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WEATHER

Today:



SUNNY
TODAY 83°-85°
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'Shakespeare' matinee today at local mall

Howard College theater production of "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)" will be held the Big Spring Mall at 2 p.m. today. Tickets for the show are \$3.

The play, a fast-paced synopsis of Shakespeare's works mixed with modern commentary on politics, television, lifestyles and morality, features the talents of three Howard College students — John McDiffitt III, Jonathan Hull and Ray Stech.

Performances are also scheduled for Oct. 15-17.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

□ Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607

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Stabilization and repairs at junior high estimated at \$217,000

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Compaction grouting of the soil beneath Big Spring Junior High School has stabilized the \$10 million building, and workers with Hayward Baker are expected to finish the process Monday.



LOGBACK

"The foundation has stabilized and they believe there will be no further movement in any areas that they have treated," said Big Spring Independent School District business manager Ron Logback.

The entire work performed by Hayward Baker, including the original 60 holes as bid for \$90,750 and an additional 55 holes at \$66,000 brings the entire cost of the compaction grouting procedure to \$157,000, Logback said.

"It is estimated the cosmetic work on the inside and outside

of the building will be between \$50-60,000, bringing the total cost of stabilizing the junior high facility around \$217,000," Logback said.

Problems with the foundation of the junior high became apparent about a week before school began Aug. 9. Research into the site discovered that the area once held a canyon, possibly a natural waterway for runoff.

The canyon was filled in 1959 with soil dug from the side of a steep incline east of Owens Street today. The fill was not

compressed for a building site at that time, and reports indicate the junior high elevation shifted as much as four inches before the compaction grouting process stabilized the building.

Logback said the board of trustees took steps to protect the taxpayer's investment into the new facility. These steps include insurance and bonding of all companies who had a major role in building the facility, he said.

"It is the intent of the school district to recover any additional monies over the final con-

tract cost from these insurance and bonding companies," Logback said.

He outlined the steps taken to build the structure, also.

"A survey was done on the property. A geo-tech was hired to make sure this was a suitable building site and what type of foundation was needed. An architect, a structural engineer and a mechanical engineer were hired to design a building that could be built on this site."

"A contractor was given a

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Ag Commissioner urges consumers to 'Go Texan'

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs, in a town meeting at Howard College Saturday, urged Texas to "Go Texan" when purchasing products.

"You see the shape of Texas on a product, buy it. We've got to buy from our friends and neighbors. There is a huge economic opportunity out there, we have 20 million people in this state, and those are captive consumers," Combs said.

The Go Texan label is being placed on goods produced and manufactured here, and applies to cotton goods as well as produce, she said.

"We go to a great deal of effort to promote and grow and raise and process our agriculture products. If we're buying it from California, that's wrong. We're here to promote your stuff and help you find a market for your goods. We can grow stuff right here that we can sell right here," said Combs to about 50 farmers who attended the town meeting.

Economic diversity is one way to branch out and capture more of the market and ultimately the consumer dollar. Putting the producer together with the consumer will benefit everyone, she said.

"Six Texas farmers got together and decided to grow pinto beans. These farmers



Ag Commissioner Susan Combs discusses agricultural imports with Bob Ballenger, who has a ranch south of Big Spring, during Saturday's town meeting at Howard College.

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planted 3,000 acres of pinto beans, which yielded five million pounds. H-E-B bought these beans at 20 cents a pound,

and they were processed in Tulia, then delivered to H-E-B. This was a direct deal from farmer to H-E-B. Pinto beans were being bought in Colorado. If someone asked us to raise pinto beans and promised us a

return, wouldn't we all say yes?" Combs said.

She urged farmers to continue looking at ways to create value-added products to

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Attendance needed at open-captioned movies

HERALD Staff Report

The monthly open-captioned movies sponsored by Highland Council for the Deaf are in danger of being discontinued if not enough people attend Sunday.

"This weekend at the Big Spring Mall movie theater, they will show the movie 'Runaway Bride,' and if the number of attendees is less than 90 from Saturday and Sunday, it is possible they will no longer show open-captioned movies," said Vansant Limaye, Highland

Council for the Deaf (HCD) board member, who teaches at Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

"I would like to encourage residents of Big Spring and the area to go to the open-captioned movie Sunday to keep the shows going in the future."

The cost is \$5.50 per adult and \$3.25 for children. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Limaye said theater owner Kevin Ritz, Tripod Company and other sponsors and patrons "have been generous" to offer

the movies in the past, but low attendance may mean the movies may be discontinued.

"If the attending number is less than 90, they will not be able to show open-captioned movies any longer," Limaye said, "unless some action or request is worked out."

Any number of people can find the movies beneficial, she said.

"I believe open-captioned movies will benefit those who have English as their second language or perhaps for those

HCD MOVIE

Title: Runaway Bride

Showing: Sunday, 7 p.m.

Cost: \$5.50 adults,
\$3.25 children

who need to improve their reading skills. And it is a benefit for sure, for deaf audiences," Limaye said.

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City to mail out water quality reports by 19th

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

In response to a federal "right to know" law, the City of Big Spring will be mailing water quality reports soon.

"We're preparing to get the information sheets out to all our water customers by the 19th of the month," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager. According to the law, even harmless amounts of naturally occurring elements, contaminants and minerals must be listed.

The reports list nitrates, fluorides, toluene, pesticides, bacteria, lead, copper and arsenic, according to Tom Kelley, spokesman for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

According to the TNRCC, more than 96 percent of Texans drink water that meets or exceeds federal standards. In 1998, about 8 percent of the state's 550 water utilities had to notify consumers that contaminant levels in their water supply exceeded federal standards.

"We already closely monitor

those small percentage of water systems that have violated health standards in the past," said Commissioner John Baker. "The new water quality reports coming out will just give consumers another layer of confidence about the quality of the water they drink."

He said the reports will allow consumers to make more informed choices between a utilities' drinking water, in-home treatment systems and bottled water.

Big Spring water has had its share of complaints, but the water is safe to drink, according to the TNRCC. That information was accepted in a resolution by Big Spring City Council last month.

"Our water is safe to drink. It is within the required standards," assured Bogard. "If residents have any questions after they receive this report, they should feel free to contact us."

Big Spring receives its water from the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) and comes from one

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StarTek

Officials are cautiously optimistic pact will be finalized

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The final word may be heard from StarTek USA this week, as officials continue to finalize legal paperwork that will bring a 350-employee call center to Big Spring.



SHARP

"They have indicated to us that they will sign this agreement, but I really prefer to wait until I see the blood on the line," said Moore Development for Big Spring executive director Kent Sharp.

Moore Development began working with StarTek USA officials earlier this year in an effort to negotiate an incentive package that would bring its newest call center to Big Spring.

Lee George, a director with Moore Development, said he is encouraged by the progress being made with negotiations, especially in light of other economic down turns Big Spring has received recently.

"With the recent layoffs, we really need this in Big Spring. This will increase the skills level of the local labor force, and it will also boost the economy because the average wage offered by StarTek for each employee will increase spendable income locally," George said during a Wednesday Moore Development meeting.

At that time, Moore Development signed the incentive package agreement for StarTek, which was then

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Seven-year-old twins Kelsey, left, and Christy Bowers enjoy some roasted corn with their grandmother, Irene Stennett, Saturday at the Old Sorehead Trade Days in downtown Stanton. The event continues today from noon until 5 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Klydie Scudday

Klydie Scudday, 87, died Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1999, in San Antonio. Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Wanda Hill officiating.

Mrs. Scudday was born on March 27, 1912, in Big Spring. She was a resident of Brownfield before moving to San Antonio.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mission Park Funeral Chapels of San Antonio.

Juan M. Perez

Juan M. Perez, 41, of Midland, died Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1999, in a Fort Worth hospital. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11, 1999, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton with Rev. Arturo Pestin officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Mr. Perez was born on July 30, 1958, in Colorado City. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, John Perez Jr. and Lee Albert Perez, both of Midland; a brother, Alexander Perez of Lenora; four sisters, Mary Duque and Gloria Ybarra of Midland, Aurora Gonzalez of San Angelo and Mary Ann Rodriguez of Big Spring; five step-brothers; two step-sisters; and one grandson.

The family suggests memorials to St. Joseph Catholic Church, P.O. Box 846, Stanton.

Pauline Sullivan

Pauline Sullivan, 92, of Kerrville, former resident of Big Spring, died on Friday, Oct. 8, 1999, in a Kerrville nursing home. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Wynia Long, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on May 26, 1907, in Big Spring, Texas, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Sullivan was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was the daughter of pioneer residents Tom and Media Sullivan. She attended Big Spring schools and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1925. Pauline took post graduate courses in business administration and a correspondence course in accounting here in Big Spring. She worked at Biles Pharmacy in Big Spring, was executive auditor for the Crawford Hotel, a bookkeeper at the First Presbyterian Church and worked in the accounting

department for Cosden Oil and Chemical Company.

Survivors include five nieces, Joyce Alexander of Junction, Joan Hurt of West Covina, Calif., Janelle Zober of Monroe, La., Tommie Anderson of Louisville, Colo., and Peggy Philley of Bandera, a nephew, R.H. Carter Jr. of Big Spring, and several great nieces and nephews.

Pauline was preceded in death by her brother, W.A. Sullivan, two sisters, Albe Lena Carter and Nellie Mae Beene, and a niece Judy South.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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

Pauline Sullivan

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"An open-captioned movie is great for these people, who might have difficulty in hearing conversations sometimes. As long as it is successful, it will be continued. HCD needs Big Spring residents' support by buying tickets."

Other HCD board members are Cheng Tan and Jess Anderson. Teresa Minchew is the HCD service provider. HCD provides services to the Permian Basin and to the senior citizens of West Texas. Limaye said.

For information about HCD, call 800-754-7083 or 800-456-5942 (for hearing impaired).

STARTEK

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promptly faxed to the company in Colorado. Since that time, local officials have been preparing for an affirmative response from StarTek about locating a call center in the old TG&Y building in College Park Shopping Center.

A call center is a customer service location, where calls are received from individuals who have purchased computers and software and need technical support.

The center will employ between 350 to 500 people once the center is established, offering both full time and part time opportunities. The facility will operate 24 hours each day, 365 days each year, and generally sustains its heaviest volume of calls during holidays.

Part of the negotiation process has been a market research of the local labor force. StarTek conducted in June, Kevin Corey, personnel director for StarTek, conducted five information sessions where more than 1,000 people applied for positions.

At that time Corey said the local labor force was sufficient to meet the needs of the call center, and negotiations for a location continued.

After considering the old K-Mart building on FM 700, Moore Development decided to offer the former TG&Y building, with 30,000 square foot of space, as an ideal location for the center.

The negotiations reached a hiatus, when it was discovered that Big Spring does not have a point of presence telephone system, which is required for the large amount of incoming calls.

However, a temporary agreement has been reached with Southwestern Bell to provide one line that will supply the

immediate needs of the company, while further bids are sought for the entire system. Sharp said.

While the more details of the incentive package have not been disclosed, local officials and officials with StarTek have indicated an definitive decision should be reached this week.

Girl Scouts set fundraiser for Monday night

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring residents are invited to take advantage of a fundraiser sponsored by area Girl Scouts parents Monday.

"Dinner at Your Door" will deliver spaghetti, bread, salad and a dessert to your home for \$5 a plate. Parents and girl scout leaders will be calling on family and friends to purchase meals, but they'll only be able to make as many calls as time allows, so they won't be reaching everyone.

Anyone who wants to can go by the Senior Citizens Center and purchase a meal there.

Parents and adult leaders will be preparing the food.

"It's all volunteer work," said Bearden.

Funds raised will be used for Camp Booth Oaks near Sweetwater.

Those who are interested can begin picking up meals as early as 5 p.m. Deliveries will begin about 6 p.m.

To order a meal, page Girl Scouts events coordinator Karen Bearden at 267-0638 any time through 5 p.m. Monday. She'll return your call and take your order.

One convicted on misdemeanor count in jail abuse case

GALVESTON (AP) — A jury on Saturday convicted a former jailer on a misdemeanor count of violating a Missouri inmate's rights by kicking him after he had complied with orders to lie down during a videotaped 1995 shaking down in the Brazoria County Jail.

However, the jury found Wilton David Wallace and another officer, Robert Percival, innocent on felony counts that would have meant up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Wallace faces probation or up to a year in jail on the lesser count, which did not allege bodily injury. Percival was acquitted on both counts and left the courtroom crying.

The jury said it was unable to reach a verdict on a canine officer, David Cisneros, whose dog bit the prisoner, convicted murderer Toby Hawthorne.

Prosecutors said they are uncertain whether they'll try Cisneros again.

Former Lt. Lester Arnold, who used a stun gun on the inmates, pleaded guilty to this reduced charge last week to avoid trial.

The case was tried before U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt.

It's the second civil rights violation for Wallace, who served five months in federal prison for a 1993 offense against a prisoner. His attorney said he will appeal.

Cisneros, 39, is now employed as a Lake Jackson police officer. Percival, 37, still works for the Brazoria County sheriff's department. Wallace, 52, is a former employee of a private jail management firm who had been deputized to oversee Missouri inmates who were housed at the jail under contract.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

After seeing the video, ostensibly made for training purposes, the state of Missouri canceled its private jail contract and moved its prisoners out of the state. The tape showed prisoners being electrically jolted and kicked.

In Thursday's closing arguments, defense lawyers maintained the officers were doing what was necessary to prevent an expected jail riot, but did not have malicious intent.

However, prosecutors portrayed the defendants as forceful guards who abused the power entrusted to them by deliberately assaulting Hawthorne, then lying about it with the assumption the videotape would never come into public view.

"You know the old saying, 'A picture is worth a thousand words,'" prosecutor Gerald Doyle said. "You've heard a thousand words and more here. I would ask, as you view the video, that you use reason and a heavy dose of common sense."

The trial's first witness, Lt. Robert A. Christopher of the Brazoria County sheriff's office, testified that Cisneros' dog bit Hawthorne and that Percival and Wallace kicked the inmate after he had complied with orders to lie down.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

• NA, 2 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

• TOPS Club (Take off pounds sensibly) weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

• Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical emotional sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates times of upcoming groups.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Gailynn Gambel at 263-1271.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

• Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

• Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

• Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

• Survivors of Suicide support group will meet Monday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland. The topic of discussion will be on "Dealing with the Heaviness of Grief," presented by the Rev. Dr. Alan Williams, MH Chaplain.

• Encourager's Support Group (for widows) will meet Monday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe

TEXAS LOTTERY

LOTTO: 1,4,17,37,48,50

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

Sandwich Shop, Big Spring Mall, and on Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door) for a covered dish dinner. For more information call 398-5522.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MEETINGS

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11, Howard County Courthouse

Agenda items include:
• Purchase requests
• Contract with Taylor County for juveniles
• Office supply bid
• Budget Amendments
• Personnel considerations
• Payroll report
• Appointment to tax appraisal board
• Authority to replace receptionist in district attorney's office

HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

5:15 p.m. Wednesday, 315 Main
Agenda items include:
• Minutes and bills for September
• Financial report
• Travel expense
• Discuss and consider health insurance
• Executive session to discuss personnel

STANTON CITY COUNCIL

7 p.m. Monday, council chambers

Agenda items include:
• September minutes
• Consider Census 2000 proclamation
• Ordinance authorizing restricted prior service credit to employees who are members of the system for service previously performed for various other public entities for which they have not received credited service
• Consider transferring tax abatement into J.L. and Bennett Steward (LJB Enterprises) name to build a motel
• Consider Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission annual meeting to be hosted by Stanton, Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the community center
• Consider zoning for Jeff Leary annexation in Sec. 14, Block 36TIS Grisham Addition
• Bills and reports for September

MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

9 a.m. Monday, 301 N. St. Peter, Stanton

Agenda items include:
• Paid and unpaid bills
• Minutes
• Road report
• Pipeline and utility crossings
• Improvements and repairs
• Landfill report
• County participation in the SB 204 Program
• Executive session to consider personnel

BIG SPRING ISD

5:15 p.m. Thursday, Big

Spring High School board room

Agenda items include:
• Resignations
• Employment
• Textbook committee approval
• Choir trip approval
• Bids for student award jackets
• Renewal of annual energy management systems contract
• Activity fund budget approval
• Budget amendments

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL

5:30 p.m. Tuesday, 307 E. Fourth

Agenda items include:
• Consider award of bid for demolition of Permian Building
• Consider appointments to Howard County Appraisal Review Board
• Consider nominee for position of director on the Howard County Joint Tax Appraisal board
• Appointments to the Animal Control Board
• 1999 Board and committee appointments
• Personnel policies
• Request to close Runnels between Second and Third streets between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Oct. 29
• Discussion of Moss Creek Lake
• Executive session on pending or contemplated legislation

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday:

• DENISE MUNOZ, 28, was arrested for no driver's license.

• MANUEL MARTINEZ, 51, was arrested for theft of service less than \$50 and for public intoxication.

• ASHLEE TAYLOR, 19, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• SHAWNA OVERTON, 17, was arrested on county warrants.

• JOSHUA HYDEN, 23, was arrested on county warrants.

• JUVENILE PROBLEMS were reported in the 2400 block of Monticello, 800 block of East 16th and near the intersection of 25th and Birdwell.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.

• FORGERY was reported at the police department.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Creighton.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 1100 block of East 15th.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of North Lamesa, 600 block of I-20 and the 2500 block of Albroom.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of Albroom and 1600 block of Settles.

• CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 4100 block of Muir.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 300 block of East Third.

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Staff Writer

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Combs addresses issues ranging from weevils to education in agriculture

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

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"We're here to answer your questions," said Combs.

A question posed to Combs and State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, who also attended the town meeting, was what to do if airplanes spray homes or fields where people are working with the pesticides designed to eliminate the boll weevil from cotton crops.

Counts said pilots are instructed not to spray homes or workers in fields.

If someone experiences these or similar problems, Counts urged farmers to call him or Combs, and to report these occurrences to the local agricultural extension agent.

"They try to be very careful, but if there are instances like that I apologize. The problem is that there are different pilots, and we put this program together so quickly everyone is in a learning mode. I urge you to continue talking to people and continue to complain. In the long run this program is for the good of everyone," Counts said.

Several farmers who attended the town hall meeting spoke in favor of the boll weevil eradication program, and gave examples of success in other states.

"While the boll weevil eradication program is learning, we don't want them learning at your expense, and we can't have people breaking the law. Call me or David (Counts) or both of us, because we need to be told

this happens," Combs said.

Brush control was also a topic of conversation at the meeting. Combs said she and Counts are aware that some water loss may be attributed to brush growth where once springs and creeks ran.

"Farmers were the first to know that we need to conserve water. A brush control refund program in the long run will have lasting benefits for us," Counts said.

Farmers also asked about public education concerning agriculture, as well as how to keep young people involved in the profession.

"Looking at the age of the producers, most of us are over 50. There has got to be a reason for young people getting into agriculture and there has got to be a profit," said farmer Leland Wallace.

Combs said educational programs are now aimed at the 10 largest school districts in Texas, with a \$2,500 incentive to prepare an agricultural project.

"These are the least educated areas in the state about agriculture," she said in response to a remark that all public education students need to know about agriculture.

Combs said she enjoyed coming to Big Spring, and she will continue her aggressive stance to support and promote agriculture in Texas and globally.

Counts presented her with an official rain rock, provided by Wallace.

"If the rock is wet, it's raining, and if it's dry it's not. And if you look and the rock is gone, then the wind is blowing," Counts said.

Combs complimented Big Spring and her residents.

"Big Spring is well located and has a can-do attitude," Combs said.

Big Spring is a place to do a lot of things because they have critical mass and they have community support, as well as Howard College, where training can be realized," she added.



Thousands of people flooded the streets of Stanton Saturday for another Old Sorehead Trade Days. With vendors numbering in the hundreds, the event will continue today from noon until 5 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH

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contract to build a building. A testing company was hired to monitor the construction and materials used during the construction phase. The board of trustees made sure all of these companies were insured and bonded. These steps were taken to protect a \$10 million investment," Logback said.

He also said all but \$70,000 of the retainage money has been paid to the contractor. The amount remaining will be paid when final items on the punch list, primarily in plumbing and landscaping, are repaired.

But still under consideration by trustees will be whether or not to assess a penalty for the 317-day delay in substantial completion of the building, he said.

The contract called for 480 days of construction to reach substantial completion. The project actually lasted 797 days. Most of the delay was due to concrete that did not meet stress requirements as called for in the original contract. A section of one wall was demolished, then reconstructed.

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"The contractor has asked for 42 bad weather days, those days that no work could be done at the construction site because of the weather conditions," Logback said.

He also said the contract allows for a \$250-a-day penalty assessed to the contractor if trustees believe additional costs were incurred due to the delay in construction, he said.

"These costs are called liquidated damages," Logback said.

It is the responsibility of the owner, with the help of the architect, to assess how many bad weather days to allow the contractor, as well as whether to assess reasonable liquidated damages, he said.

Cosmetic repair on the interior of the building will begin immediately in some areas, while other areas may begin in the next few weeks, he said.

"We are going to look to find brick to match what we have," Logback said.

increase economic diversity. She cited as an example that 90 percent of the flowers that H-E-B Food Stores sells are purchased out of state.

And she said that most Texas schools purchase products outside of the state for school cafeterias.

"We need to take an aggressive look at the map and realize we are ideally located, right in the middle of the United States. And goods that travel from Mexico must go through us, as well as goods that travel from Canada," she said.

And while Texas now produces 35 to 40 percent of all the cotton used in the United States, she said a more aggressive approach toward marketing products is needed.

"The Legislature has appropriated \$25 million to help reduce the cost to the farmer for

the next two years, and we're hoping to keep this going. I believe this is a national defense issue, and we have a good reason to be optimistic," Combs said.

WATER

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or a combination of three reservoirs: Lake O.H. Ivie, Lake J.B. Thomas and Lake E.V. Spence. In most cases, according to city officials, it is a blend of water from the lakes. Occasionally, supplemental water may be added from wells owned by CRMWD.

WHAT'S UP

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□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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OUR VIEWS

Angel Trees
a sign holiday
season is near

It might seem as if Christmas is still a long way away, but more and more we are seeing signs of it. Stores are already selling yard decorations, lights, ornaments and artificial trees.

There's another kind of tree that reminds us Christmas isn't far off, and also reminds us that the holiday season is a time of giving. Angel Tree applications will begin Monday, and in Big Spring, the Angel Trees are as much a part of the holiday tradition as are the big parade and the lights in Comanche Trail Park.

Through the Angel Tree program, children who otherwise would not receive a gift on Christmas are assured they will. The names of children accepted for the program are placed on cards on the trees, which are then taken to retail and public locations throughout the city.

That's when the trees begin to work their magic, because customers see them, take a card off and purchase presents for the child. These good Samaritans then return the card and the merchandise to the Salvation Army.

There is also an Angel Tree for the elderly. Accepted senior citizens receive food baskets during the holidays.

It will be a while before the Angel Trees are out — the deadline for needy persons to apply is Oct. 22. But we encourage you now to think about participating. It just takes a few dollars to brighten this special time for a child or an elderly person.

The Salvation Army will also hold most of its other traditional Christmas programs such as Toys For Tots and the canned food drive. Bell Ringers will also be ringing their bells at various locations in the community.

Yes, the Christmas season is coming. And with it comes a special time to share our good fortunes with others less fortunate. We invite you to reach out to a small boy or girl this holiday season. The feeling you will receive from helping others is truly what is meant by the Christmas spirit.

OTHER VIEWS

The emergence of the telecom supercarriers poses the biggest challenge for regulators in the long run. Of immediate concern in the MCI-Sprint merger, aside from diminished competition in the long-distance market, is the new company's dominance of the Internet backbone, the network through which Internet services are delivered. Combined, the two companies would control about half of the Internet backbone assets. To preserve competition, the regulators might require Sprint to sell its Internet network.

Blockbuster telecommunications deals are changing the face of the industry. The new telecom giants must now convince the regulators that consumers' interests will not be lost in the shuffle.

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Let us hope people take notice of what Jimmy Carter

said in an interview on the occasion of his 75th birthday anniversary. Never one to comfort the comfortable, Carter observed with dismay that America has become "the stingiest nation in the world."

That's putting it bluntly, but it's the truth. With the chasm between rich and poor nations expanding to Grand Canyon proportions, Washington has cut back spending for overseas economic development, and the trend toward official U.S. miserliness has only accelerated after the end of the Cold War.

Considering all the former U.S. foreign-aid clients who have turned into major trading partners, cutting foreign aid to the bone not only smacks of stinginess; it makes no sense from a practical standpoint either.

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Additional nuclear disasters are likely

In the wake of nuclear accidents in Japan and South Korea, sources in NATO have warned us about the likelihood of even worse disasters in the offing among reactors in 68 Soviet-designed nuclear power plants in 23 sites in nine former Soviet-bloc countries.

They are called RBMK reactors. These systems cool the core of the plant with water, creating thousands of tons of nuclear wastewater a year. In the infamous 1986 Chernobyl incident, reactor No. 4 wasn't cooled enough and blew up, spewing radiation throughout Europe.

According to a Ukrainian official, Chernobyl was just shut down for "serious and

unexpected" problems in the last running reactor at the plant. Two employees were exposed to high levels of radiation as a result of the leak classified as a Level 1 emergency (the lowest grading). The metal structures holding the gamma radiation source broke, and the gamma ray source fell out of the container, exposing nearby personnel. The reactor has been shut down until November to repair the leaks. Though the Ukraine has pledged to shut the RBMK reactor down for good in 2000, the cash-strapped country doesn't have the resources to create a new power source in time. Also, a team of surveyors at the plant discovered the concrete-and-steel shelter covering the destroyed Chernobyl reactor is cracked.

A Leningrad plant, running on four RBMK reactors, provides two-thirds of the electricity of northwest Russia and energy for Finland. Two years ago, an employee at the site, Sergei Kharitonov, distributed photographs that showed cracked concrete walls and ground water seepage in one of

the radioactive waste storage facilities.

Kharitonov, one of the liquidators who knowingly exposed himself to radioactive materials during the Chernobyl accident, revealed that the Leningrad plant — site of two nuclear accidents in the last decade — has been dumping 300 liters per year of contaminated water into the Gulf of Finland for years. The first accident occurred in 1992. The RBMK reactor sent a cloud of radioactivity into northeast Europe, and Russian officials covered up the accident, explaining they saw no immediate danger. In April 1998, the Russians shut down one of the reactors — which has not been restarted — due to a radiation leak. That also was covered up.

These RBMK sites simply create too much waste, and the Russians do not have the technology or the money to deal with it. The already overburdened storage facilities have the contamination potential of 50 times the Chernobyl incident.

Western scientists have found that stress corrosion

cracking in RBMK core cooling system piping is common. This will lead to leaks like the one at Chernobyl and the two in Leningrad. But the Russians say the cracking is no cause for concern, though they did revamp the Chernobyl RBMK after the 1986 accident and are now building other types of reactors. After the disaster, the Russians signed — then ignored — an international agreement to modify the RBMKs.

In Lithuania, the most nuclear-dependent country in the world (80 percent of the nation's power stems from two nuclear plants), the government is pledging to shut down their two Soviet-era RBMK reactors by 2010. A recent review of the plants found 52 cracks in the cooling system of one and nine in the cooling fixtures of the other.

Russian scientists say the defects are still comfortable and other safety features will stabilize any problems the cracks create.

However, all the cracked joints in Leningrad were recently replaced.



JACK
ANDERSON



More concerns about education

Eighty-one percent of the eighth-graders in Florida were rated "not proficient" on a federal writing test. And my state's results were fairly typical.

The scary thing about that is people don't seem to care. They ought to. If you figure about \$6,000 a year per student and count kindergarten, then these kids have received about \$54,000 worth of instruction over a nearly nine-year period and still cannot write a simple essay.

Something is seriously wrong. We may be like a fellow who was born in a flooded house. He spends his whole life with his feet wet. The water rises infinitely slowly. When it reaches his armpits, it doesn't seem all that alarming because he's used to being wet.

Well, folks, if 81 percent cannot write after nine years of instruction, you'd better be alarmed. Writing is nothing more than thinking on paper, and if people can't write, that means they can't think. We're not talking world-class literature or Shakespearean sonnets. Just a simple essay on a sim-

ple topic.

Now it's true that people can be intelligent and yet illiterate, and they can learn skills, sometimes even build successful businesses. But for a society to function, people must communicate about more than simple things like how to cook a hamburger or repair a door. Most jobs, even including journalism, are a lot simpler than some folks want to let on.

What's complex and requires higher skills of communication are things like human relationships, politics, religion, child-rearing, science and technology. The human being is a gregarious creature, and humans succeed as a group or fail as a group. The children in school today are going to face a tougher world than the one people my age faced. They are going to need a lot of skills to survive in it.

At a time when it ought to be the case that most of our children are becoming bilingual, too many of them are becoming nonlingual. They not only do not know another language, they do not even know how to use their own.

You may think I exaggerate, but if you want to do the research, I think you will find it will verify my own observation that there is a definite correlation between ability to communicate and violence. The higher the communication skills, the less often the resort to violence. It's no accident that more laborers get into vio-

lent scrapes than college professors.

If, in moments of stress, people cannot articulate their emotions, they are much more likely to express them physically. At a question-and-answer session once, someone asked me how I, as the writer of a controversial column, avoided getting punched out.

"It's simple," I said only half-jokingly. "I'm careful never to offend inarticulate people."

There's a lot of truth to that, and if we don't teach children to use language skillfully enough to express not only their thoughts but their anger and frustrations, then we are encouraging violence. Better that a young man learns to cut with his sharp wit than with a sharp knife.

We would do better to have more English teachers than more counselors and cops in public schools. If we cannot teach children to think, to speak, to write in their own language, then what good are schools except as human warehouses?

A nation of people whose language level is, "Duh, hey man, ya know, be cool, like, I'm cool" isn't going to last 50 years into the new millennium. The Asians and Latins will eat America's lunch.

Like, ya know, there's a tough, no-mercy world coming. Be ready or be meat.

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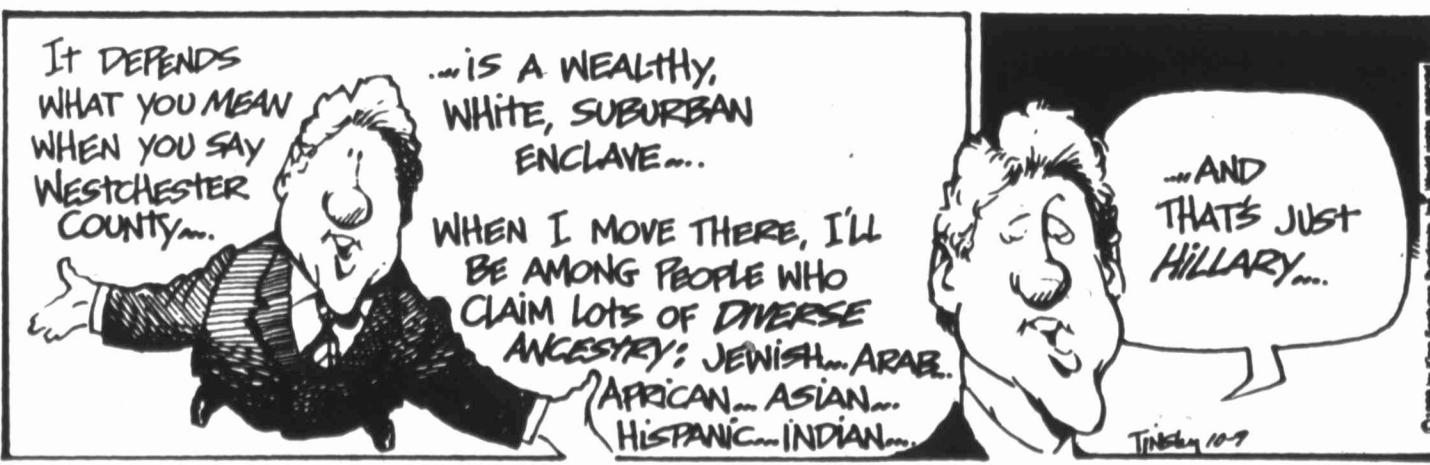
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Clinton, Senate GOP still apart on test ban vote process

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is asking the Senate to delay a vote on a landmark nuclear test ban treaty, conceding "we don't have the votes." But conservatives are still pressing for a chance to kill the pact outright.

"The Senate should go on record as planned," Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said Friday. "The Senate should vote this treaty down."

Supporters concede they can't come close to mustering the 67 votes, a two-thirds majority, needed for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. A final vote on the pact is set for Tuesday evening.

Democrats and some influential Republicans suggest that

rejection of the treaty could bring international condemnation and complicate efforts to reduce the spread of nuclear weapons.

But efforts to negotiate a way out of next week's vote have failed so far.

On Friday, Clinton bowed to Republican demands that he request a delay. "I have asked them to put it off because we don't have the votes," he told reporters in Ottawa, where he was meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Clinton at first seemed to reject a second Republican demand for a letter asking to put off consideration of the agreement until 2001, after the presidential election.

"This treaty was never treated

seriously," he charged. "They want me to give them a letter to cover the political decision they have made? ... I don't think so."

But White House spokesman Joe Lockhart later softened the statement, saying "his (Clinton's) intention was not to rule out sending a letter."

That did not placate Helms and other Senate conservatives.

"Let's make it clear so the president can get his confusing rhetoric straightened out," Helms said. "Since he has rejected our offer, I will object, along with many of my Republican colleagues, to any effort to put off next week's vote."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said a vote on the treaty is still on track despite

Clinton's latest comments.

"My suggestion to him is pipe down and agree to these two conditions (a delay and a rescheduling to 2001). Otherwise, let's vote," Lott told reporters.

But Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and an opponent of the treaty, was more charitable toward Clinton.

He said the president and the Senate leadership must share in the responsibility if the treaty vote is put off. "I see him moving in that direction, each day another step," Warner said.

The developments occurred as the GOP-led Senate opened debate on the treaty, which would impose a blanket international ban on all nuclear test

explosions.

Calling the march toward a vote "pigheaded," Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told reporters that Democrats may invoke a seldom-used parliamentary procedure that would force the Senate out of its treaty-considering mode and block further action on the treaty.

Such a move, forcing the Senate to give attention to legislation instead of treaties, would require only a 51-vote majority, rather than the two-thirds majority needed to ratify a treaty.

Daschle said he believed he could win enough Republican support for the move to prevail, since some influential Republicans who oppose the

treaty have been among those calling for a delay.

He said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., a former majority leader, would make the motion if Lott would not agree to a postponement.

But Republican leaders warned that such a procedural move would be a violation of Senate customs — in which the majority leader makes calendar-related decisions — and could backfire on Democrats.

"Only the majority leader should make that motion. And if we don't get an agreement, we would oppose that move," Lott said.

The treaty has been signed by 154 nations, including the United States, but ratified by only 48.

Regulators relax rules limiting cable ownership

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators eased rules Friday on the number of cable customers a single company can serve, hoping to hasten the roll-out of high-speed Internet connections and a new generation of telephone services to consumers.

The Federal Communications Commission decision also reduces to some extent the obstacles that AT&T faces in completing its proposed \$58 billion purchase of MediaOne, a deal that would create the nation's largest cable TV company and provider of high-speed cable Internet services.

The FCC slightly loosened its 30 percent cap limiting a company's share of total cable households.

It also more narrowly defined what interests from a limited partnership would count against a company toward this audience limit.

That change could help AT&T make its case before the commission in seeking merger approval.

The revised rules are intended to address significant industry developments in recent years; namely, cable companies starting to offer high-speed Internet access and local phone service.

FCC officials say the changes adopted Friday will enable cable companies to grow so they can compete in these new markets — part of the vision of a 1996 telecommunications law.

At the same time, the rules should prevent cable companies from exerting too much control in their core business of television programming, said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard.

"If cable companies want to enter into arrangements with each other to pursue new competitive ventures, like local phone service and high-speed

Internet access, that's no threat to competition," Kennard said.

After the vote, Kennard said the commission's decision was in line with his "passion to get high-speed Internet access into every home in America as soon as we can."

Recognizing the rise of competitors to cable such as direct-broadcast satellite, the FCC voted to apply the 30 percent limit to a wider market. That would enable a single cable company to control up to 36.7 percent of subscribers.

Nationwide, there are 66 million cable subscribers and 80 million subscribers in the multichannel video market, which more broadly includes cable and its competitors.

AT&T says the rule revisions will help it stay under the limit, even with its purchase of MediaOne, which would also give it a 25 percent stake in cable systems owned by Time

Warner Inc. The FCC's modified rules may not count this ownership stake against AT&T, if the company can show it is not involved in the video programming activities of Time Warner's cable systems.

AT&T believes it can convince the FCC of this, so it won't have to shed assets.

"We are really very encouraged that the strategy we laid out can be accomplished," said C. Michael Armstrong, chairman and chief executive of AT&T.

He said the company is still on track to complete the deal by the first quarter of next year.

"I believe this very much adds to the certainty of that transaction completing," Armstrong said.

Analysts said the FCC decision helps AT&T's case, but the company could still have to make some changes to comply with the federal rules.

Clinton challenges Senate to confirm Hispanic judges

CHICAGO (AP) — President Clinton accused the Republican-led Senate of ignoring minority nominees to the federal bench for partisan gain, and told Hispanic leaders Saturday that America increasingly will "look like you."

In a speech summing up the progress and problems of America's fastest-growing minority group, Clinton said his administration has exceeded all others in appointing Hispanic judges.

But he said many nominees are languishing in the Senate, waiting for approval, among them Richard Paez, the first Mexican-American to serve as a federal judge in Los Angeles. Clinton nominated Paez to the federal appeals court more than three years ago.

"I am deeply dissatisfied with the Senate's partisan handling of some of my minority nominees," Clinton said at the annual meeting of the Hispanic Leadership Conference.

He repeated some of the strong language he used earlier in the week to denounce the Republican-led Senate for rejecting the nomination of Ronnie White, a black judge who had earlier won GOP

endorsements. The nomination went down on a straight party line vote.

"It was a disgrace," Clinton said bitterly.

"The Senate's treatment of Judge White, and its failure to vote on the outstanding Hispanic nominees that are pending, creates a real doubt about the Senate's ability to fairly perform its constitutional duties to advise and consent," Clinton said.

A spokesman for Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., who led opposition to the nomination, said White's record on crime — not his race — was the reason for the defeat.

"Bill Clinton's manipulation of race for political purposes is low demagoguery. It is bad for the country," Steve Hilton said.

Hilton also said Clinton should work with the Senate leadership, rather than denouncing it, but "certainly should not send up soft-on-crime nominations like the White nomination."

The national Hispanic population of 31 million is expected to overtake the non-Hispanic black population to become the largest minority group by the end of 2004.

Labor Department denies harassing growers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Department of Labor has denied allegations that it's harassing 50 New Mexico and West Texas chili growers during harvest time, saying the agency is merely enforcing the law.

John Fraser, deputy administrator of the department's Wage and Hour Division, said he believes Labor Secretary Alexis Herman will stand behind the investigations.

U.S. Reps. Joe Skeen, R-N.M., and Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, wrote a joint letter Thursday asking that Herman cease all investigations against the 50 growers. The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau also complained Thursday that the 50 growers had been singled out for "harassment" during their busiest time of year.

"The Labor Department must justify this type of action before launching into what I describe as a witch hunt," Skeen said in a statement released by his office. "New Mexico chili farmers have suffered a tremendous economic loss this year. They don't need additional burdens placed on them at this time."

Asked if the agency was harassing the growers, Fraser replied: "Certainly not."

"I understand that when we are in contact (with growers) during that time in the season, which is also the time when the workers are there, that it's not convenient for the growers," Fraser said by phone Friday from Washington, D.C. "This is the time when we need to do it, when the workers are employed. It's certainly not harassment."

He said Labor Department representatives met with the agricultural community late last week and told them investigators would focus on about 50 farms in New Mexico and West Texas.

He said the number selected was a statistically appropriate

sample, and he said investigations of 50 farms last year had found several infractions, including eight child labor law violations.

The current probe seeks to ensure compliance with minimum-wage law, child labor laws and the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, Fraser said.

Last year's violations "warrant a more systematic approach, which gave rise to this year's initiative," he said.

He said he's sure far fewer than 50 farms are under investigation at this point.

"This initiative has just gotten started this week," he said, declining to say what investigators have found so far because the cases are open. "I don't think we're anywhere near having open investigations on 50 farms."

He suggested the outcry by Skeen, Bonilla and the Farm and Livestock Bureau "may be a reaction to the mere fact that we told them last week that we were going to be conducting this initiative."

And he said: "I have no reason to doubt that Secretary Herman will support (it). She has been a strong supporter of

effective enforcement of these laws, protecting the most vulnerable of workers."

Farm and Livestock Bureau vice president Norm Plank said in a statement: "We have received information that the DOL is targeting 50 growers in Dona Ana, Huidspeth (Texas), Hidalgo, Chaves, Luna and Lea counties for what appears to be blatant harassment and discrimination."

"Our growers are vigilant about complying with all state and federal laws in regard to labor, so we are asking for an investigation as to why one commodity group has been singled out," Plank said.

Skeen and Bonilla said the Labor Department probe was being conducted "arbitrarily

and capriciously."

They noted one branch of federal government, the Agriculture Department, was trying to help chili growers, who have had a bad year with massive crop losses, while at the same time the Labor Department "appears to be harming them via overzealous regulation."

Congress approved \$8.7 billion in assistance for farmers this year, and the chili growers were specifically included in that appropriation.

"Accordingly we request your immediate attention to this matter in the form of stopping any and all investigations until such time as the justification has been proven," Skeen and Bonilla said.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***Getting together with others promotes excesses of all types. There is no holding back. Another is full of surprises. You're sure to go overboard, whether by living the good life, spending or eating more than usual. You'll love what goes on. Tonight: There is no stopping you now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***Another swings into high gear and seeks you for company. You socialize and enjoy yourself all too easily. Friends remark about this tendency to go hog-wild. You feel good, and your attitude encourages others to let loose, too. Tonight: Say yes to a partner's idea or plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***Pace yourself. Think carefully when you receive news from a distance. Express your caring; don't let confusion get to you. You might reveal much more than you intend. Lie low. Talk to friends; share with those in your day-to-day life. Good will surrounds you. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***Allow more joy into your life. A partner or friend coerces you to go along with others. Let go of your cares; join friends and communicate what is going on with you. If you choose gentler tones, others will respond. A good time is had by all. Tonight: Add more naughtiness to your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***Partners seek you out, though you might not be completely clear about what their

agendas are. Enjoy the day; get into festivities; bring others together. Think about new ways to beautify your home or perhaps spruce up an outdoor garden. A partner lets you know how much you mean to him. Tonight: Why stop?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***What you hear delights you. It is no longer necessary to take a back seat or pick and choose your words. Clearly, you are cared for. Listen to feedback from a loved one or friend at a distance. You could be vague about plans. Be clearer about your communication and listen more carefully to another's request. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***You might let go of common sense and then regret it at a later date. Finances get way out of control. Establish limits, with an eye to potential repercussions. A partner encourages you to take a risk, but be careful. Remember, there could be problems. Tonight: Use your instincts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***Your actions energize others. A partner could be challenged, but he clearly adores you. A family member might be confused by a recent discussion; attempting to clarify the talk might make the situation worse! Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Do whatever pleases you!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***A lot goes on behind the scenes. Make sound choices.

remaining sure of yourself. A project needs extra time. Put some extra effort into it, and it will bloom. You'll like what you accomplish. A respected friend or boss admires what you have done. Tonight: Take some personal time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***You know what you want, which inspires others. Friends seem to descend upon you. Together, you accomplish much more than you thought possible. Consider scheduling a group weekend away to see the turning leaves, or perhaps get into some early winter activities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***Sometimes, all that is happening overwhelms you. In some ways, you could be running in all directions simultaneously. Opportunity strikes on the homefront; check out one particular real estate investment. Someone you put on a pedestal could use some of your time. Tonight: Be extra gentle with a partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***Take off spontaneously to explore a favorite flea market or take in an art show. You could be overwhelmed by how many options are presented. Keep them open, if possible. Consider new ways to relate to a partner or friend more effectively. Tonight: Dinner in a new spot.

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Ford, UAW reach tentative agreement

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — The United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Co. announced a tentative agreement on a new contract Saturday after a marathon round of negotiations.

A joint statement announcing the deal contained no details, and officials declined to provide any.

But UAW President Stephen P. Yokich has said Ford's contract would have to fit the pattern set in deals with General Motors Corp. and DaimlerChrysler AG — four-

year agreements with raises of 3 percent each year and a signing bonus.

It was unclear what issues might have held up the talks dealing with about 100,000 employees.

UAW officials have said they were opposed to Ford's plans to spin off or sell its parts unit, which employs 23,500 UAW workers. Officials were concerned a separate Visteon Automotive Systems could cut pay and jobs and even close plants to compete against other parts companies.

Yokich told union members in a taped message earlier this week that Ford was being "stubborn" about accepting contracts agreed to by GM and DaimlerChrysler.

During negotiations in 1993 and 1996, the UAW found Ford's proposal best and settled with it first — setting the pattern for the other two companies.

"We will continue to work and maybe before the company can really make a big mistake, they'll understand that they're not first this time, but third," Yokich said.

Fraud finding boosts verdict against
State Farm to nearly 1.2 billion dollars

MARION, Ill. (AP) — State Farm, already reeling from a \$456 million judgment earlier this week, was ordered to pay an additional \$730 million in damages for using generic replacement parts to restore customers' cars to pre-accident condition.

Williamson County Circuit Judge John Speroni found Friday that State Farm had deliberately deceived its customers about the quality of aftermarket parts, modeled on manufacturers' originals but made without access to factory specifications.

Critics say they are not as

good as those made for automakers.

In total, State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurer, has been socked with a nearly \$1.2 billion judgment over its policy on auto-body repair parts.

But lawyers representing State Farm policyholders said the monetary award is secondary to the class action lawsuit's primary goal: to expose State Farm's practices.

"Sometimes, getting a large corporation financially is not as important as exposing their fraud," said lawyer Patricia Littleton. "That's the best part of this whole case — they've been exposed."

State Farm chairman and CEO Edward Rust Jr. promised an appeal of both verdicts and said the company was "astounded" by Friday's decision. The \$456 million decision on Monday on a breach-of-contract claim was already considered to be the largest ever against an insurer.

Speroni said State Farm violated its trust with 4.7 million policyholders by deliberately adopting a term he called misleading — "quality replacement parts" — to refer to aftermarket parts.

Speroni awarded \$130 million to policyholders in compensation for the savings State Farm realized by its use of aftermarket parts. A \$600 million punitive damages award was intended to deter State Farm from continuing deceiving its customers about the parts, the judge said.

Current and former policyholders who could have claims against the company would get an average of \$100 each under the breach-of-contract judgment. It was unclear how many plaintiffs are affected by the consumer fraud judgment, or what their average share would be.

Rust said the consumer-fraud finding was particularly troubling because State Farm abides by regulations on use of aftermarket parts in every state where it does business.

"Now it's been decided that by abiding by those regulations we have violated the law," he said at a news conference at the company's headquarters in Bloomington. "That just doesn't make sense."

At least seven other insurers are facing similar claims in at least 13 lawsuits filed around the country.

Industry analysts said it was unclear whether other companies might suspend use of aftermarket parts. But Steve Goldstein, a spokesman for the Insurance

Information Institute, the nonprofit communications arm of the insurance industry, said none of the major insurers so far have indicated they had any plans to change their policies.

State Farm and insurance industry groups say the move to suspend use of aftermarket parts will result in higher premiums and higher repair costs if allowed to stand. The insurance industry offered scathing criticism of the ruling.

Driving under the influence covers more
than alcohol, also prescription medicines

DEAR ABBY: I don't drink and have always despised alcohol and drunk drivers. On New Year's Eve in 1982, my 26-year-old brother was killed by a drunk driver.

Well, to my shock, I had a terrible car crash that has left me hospitalized for the last three weeks. I am missing one-third of the muscle and tissue in my leg. I cannot get skin grafts and reconstructive surgery for several more weeks.

The reason for the car crash was that when I decided to run to the store late one night, I misjudged how my tranquilizer medication would affect me because I was unusually tired.

Now I am charged with DUI! Not only am I in excruciating pain, I am emotionally devastated about being charged with a DUI. I never would have thought in a million years that something like this could happen.

Please print this, Abby, so people will realize that you can get a DUI for reasons other than drunk driving, and that the warning labels on your prescription bottle are there for a reason. If even one person is spared what I'm going through, it will be well worth sharing what I endured.

I thank God every day that I didn't kill someone or hurt anyone else. — PAINFULLY WISER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WISER: You are generous to want others to learn from what could have been a fatal error, and I hope your recovery is swift and complete. Those little labels on prescription bottles warning consumers not to take the medication in combination with driving or operating heavy equipment are there for a reason, as your experience clearly illustrates.

DEAR ABBY: I am the owner of a beautiful 1-year-old St. Bernard. She is very loving,

playful, protective and weighs approximately 140 pounds. She stays indoors the majority of the time, but we allow her to run in a fenced-in yard.

Yesterday, while she was in the yard, three children were walking down the street. Two of the children were about 14 years old and the third child was about 8. The older children were laughing because we have a sign posted on the fence that says, "Beware of Dog." The youngest child picked up a long stick and started swinging it at the dog inside the fence. Luckily, this story has a happy ending. The dog just barked at the children and we took her back into the house.

Abby, I am pleading with parents to teach their children never to tease an animal. My dog is 140 pounds. A dog that size can cause a lot of damage. A dog bite from even a small dog can be serious. Children should be taught NEVER to approach any animal (especially one that is barking or growling); never swing a stick at an animal, or bark back — even if the dog is fenced in, because it could jump over. One should just walk away.

I realize this is long, but I hope you'll print this important message. — CONCERNED DOG OWNER, MARYVILLE, TENN.

DEAR CONCERNED: Your message is well deserving of space in my column. I would like to add that small children should be warned never to play with a dog who is eating, because the animal may think the child is trying to take its food away. Also, a dog who is nursing should be approached with care, because of her maternal instincts to protect her young.

DEAR ABBY: Today, 14 days short of his 56th birthday, we buried my beloved younger brother. He died by his own hand two days before his first scheduled appointment with a psychiatrist. He had been referred by the general practitioners who had been treating him for the past two months.

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If only I had realized how ill my brother was, perhaps I could have gotten him to treatment in time. If only the GPs had realized this was beyond their expertise, perhaps they could have referred him to a psychiatrist earlier and this tragedy could have been averted. If only, if only.

Nothing will bring back my younger brother, but maybe our experience can help someone else. Thank you for letting me vent, Abby. — GRIEVING BROTHER, TAYLORS, S.C.

DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the tragic loss of your beloved brother, but take heart in the thought that your letter may save the lives of countless others. People who know there is a history of bipolar disorder in the family should alert their doctors to it. Also, those who are experiencing mood swings should seek a referral to a psychiatrist who can help them restore the balance in their brain chemistry.

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(Notificación, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales indicadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de Noviembre de 1999, para votar en la elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la 76a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

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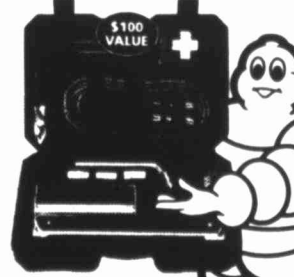
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Strawberry's home run, Clemens' shutout just enough to finish Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Of all the rebounds in Darryl Strawberry's career, this one tops the list.

Strawberry hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Roger Clemens made it stand up Saturday night, sending the New York Yankees into the AL championship series with a 3-0 victory over the Texas Rangers that capped a first-round sweep.

Last year, Strawberry announced he had colon cancer the day before New York played in Texas. The Yankees finished a first-round sweep the next day and dedicated the victory to their ailing teammate.

New York will start the ALCS at home Wednesday night against the winner of the Cleveland-Boston series. The Indians, whom the Yankees beat in six games last year on their way to the World Series title, lead the Red Sox 2-1.

For the Yankees, their 10th straight postseason win put them a step closer to their 25th Series championship and their third in four years. They also kept headed toward a Subway Series as the New York Mets

advanced to the NLCS earlier Saturday.

For Clemens, his seven shutout innings of three-hit ball were certainly enough to placate Yankees fans who had been waiting, ever since he was acquired this spring from Toronto, for him to show the form that won five Cy Youngs. He earned his second postseason win in 10 starts, his other victory coming in 1986.

And for the Rangers, this was another disappointing end as they lost their ninth straight playoff game — all to the Yankees. This marked the second straight year hard-hitting Texas scored a total of one run in an opening-round sweep by New York.

This game was as good as over with two outs in top of the first when Strawberry went with a low and away breaking ball from Estaban Loaiza and sent it 415 feet into the left-center field stands for a 3-0 lead.

At that point, the white towels waved by the 50,269 fans at The Ballpark to fire up the Rangers could've been a sign of surrender considering how bad their team was hitting the baseball.

Warrick-less Seminoles top Miami, 31-21

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Peter Warrick wasn't around, so Chris Weinke simply went to the next best option, and wide receiver Ron Dugans came through to bail out No. 1 Florida State.

Dugans turned a short pass into a 54-yard gain to set up Travis Minor's fourth-quarter 2-yard touchdown run that lifted the Seminoles to a 31-21 victory over No. 19 Miami on Saturday.

Weinke had first-half TD passes of 48 yards to Germaine Stringer and 18 yards to tight end Ryan Sprague.

Kenny Kelly hit 27-of-41 passes for 370 yards and three touchdowns, including two to Santana Moss, one an 80-yarder that tied the score 14-14 after one quarter. Moss finished with nine catches for 180 yards.

Minor had 25 carries for 146 yards, with Dugans finishing with five catches for 80 yards and Stringer had three catches for 80 yards.

No. 11 Michigan St. 34, No. 3 Michigan 31

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State's record-shattering duo of Bill Burke and Plaxico Burress was just too much for Michigan.

Burke passed for a school-record 400 yards and two touchdowns, and Burress caught 10 passes for a school-record 255 yards and a score as the No. 11

Spartans held off the third-ranked Wolverines 34-31 Saturday.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr started the second half with quarterback Drew Henson instead of Tom Brady.

No. 9 Kansas St. 50, Kansas 9

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Jonathan Beasley threw for two touchdowns and rushed for three as No. 9 Kansas State overcame a school-record 162 penalty yards to rout Kansas 50-9 Saturday.

The Wildcats wracked up 101 yards in penalties in the first half and early in the third period despite holding a 36-9 lead over the Jayhawks (2-4, 0-2 Big 12).

Kansas State finished more penalty yards than rushing yards. The Wildcats' 18 penalties broke the record of 17 set in 1990, and their penalty yards erased the 49-year-old record of 135.

No. 8 Florida 31, LSU 10

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Robert Gillespie, who was on the sidelines cheering for LSU when it upset Florida two years ago, scored two touchdowns for the Gators on Saturday as No. 8 Florida beat the Tigers 31-10.

Gillespie gained 108 yards on 21 carries, including 66 in the

second half. LSU (2-2, 0-2) was inept in the first half, picking up just 32 yards on 35 plays while allowing the Gators to gain 251 yards on 37 plays.

Two plays into the game the Gators were ahead 7-0 as Doug Johnson hit Darrell Jackson for a 73-yard gain and Gillespie scampered untouched another 7 yards to score.

No. 7 Georgia Tech 31, North Carolina 24

ATLANTA (AP) — Joe Hamilton set up the tying field goal by freshman Luke Manget with five seconds left in regulation, then scored on a 6-yard run in overtime to give No. 7 Georgia Tech a 31-24 victory over North Carolina on Saturday.

Hamilton fumbled twice and threw two interceptions. He completed 14 of 26 passes for 273 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 77 yards on 14 carries.

Tech needed only four plays to score in overtime, with Phillip Rogers running twice for 11 yards and Hamilton gaining eight yards before his game-winner.

No. 13 Texas A&M 45, Baylor 13

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Randy McCown revived Texas A&M's dormant offense with three third-quarter touchdown

passes Saturday as the No. 13 Aggies rebounded from their first loss of the season with a 45-13 victory over Baylor.

Safety Michael Jameson returned an interception for a touchdown and blocked a punt that produced another score as the Aggies (4-1, 1-1 Big 12) struggled to a 17-6 halftime lead.

McCown hit fullback Ja'Mar Toombs with a 26-yard swing pass for a touchdown, found Leroy Hodge on a 12-yard scoring strike, and threw a 74-yard touchdown pass to Bethel Johnson in the third quarter as A&M beat Baylor (1-5, 0-2) for the ninth consecutive time.

No. 23 Texas 38, Oklahoma 28

DALLAS (AP) — Major Applewhite passed for three touchdowns and Hodges Mitchell rushed for 204 yards and a TD as No. 23 Texas rallied from a 17-0 first-quarter deficit to beat Oklahoma 38-28 Saturday.

Applewhite's third touchdown pass, an 18-yarder to Ryan Nunez, capped a 99-yard fourth-quarter drive for the final touchdown with 8:16 left to play.

That score killed any momentum Oklahoma had gained after Sooners kicker Tim Duncan scored a touchdown on fake field goal that pulled the Sooners within three, 31-28.

Mets win another amazin' one; edging Arizona in 10 innings

NEW YORK (AP) — With yet another amazin' win, the New York Mets beat the Diamondbacks and advanced to the National League championship series for the first time in 11 years.

Todd Pratt, replacing injured Mike Piazza for the second straight day, homered in the 10th inning Saturday and the Mets defeated Arizona 4-3 Saturday to win their first-round series 3-1.

"I never felt pressure. Just go out and play," Pratt said. "I'm not an offensive power like Mike, but I can handle the bat all right."

Just nine days after their season was considered over, the Mets advanced to the NL championship starting Tuesday night at Atlanta, and they did it in the incredible style they've flashed all year long.

On an intense afternoon of dramatic shifts, the Mets were four outs from winning before Jay Bell's two-run, two-out double off Armando Benitez put the Diamondbacks ahead 3-2 in the eighth.

A dropped fly ball by Tony Womack, who had just moved to right field, led to Roger

Cedeno's game-tying sacrifice fly in the bottom half — an inning in which third-base coach Cookie Rojas was ejected and shoved left-field umpire Charlie Williams in the chest.

Pratt, a career backup who had no chance of starting once Piazza was acquired in May 1998, then set off fireworks when he connected off Matt Mantei with a drive to straight-away center.

Steve Finley jumped against the wall, and 56,177 fans at Shea Stadium held their collective breaths for a second, unsure where the ball was caught.

Pratt stooped between first and second, not sure if Finley had made the grab. Finley even brought his glove down and looked in it.

The ball barely made over the wall and Pratt, after seeing the home-run call, leapt up and down with his arms raised in the air, sending the crowd into a frenzy and the Mets out of the bullpen and dugout.

Rey Ordóñez raced onto the infield and jumped in the air. Manager Bobby Valentine was giving high-fives to all his players. Piazza, with a cast on his left hand, embraced Pratt.

RED SOX

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Perhaps the biggest surprise as the Red Sox cut the Indians' lead to 2-1 in the best-of-5 division series was the strong performance from Ramon Martinez, Pedro's older brother, who pitched his first major league game in nearly 15 months on Sept. 2.

And they did it against a team that was thinking sweep after its 11-1 domination of Boston in Game 2 at Jacobs Field.

So the Red Sox will play another game at Fenway Park on Sunday with the odds still stacked against them. Bartolo Colon, dominant in Cleveland's 3-2 Game 1 victory, faces Kent Mercker, who was 2-0 in just five starts after being acquired from St. Louis on Aug. 24.

The Red Sox ended their post-season futility streak at home, winning for the first time in eight games since a victory in Game 5 of the 1986 World Series. Their 1-18 stretch began

in the next game when Bill Buckner's infamous error gave New York a comeback win two days before the Mets won the World Series.

That's something Boston hasn't done since 1918, Cleveland since 1948 when it beat another Boston team, the Braves.

The Red Sox chances got a boost from the hitting problems of four Indians. Kenny Lofton, Manny Ramirez, Dave Justice and Sandy Alomar were a combined 0-for-35 in the series until Lofton singled in the seventh off winning pitcher Derek Lowe and came around to score the run that tied it at 3.

Dave Burba had allowed one hit before leaving after four innings with tightness under his right forearm and a 1-0 lead. Jaret Wright, the losing pitcher, replaced him and the game began slipping away as he allowed two runs in the fifth and Valentin's go-ahead homer in the sixth.

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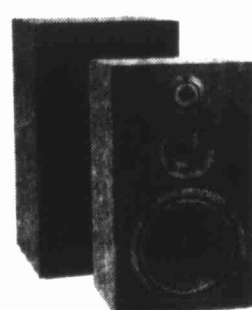
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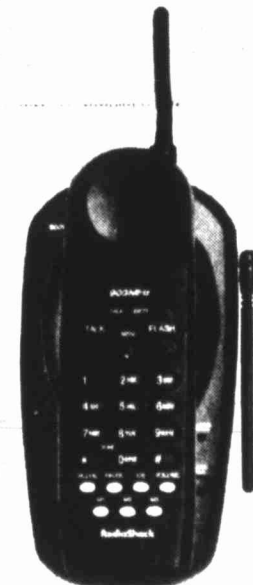
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◆The Latin name for Friday — Dies Veneris — honors the Roman Goddess of love, Venus.

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For your kids, good dental health is like ...



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Nothing warms the heart like a child's smile. And with a little help, your child can have a gorgeous, room-lighting grin. It's a matter of good dental hygiene.

"Brushing is the number one thing you can do to improve the health of the teeth," said Jeri Farmer, clinic director for Howard College Dental Hygiene Program. "By teaching your children to brush, you are reducing plaque and halitosis (bad breath), and you are encouraging a habit that should last a lifetime."

Start young — before an infant's first teeth arrive, the gums should be rubbed with gauze. Then, brush those first teeth daily.

For teething, try giving them a toothbrush to hold on and chew the bristles. It will help them get familiar with the instrument, develop dexterity, and also stimulates the gum tissue, Farmer said.

"Even when your child is an infant, you need to take them to the dentist to check the growth of oral tissue and bones," she said.

Parents should brush for their children until the kids are at least 6 years old, when they have developed the dexterity to do it themselves. At about ages 6-7, let them brush for themselves as often as possible, but continue to do the nightly brushing for them, to be sure you get the teeth very clean before bed.

Take out the floss when the first permanent molars (back teeth) come in, around age 6.

"You may have to floss for them until they are 8 or 9 to be sure it is done," Farmer said.

If you have introduced brushing early, and continued it on a regular basis, it should be a habit. If not, it's never too late to start — consider offering a reward such as reading a book before bed only if the tooth brushing is done.

Farmer said don't try to scare your children, but do educate them about why they need good dental hygiene.

"There is nothing wrong with showing them pictures of someone who has practiced good dental hygiene, and what happens if you don't," she said. And continue to take them to the dentist twice a year.

Some kids (like some adults) are terrified of the dentist chair, and once again, education is key. Never force them to do more than they are comfortable with at a dental visit.

"You don't want them to get this fear of the dental office that could last a lifetime," Farmer said.

But do urge your children to eat right and brush after meals. At school, suggest that they "swish" some water around after lunch.

"Remember, every time they take in sugar, that's like having an acid bath (on their teeth) for 20 minutes," Farmer said. Encourage snacks like cubes of



cheese, which are less likely to cause decay than candy.

Be sure your children use a fluoride toothpaste. If they don't like the taste, try one of the kids' flavors that are readily available. Use a pea-sized amount on the brush for children.

Some children may need more fluoride. Although there is some naturally-occurring fluoride in Big Spring's water, many people drink reverse-osmosis (RO) or bottled water, which is probably fluoride-free, Farmer said.

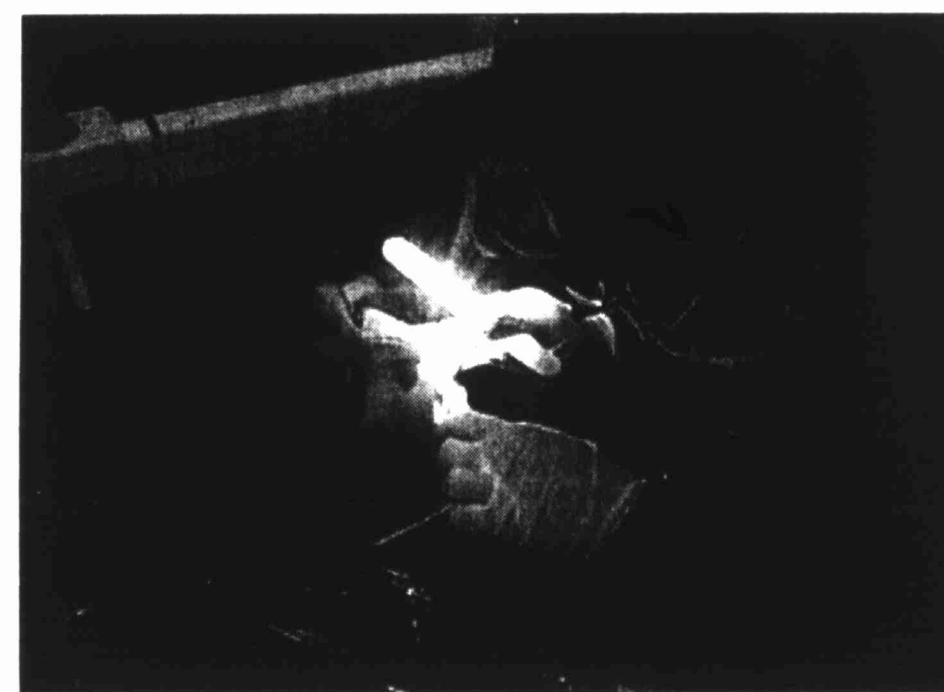
Check with your dentist to see if your child may need to take a fluoride supplement.

—Debbie L. Jensen

Above, Amanda Rosas has her teeth checked by Howard College dental hygiene student Lindsay Bagdon; above, right, Brett Ward talks to student Kaci Holder while he sits in the chair; at right, student Mary Blanton looks in the mouth of Eric Martinez, urging him to "open your mouth wide, like an alligator." Howard College Dental Hygiene students were checking the teeth of Head Start students.

Photos by Debbie L. Jensen

Above, our smiling kids are, from left, Melissa Ortiz, Copeland Riddell and Rebecca Felan.



It's not difficult to find those mood-lifting success stories

If ever I get caught up in the spirit of doom and gloom, or start to wonder what this world is coming to, I have only to think of the "success stories" I am privileged to observe. Then, my mood abruptly changes.

Recently, at the grocery store, I visited with a lovely young woman, whom I knew as a seventh grader at Runnels, and she told me of her prayer ministry at a local church. At Wal-Mart, a handsome young man stopped to say hello and to tell me about his work as a choir teacher at Waco.

Then, at a piano recital, I recognized someone who used to write very imaginative compositions in junior high. Now he is a real family man, and his pride in his daughter's perfor-

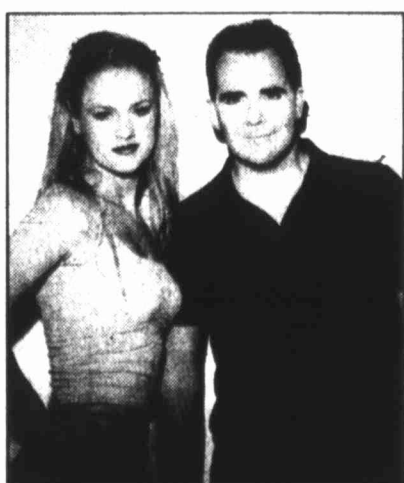
mance was evident.

The list goes on and on.

Rob Dennis, a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High, can well be included on that list. His mother, Carla Collinsworth, told me that, beginning in the seventh grade, Rob knew he wanted a career in music. He used to spend long hours practicing the drums, and he played in rock bands during his school years.



JEAN WARREN



ROB AND RENEA DENNIS

After earning an Associate of Arts degree in audio engineering from Midland College, Rob

had the opportunity to tour with John Michael Montgomery as sound engineer. About this time, he married Renea Osborn, his high school sweetheart, and the couple moved to the Nashville area.

Rob soon found that touring with a band got old and kept him away from home too much. So, he went to work for a sound equipment rental company. He found that he liked the studio aspect of the business and, in a few months, started his own company, "Rack and Roll Audio, Inc."

Just recently he worked with Grammy Award winners, Del McCoury and Shawn Colvin, in performances at the Ryman. His engineering credits also include recording sessions with

them and with the outstanding country duo, Brooks and Dunn; their "If You See Her" earned a gold record.

He has also worked with John Mellencamp, another gold record winner, and LeAnn Rimes, whose recording, "How Do I Live," hit it big on both the country and pop charts.

When the couple moved to Nashville, Renea, who is herself a success story, became studio manager for Sound Kitchen. There she worked with performers like Michael W. Smith. Now she works with her husband in the company he started.

Rob is considering expanding his business into publishing. In setting this goal, as he has others in the past, Rob is open

about the importance of prayer in his life, expressing gratitude for the opportunities that have come his way.

Rob's sister, Angela, who completed college at UTPB, taught at Kentwood Elementary. This summer, after the birth of daughter Preslie Savannah, she resigned to be a full-time mom.

Carla reflects that she is grateful both her children have learned the work ethic. They had a good example in their mother, who started college at the age of 42. Today, Carla teaches English at Big Spring High School. She reminds her students, "You can achieve if you're willing to work to make your dreams come true."

Now that's a success story!

WEDDINGS

Vess-Kinsey

Brandy Vess and Paul Kinsey were united in marriage on Sept. 25, 1999, at College Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating.

She is the daughter of Troy and Patricia Vess, and the granddaughter of Dale and Evelyn Fox and Audrey Vess, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ricky and Tina Kinsey, and the grandson of Paul and Lois Kinsey and Alice Landers, all of Big Spring.

Instrumentalists were Miranda Ward, cousin of the bride, and Lee Landers, uncle of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown accented with an open-work sweetheart neckline. It featured fingertip sleeves with open applique lace, sequins, bugle beads and seed pearls. The back had a heart cut-out. The gown fell into a cathedral train from a satin bow.

She carried a bouquet of hunter green, ivory and burgundy roses.

Maid of honor was Tonya Vess, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Melanie Crouch, Heather Cooper, Stacey Salcedo and Beth Ward, cousin of the bride.

Shelby McDonald was the flower girl, and Wesley Kinsey, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Billy Kinsey, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Logan Gamble, Clay Tixton, Matthew Gamble and Joey Jackson.



MRS. PAUL KINSEY

Ushers were Jayland Everett and Joshua Ward, cousin of the bride. Miranda Ward and Steven Phillips, cousins of the bride, served as candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dance was held in the VFW Hall.

The wedding cake was three-tiered cake with buttercream icing featuring pearls, hunter green and burgundy roses.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate horseshoe shaped cake.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Forsan High School and attended Howard College.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Forsan High School and is employed by Herschfeld Steel.

Following a wedding trip to Nashville, Tenn., the couple has made their home in Big Spring.

Black megachurches changing spiritual needs

CHICAGO (AP) — Inside the sprawling brick church, Pastor Arthur Brazier approaches the pulpit. Some 3,500 parishioners pack the plush red pews in the regal amphitheater, swaying and singing.

Stragglers, late after scrambling for a spot in one of the church's four parking lots on a desolate commercial strip, squeeze into balcony seats.

"Here, we don't bring the Scripture down to our level," the 78-year-old pastor declares. "Here, we rise to it."

The congregation erupts with a chorus of amens and applause.

As Brazier scans the sea of faces, the reality is inescapable: the 100-member congregation he took over in 1960 is all grown up. The Apostolic Church of God now has more than 14,000 members and a multimillion-dollar budget.

In Chicago and around the country, the black megachurch has arrived.

Megachurches, defined as those that draw more than 2,000 visitors each Sunday, first attracted national attention in the mid-1990s. Predominantly white churches were noticed first. In 1997, the last time attendance was compared, two black megachurches were the fastest-growing in the country, says John Vaughan of Church Growth Today, a research center in Missouri.

There are at least 60 black megachurches. The largest, in or near Chicago, Baltimore, New Orleans, Los Angeles and Atlanta, boast memberships between 8,000 and 24,000. With donations from their mostly middle-class members, many are building at record pace.

Typically, they hold two to three Sunday services, and the two largest have built sanctuaries that seat 8,000 and 10,000 people.

Why the explosive growth? "African-Americans have moved into the middle class, and they're not finding Shangri-La," Brazier says. "They are beginning to realize that material gain doesn't give you everything you need. There is something missing for a lot of people."

Adds Raymond Laseter, an Apostolic member: "People are catching hell outside the church. They're looking for something."

Though the current boom began in the 1980s, large black churches flourished from the end of the 19th century through the 1930s.

In African-American history, black megachurches are not new; they flourished from the end of the 19th century through the 1930s. But experts say the current boom, which started in the 80s and took off in the 90s, is unique.

"The megachurch is more than a church with a huge attendance," says Scott Thumma, a sociologist at the Hartford Seminary in Connecticut. "Megachurches offer a unique way of being religious in modern society."

Blacks as well as whites flocking to megachurches, extending the concept of comparison shopping to the spiritual world. After shopping around, both groups are drawn to the lively services, inspirational pastors and the "message of action and empowerment" in the megachurches, Thumma says.

Blacks diverge on the social end. Many middle-class churchgoers, increasingly distant from black urban life, are looking for ways to connect with other

blacks. Chuck Holly, a member of an Afrocentric megachurch in Chicago, sought out Trinity United Church of Christ after growing weary of living and working in places where he was one of the only black people.

Many blacks are also seeking out churches that work to rebuild the neighborhoods that some members left behind.

"Churches are the ones that are going to bring about the changes," says Brenda Sampson, 50, an Apostolic member.

This year, her congregation will spend over \$500,000 to encourage community development and feed the hungry in its distressed South Side neighborhood. Outside the church, Brazier founded two groups that develop housing and commerce near the church.

When people like Sampson and Holly find the right mix of qualities, "they don't ask if they're at grandma's Baptist church," says Robert Franklin Jr., president of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta.

The traditional black Methodist and Baptist church, Brazier says, was a turnoff for many.

"The music is classical, folks are quiet and there are few hallelujahs and amens," Brazier says. "They get bored."

Many blacks rejected those churches during the civil rights movement.

"Many saw their old churches as highly moralistic places that had a guilt-inducing quality," Franklin says. "They were insular and didn't talk much about transforming the world or serving the poor."

In their place, several megachurch styles have evolved. Some are Afrocentric. Others offer "theological nationalism," which Dwight Hopkins of the University of Chicago Divinity School describes as "something positive about black folks coming together in their own style."

A few, like Brazier's, take a more traditional approach toward Christianity.

Most share several fundamentals. They tend to emphasize spirituality above all else and preach a conservative theology, though the majority take more liberal views on social and political issues, Thumma says.

Most black megachurch leaders also recognize that their members crave practical as well as spiritual guidance. The result is a seven-day-a-week church with programs covering everything from single parenting and Bible study to AIDS education.

On a typical Tuesday night at Apostolic, about 100 cars are parked in the lots. Inside, past signs advertising a health fair and a "marriage night out," sounds of a choir practice fill the 120,000-square-foot building.

Upstairs is the men's ministry. In an austere classroom, about 25 men in their 20s and 30s, give their all to God. Equipped with dog-eared Bibles and T-shirts that read, "Apostolic Man, Saved and Kept by God's Power," the group spends two hours reading Scripture.

"They need a 40-ouncer (malt liquor) and Jesus Christ," leader Ronald Smith cries out.

"They need some crack cocaine and Jesus Christ," he follows.

"But just give me Jesus Christ."

With a roar, the men belt out a final call: "Amen!"

The search is on for the millennium's worst boss

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If the person at the top of your office's corporate ladder acts more like something at the bottom of the food chain, Claude Carter wants to hear from you.

The creator of the Web site myboss.com is seeking submissions for the Dumbest Boss of the Millennium Contest. The person who tells the funniest story gets \$1,000, but it won't be easy.

Every week, Carter receives about 150 tales of woe, with workers from the United States and abroad blowing the whistle on their head honchos.

"There's really no difference between what people say in Bombay and what they say in Boston," said Carter, who started his Web site in 1996.

Visitors to the Web site, which posts new horror stories every Monday, can vote for the century's most meat-headed manager. One winner will be picked each week of the contest's run, and then Web site visitors will choose the worst five stories from the weekly winners.

The contest, which started about two weeks ago, ends Nov. 29. Like all stories sent to myboss.com, the sender and the subject of their ire remain anonymous.

One recent submission went like this: "My company conducted a salary review and then raised the pay scale for my level. I immediately met with my boss because my current salary was below the new minimum. To fix it, he reduced my level."

And another, describing what happened after a company closed its first big deal: "To celebrate an excellent 'team effort,' our boss called a meeting in the conference room and ordered two bottles of Dom Perignon to share with everyone."

"When the room was quiet, he raised his hand to signal a toast. He said, 'Here's to me.'"

Asked why he thinks 100,000 Web surfers from 70 countries stop into his Web site each week, Carter

whose own experiences with dumb bosses gave him the idea for the Web site — gives a simple answer.

"There's a large number of people out there who work for blockheads."

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STORK CLUB

Audrey Ray Damaske, girl, Sept. 17, 1999, 2:26 a.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Doug and Shay Damaske, Flower Mound.

Grandparents are Robert and Beverly Johnson of Big Spring, and Joe and Shirley Cantrell of Flower Mound.

Great-grandmothers are Mary Clanton and Irene Maxwell, both of Big Spring.

Abbey Michelle Ignezzi, girl, Sept. 27, 1999, 8:48 a.m., six pounds 10 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Shannon and Chris Ignezzi.

Grandparents are Bob and Diane Rumpff of Big Spring, and Michael and Evelyn Ignezzi of Crockett, Calif.

Carlie Madison Roberts, girl, Sept. 28, 1999, 2:50 a.m., seven pounds 9 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Jason and Cindy Roberts.

Grandparents are Neal and Kay Roberts of Big Spring, Barbara McKenzie and Dayle McKenzie, both of Stanton.

Great-grandparents are Glen and Vonnice Taylor of Wellington, Jim and Bonnie Trimble of Stanton, Hughetta Roberts of Big Spring, and Calvin McKenzie of Stanton.

Big sister is Makenzie.

Jovante Quain Lewis, boy, Sept. 27, 1999, 10:53, three pounds 11 ounces; parents are Kori Lewis and Brandon Johnson.

Great-grandparents are Doris and Herchel Lewis of Big Spring.

Mariah Nicole Martinez, girl, Sept. 25, 1999, seven pounds nine ounces; parents are Crystal Pena and Gabriel Martinez.

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Grandparents are Louis and Maria Alvear and David Sr. and Cruz Miramontes, all of Big Spring.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Chicken steak, potatoes, sprouts, salad, milk/roll.

TUESDAY-Meatloaf, roni/cheese, corn, milk/rolls, pie.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey, peas and carrots, milk/rolls, fruit.

THURSDAY-Chicken, steak, noodles, spinach salad, milk/cornbread, crisp.

FRIDAY-Roast beef, green beans, fruit, milk/rolls, cookies.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-BBQ (baked potato w/cheese, tater tots, bread, fruit).

TUESDAY-Baked sandwiches (chili dogs, spears, chips, fruit, milk).

WEDNESDAY-Enc (corn dogs), ranch beef, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken (burritos), w/cheese, rolls, fruit cup, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, lettuce, pickle, chocolate cake, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burritos, potatoes, salad, brown sauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Stew, corn, bread, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-q, ranch style bean salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken, salad, chips, crisps, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Steak, french fries, jello/fruit, melon.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-In-service

TUESDAY-Breaded pattie, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef, corn, pineapple upside down cake, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY-Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, apple cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, french fries, pinto beans, freeze bar, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-German blackeyed peas, corn, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Corn do, spinach, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak, mashed potatoes, peas, milk.

THURSDAY-Ham, french fries, salad, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken, corn, crackers, fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Bar-b-q, chicken on bun, french sandwich salad, french brownie, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Beef, chicken nuggets, w/cheese, green beans, french bread, milk, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Nachos, chef salad, refried beans, tomato, pinto, cornbread, milk, fruit.

THURSDAY-Soft b, manager choice, corn, fruit cup, milk drink.

FRIDAY-Grill cheese, sandwich, potato, vegetable soup, oatmeal, milk, fruit drink.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Burrito, corn, hot sauce, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Barbecue, ranch style beans, potato rolls, cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco, chips, pinto beans, corn, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Roast w/gravy, sliced potatoes w/carrots, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, beans, cake or fruit, milk.

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Diaz-Ramos

Gloria Diaz and Mario Ramos exchanged wedding vows on July 31, 1999, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Cornelius Scanlon, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Raul and Anita Robles of Big Spring.

He is the son of Pedro and Josephina Ramos of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless white wedding gown with pearl sequins on the bodice and featuring a 6-foot train.

Anna Robles was the maid of honor, and Mary Saracho was the matron of honor.

Marlene Botello, Julie Robles, Jennifer Seltzer, Sari Garner, Blanca Martinez, Lisa Byrd and Carmen Gonzales were the bridesmaids.

Andrea Martinez was the flower girl, and Abel Diaz was the ringbearer.

Serving as best man was

John Pumental. Charles Maldonado, Aaron Webb, Lee Farr, Brett Garner, Edward Martinez Jr., Aaron Gordon and Jay Gonzales served as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Howard County Fair Grounds with The Hitman providing the music.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered fountain cake with navy blue and burgundy colors.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Carl Hayden High School and Howard College. She is employed by Hall Bennett Clinic.

The groom is a 1989 Big Spring High School graduate and of DeVry Tech. He is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple has made their home in Big Spring.

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MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, potatoes, brussel sprouts, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

TUESDAY-Meatloaf, macaroni/cheese, corn, salad, milk/rolls, pie.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey, rice, peas and carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

THURSDAY-Charbroiled steak, noodles, spinach, carrot salad, milk/cornbread, apple crisp.

FRIDAY-Roast beef, potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-BBQ sausage (baked potato w/cheese), corn, tater tots, bread, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Baked cheese sandwiches (chili dogs), pickle spears, chips, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corn dogs), ranch beans, spanish rice, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti (burritos, w/cheese), peas, rolls, fruit cup, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, fries, chocolate cake, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, brownie/apple sauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Stew, corn, cornbread, fruit pies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, ranch style beans, potato salad, fruit milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken sandwich, salad, chips, cinnamon crisps, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot talls, jello/fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY

MONDAY-In-service Day

TUESDAY-Breaded chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, english peas, peaches, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef stew, corn, pineapple upside down cake, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY-Fish fingers, macaroni & cheese, blackeye peas, apple cobbler, hushpuppies, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pinto beans, rainbow freeze bar, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

MONDAY-German sausage, blackeye peas, cornbread, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Corn dog, beans, spinach, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak patty, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Hamburger, french fries, salad, pickle, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken pot pie, corn, crackers, fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Bar-b-q on bun or chicken on bun, french fries, sandwich salad, fruit cup, brownie, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Beef goulash or chicken nuggets, whole potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande or chef salad, refried beans, lettuce/tomato, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Soft burrito or manager choice, seasoned corn, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Grill cheese or deli sandwich, potato rounds, vegetable soup, oatmeal cookie, milk, fruit drink.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Burritos, salad, corn, hot sauce, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Barbecue ribs, ranch style beans, potato salad, hot rolls, cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco salad, chips, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, sliced potatoes, june peas w/carrots, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, pork & beans, cake or fruit, milk.

Christian Coalition retains clout, but it's no Evangelical monolith

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most frequently mentioned role model was Ronald Reagan, not Jesus Christ. And the devil drew less attention than Jesse Ventura.

There were exhibits for the National Rifle Association and for a committee raising money to re-elect the House Republican managers who prosecuted President Clinton, but none for Bible publishers.

Recorded martial music took the place of hymn-singing.

Last weekend's annual conference of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition was unlike other Evangelical events, but American religion has produced few major groups that so openly play politics.

These are turbulent times for the decade-old Religious Right organization. This year Robertson reassessed direct command and went to work on what he calls a "housecleaning" of the national staff. He then doubled full-time state directors to 30 and aims to have one in every state before those millions of voter guides go out next year.

"Fund-raising is not where it ought to be," Robertson acknowledges, though he refuses to reveal income data. He says coalition debt reached \$3.5 million but has been whittled to a "manageable" \$2 million.

The coalition had to split into two organizations, one tax exempt and one not, after losing a long struggle with the Internal Revenue Service and Barry Lynn's Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Robertson says the mailing list of contributors contains 2 million names, but Lynn contends the core constituency is only 425,000. Registration for this year's conference was 3,500, compared with 4,000 in 1998.

Nonetheless, Republicans still consider the coalition a strategic asset, and their top brass in Washington turned out: House Speaker Dennis Hastert, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, and party chairman Jim Nicholson, who treated the coalition as an arm of the GOP.

"We can win the White House and the Congress and then go on the offense for a change," Nicholson preached. "Working together, we can make history."

Similarly, Robertson declared, "If we aren't in the field next election, the Republicans will lose. We will be the margin of victory in the key states."

Democrats Bill Bradley and Al Gore declined invitations to this unfriendly venue, as did Republicans John McCain and Pat Buchanan, no Robertson favorites. But all other GOP candidates cleared their schedules to appear.

As each spoke to a ballroom packed with placard-waving enthusiasts, there were complex interweavings of faith and politics.

The crowd welcomed Religious Right favorite Gary Bauer, even though rumors had forced him to profess fidelity to his wife. Robertson was unimpressed, citing in an interview biblical grounds why

Bauer should have heeded now-departed advisors' warnings that spending too much time alone with a young female aide looked bad.

Proverbs 24:6, Robertson noted, says, "...in multitude of counsellors there is safety."

Elizabeth Dole, offering heartfelt Christian testimony along with her platform, drew less enthusiasm than Steve Forbes' hard-right pronouncements.

The main event was George W. Bush's visitation. Except on abortion ("every child born and unborn must be protected by law and welcomed to life"), the Texas governor soft-pedaled the Religious Right agenda. He was repaid with lusty cheers anyway, thanks to his front-runner's glow and the blessings of Robertson.

Doug Wead, a Texas-based Evangelical author and unpaid Bush adviser, puts the coalition in context: "The media give the impression that the Christian Coalition is a monolithic organization that represents the rank and file of the Evangelical movement."

Despite its visibility, he says, it is "only one group among many ... (and) there are huge blocs that do not participate at all."

Opposing the Religious Right, while it may win applause inside the Beltway, will not help win the Republican nomination, Wead says. "And in the general election there are simply too many born-again Christians."

Smart politicians go by the numbers, he observes, and a recent Gallup poll shows 48 percent of Americans call themselves "born-again or Evangelical." The number has risen steadily since 1976 when candidate Jimmy Carter famously professed his faith.

Yet Robertson, a Democratic senator's son, says disappointment with Carter's presidency propelled him into the Republican Party and political organizing. Besides that, "I saw just a steamrolling liberal animus against the Christian values moving through the court system and into society."

Robertson-style activism has lately come under attack not only from the likes of Lynn but former Moral Majority leaders Ed Dobson and Cal Thomas. They assert in a recent book that fellow Christians should stick to evangelism. Robertson scoffs, "The building is on fire, and to say Christians should not grab a hose is stupid."

Ralph Reed, who built Christian Coalition into an effective organization before he became a political consultant, maintains that politics can be just as holy a vocation as preaching. "Done properly, it elevates issues that are otherwise neglected," he said in an interview.

Disputing Dobson and Thomas, Reed says the Religious Right has had an impact and will do more. It took a 55-year crusade, he notes, to end slavery and 70 years to win the vote for women.

"These people who engaged the political system the past two decades are not going to leave it," he says.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: Caroline — Boxer mix, 2 year old female, spayed. Very sweet dog.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

Shawn — Light brown male Shepherd mix, neutered. Loves to play.

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Dorothy — Border Collie/Shepherd black female mix, spayed, 1 year old. Very friendly.

Stan — Shepherd black/tan male mix, neutered, 1 year old. Good companion.

Samantha — Gold brown Lab female mix, spayed, 1 year old, very smart and loving.

Sparky — Red Heeler male, 1 year old, neutered. Great truck dog.

Rollo — Black Lab/Chow male mix, neutered. Loves everyone.

Charlie — Chocolate male Lab, neutered, 9 months old. Loves to play anything.

Blue — Blue Heeler male, neutered, 2 years old. Would be a great ranch dog.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Howard and Lisa Hawkes, sons James and Bailey and daughter Krystle, Tehachapi, Calif. He is employed by Vestas-Awt.

Larry and Sandra Dille, daughter Janel and son Justin, Pleasanton. He is employed by the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution.

Gregg and Rhonda Kernick and son Trevor, Douglas, Ariz. He is the rodeo coach at Howard College.

Jerry and Sue Gallagher, Shamrock. He is self employed in computer service and building.

Bobbie Stokes, Snyder. She is a retired beauty operator.

Stephen and Patty Ochoa, daughter Mia and son Jacob, Levelland. He is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Kety Wong and daughter Tamara, Honolulu, Hawaii. She is a physician.

FILM REVIEW

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

He's a Washington, D.C., cop — a tough, unrelenting sergeant who tracks down corrupt undercover agents and has been twice cited for excessive use of force.

She's a New Hampshire congresswoman, mother of a teen-age daughter, a shrewd politician with a soft heart.

Their disparate worlds converge with a tragic event: a Florida-bound plane crash.

It happens that both their spouses were victims of the accident. They were on their way to a weekend together.

"Random Hearts" (an ambiguous title) seems like a promising vehicle for the extraordinary talents of Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas.

Like Bogart and Hepburn in "The African Queen," their personalities make a good mix: Ford the rough-hewn investigator; Scott Thomas the mannerly politician.

The antagonism between the pair rises at the start. Trained as a detective and overwhelmed by the mystery of his wife's betrayal, Ford desperately seeks the facts. When he asks for the congresswoman's help, she repels him, wishing to erase her husband's perfidy.

This intriguing plot is counterbalanced by an unrelated story concerning Ford's work. He has been investigating a murderous cop who has been dealing with the narcotic underworld. These sequences are violent and infrequent, totally out of sync with the major theme.

The writing credits may account for the confusion: "adaptation by Darryl Ponicsan and a screenplay by Kurt Luedtke" from a 1984 novel by Warren Adler.

When three well-known writers are involved, as well as the director, Sydney Pollack, two producers and two executive producers, a steady vision seems impossible.

The usually sure-handed Pollack ("Tootsie," "The Way We Were," "Out of Africa") appears less so with "Random Hearts" (and perhaps not because he gave himself the important role as Scott Thomas' media manager).

The Ford-Scott Thomas duel seems endless, alternating between passion and discord. (Their first encounter

is a quickie in a car after which she says sarcastically, "Well, that was fun.") Their debate goes on and on with lines like, "You want to know why? There is no why."

The two stars perform with their usual skill. Ford is in his "Witness"/"The Fugitive" mode, and he is just as convincing in an intense modern drama as he is swashbuckling as Han Solo or Indiana Jones. Despite her Englishness, Scott Thomas makes a credible member of Congress. She is strong-minded but vulnerable.

Among the superior supporting cast, Charles S. Dutton lends strength as Ford's steady partner.

The Columbia Pictures release was produced by Pollack and Mary Kay Powell. Rating R for violence, language and sexual content. Running time: 131 minutes.

Motion Picture Association of America rating definitions:

G — General audiences. All ages admitted.

PG — Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

PG-13 — Special parental guidance strongly suggested for children under 13. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.

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FCC approves merger forming nation's largest local telephone company

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ameritech Corp. and SBC Communications cleared the final hurdle in their bid to reunite two offsprings from the old Bell system into the nation's largest local phone company.

The Federal Communications Commission gave its approval to the \$74 billion deal, subject to conditions requiring that the companies open their markets to rivals and enter new markets to compete with established local phone companies.

This is the final step for the merger, which earlier won approval from the Justice Department and state regulators. The combined business, which

will keep the SBC name, would control 57 million, or one-third, of the nation's local phone lines across 13 states.

"It is the most momentous merger we have ever approved," the FCC's chairman, Bill Kennard, said in an interview. "These companies are tearing down the Berlin Wall of local monopoly to liberate their competitors and also liberate themselves to enter other markets."

The FCC adopted 30 conditions to ensure the deal would serve the public interest. The new SBC must enter 30 new markets within 30 months to compete with established local phone companies. The company is required to

provide deep discounts on key pieces of their networks to rivals who want to lease them.

The business also must establish a separate subsidiary to provide advanced telecommunications services such as high-speed Internet access. At least 10 percent of its upgraded services would go toward low-income regions.

The conditions "are unprecedented in their detail, their clarity and their enforceability and the vigor with which they inject competition in these monopoly markets," Kennard said.

Officials at the San Antonio-based SBC and Chicago-based Ameritech

were relieved to see an end to the arduous 18-month review, but would have preferred fewer strings attached.

"I'd rather have no conditions or fewer conditions, but I'm sure we can operate with these," SBC's chairman, Edward Whitacre Jr., said.

The conditions include stiff fines. The companies could face up to \$1.2 billion in penalties for failing to meet the new market deadline and could pay another \$1.1 billion for not meeting performance standards related to opening up their markets.

"I don't ever plan to pay a dollar," Whitacre said. "I think we can certainly meet those standards."

Whitacre pledged that consumers would soon see the benefits of the union with packages of services and accelerated roll-out of high-speed Internet access.

The company also is poised to seek federal permission to provide long-distance service to its local phone customers, after getting a signal Wednesday from Texas regulators that it had met a list of statutory requirements to do so, Whitacre said.

If the new SBC eventually wins FCC permission to provide long-distance service to its local customers, the three long-distance leaders could face a formidable rival.

Abner Graber, of Abner Graber Construction of Big Spring, supervises work on a new fourplex unit at the corner of Ninth and Scurry in Big Spring. The fourplex units will have about 1,000 square feet of floor space for each apartment and are expected to be completed about the end of the year. The developer is Joseph Stewart of Holland, Mich., who Graber says has roots in Big Spring. Stewart plans to build other rental units in Big Spring, Graber said, and has units in other Texas cities and interests in Las Vegas.

HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin



Air bags

Sophisticated new technology reaches mass auto market

WASHINGTON (AP) — More sophisticated air bags are entering the mass market this fall on the 2000 models of several of the nation's most popular family cars. Safety experts say the new technology will reduce deaths and injuries from inflating air bags.

The so-called dual-stage air bag, standard equipment on the 2000 Ford Taurus and Honda Accord, along with some luxury cars, tailors the force of its inflation to the severity of a crash.

In serious crashes, when passengers need the devices' full power to cushion them, the new bags inflate with about the same force as those in 1999 model cars. But in lower speed crashes, the air bags pop open with at least 20 percent less force.

"Today in cars we have a one-bag-fits-all mentality. This changes all that," says Stephen Kozak, a Ford engineer who oversaw the Taurus system's development.

A sensor in the front of the car detects the severity of a crash by calculating the change of velocity that occurs when another object, such as a car, crashes into it. Another sensor registers whether a front seat belt is buckled. If a belt is being used, the full force of the air bag also is delayed until a higher speed when it is needed.

Government officials, automakers, insurers and safety advocacy groups agree the new technology will reduce air bag deaths and injuries — particularly of young children and

shorter adults — in low-speed crashes.

"It reduces the risk (of deaths and injuries) dramatically in better tailoring the air bag inflation to the crash," said Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Air bags have been blamed for at least 145 deaths — mostly children and shorter women — in low-speed crashes the victims otherwise should have survived, causing a public outcry. But air bags also have saved an estimated 4,600 lives in higher-speed crashes.

Ford Motor Co. has the dual-inflation air bags on both the driver and passenger side of its model year 2000 Taurus, the third-best-selling car nationwide. Honda Motor Co. has them on just the passenger side of its 2000 Accords. The Accord is the second-best-selling car.

The decision by Ford and Honda to put the technology on their top-selling family cars as standard equipment means that for the first time advanced air bags are reaching large numbers of American families.

The automakers say they plan eventually to expand the system to other vehicles.

"You're going to see this technology spread very rapidly," said Brian O'Neill of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Several luxury automakers also have dual-stage air bags on some 2000 models, such as the Mercedes-Benz S-class sedans.

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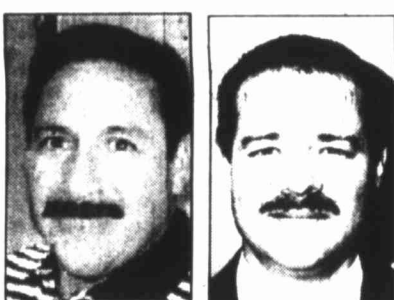
Big Spring TXU Electric office has new manager

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

TXU Electric in Big Spring changed hats recently, as Mike Hammock moves to Dallas to pave the way of the future, and a new town manager, Mike Nieto, assumes the role of providing electricity to local customers.

"This is an exciting prospect to move to Big Spring. I'm really impressed with the town and how active people are in the community — the county fair and a strong United Way and the Fourth of July celebration. I'm looking forward to this," said Mike Nieto, the new TXU Electric town manager in Big Spring.

Nieto comes to Big Spring from Lamesa, where he has



Nieto

Hammock

The service area covers all of Howard County, as well as parts of Ackerly, he said. His first day as local manager was Monday, he said.

Nieto replaces Mike Hammock, who has been with TXU Electric in Big Spring for nearly two years. Hammock has relocated to Dallas, where he will be project manager for Project Champion.

"I will be in charge of the project as we move into energy restructuring. This is a good opportunity as we move forward into energy deregulation," Hammock said from Dallas.

The new project will provide a path for the company as deregulation of energy providers become a reality. By 2002, energy users will be allowed to select which energy company

they use, similar to the Southwestern Bell deregulation 15 years ago.

Hammock said he and his family will miss living in Big Spring, although he is excited about the prospect of his new position.

"Myself and my family became really attached to Big Spring, and we are certainly going to miss it. We thank God we had the opportunity to live there as long as we did," Hammock said.

Project Champion will pave new ground for TXU Electric, and Hammock said he is excited to be a part of the future.

"The industry has changed so much in the past two years, and with restructuring this will be fast paced and really exciting," he said.

Austin company aims to become the Internet's leading gift registry

DALLAS (AP) — Instead of sugar plums, an Austin company has visions of dominating the Internet gift-registry business this holiday season.

Executives at IveBeenGood.com say they've come up with a novel software that lets friends and family members freely roam the Internet shopping world, plucking items for themselves or playing Santa to others.

"There are lots of registry sites, but they limit you to the e-tailers they've selected," said Ravi Gururaj, IveBeenGood's chief executive. "With our software, you can add items to your gift list anywhere on the Web. You can go to Wal-Mart and Neiman Marcus, and neither one has to have a relationship with each other or with us."

The software, which the company says it will offer free this month, lets users compile wish lists by clicking on items they want virtually anywhere on the Internet. Family members and friends, each of whom would need a user profile and password, can read the list on IveBeenGood's Web site and even get help buying the items online.

Gururaj demonstrated the software recently at Internet World, a huge New York trade show for online businesses.

While at the convention, Gururaj also got a look at the formidable competition awaiting IveBeenGood. His company, owned by privately held Trilogy Software Inc. of Austin, will battle one of the biggest retailers on the Internet,

"The Internet is going to be a great place to buy gifts, especially for people who need help in selecting a product."

—Ken Cassar, analyst with Jupiter Communications

Amazon.com.

Last month, Amazon took a 20 percent stake in Della and James and announced that the bridal registry will post customer wish lists for all kinds of gifts, not just wedding presents. Chief executive Rebecca Patton said the company — which counts Dallas-based luxury retailer Neiman Marcus, REI, Crate and Barrel, and Williams Sonoma as investors — is focused squarely on the

Christmas shopping season.

"Della and James is well-financed, and they've got some great partners in the high-end stores," said Julie Schoenfeld, chief executive of Net Effect, a company that provides support to online retailers. "They're the biggest of the registries that combine multiple stores."

Another potential rival, WishClick Inc., recently announced partnerships with The Sharper Image, FAO

Schwarz toy stores, Hanna Andersson kids' clothing and several other retailers. As at Della and James, browsers can click on items they want at WishClick retailers and build a shopping list that can be used by gift buyers.

Other retailers are rushing to invest in more than a dozen Web bridal registries or launch their own.

Ms. Schoenfeld predicted that registries which take people to popular stores with good service will succeed and many others will fail.

Gururaj believes there will be enough business to go around. He said the Austin company will prosper just by capturing a tiny share of the online holiday-shopping business, and some analysts agree.

"The Internet is going to be a great place to buy gifts, especially for people who need help in selecting a product," said Ken Cassar, an analyst with online research firm Jupiter Communications.

His firm predicts \$6 billion in online sales in November and December, up from \$3.1 billion it measured in the same period last year.

Cassar, like Ms. Schoenfeld, was unfamiliar with IveBeenGood's software. He cautioned that the company will face stiff competition from other gift registries, retailers with their own wish lists, and online gift certificates.

IveBeenGood's backing comes from its parent, Trilogy, which

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Boll weevil eradication effort continues

Over the past three weeks I have had several people question when the planes

will stop spraying. Planes will continue to treat cotton fields on a weekly basis until the first freeze or when all cotton is harvested. The cotton plant is the primary host



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plant for the boll weevil. The boll weevil must have cotton in order to reproduce off-spring. Therefore, treatment must continue as long as there is a host plant.

The cotton boll weevil has the ability to reproduce at a very rapid rate. Weevils can increase 10 fold in a period of three weeks if conditions are right.

Weevil numbers this time last year were approximately 75 percent higher than they are currently. This is the first year of the eradication program, the next two years treat-

ments will take place throughout the season.

One key component of any boll weevil eradication program is to treat often and get the weevils at a manageable level to limit the negative economic impact of the pest damage on the cotton plant. After eradication, there is a potential for a yield increase of 25 percent.

(David Knight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the Howard County Courthouse basement.)

NAMES IN THE NEWS

BARBARA BRUMLEY, Edward Jones investment representative in Big Spring, will host a broadcast for individual investors at 6 p.m. Wednesday. The broadcast, titled "Rev up Your Portfolio," will be a live program to Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network.

Jeffrey Bluestein, chairman and chief executive officer of Harley-Davidson, will be a special guest on the program. Joining him will be Linda Bannister, Edward Jones' consumer cyclical analyst. Topics will include how Harley-Davidson and other growth

stocks such as CVS, Gateway and Guidant can help investors' portfolios overcome the threat of rising costs.

For more information or to reserve a seat for the free program, contact Brumley at 267-2501.

A number of Bealls associates in Big Spring received the President's Gold or Platinum Award for February through July recently. They included Jo ANN HAWKINS, PEGGY LEE, MARISA HILARIO and MARY YEAGER, Gold Awards; and URSULA GOMEZ and BETTY MULLER, Platinum Awards.

VICKIE McCLEAN, OSHA field representative, will present workshops for local employers this month. The workshops are free at will be held at the Texas Workforce Center, 310 Owens.

They are Safety Audits, Thursday at 10:30 a.m.; Developing a Safety Program, on Thursday at 1:30 p.m.; Hazard Communication: The Right to Know the Law at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 21; and Back Safety: The Secrets of a Healthy Back, at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 21.

To reserve a seat, call Lydia Perez at 263-8373.

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Dallas-based oil firm's stock soars after big discovery

DALLAS (AP) — Triton Energy Ltd. hit a gusher on the New York Stock Exchange after announcing a major oil find off the coast of Africa.

The Dallas-based oil and natural gas exploration company announced it has found a reserve of 300 million to 500 million barrels near Equatorial Guinea.

"This is a world-class reservoir. We think there are potentially multiple fields," said chief executive James C. Musselman.

Investors apparently thought so. Triton's shares surged 27 percent in trading Wednesday,

rising \$3.88 to close at \$18.06. Some of the gain disappeared in early trading Thursday, as the stock price dipped to \$17.41 by midday.

Triton has operations in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. It achieved prominence with major discoveries in Colombia and Thailand, but its earnings were battered by the downturn in oil prices. The company reported 1998 losses of \$190 million on revenue of \$228.6 million.

The company's chairman is Tom Hicks, owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team and Dallas Stars hockey club. His

investment firm, Hicks Muse Tate & Furst, gave the company a crucial capital boost last year and owns 38 percent of Triton.

Triton owns an 85 percent stake in the La Ceiba field off Equatorial Guinea and is the field operator. Energy Africa Ltd. of South Africa holds the other 15 percent stake.

Musselman said Triton drilled one well to a depth of 2,200 feet and produced a flow rate of 12,000 barrels a day. He said the company will drill a second well and run more sophisticated seismic tests.

Oil companies often delay announcements until they drill

a second well to verify the size of the find.

Fadel Gheit, an energy analyst with Fehnestock & Co. in New York, expressed reservations about the size of the find but said the find could be "a pretty big one."

Mark E. Fischer, an energy analyst with Banc of America Securities in Houston, raised his 12-month price target for Triton shares to the \$21-to-\$24 range.

As recently as May 1998, Triton's stock was trading above \$40 a share, but it sank as low as \$5.25 a share during the oil-price downturn.

AIR BAGS

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and BMW 3-, 5- and 7-series sedans, but all those models sell in much smaller numbers because of their high costs. Some Honda Accuras had a dual-stage bag for the 1999 model year.

Toyota, which makes the Camry — the nation's best-selling car last year — has not announced plans for dual-stage air bags; neither have other major automakers in the United States: General Motors and DaimlerChrysler AG.

But GM spokesman Terry Rhadigan said: "It's no secret that we and everyone else are working on that. It's the wave of the future."

Kozak predicted the new Taurus system will eliminate about half of today's air bag deployments for belted passengers. And the majority of air bags will inflate at the lower level, he said, because most accidents are at lower speeds.

That translates into fewer air bag-related injuries.

Honda is focusing on the passenger side because that is where children — the most vulnerable population — have suffered serious injuries. "It reduces the potential for air bag-related injury there," said spokesman Mike Spencer.

Ford believes both front-seat passengers could benefit from dual-stage bags with a "significant reduction" in moderate to severe injuries, including deaths, Kozak said.

Ford put the system on the driver's side to help short adults who sit close to the steering wheel and are more likely than other adults to be injured by the air bag. A sensor detects whether the driver's seat track is nearly or all the way forward and signals the air bag to always deploy the first, softer stage in crashes.

In a worst-case scenario,

when a short women is thrust on top of the steering wheel by pre-impact braking, testing showed the new Ford system would reduce the force of the deploying air bag on the woman's neck by about 45 percent, Kozak said.

SHOPPING

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makes products that simplify sales and marketing processes for major corporations. Trilogy counts Ford Motor Co., IBM and Hewlett-Packard among its clients. The company doesn't release revenue figures. Forbes magazine ranks its founder, 31-year-old Stanford University dropout Joseph Liemandt, as the 333rd wealthiest person in the United States, worth \$770 million.

Gururaj said IveBeenGood is about to launch an aggressive but low-cost marketing campaign, and he predicted that the company's Web site will get millions of visitors this year. Even if he's right, IveBeenGood faces the challenge of converting traffic into revenue.

The company hopes to generate revenue by selling product placements on its Web site, by helping other companies set up their own Internet gift registries, and through commissions.

But that last option, so clear for Della and James and other registries with retail partners, may be more elusive for IveBeenGood.

"It will take a while to evangelize some retailers," Gururaj said on the subject of commissions. "But we'll obviously drive traffic to e-tailers with whom we've got a relationship, if the consumer is indifferent. If we can prove it works, the retailers will work with us. It can be a win-win."

Gururaj wouldn't disclose what kind of commissions the company will seek.

Jury awards airline passengers \$2.22 million

NEW YORK (AP) — The sister of filmmaker Steven Spielberg remembers her brother's reaction when he learned she had been jolted by airplane turbulence so severe that she feared for her life.

"Steve called me and was hungry for the details because he was so frightened," Nancy Spielberg said after a jury awarded a total of \$2.22 million to her and 12 other people traumatized by the severe turbulence on an American Airlines flight in 1995.

"That's why he can do what he does because he can feel other people's fear like his own. He internalizes it," she said. She said he offered to send a private plane for her.

Ms. Spielberg called Thursday's verdict a slap on the wrist for American Airlines, which had admitted liability but contested the amount which should be awarded for the turbulence aboard the June 26, 1995, Los Angeles-to-New York flight.

"They really need more like a punch in the face," she said.

Mark Slitt, a spokesman for

"This seems like a fair reward. Nothing could really reward us for the pain and suffering and emotional strain."

—Miriam Lewinger, passenger

the Fort Worth, Texas-based airline, said he was disappointed by the size of the verdict.

"We have not studied it in detail," he said, saying the airline would weigh its legal options when it did so.

The jury ended four hours of deliberations by awarding individual damages ranging from \$150,000 to \$215,000 for the 28 seconds of turbulence.

Most damages were for emotional trauma after lawyers for the plaintiffs took the unique legal position that fear of death was so damaging that it deserved a large award usually given to those with physical injuries.

"The real message is that it's not inconsequential when you scare people and they think they're going to die," said

James P. Kreindler, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, who was among 101 people on the flight.

Kreindler said the airline could have avoided the turbulence by steering around a storm and should have illuminated a seat belt sign to warn passengers about the possibility of rough weather ahead.

George N. Tompkins III, a lawyer for American Airlines, told the jury that the airline has admitted liability but believed the damages must be fair. Only one of the passengers suffered a lasting physical injury when an artery in his neck was cut.

Miriam Lewinger, a 74-year-old New Rochelle woman who was awarded \$150,000, said she was delighted by the verdict.

"This seems like a fair reward. Nothing could really

reward us for the pain and suffering and emotional strain," she said.

"I'm glad it's over. I'm hoping that all the airlines get the message," she added.

She testified during the trial that she is still haunted by the screams, despite counseling she had received.

"I kept hearing those kids, those children, seeing them running back and forth in the aisles," Ms. Lewinger said.

Also among the 13 plaintiffs were three members of the musical group, "The Planotones."

The jury awarded \$160,000 to Ms. Spielberg, of Riverdale, N.Y.

Her two daughters, ages 6 and 2 during the turbulence, were awarded a total of \$375,000.

Ms. Spielberg testified during the one-week trial that the turbulence tossed her against the ceiling just after she had begun playing a card game with her 6-year-old daughter, Jessica Katz.

"I actually thought that the ceiling had collapsed on my head," she said. "I saw bodies flying everywhere."

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Warranty deeds:
grantor: Billy Ray Stewart
grantee: Darrell G. and Bonnie Jean Burris
property: lot 8, blk. 3, Stanford Park Addition
filed: Sept. 27, 1999

grantor: Towana Donald
grantee: Martha Moralez
property: the south 15 of lot 3, and all of lots 4-6, subdivision D, blk. 11, Fairview Heights Addition
filed: Sept. 27, 1999

grantor: Neal F. and Vicki Kay Roberts
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property: all of lot 3, blk. 1, Hall Addition
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property: lot 1, blk. 3, Furth Addition, Coahoma
filed: Sept. 28, 1999

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grantee: Martin G. Pena Jr.
property: lot 2, block 4, Douglass Addition
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grantor: Linda Prince
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grantor: Kenneth Walker
grantee: Garret Panek
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grantor: Charles Simmons, Linda Simmons, Betty Simmons Findley,

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grantee: Johnnie V. Christian
property: lot 12, block 1, College Heights Addition
filed: Oct. 1, 1999

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grantee: Demetrio and Connie Alvarado
property: lot 14, blk. 2, Strippling Addition
filed: Sept. 28, 1999

grantor: Robert L. and Carla A. Beaird
grantee: Darrell and Martha Rockwell
property: lot 16, block 4, Douglass Addition
filed: Sept. 30, 1999

grantor: Craig G. and Angela M. Balch
grantee: Euletha Holt Seaton
property: lot 5, block 1, Kentwood Addition Unit 1
filed: Oct. 1, 1999

grantor: Geronimo Picazo Jr.
grantee: Aaron and Shara K. Goswick
property: lot 1, block 6, Douglass Addition
filed: Oct. 1, 1999

grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum
grantee: Terry Sandridge
property: lot 26, block 11, Monticello
filed: Oct. 1, 1999

grantor: Johnnie A. Hobbs, Mildred Hobbs Lea, Mary Hobbs Dunbar, Juanita Hobbs Lee, Beatrice Hobbs Weaver
grantee: Danny J. and Whitney Wilson
property: lot 3, block 5, North Belvue
filed: Oct. 1, 1999

grantor: Johnnie V. Christian
grantee: Tommy R. Christian
property: lot 12, block 1, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
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grantor: Bhupendra K. and Sudi Agrawal
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Ranch-Style Home
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NOTICE: On the 7th day of October, 1999, Amy Johnston filed an Application for Probate of a written Codicil produced in Court and a written Will which was republished and affirmed by such written Codicil but the original of which cannot be produced in Court in a proceeding styled: The Estate of L.J. Jeter, Deceased and bearing the number P 12-601 in the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas. The Court will hear the aforesaid application at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of ten (10) days,