A serving of pecans (30g) provides approximately 25 percent more oleic acid than a serving of olive oil, or one tablespoon.

Pecans are cholesterol

Pecans are sodium free. Pecans are fiber-rich. Pecans are a valuable plant protein source. Pecans have more than 19

vitamins and minerals. They are an excellent source of gamma tocopherol, an important type

of vitamin E. They contain concentrated amounts of natural plant sterols, touted for their cholesterol-lowering ability Pecans contain a variety

of phytochemicals.

Nuts are recommended by the American Heart Association and U.S. Dietary Guidelines as a desirable source of hearthealthy unsaturated fat.

Pecans can double the cholesterol-lowering effectiveness of a traditional heart-healthy diet, according to a study published in The Journal of Nutrition, September 2001. An eight-week study at

Loma Linda University found that a pecan diet, which consisted of replacing 20 percent of the calories from the American Heart Association's Step I diet foods with pecans, lowered total cholesterol by 11.5 percent.

The Step I diet lowered total cholesterol by 5.2 percent. In addition, the pecan http://www.ilovepecans.org

"good" cholesterol whereas the Step I diet decreased HDL unfavorably.

Triglycerides also were significantly lower with the pecan diet. Although the pecan diet contained more fat, 39.6 percent, than the Step I diet, 28.3 percent, participants did not gain weight. Check out the information on the Loma Linda pecan health study at the Web http://www.nutrition.org/e gi/content/abstract/131/9/22

Pecans increase fiber and nutrient intake.

Researchers at Texas A&M University found that a heart-healthy diet containing pecans can help control specific biomarkers of heart disease risk as effectively as the AHA Step I diet.

They also found that the pecan-rich diet significantly increased participants' levels of dietary fiber, thiamin, magnesium, copper and manganese and actually changed copper and magnesium intakes from inadequate (on the AHA diet) to adequate (on the pecan diet). All of the participants had already been eating a relatively low-fat diet. Adding pecans to the diet can lower "bad" cholesterol. A study at New Mexico State University (NMSU) has found that pecans offer something even more important than great taste and versatility a positive impact on health.

More information on "Pecans and Good Health" and a review of pecan and nut health research is available at the National Pecan Shellers web page: diet increased the HDL /nutritioninfo.html

Texas pecans: natural; bountiful commodity

million acres of native nating a native pecan botpecans along the numerous tom is to remove all foreign rivers, streams and creeks in Texas. The major streams on which dense stands of trees are found are the Red, Sabine, Trinity, Neches, Brazos, Colorado, Guadalupe and Nueces. Of the total number of native trees in Texas, approximately 40,000 acres are managed consistently as the native crop production is seldom over 20 million pounds.

A native pecan management program should include cattle grazing, real estate, and timber production.

Native pecans are a weak economic crop when compared to planted orchards because of alternate bearing, small nut size, low percentage of kernel and traditionally low market price. It is difficult to make significant management inputs when the economic return will be low.

All native pecan groves are different. Those growing along large rivers or streams have more economic potential because of deep soils and subsurface irrigation as opposed to those on small creeks. Flooding during the fall harvest can destroy the entire crop.

There are 600,000 to one The first step to rejuvetimber - oak, elm, hackberry, mesquite, etc. regardless of size.

A common situation -in many groves is to have a few large pecan trees surrounded by very dense stands of smaller pecan trees. Remove foreign timber without harming the pecan trees. The trees can be pushed out using a bulldozer or chain sawed and drug out. Individual trees can be girdled and burned Do not use brush herbi-

cides containing Picloram or 2,4-D around pecan trees. The brush herbicide choice would be Remedy. All foreign timber should be removed prior to beginning a management program.

Sometimes 3 to 5 years are required for the trees to bear. Foliar zinc sprays will also be needed to stimulate growth.

Information from Texas Native Pecans, Larry A. Stein and George Ray McEachern, Extension Horticulturists, Texas A & M University

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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Justin Blair Gamble

Meadows and Gamble

Kristen Louise Meadows and Justin Blair Gamble of San Angelo were married at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, in First United Methodist Church in Coahoma. The exchange of marriage vows was officiated by Pastor Wanda Hill.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Betty Meadows of Killeen. She is a 2000 graduate of Killeen High School. She graduated from Howard College School of Nursing, San Angelo Branch, in 2003 and works as an LVN at Shannon Medical Center in San

The groom is the son of John and Sue Keller of Big Spring, Perry and Wanda Gamble of Big Spring, and the grandson of Joe and Mildred Gamble of Big Spring, Rose Gamble of Big Spring, and Charles "Mo" Utley of Big Spring and the late Jessie Lee Utley. He is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School and graduated from Howard College in 2000 with an associates degree in science. He also attended Angelo State University and is employed with D&S Residential Homes in San Angelo.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

She wore her mother's wedding gown, designed in a traditional, long white style, enhanced with seed pearls and lace along the cuffs and bodice and around the train and veil.

She carried a bouquet of yellow, orange and burgundy gladiolus braided together with streamers, created by the bride's sister.

Jacque Mauch sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Lorene Barbee playing the organ.

The bride's matron of honor was the bride's sister, Amanda Adcock of Killeen. Her bridesmaids were Danielle Valdez and Mary Helen Ames of San Angelo. Serving as best man was Anthony Gonzales of Midland and groomsmen included Jonathan Barr of

Serving as the couple's flower girl was the groom's niece, Christian Gamble of Midland.

The ring bearer was the groom's nephew, Collin

Plano and Stephen Prater of Lubbock.

Smith of Roscoe. A reception was held at the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Hor-dro-ves selections were served to guests prior to the arrival of the bride and groom. The Big Spring Shrine Club Fire Brigade escorted the couple in its 1927 antique fire truck, driven by the groom's stepfather, with the flag carts leading the wedding party. James Hughes and Cody Hughes drove the flag carts. The wedding cake was created of Italian cream in a six-tier design with cream icing topped with champaign glasses, fall leaves and a modern sculpture of a bride and groom.

The reception table was decorated with an antique quilt and fall foliage. Guests were served a brisket dinner. A dance followed the dinner with music provided by Vince Allen.

The guestbook gift table was decorated with baby pictures of the bride and groom, a crystal dish filled with fall foliage and candles decorated with fall flow-

Following the reception, the bride and groom took a honeymoon trip to New Orleans. They reside in San Angelo.

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Mrs. Brandon Matthew Hawkins

Cranford and Hawkins

Sara Ruth Cranford and Brandon Matthew Hawkins were united in marriage at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 8, 2003, at the historic Baker building in downtown Lubbock. Dr. Michael Dean, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth and uncle of the bride, and Patrick Hawkins, father of the groom, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Reg Cranford of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Cranford of Fort Worth, formerly residents of Big Spring. She is a graduate of Big Spring High School, Howard College and Texas Tech University. She is working to earn her master's degree and is self-employed.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick-Hawkins of Corpus Christi. He is a graduate of Cal Allen High School in Corpus Christi and a student at Texas Tech University studying civil engineering. He is co-owner of Power House Builders, a construction company in Lubbock.

The bride selected an elegant, faux, two-piece strapless gown with a chapel length train in candlelight Italian satin from the St. Patrick collection. The gown's neckline of the A-line style was edged with crystal beads and floral embroidery and seed pearls embellished the bodice. She carried a fall bouquet of Leonita roses surrounded by hoyas, coffea arabica and copper eucalyptus.

Jennifer Antu, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Gretchen Boling and Heidi Hawkins, sisters of the groom, served as bridesmaids. They wore dresses mad by Iris McGlothlin of Big Spring.

Daniel Wilkins was the best man and Jamey Boling and Michael Hewett were groomsmen. Serving as usher was Aaron Eugenis.

Kris Antu and Brenna Antu, nieces of the bride, were junior bridesmaids. Kris Antu carried a cross to memoralize the deceased family members of the bride and groom, and to honor those family members who could not attend the ceremony. Brenna carried a basket of fall leaves which she tossed as she made her way down the aisle with her brother and nephew of the bride, Randy, who was the ring bearer.

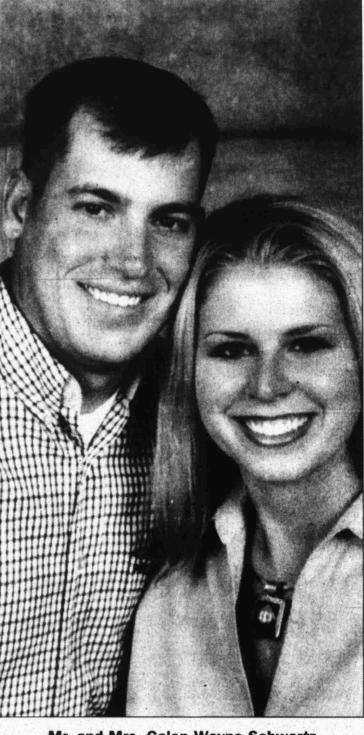
Todd and Kim Perry. Stacy Young, Jennifer Antu, Ashley Cook and Allison Dean provided music along with a string quartet.

A reception was held following the ceremony. The bride's table featured a five-tier ivory colored wedding cake decorated with sugared pomegranates, bosc pears and Leonita roses.

The groom's table had a selection of cheesecakes displayed on a pewter stand designed and made by the groom. Food selections for the wedding reception was buffet style prepared by the bride's aunts.

After a honeymoon trip to Ashville, N.C., the couple makes their home in Lubbock.





Mr. and Mrs. Galen Wayne Schwartz

Skehan and Schwartz

Kristin Kasburg Skehan of Midland and Galen Wayne Schwartz of Garden City were married at 4 p.m. on Dec. 27, 2003, in Ozona Catholic Church in Ozona.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Laura Skehan of Ozona and the granddaughter of Bill and Betty Stuard of San Angelo and Hank and Patty Skehan of Comstock. She recently earned a bachelor's degree in

The groom is the son of Ernie and Debra Schwartz of Garden City and the grandson of Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City and Ed and Bernadette Plagens of Garden City. He is self employed in the farming industry.

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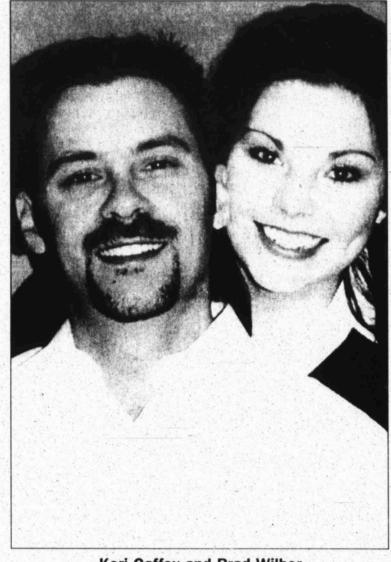
Caffey and Wilber

Roddy and Jann Caffey of Big Spring announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kori Brooke Caffey to Brad Lane Wilber of Winnie.

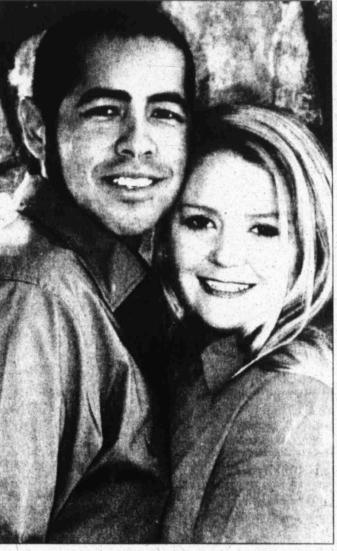
The bride-elect is the granddaughter Robert and Patty Caffey of San Angelo and Ean and JoAnne Forrest of Big Spring.

prospective groom is the son of Frank and Lois Hatcher of High Island and the late Charles "Beau" Wilber.

The exchange of marriage vows ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Raddison Cable Beach Golf Resort in Nassau, Bahamas.



Kori Caffey and Brad Wilber



Amanda Cole and Adrian Calvio

Cole and Calvio

Amanda Dian Cole of Big Spring and Adrian C. Calvio of Austin will be married March 9, 2004, at St. Maarten,

The bride-elect is the daughter of Eddie and Vicki Cole of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Austin and Faye Steen of Crosbyton and Maggie Griffin and the late Will D. Griffin of Crosbyton. She earned a bachelor's of business administration in marketing and management from Texas Tech University and a master's of business administration Southwest Texas State University. She works for Westex Auto Parts.

The prospective groom is the son of Alex and Martha Calvio of Big Spring and the grandson of Rosa Alvarez and the late Jesus Alvarez of Big Spring, Lupe Calvio and the late Leland Calvio of Big Spring. He earned a bachelor's of science and applied sociology degree from Texas State University.



Bridal Services



More newlyweds beginning their lives together in closer proximity to family

here used to be a time when newlyweds raced away from their hometowns shortly after getting married, eager to begin a new life on their own; but that is no longer the case. According to recent survey findings, people are beginning to realize the lure of new places and faces doesn't compare to the benefits of staying closer to family.

"The advantages of living near our family have a lot to do with comfort," states Jeff Livingston, of Sloatsburg, N.Y. "It's just easier when you can ask your father-inlaw, 'hey, where should I take my car to get new tires?' Now, living near my family, I take my car to the same guy that used to service my grandfather's vehicles.'

Livingston, his wife Paige and their three boys ages 1 to 5, live in the same area where his family has resided for over 300 years and where an extensive family network still remains. The couple met while Paige, a native of the Midwest, was in graduate school in New York. After their marriage, they spent several years in the Midwest near Paige's family before moving back to New York prior to the birth of their second son.

"We've talked about what we would do if I was offered a position internationally through the company I work for," Livingston, an architect, muses. "It would be a fun adventure but tough to do. I can't say we would readily move to where we don't know someone."

According to a recent survey conducted by Harris Interactive and sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, Rock Island, Ill., the majority of Americans have extended family members living nearby.

"Our survey found nearly two out of three Americans or 65 percent are living within the same state or closer, and nearly one quarter of us have extended family living as close



Snawerdt of Modern Woodmen of America. The fraternal financial services organization advocates fostering strong family and community ties. The organization sponsors a A lifetime influence Web site, www.gatherings.info that provides ideas and resources to encourage family gatherings and communication.

Snawerdt adds, "Most of us feel that the key ingredient for closeness is quality time together. The survey also found that one in 10 Americans would try to live closer to extended family to strengthen those bonds.'

"Living by my family definitely has an impact," says Livingston.
"We see my family at least once a week. We run into them everywhere we go. They help with the kids and take them places. You really don't have to work too hard at the relationships. They just happen daily."

If you are not in close proximity to family, it takes a lot of work to keep family relationships strong. This is a situation when people will sometimes turn to resources such as books, magazines and even the Internet to help pull together a gathwww.gatherings.info, offer tips, checklists, recipes and ideas to help simplify the planning process.

For those people who grow up near their family and enjoy frequent face-to-face interaction, the effects and advantages may not be that apparent. It is just life as they know it. According to Dr. Allan Carlson, president of The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society, the daily familial relationships people take for granted are building a network for their success and security in the future.

"When children grow up around their extended family, they know that family means something broader than just their parents and their siblings," emphasizes Dr. Carlson. "It is critical, I feel, to their emotional development that they know that they are part of this ongoing pageant of life; that they have roots that go back to their grandparents, great grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins; that they are part of a greater group. It can have a powerful affect on their lives now and in the future."





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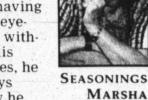
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Dad was a fighter. But being a small built man, and having poor eyesight without his glasses, he always knew he had to strike during a fight with swiftness



MARSHA ALLEN

and cunning. He told his daughter a story about one of his fights after he was quizzed about a large scar running almost the entire length of his left arm, across his elbow, and ending just above his wrist. Its ragged edges testified to the massive wound that must have

Dad told the story this way. As a unruly young man he was drinking with some friends in their Alabama "roosting place," as he called it. He was in his early 20s and recently married.

once laid bare his elbow

An argument developed among the male carousers and squaring off of sides began to develop among the brood of fellows.

The argument quickly settled into a personal confrontation between Dad and another man. The disagreement became heated, and a shoving match ensued, said Dad. He knew he was in trouble when his opponent brandished a knife, trying to fling Dad's glasses from his face.

In his pocket Dad always carried a well sharpened pocket knife, with which he was very skilled at aiming toward targets. In fact, he practiced on target marks on trees in the back yard of his father's home when he was a teen. He could throw a knife quite accurately. He was a keen knife fighter, he admitted, although, as he repented later in life, it was a skill of which he was not very proud.

But this one event, he knew when the argument progressed to blows he would have to make the first strike count or risk annihilation. His knife was at the ready. Unfortunately, so was the other guy's.

In a flash, two slashes were made; one Dad applied against his assailant and one from his adversary against him. The two fighters quickly were separated by more sober fellows in the "roosting place," as the story went.

As the two gladiators trailed out of the establishment, vivid paths of blood trailed behind them. Dad was shouldered by a friend and was hustled to the home of the town doctor. His clothing by now was soaked in blood. Where the other man was taken was never revealed. One member of the assembled men from the "roost" ran to fetch Mom from home. The town was small, so it was just clicks up a grav-

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WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy green beans, creamed potatoes, rolls, milk.

THURSDAY-Green enchiladas (corn dogs), ranch beans, mixed fruit, nacho chips, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges, milk.

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FRIDAY-Chili cheese fries, green beans, fruit **Big Spring ISD**

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TUESDAY-Pancakes, sausage pattie, cheese bite, hashbrown, juice.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, green beans, rosy applesauce, roll.

THURSDAY-Mexican beef wrap, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, fruit shortcake.

FRIDAY-Chili cheese dog, French fries, border beans, chocolate pudding

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Take the cure for road boredom

tioning abroad these days, the road trip is back out in droves to explore the U.S.

If rounds of "Are we there yet?" are not your idea of fun, Fujifilm offers some great ideas to alleviate boredom and keep kids entertained in the car.

Disposable cameras are the right size for kids. They are easy to use and small enough to fit in a

With fewer people vaca- jacket pocket. Plus, Mom from the road. and Dad don't have to worry about pricey equipin vogue. Families across, ment being broken. Kids the country are setting can take great pictures, create fun memories all their own and prove that getting there is half the

> Here are some cool photography games kids can play from the backseat. Try alphabet signs.

fun.

Take a picture of a road sign beginning with every letter of the alphabet.

Take a picture of all the different animals you see

tures of the most cows along the way.

See who can take the funniest picture of their brother or sister.

Every picture on the roll of film has to contain something blue (or the color of your choice). The challenge is you can't take a picture of the same thing twice (i.e., there can only be one blue car on the roll).

Kids' photography isn't just for the car. Try it when the family stops to cool off. Waterproof cameras provide kids with endless fun...underwater!

resorts, cruises, or water-See who can take pic- parks, they let kids capture cool photos where other cameras can't go.

Photos from digital images are made by simply choosing picture prints, which can then be viewed on a computer, edited and e-mailed just like pictures taken with a 35mm camera. With this option, kids can send photos from the road to their friends back home, a digital-age version of the "Wish You Were Here!" postcard. When the trip is over, kids can make scrapbooks with pictures they took by themselves and Created for pool parties, have a album to show.

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Visit amusments parks for this year's vacation

In 2002, more people vis- Top Thrill Dragster-The people packed the nation's 600 amusement parks and attractions.

According to the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), here are some new experiences to enjoy and tips for getting the most out of your next visit. with instructions to come

Flight simulators have been adapted to create a ride system where guests "blast off" into orbit on their way to Mars at Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla.

Attractions featuring traditional 3-D films with an added dimension, such as live action, or other interactive features like sprays, scents or motion seats. Based on popular movies and TV shows, including Shrek and SpongeBob SquarePants, these attractions are appearing in many parks.

ited amusement parks world's first roller coaster throughout the world to top the 400-foot mark, than ever before. In the this behemoth reaches U.S. alone, 324 million speeds of 120 miles per hour. (At Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio.)

Water Country USA in Williamsburg, Va., has added a themed, interactive action river. Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells, Wis., which already bills itself as the largest waterpark in the country, has added several non-traditional waterpark rides, including an indoor attraction known as Incredible Noah's

Adventure. Dress comfortably, but avoid open-toed shoes and dangling clothing or jewelry. Protect yourself with sunscreen and headgear, even on cloudy days. Observe all posted

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Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. T.J. "Jerry" Musgrove Jr.

Celebrating their golden anniversay

T.J. "Jerry" and LaDell "Dell" (Johnson) Musgrove Jr. will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. Jan. 17.

A reception, hosted by their children and grandchildren, will be held in the fellowship hall of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Mr. Musgrove is a

native of Hilton and Mrs. Musgrove of Boswell, Okla. The couple met on a blind date hayride held by Northside Baptist Church in Big Spring in October 1953. They were married Jan. 15, 1954, at Northside in a ceremony officiated by Carlos McCloud.

The Musgroves have lived in El Paso; Red Bank, N.J.; Fountain Bleu, France and Big Spring. Mr. Musgrove served in the U.S. Army and is retired from Musgrove Electric and Cosden Fina Oil and Chemical. She is retired from ownership of Dell's Cafe. They are members of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

The have a son and daughter, T.J. "Tom" Musgrove Jr. and hiswife, Liz, and Susan Palmer and her husband Clarence. They have four grandchildren.



The Musgroves on their wedding day

The couple enjoys spending summers in Cloudcroft, N.M., golfing, pawn shopping with friends, are avid fans of Elmer Kelton westerns and love to spend reading time with their grandchildren.

Of their successful 50year marriage he says it couldn't be better and she touts that putting the Lord first will cause everything else to fall into place.

Be careful of gasoline burns

During Awareness Week 2004, Feb. 1-7, the Shriners, members of the fraternal organization that operates 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children throughout North America-want people to take the necessary steps to prevent flammable liquid and gasolinerelated burns.

"The greatest tragedy is that most burn injuries are preventable," says M.

of North America. "Every Shriners year involved in Awareness Week to help people prevent dangerous to decrease the number of flammable liquid and gasoline-related burns."

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Less-invasive gastric bypass surgery gaining popularity

By ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS - As America's waistline has been steadily increasing, so has the popularity of a less-invasive surgery for the morbidly obese.

When a gastric bypass operation is done through laparoscopy, a camera is inserted through the navel and doctors work through several 1- to 2inch incisions in the abdomen. No large incision means patients usually recover faster and have fewer complications.

"It's still a major surgery. It is not a cosmetic operation," said Dr. David D. Kim, director of Bariatric new Surgery Center at North Hills Hospital, which started offering the procedure in November. "It's done to improve overall health. Patients are sort of trapped in their bodies, and this operation gives them the tools to lose weight."

The laparoscopic weight-loss procedure originated a decade ago and now accounts for about half of the gastric bypass surgeries in this country, said Dr. Alan Whitgrove, a San Diego surgeon and president of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery.

The number of both types of operations has nearly tripled since 1997 to 63,100 last year, according to the organization, and it's no wonder.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 61 percent of adults and 15 percent of children in the United The number of extremely obese American adults those who are at least 100 pounds overweight - has quadrupled since the 1980s to about 4 million, or about one in every 50 adults, according to a recent RAND Corp. study.

About 6 percent of healthcare expenditures in this country, some \$238 billion a year, are for obesity-related diseases,

Dylan Lane Kinard

Glen and Alisa Kinard welcomed their son Dylan Lane Kinard at 10:05 on Jan. 1, 2004, weighing six pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.

Grandparents Charlene Ables of Odessa and Austin Ables of Big Spring and Sonny and Bonnie Kinard of Big Spring.

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Read us online: bigspringherald.com of the American Medical Association. Excess weight can lead to diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, sleep apnea, arthritis and even depression, according to medical experts.

"I call obesity, unfortunately, the last acceptable form of prejudice in our society," Kim said. "But it has become so prevalent - how can it be anything short of a disease?"

Mortality rates for gastric bypass are about 0.5 percent, slightly higher than for other common procedures such as tonsillectomies or gall bladder surgery.

That's because obese people usually are highrisk already because of other serious health problems, medical experts

The most common type of surgery for morbidly obese Americans is the Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, first done in 1967. A surgeon - through a large, vertical incision divides the stomach in two, then attaches the small intestine to the smaller stomach pouch, about the size of an egg. The larger part of the stomach is no longer used.

Patients usually lose 70 percent of their weight in the first year to 18 months, Kim said. After that, patients must exercise and keep eating foods healthy although, obviously, in smaller amounts - to shed pounds.

The first laparoscopic gastric bypass was done in 1993 at San Diego's Alvarado Hospital

leagues, who have done agreed, realizing the 3,500 procedures since.

Other surgical methods. including stomach stapling and placing a band around the upper part of the stomach to restrict food, are not done as often in this country because they have not been as successful for maintaining weight loss. Whitgrove said.

Gastric bypass surgery costs from \$15,000 to Whitgrove said. \$25,000, and the laparoscopy procedure usually is more expensive because more instruments are used, Whitgrove said.

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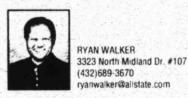
according to the Journal Medical Center by initially refused to cover Whitgrove and his col- the surgery but later future cost savings as patients' health problems improved, Whitgrove said. However, many insurers have recently started requiring prospective patients to prove that they have failed at several diets, he said.

"Now, as there's a demand for the surgery, they're throwing roadblocks in front of it."

On the Web site, North Hospital Hills http://www.northhillshospital.com, and Society for American Bariatric Surgery:



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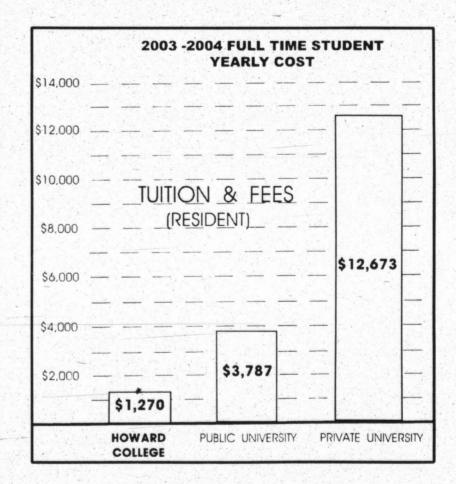




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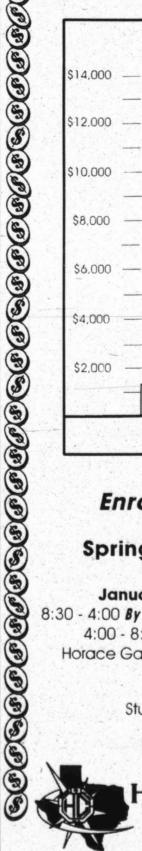
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Seeking cheaper labor: Levi's closes U.S. sewing plants

By T.A. BADGER

AP Business Writer

SAN ANTONIO - Levi Strauss & Co., the California Gold Rush outfitter whose blue jeans are a globally recognized symbol of America, closed its last two U.S. sewing plants Thursday.

About 800 workers at the 26-year-old San Antonio plants lost their jobs in the move, which was announced last

The financially troubled company, based in San Francisco, has been shifting production to overseas contractors for years to offset drooping sales in the ultra-competitive apparel market. Only

"We're still an American brand, but we're also a brand and a company whose products have been adopted by consumers around the world. We have to operate as a global company."

-Levi Strauss spokesman Jeff Beckman

facturing plants.

Levi Strauss spokesman Jeff Beckman said the 150-year-old company was making a delayed but unavoidable business decision.

"We tried to do our best to maintain manufacturing in the United States, but

two decades ago, it had 63 U.S. manu- we have to be competitive to survive as a company," he said.

Sewing in San Antonio finished up around Thanksgiving and last month it ceased the laundering work done to give jeans their various finishes. Once, more than 4 million pairs of jeans were made here each year by workers earning an average of \$10 to \$12 per hour.

This spring Levi's will shutter its three remaining company-owned plants in Canada, completing the shift to contract production in China and other countries with far cheaper labor.

Levi Strauss, which is privately held, has weathered seven straight years of declining sales after its revenue peak of \$7.1 billion in 1996.

In 2002, the company reported sales of \$4.1 billion, and Beckman said the yetto-be-released number for 2003 would be 2 percent to 3 percent below that.

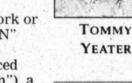
The company has seen its global work

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Goat breeders to benefit from **B-GIN** program

Expected Progeny Differences or EPDs have been available within several cattle breeds for years. Boer goat

breeders will soon have the same tool thanks to the Boer Goat Improvement Network or "B-GIN" (pronounced "begin"), a



genetic improvement program being developed by the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) with assistance from Texas **Agricultural Experiment** Station.

"This new program being implemented by the ABGA is the first of its kind within the U.S. meat goat industry," said Dr. Dan Waldron TAES geneticist here. "EPDs provide measurable estimates of the genetic value of an animal as a parent. This program will make a real difference for U.S. goat producers in terms of selecting breeding stock for specific measurable traits."

The ABGA was recently awarded \$35,000 by the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center to fund the program.

Robert Swize, ABGA's executive director, said the program has the potential to change the U.S. meat goat industry by making use of the same genetic improvement methods that have been so successful in other species. "Breeders across the U.S. will soon be able to get EPDs on their animals to use as an aid in selecting breed-

Conference on cotton set Jan. 20

Special to the HERALD

STANTON - The 2004 Permian Basin Crops Conference is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Martin County Center. Community Lunch will be provided.

Topics of this year's conference include: Cotton industry outlook, cotton marketing, boll weevil update, late season irrigation, CRP maintenance update, brush control on CRP and cottonseed quality.

Cost for the conference is \$15 if received by Jan. 16 or \$20 at the door. The agenda and registration forms are available at the Midland Farmers Co-op, the Extension office and on the Midland Extension Web site http://midlandtx.tamu.edu under publications. Three CEUs will be given to participants who have TDA applicator licenses.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Sam Field, County Midland Extension agent at 432 686-4700, or Lee Howard, Martin County Extension agent at 432-756-3316.

ing stock," he said. "ABGA members from across the U.S. will collect the performance information needed to help breeders make genetic improvement. This will result in animals that are documented to be genetically superior for growth and reproduction being avail-

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins State National Bank Assistant Vice President Judy Thompson, now in her eighth year with the financial institution, goes over some paperwork. Thompson was recently named the SNB Employee of the Year by her co-workers.

I OP-NOTCH EMPLOYEE

Co-workers at SNB honor Thompson with annual award

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer State National Bank is honoring one of its own, as co-workers recently chose their employee of the year.

Bank Senior Vice President Richard Steel said the honor went to Judy Thompson, assistant vice president of the financial institu-

"Judy has been with us about eight years," said Steel. "She's really proven over time to be a real asset to the bank and the community. She's everything you would look for in an employee of the year. She's a great lady and a great employee.

"She's also an officer of the bank, which is a first. She's the first bank officer to ever be selected as employee of the year, and we've been doing this for about six years now."

"She's everything you would look for in an employee of the year. She's a great lady and a great employee."



Richard Steel

senior vice president

Steel said Thompson was one of three employees honored earlier in the year, and when it came time to choose the best of the best, it was her hard work and determination that won the day.

"We have an employee of the quarter for three quarters out of the year," said Steel. "Then the employee of the year is selected by the employees from one of those three employees of the quarter.

Each one is voted on by the other employees, which gives them three candidates to choose from.

"What they look for when choosing the employee of the year is most likely someone who is noticeably a hard worker," he explained. "It's someone who is helpful to coworkers and always offers a helping hand when someone else needs help. Someone who is loyal to the bank. I think those are the things they looked for when they chose

Thompson said receiving the award has been very emotional for her, and knowing who made the decision makes it all worthwhile.

"I was really surprised," she said with a laugh. "I was also very excited about it. This is a real honor for me. I'm very grateful for

"It means a lot to me that the

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Ford forecasts increased profit

By JOHN PORRETTO AP Auto Writer

DETROIT - Ford Motor Co. expects a wave of new products and continued cost savings to increase profits in 2004, but its earnings forecast is below expectations of some analysts.

The world's second-largest automaker said Friday it anticipates 2004 earnings per share of \$1.20 to \$1.30, excluding special items, and said that equates to a pretax profit of \$3.5 billion to \$3.8 billion.

The consensus forecast of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call was for earnings of \$1.30 a share, up from \$1.10 a share in 2003. The 2003 consensus is in line with what Ford has said it expects to disclose when it reports fourth-quarter and full-year 2003 earnings on Jan.

Ford executives told Wall Street analysts they hope to record automotive

pretax profits in the range of \$900 million to \$1.1 billion this year, compared with an estimate of slightly better than break-even for 2003, in each case excluding special items.

The improvement primarily reflects the company's expectation of significantly improved results at Ford Europe and the luxury Premier Automotive Group, which includes Volvo, Land Rover, Jaguar and Aston Martin. The company also expects pretax profits of \$2.6 billion to \$2.7 billion from financial services

The Dearborn-based automaker, which marked 100 years in business in 2003, is trying to rebound from \$6.4 billion in losses in 2001 and 2002.

"Over the past two years, Ford has consistently delivered on financial commitments and exceeded earnings estimates and profit targets," said chairman and chief executive Bill Ford.

Unemployment falls but few jobs added

By LEIGH STROPE AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 5.7 percent in December to the lowest level in 14 months, but employers finished the year without many help wanted signs for the holidays, adding just 1,000 new jobs.

The 0,2 percentage point drop in the jobless rate occurred because fewer people were looking for work, the Labor Department said Friday. More than 300,000 people gave up their search for jobs and dropped out of the pool of available workers.

"The rate is going down, but it is going down for the wrong reasons," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services, noting that it fell not because people were finding work. "That doesn't make you feel really good about the state of the jobs mar-

The weak report prompted investors to sell off stocks in early trading on Wall Street.

Weak holiday hiring by retailers was to blame for holding back job gains. Analysts were surprised by the anemic job growth because they expecting companies to add 100,000 to 150,000 jobs to their payrolls last month. But the net gain was just 1,000 jobs - which is quite shocking," Cheney said. "I would certainly have not expected anything resembling that."

Employment in the nation's stores, malls and even gas stations dropped by 38,000, the report said, and manufacturing continued a 41-month slide by losing 26,000 jobs.

The nation's factories have been on life support, and the sector shed about a half million jobs in 2003.

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force shrink from more than 37,000 in 1996 to about 12,000 as of last month, roughly half of them in the United States, said spokeswoman Kari Otto Seymore.

Along with the San Francisco headquarters, Levi's will continue to base its design and sales staffs in the United States, along with some distribution centers.

"We're still American brand, but we're also a brand and a company whose products have been adopted by consumers around the world," Beckman said. "We have to operate as a global company.'

Walter Loeb, a retail analyst in New York, says the profitability of moving production is worth more than a symbolic presence in the United States, where Levi's had made jeans since the 1870s.

"Investors are not very sentimental these days, Loeb said.

Loeb said even with overseas labor, management faces a big challenge in restoring the

company's once-snug fit with consumers.

"There was a time when Levi's was the fashion garment of the day," he said. "The exclusivity of the Levi's brand is no longer as important to customers.

Seymore said Levi's severance package includes two weeks pay for every full year of employment, as well as an enhanced pension program and a period of subsidized medical coverage. In addition, she said, workers will be

given up to \$2,450 each. That's better than what Viola Casares received when she and about 1,100 other Levi's employees were laid off from another San Antonio plant in 1990, but she doubts many workers are smiling.

"They would rather have a job," said Casares, who co-founded a group that protested the 1990 closure. She said that with other factories in the city also closing, workers will have trouble finding jobs that pay as well as the ones they're losing.

"For me right now, I feel like I'm in mourning," Casares said. "We used to be like a family. It's hard to believe that it's final."

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lion jobs since President Bush took office, a statistic that Democrats hope to use against Bush as he seeks re-election.

"Rather than focusing on putting a person on the moon, I think the Bush administration should focus on putting people back to work,' said Rep. Rahm Emanuel. D-Ill., a former Clinton White House aide, citing Bush's planned announcement next week of goals of sending Americans to Mars and establishing a permanent human presence on the moon.

The Bush administration contends that stronger economic grow-th helped by the president's three tax cuts - will eventually lead to more meaningful job creation

on a sustained basis. "The pace of December job growth reinforces the need to pass all the elements of the president's plan for job creation,"

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said Commerce Secretary Don Evans. "President Bush won't be satisfied until every American seeking work finds a job. Congress should make tax relief permanent and act with urgency on the rest of President Bush's jobs and growth agenda."

For that sustained growth, analysts are looking for monthly payroll gains of 200,000 to 300,000 - amark the economy is far from reaching. December marked the fifth consecutive month of payroll gains, however slight.

Other areas of the economy are surging, but the jobs market has been a weak link in the recovery. To remain competitive in the global economy and out of concern that economic improvements wouldn't last, companies have been hesitant to take on added costs of hiring new full-time workers. Instead, they have been working their employees longer and harder. Hence, the productivity of American workers has been at high levels in recent months.

increased efficiency of production," said Waldron, "Using EPDs to select breeding stock gives producers the ability to predict how next year's kid crop will perform."

"The ABGA breeders took the initiative and came to me for help in developing this program last winter. This grant will help the ABGA to make faster progress toward the availability of EPDs." Waldron said commercial goat producers will ultimately benefit from the B-GIN program because they will be able to buy bucks that will produce predictable results in the coming year's kid crop.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Extension agent for agriculture.

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other employees thought enough of me to give me this award. We have a wonderful group of people to work with here at State National Bank and that means a lot to me. I really enjoy it here. It's a good place to work."

Thompson said when she was chosen as an employee of the quarter. she never imagined she would be named employee of the year.

"I really didn't think about it that much," she said. "It was really a surprise though. I'm just really grateful.

"The gratuity that came with it was really nice, but the fact that the employees thought enough of me to give me this award means more. It's a great honor."

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Probated Judgment: Misty N. Bosley, theft-more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months proba-

Probated Judgment: Terrie Deeann Allen, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: Fidel Perez, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Manuel Rey Chavarria, driving while license suspended-enhanced, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Cherilyn Ausbie, failure to identify-giving false/fictitious information, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: Melissa Wiltsie, failure to identify as a fugitive-intentionally giving false information, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

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Judgment and Sentence: Ramon Alvear, burglary of a vehicle, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail.

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Gregory Wallace McAlister, 21, and Cammie Denise Davis, 19; both of Big Spring. Jessie Moilm Ferrel Jr., 63, and Lucia Zapata Gomez, 58, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings: Margarita Velasquez vs. Betty Jane McWilliams, injury/dam-

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Ruth Ann Hazelwood, divorce. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas vs. Robert Shaffer, accounts, notes and contracts.

Karen Gloria Bethke vs. lan James Bethke, divorce. Alice L. Villa vs. Henry S. Villa, divorce

Mickey Lynn Gammons vs. Patricia Hooser Gammons.

Cory Joe Maxwell vs. Barbara Lyn Maxwell, divorce. City Bank (South Dakota) N.A vs. Roger D. Battle, accounts, notes and contracts.

Warranty Deed: Grantor: Dawn Michelle Tucker Grantee: Sarah Hansen

Property: Lot 4, Block 6, Settles Heights Addition Date filed: Dec. 29, 2003 Grantor: Rayburn J. Barbee and Jessie Lorene Barbee

Grantee: A.D. Choate Property: Lots 9 and 10, Block 5, Saunders Addition Date filed: Dec. 29, 2003

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Survey Date filed: Dec. 30, 2003

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Grantor: Ted W. Thomas and Sharon Thomas Grantee: Billy King and Virginia King

Date filed: Dec. 31, 2003

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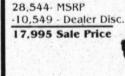
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22). If you don't like what

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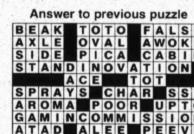
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works to your advantage. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wild ideas help your love life. Look your best wherever you go — people are watching you, and opportunities are plenty if they like what they see. Your actions affect the lives of those you don't even

know! SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Explore your autonomy, and just generally let loose. This afternoon, it's easier to relay the message you intended to relay. Those who just haven't been on your wavelength now start to click in. It's nice to be understood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take advantage of success-oriented skies. If you don't begrudge success to others, your own project will take off. Do not play games with a potential love interest. Honesty is the way to this person's heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stop striving, and start living! Make sure your words and deeds match up perfectly, or else there's a lot of explaining to do. Singles meet hot romance quite by coincidence and could fall head over heels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Trust your inner knowing, and follow a creative approach to problem solving. Avoid impulses that will be costly later. A spending plan helps you obtain goals. Domestic accord may be strained.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Tying up details will take up most of the day, but it's still very productive. Setbacks end in good fortune. Distance puts a problem in perspective; now, you can tackle it. It's never too late to start investing!

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Mercury in Sagittarius gets us all going along a path of exploration and new beginnings. Unfortunately, that means we won't be able to finish everything! Luckily, we're able to discern what really matters by taking note of those projects we have let linger. Get rid of those that are still hanging around before Wednesday, when Mercury transits through

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Capricorn, a trip that lasts until Feb. 6. The trend in communication that this transit brings on is somewhat reserved. Venus enters Pisces on this day as well, bringing wisdom and openness to relationships. Thursday is the luckiest day of the week, as Mercury and Venus remind us of the true meaning of love. No amount of money, power or physical beauty can be used to attract love. Love is a state of the heart, open and accepting. Giving and receiving love are the same. The Scorpio moon on Friday brings a charge of sexual attraction. Be careful when you say things like "That's just not me" or "I'd never do that." Those kinds of phrases seem to invoke mischievous energy that makes sure you end up with what you reject as "not you." Saturday, the moon enters Sagittarius, and the adventure is total-

CELEBRITY FILES: Kid Rock is a Capricorn singer writer who has managed to somehow bridge the gap between musical institutions as far apart as rap and country quite an accomplishment. This year, Rock could take up a musical cause and bring deeply traditional music to the mainstream. Capricorn is the sign of respect, and one of the ways people of this sign earn respect is by paying it to their forefathers.

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Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: This year, as in the past, we need your help with a very valiant veteran valentine mission. Year after year, your generous readers open their hearts to America's hospitalized veterans by participating in the Valentines for Vets program. This program encourages readers to deliver valentines to their nearest Department of Veterans Affairs hospital, and in years past, it has resulted in millions of cards and letters for America's veterans.

ly unexpected.

We know this success would not be possible without your support and that of your faithful and thoughtful readers. In the past, veterans received cards and letters from all over the world — Guam, Australia, Germany and Canada, just to name a few. Teachers, churches, Scouting groups and social organizations have used this program to bring their students a personal venue to their nation's history. It gave them an opportunity to talk about veterans and who they are. In some areas, the students presented their valentines in

person This program has delivered countless touching scenes as readers brightened the lives of elderly veterans with their colorful, thoughtful valentines. It has uplifted so many souls in our hospitals that valentines are often seen in the rooms well after February has passed. What your readers provide with their caring notes and well wishes can have more power to give these veterans hope than any treatment or pill ever prescribed.

We in VA are committed to caring and courtesy by meeting the everchanging needs of our veterans, especially the brave men and women hospitalized as a result of their selfless service.

The 2004 National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans is just around the corner, Feb. 8-14. We hope your readers will again let our veterans know that they are appreciated and not forgotten. I encourage your readers to visit these veterans and thank them in person. The addresses of our facilities can be obtained by looking in the telephone directory, by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000, or by checking our Web site at www.va.gov. We look forward to another successful year of Valentines for Vets, and I know our veterans do as well. Sincerely, — Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Veterans Affairs, . Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Principi: Thank you for once again giving us the opportunity to continue a project that was near and dear to Ann Landers' heart. We can never repay these courageous veterans for the sacrifices they have made, but we can do something to cheer them up and let them know they are not forgotten.

Every year, Camp Fire Boys and Girls deliver valentines to our veterans, and Salvation Army volunteers distribute valentines, gifts and refreshments to various VA facilities around the country. Teachers, you have always been extremely helpful and supportive in making this a class project, especially with those wonderful handmade valentines. We hope you will encourage your students to be creative and let them learn firsthand the satisfaction that comes from doing something for others.

The veterans would be thrilled if you could drop off your valentines in person and visit for a few minutes. If you are not close enough to a VA facility to stop by, you can mail your valentines. To find the location of the nearest VA hospital, check the Web site (www.va.gov) and click on "Facility Locator," or call the toll-free number (1-800-827-1000). We know of nothing else that costs so little and brings so much happiness. Our vets deserve to be remembered. Bless you. Marcy and Kathy

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