## Denver closes one airport, opens another

☐ The new airport opened 16 months late, and investigations are underway into allegations of wrongdoing.

DENVER (AP) — A conga line of snowplows, tugs and trucks loaded with equipment wound its way from Denver's old airport to its \$4.9 billion new one Monday, hours before the first passenger flight was scheduled to land.

Most of the 2,000 vehicles in the convoy traveled at speeds of no more than 15 mph to Denver International Airport along back roads to avoid freeway congestion. The 22-mile trip from Stapleton International Airport was expected to take about two hours.

Mayor Wellington Webb said the new airport which is 16 months late and \$3.2 billion over budget - represents "the natural evolution of Denver's transportation history — from Pony Express to the stagecoach to railroads.

Earlier, Webb greeted the first commercial cargo flight to land at the new airport: a Federal Express plane that arrived from Memphis at 12:41 a.m., 20 minutes early.

"I think now we can put the jokes behind us," Webb said. "DIA does include airplanes."

The airport's opening has been delayed four times because of construction problems, including an automated baggage system that chewed up lug-gage and spit it out. It eventually was replaced by an old-fashioned tug-and-cart system at all airlines except United.

About a dozen investigations are under way into allegations of wrongdoing in the airport project, including shoddy construction.

And bondholders sued the city Monday, claiming officials concealed problems with the project. The class-action lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for investors, whose bonds lost value because of delays and cost overruns. A call to city officials wasn't returned immediately.

While the convoy over the rolling prairie around Denver was a dramatic sight, about 70 percent of the equipment was moved from Stapleton over the weekend as city workers and business owners took advantage of springlike weather.

The first commercial passenger flight was scheduled to leave the new airport for Kansas City, Mo., at 6 a.m. Tuesday, followed by the first commercial passenger arrival, from Colorado Springs, at 6:11 a.m.

## Democrats hold fate of balanced budget amendment in their hand

☐ The Senate will vote on the amendment today.

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a 13-year struggle, a precedent-shattering vote in the House and a month-long Senate debate, the fate of a balanced-budget amendment hinged Monday on five uncommitted Democrats. Star players in the sort of dra-ma the Capitol thrives on, they were being coy.

Never before have we been this close to passing the bal-anced-budget amendment," said GOP Sen. Mike DeWine of Ohio.

Both sides read their final lines in advance of Tuesday's Supporters held a news conference in the Capitol parking lot. Their backdrop was a gigantic tote board calculating the federal debt to 13 digits.

"The debt is the threat," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho. "We must stop building this monstrous debt that can imprison our future generations as nothing else can.

Opponents relied on behindthe-scenes lobbying by President Clinton and others to firm up the 34 votes needed to defeat the measure.

"We're not throwing in the towel by any means," said White House press secretary Mike McCurry, even as he made clear the amendment wasn't the same as having one

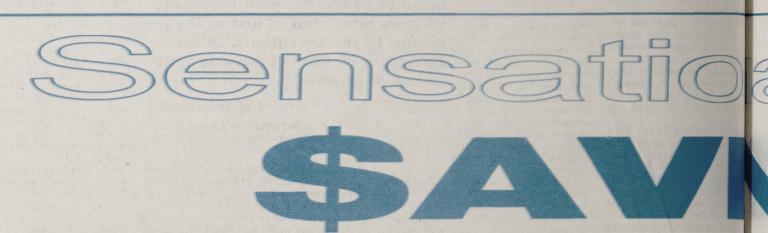
of Clinton's "top legislati

orities" up for grabs.
But the five Democrat one most wanted to hear North Dakotans Kent ( and Byron Dorgan, Sam N Georgia, Wendell Ford tucky and John Brea Louisiana — said through that they weren't ready

nounce a final position. Supporters said they three more votes to and some harbored last hopes they could pe Oregon Mark Hatfie lone GOP opponent, tor his position.

But Hatfield's press sen Julie McGregor, put a dam such hopes, saying, "He change his mind.'











Exclusiv no where in town · one pie

 two pied • separat Be Uniqu

> Be Dari Be Differe

with the purchase of any swim

BRENDA OWENS \* KAY McWILLIAMS \* JOHN

Expires 3-7-95

B-CS TAX GROUP, INC.

COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840

(409) 691-2134

\$10 COUPON WITH THIS AD

ON ONE 1994 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETUR

505 UNIVERSITY DRIVE EAST SUITE 203 BY FOX & HOUND



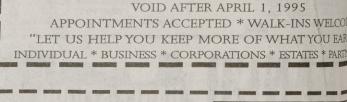
UNLIMITED TANNING Customers Only New Customers Only Expires 03-07-95 Expires 03-07-95

**Single Session** 





764-8289 One coupon per person. Coupon not valid with any other offers. Valid for Tuxedo Rentals \$45 or above. Expires 5/30/95. Must be presented at time of original reservation.





268-8888

TRY OUR NEW PICK-UP STORE Open Daily 5-10 p.m!

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE!

glenne-ju de. Di Fast Feasin

All You Can Eat Pizza Salad Bar, Desserts and Soft Drink Served Evel Not valid in combination

discount offers or cou One coupon per order, Good at participating Mr HURRY

Please present this coupon to anyone of our diamond consultants in the fine jewelry department. Your rings and jewelry will be inspected and electronically cleaned free of charge.

AND INSPECTION

Post Oak Mall

764-0022