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Council set to approve transfer

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to approve final reading of an order Tuesday night that will give control of the Spring City Senior Citizen Center to the municipality, ending months of negotiations between the city and Howard County.

The council approved first reading of three items that

included transfer of the center to the city and applications for grants to finance the facility by unanimous votes approximately three weeks ago.

The council's approval came on the heels of a 4-1 vote of approval from Howard County commissioners, with Commissioner Gary Simer the lone dissenter in the proposed transfer.

The deal between the city and county would transfer owner-

ship of the Senior Center with the county agreeing to contribute \$75,000 each year to its operation.

"As far as contributing money (to the center), the county is fine. But as far as running it is concerned, I'm not sure we have the resources to really put in there and do it like the city would," said County Judge Mark Barr during a recent meeting. "I've talked to officials with the city and they believe

they will expand the services out there, which would be great. I think, in the long run, the seniors will be pleased with this decision."

Mayor Russ McEwen said the council only has one steadfast plan for the Senior Center at this time and it's something he believes the seniors that utilize the facility will be happy with.

"The only plans the city has for the center at this point is to make it better for our seniors,"

said McEwen. "We want the Senior Center to be something the city, and area residents, can be proud of and we feel like we can accomplish that."

Also on Tuesday's agenda, the council is expected to address:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an election services contract with the Howard County Elections Administrator and a

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Noriega visits Big Spring



Rick Noriega, left, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, talks with Lee and Fran Emerson during a campaign stop in Big Spring Saturday morning.

Claims Democrats can't afford to just surrender W. Texas

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Rick Noriega believes the Democratic Party has written off West Texas way too long, a situation he intends to correct.

Noriega, a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator, made an appearance in Big Spring Saturday as part of a West Texas swing to bring attention to his campaign to unseat incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn.

In remarks before a small group of Democratic faithful, he wasted little time distancing himself from the Republican Cornyn, blasting the senator on issues ranging from the economy to healthcare to the war in Iraq.

But he conceded that Democrats have made their share of errors in the past, the biggest of which was not fighting harder for votes in West Texas.

"It's been a huge mistake for the Democratic Party to assume away certain parts of the state," Noriega said. "We've got to take this campaign to every Texan and let them

know that we need them." It's not a mistake Noriega intends on making this year.

"(Former Texas House Speaker) Pete Laney taught me there were two ways to run for office — unopposed or scared to death," he said. "We're working our tail off in this campaign."

Noriega is no stranger to political life, having served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives

The issues Noriega will stress during his run for the office place him diametrically opposed to Cornyn on almost every major issue.

Noriega, a U.S. Army veteran and National Guard member who served in Afghanistan, is opposed to the current American presence in Iraq, saying this country needs to bring its troops home as swiftly and effectively as possible.

While U.S. troops remain in the country, however, he believes in giving them all the necessary means they need to continue their mission.

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ESCC seeks prospective chaplains

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The local Emergency Services Chaplains Corps program is looking for a few good men and women, as coordinators prepare to begin chaplain classes the first of March.

The Rev. Joel Miller, senior chaplain and coordinator for the program, said the program is carried out mainly by volunteer pastors and serves both the victims of tragic circumstances and emergency services personnel.

"The program is carried out by volun-

teers and works off grants and local donations," said Miller. "We hold a school for chaplains as needed. It's a two-week school held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the first and second weeks in March. Classes are from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. at night. We invite representatives from all of the different agencies we serve and they come in and talk to us about what they expect from us as chaplains."

"We also serve as counselors for the members of the different agencies we serve. When a policeman has to see a small child that's had his head crushed

by a car, he needs to be able to relieve himself of that. There are two of us that are trained as counselors."

Miller said chaplains with the program often help fill a very tough void in the lives of people who find their lives shaken by tragedy.

"All of us are religious men. Most of us are pastors," said Miller. "We're prepared to do whatever we can to help the families. We make telephone calls for them, help them make funeral arrangements. We've also presided over funerals."

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads high school basketball playoff schedule TUESDAY

Grady girls basketball vs. Southland at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 8 p.m.

Sands girls basketball vs. Ropes at Lamesa Junior High School, 7 p.m.

Also being played at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum: Borden County vs. Sterling City, 6 p.m.

Big Spring Girls Softball registration held every Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association begins registration for the 2008 youth softball season Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall across from Merle Norman. Girls ages 4 to 14 as of Jan. 1 are eligible to play.

Subsequent signup dates will be Feb. 23 and March 1.

Fee is \$45 with a \$5 discount for a second child.

Anyone with questions can call Luci Ramirez at 466-3670 or Rodney Jones at 213-3750.

Big Spring Country Club schedules 4-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled a 4-person scramble for Feb. 23-24.

Entry fee is \$75 per player, plus golf cart fees, and includes a barbecue lunch on the course both days. Private carts are welcome.

Practice rounds are available Friday. The Field will be flighted by first-round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

Call the Pro Shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.

Big Spring QB Club electing officers today at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club is holding a meeting to elect new officers for the 2008 football season at 6 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

Any parent of a child planning to play football in the seventh through 12th grades are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685.

BSHS Baseball Booster Club meeting today

The Big Spring High School Baseball Booster Club is meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of high school baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 with any questions.

Howard squads jockeying for position

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

Howard College's men's and women's basketball teams are on the verge of qualifying for the NJCAA Region V Tournament this season and the Hawks' battles continue tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum against Western Texas College.

The pecking order in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference men's basketball standings requires a little number crunching to see where the top four teams would be if the season was to end today.

Obviously, conference leader and No. 10 nationally ranked Odessa College (23-2, 10-1 in the WJCAC) holds a commanding two game lead over a trio of teams fighting for the runner-up position. The Wranglers will be the only men's team idle tonight thus presenting a possibility of losing a half game lead if any or all of those three teams earn a victory.

According to the power rating system used by the WJCAC to break a tie in the final standings, currently Howard College (19-6, 8-3) would own the

second spot earning 41 points. Teams are awarded 10 points for beating the top team which only Howard has done, defeating Odessa College back on Dec. 3, 2007, 103-76.

Next, wins over Howard, South Plains College, and Midland College would all be valued at nine points apiece as they are currently all tied for second. Victories over Western Texas College would be valued at six points, Frank Phillips College at five and New Mexico Junior College four. Both New Mexico Military Institute and Clarendon College are tied for eighth place or last in the conference and a win over either team would only be valued at one point.

After the point breakdown, No. 9 South Plains College (20-3, 8-3) would be third with 40 points in the power rating system and No. 7 Midland College would be fourth with 39 points. If all three teams were to win tonight nothing would change in the pecking order just the margin.

Howard would earn six points for a victory over fifth-place Western Texas

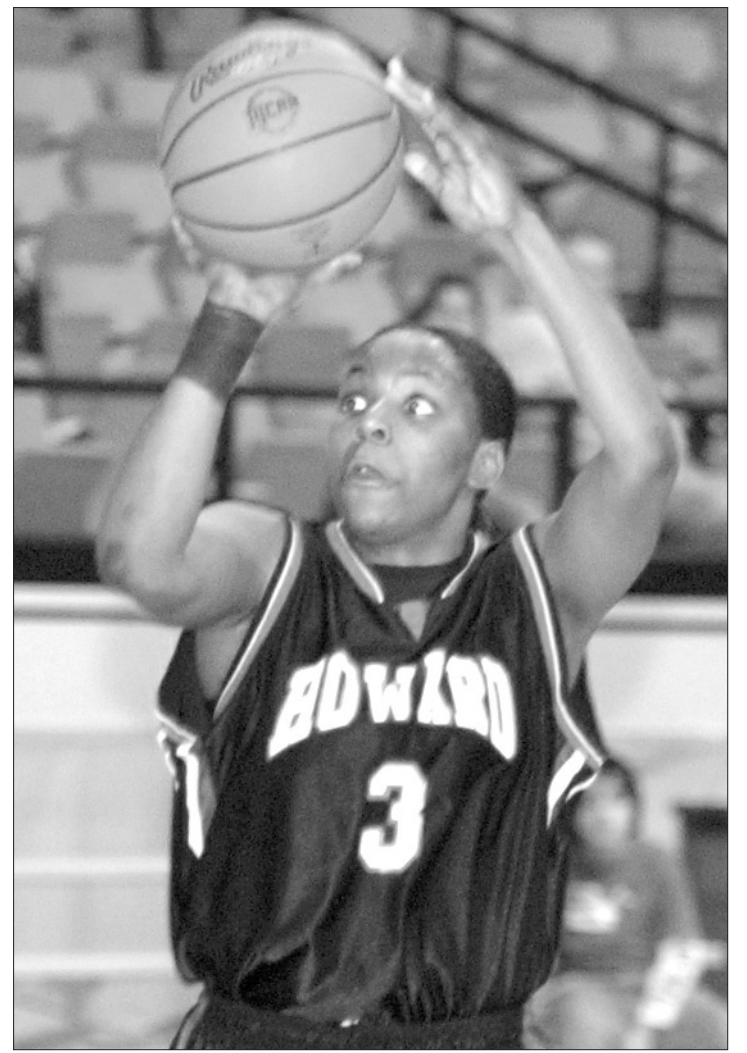
(15-8, 5-5) giving them 47 points. Both South Plains and Midland would only earn a point apiece with victories over Clarendon (10-13, 1-9) and NMMI (6-17, 1-9) respectively, maintaining South Plains' one-point advantage, 41-40, over Midland in the power rating system.

The fourth game on the slate Monday, Frank Phillips (15-10, 4-7) at New Mexico Junior College (10-15, 3-8), figures into the mix as an FPC victory adds an additional point to both Howard (48) and South Plains (42), while a NMJC victory adds a point to South Plains and would literally leave South Plains and Midland deadlocked at 41 points apiece.

Western Texas has a lot to say about where teams will finish in the conference as they still play Howard, Midland and finish their regular season with Odessa. South Plains plays conference leader Odessa on Valentine's Day and is at Howard on Feb. 25th while Midland faces Odessa on Feb. 21st.

Luckily for the mathematically challenged if all

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College Hawks guard Candace Lambert pulls up for a jumper in action from earlier this season. Howard's men's and women's teams continue to battle for position within the WJCAC tonight at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum against Western Texas College. The women tip off at 5:30 p.m. with the men following at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Hawks improve to a perfect 8-0



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull
Howard College's Josh Riley makes contact in the Hawks' second game of a four-game series against Vernon College Friday. The Hawks won all four games, improving their record to 8-0.

By ERIC RODEWALD

Special to the Herald

Howard College's baseball team is off to a perfect 8-0 start with its second consecutive four game series sweep Friday and Saturday. The Hawks finished off Vernon College Saturday afternoon with a pair of victories, winning 8-4 and 7-4 to maintain perfection at Jack Barber Field this season.

Howard College head coach Britt Smith attributes the Hawks success to their solid pitching.

"The pitching was really good all weekend, but we didn't always make plays behind them," Smith said. "They got four runs (in game two), but we booted a double play ball to start it off and that's what got us in trouble, but it was good that we came back and answered and got the win."

The Hawks looked as though they might be in trouble in Game 2 with the bases loaded, but the defense stepped up and made a spectacular play.

Vernon had the bases loaded with two outs, however, Howard shortstop Tyler Ladendorf made a play to the first base side of second base almost on the grass and flipped it to second baseman Josh Riley who caught it barehanded to force out the runner and end the scoring threat.

"Tyler's play was great, but Riley's play to hang on to it barehanded was unbelievable,"

Smith stated. "That was an amazing play."

According to Smith, the Hawks have yet to figure out who their top pitcher is, but that's a luxury, not a problem.

"We really don't know who our ace is and that's a good problem to have," Smith said. "We have a bunch of guys we feel comfortable with pitching. Maybe we have four number two's and that's not bad at all. So far we've pitched it really well and our bullpen has pitched fantastic as well."

At the plate, Howard has also been solid with anyone in the lineup having the ability to produce.

"Nathan Bryan had a big day RBI wise and that was huge for us. That's why he and Riley are down at that part of the order because we think they are two of our most consistent guys in run production," Smith said. "Tyler was good all weekend and Tommy (Vukovich) was really good in the leadoff spot and really bought into his job. He took a bunch of pitches and made the pitchers work and took a bunch of walks. He had a big homerun in the first game and that was huge because it gave us some cushion."

Vernon College got on the board first in the top of the third in Game 1, but Howard answered

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Owens, Peterson spark NFC comeback in Pro Bowl

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

HONOLULU — Terrell Owens was all set to drive away that brand new Cadillac. Then Adrian Peterson ran over the AFC defense one more time and scooted off with the prize.

The NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year rushed for 129 yards and two touchdowns Sunday in the NFC's 42-30 victory. His 6-yard clincher also won him the Pro Bowl's most valuable player award. And the car.

"It didn't surprise me," said Owens, who finished with eight catches for 101 yards and two scores in a game that often resembled flag football on the beach. "He'll be in Minnesota his whole life and buying a lot of fur coats."

The Vikings running back was

dynamic all game as the NFC rallied from an early 24-7 deficit. On a 39-yard run that helped key the comeback, he juke two defenders. On his 17-yard TD jaunt in the third quarter, Peterson left four AFC players in his wake.

"For me, we didn't make the playoffs, so I got to show it here," Peterson said. "This is my first time here; hopefully next year, we'll be in the Super Bowl."

"Can I top this?" Peterson said, repeating a question as he leaned against the red auto. "Yeah, you always set your bar high."

Peterson's performance was the first of more than 100 yards since Marshall Faulk had 180 and Chris Warren added 127 in 1995. He joined Faulk as the only rookies to be voted MVP of the Pro Bowl.

"Good company," Peterson said. "I came with a goal: win the

game and be MVP."

And the car?

"I'm going to keep it," Peterson said, smiling.

T.O. might ask for a ride, at least.

Owens' 6-yard catch from Tampa Bay's Jeff Garcia, a former adversary when both played in San Francisco, provided the winning points. There also was a 34-yard pass from Tony Romo on fourth-and-13 that sparked the rally in the second-quarter.

Those plays followed a couple of egregious drops that drew prolonged boos from the sellout crowd of 50,044 at Aloha Stadium.

"It's not how you start, it's how you finish," Owens said. "Just two teammates making something happen."

Just about everything happened Sunday. There was a fake

punt by the NFC, which never was forced to punt after that. A throwback kickoff return. A half-dozen fourth-down gambles.

And, of course, starring roles for Owens, San Diego All-Pro cornerback Antonio Cromartie and Peterson.

NFC players won \$40,000, which Owens said made the trip to the islands even better.

"Hopefully they'll continue to play it over here and we will continue to make some highlight plays," he said.

The 48 first-half points tied the Pro Bowl record for the first two periods. The only punt of the half turned into a fake and an 11-yard completion from San Francisco's Andy Lee to Minnesota fullback Tony Richardson. Romo threw to Larry Fitzgerald, who dived

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Obituaries

Zelma P. McClanahan



Born in Swisher County to Lula Duncan Vaughan and Will Vaughan, Zelma was married to Weldon Noble McClanahan on Feb. 14, 1936, at 12:01 a.m. in a double ceremony with Weldon's brother Harold and Zelma's cousin Faye Duncan. Weldon and Zelma's marriage lasted 43 years until he passed away in 1979. It seems fitting that, having begun their marriage on Valentine's Day, Zelma has joined Weldon in time to celebrate their anniversary in Heaven this year.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and four brothers, Willie, Simmie, Ralph Ray (Buck), and Brill, and one granddaughter, Regina Hickson.

She is survived by one sister, Nora McGavock of Happy; a sister-in-law, Dana Whirley and husband, J.L., of Fort Worth; daughter Rita Hickson and husband, John, of Oklahoma City; son David McClanahan and wife, Barbara, of Idabel, Okla.; daughter Linda McClanahan of Big Spring; grandchildren John Hickson Jr. and wife, Patty, of Edmond, Okla., Chris Hickson of Oklahoma City, Tim McClanahan of Garland, Mollie Parris and husband, Wes, of Kingsport, Tenn., Cindy McClanahan of Milledgeville, Ga., and Dana Lim and husband, Lloyd Andrew, of Dallas; great-grandchildren Leia Lawrence of Hawi, Hawaii, Trey Hickson of Tulsa, Okla., Ben Hickson of Edmond, Okla., and Emily and Ryan McClanahan of Garland; and one great-great-granddaughter, Lacy Jasmine Goble of Hawi, Hawaii.

Zelma was truly a Pearl of Great Price. She loved people. Everyone she met, she loved immediately and wanted to know their stories. Her interest and love were contagious and were returned by all who came to know her. She was devoted to her church and Sunday School class, her neighbors, friends from long ago and new friends. She expressed that love by baking unforgettable hot rolls, cinnamon rolls, pies and cakes. She wanted to do for others and did as much as she could. She will be missed by so many and remembered for her kindness and her unconditional love.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Vondel Smith Mortuary, North Colonial Chapel in Oklahoma City. Graveside services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

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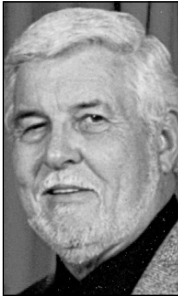
Catalina Lomas

Catalina Lomas, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lucy Bonner

Lucy Bonner, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, in an Odessa hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Jackie C. Milam



Jackie C. Milam, 72, of Odessa died on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, with the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Braswell, pastor of the St. Andrews Cumberland Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Jackie was born on Dec. 8, 1935, in Big Spring and married Pat Thornton in 1961. She preceded him in death in 1991.

He later married Marie Conner on April 18, 1997, in Odessa.

Mr. Milam moved to Odessa in 1982 and worked for Shell Pipeline as a supervisor for more than 30 years before retiring in the early 1990s. Jackie had worked for his brother with Milam Pipeline for the past three years. He was a Methodist, had served in the United States Air Force and had been involved in the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Milam of Odessa; two sons, David Milam of Odessa and James J. Milam of Big Spring; one daughter, Valerie Albach of Mesquite; his mother, Pauline Pearce of Odessa; one brother, Dick Milam of Lubbock; two sisters, Judy LeDoux of Henderson, Nev., and Kay Kelly of Panama City, Fla.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Christie Maginnis; a grandson, Patrick; one infant son, Patrick; and his father, Clyde Pearce.

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

Ruth Estelle Rowden



Services for Ruth Rowden, 89, of Wellman were held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Carter officiating and the Rev. Glen Smith assisting. Burial will be in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Ruth passed away Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, in Brownfield. She was born June 16, 1918, in Tye. She moved with her parents to Brownfield in 1923. She attended Union and Brownfield Schools. Ruth married R.J. Rowden Oct. 1, 1938, in Tahoka. She was a member of Wellman PTA, Home Demonstration Club, Women's Missionary Union and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Ruth is preceded in death by a sister, Irma Lee Higgins, and a brother, Everett Brazelton.

Ruth is survived by her husband, R.J. of Wellman; a son, Lewayne Rowden and his wife, Liz, of Wellman; a daughter, Joy Osborn and her husband, Steve, of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Elizabeth Wilson of Midland and Billie Martin of Royse City; and a caregiver, Sonya "Cookie" Harrell.

Elva Olague

Elva Olague, 78, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **DOLORES RIVERA**, 25, of 1208 Lloyd, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of theft.
- **PATRICK RIOS**, 36, of 3206 W. Eighth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.
- **ELIAS RAMIREZ**, 32, of 506 N.E. Stadium, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication and held for immigration.
- **CHRIS ROBERTS**, 21, of 300 Jill Road, was arrested Saturday on four local warrants.
- **PIO BUSTAMANTE**, 84, of 209 E. Eighth Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DEBRA SHEFFER**, 39, of 1408 S. Nolan, was arrested Sunday on five local capias warrants and a charge of failure to identify.
- **LORI LONG**, 33, of 400 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and possession of a controlled substance (two counts).
- **MANUEL LOZANO**, 35, of 2504 Chanute, was arrested Sunday on a local citation.
- **LLOYD BROWN**, 46, of Stanton, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JOHNNY TREVINO**, 18, of 3607 Hamilton, was arrested Sunday on four local citations.
- **MARY KLINGENBERG**, 21, of 910 Nolan, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant and a local warrant.
- **DAVID YOUNG**, 70, of 109 N.E. 10th Street, was arrested Sunday on a local warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 600 block of Sixth Street.
 - in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 500 block of Gregg Street.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 1700 block of Nolan.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
- **ROBBERY** was reported in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
 - in the 2700 block of Cindy.
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in the bottom of the inning and scored three more in the fourth to take a 4-1 lead.

Vernon was able to push across another run in the fifth, but the Hawks put the game out of reach in their half of the fifth with four runs to increase the lead to six, 8-2.

Vernon scored two runs in the seventh off relief

pitcher Ray Martin to arrive at the final 8-4 margin.

Sophomore right hander Colt Simon earned the win, striking out seven in five innings of work. David de la Chapelle retired the side in order in the sixth inning with a ground out and a pair of strikeouts.

At the plate, Vukovich had a homerun and a single to ignite the Howard offense. Travis Sample also had a homerun and single. Both Ladendorf

and Riley added a single and a double each, while Bryan recorded one double.

In Game 2, Howard built a 5-0 lead before a disastrous fifth inning witnessed Vernon scoring four runs to pull within one.

However, the Hawks added two runs in their half of the fifth and would hold on to win 7-4, thanks to solid pitching performances in the sixth and seventh innings.

Right hander Danny

Gidora started the game, lasting 3 1/3 innings before giving way to James Alvarado.

Alvarado ran into a little trouble in the top of the fifth, surrendering the four runs, only two of which were earned after the error on a would be double play ball.

Chase Adams recorded a strikeout in an uneventful sixth inning and Pedro Villarreal earned the save striking out the side in the seventh inning.

"Pedro (Villarreal) was lights out," Smith said. "He had great velocity and his slider was nice."

Bryan had a pair of doubles, while Cameron Monger and Andrew Collazo added a single each to account for Howard's four hits.

The Hawks were aided by two Vernon errors, as the visitors actually out hit Howard 9-4 in the game.

Next up for Howard is a challenging weekend with the Hawks playing four

teams in two days beginning Saturday at 12:30 p.m. vs. Hutchinson Community College and followed by a game vs. Ranger College at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Howard plays host to No. 16 Butler County Community College at 11:00 a.m. and faces Garden City Community College at 1:30 p.m.

All games are to be played at Jack Barber Field located on the campus of Howard College.

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this doesn't add up, it doesn't really matter at this point with the top four teams still each having five games remaining in the regular season, with six games left for fifth place Western Texas.

What can be determined at this point is that both NMMI and Clarendon are mathematically eliminated from the postseason and NMJC would have to defeat FPC tonight to stave off postseason elimination.

The battle for third place in the women's

standings of Western Junior College Athletic Conference will be up for grabs tonight in Big Spring as third-place Howard College (21-5, 7-3 in the WJCAC) hosts fourth place Western Texas College (12-12, 5-4). Howard lost to Western Texas on Jan. 10th in Snyder, falling 52-48 in overtime as the Hawks surrendered a 12-point halftime lead of 33-21 to Western Texas, who converted an offensive rebound at the end of regulation to force overtime. Howard holds a 1-1/2 game lead over Western Texas in the standings.

Conference leader and

No. 6 nationally ranked South Plains College (20-3, 9-1) plays host to Clarendon College (13-11, 3-6) in Levelland tonight. Mathematically, Clarendon is still alive for a playoff spot with five games to play and only trailing Western Texas by two games and Howard by 3 1/2 games.

Despite being out of serious contention for a regional tournament bid, New Mexico Junior College (3-21, 1-8) could spoil fifth place Frank Phillips College's (17-7, 4-6) opportunity to steal the fourth and final playoff spot. If Frank Phillips were to win, combined

with a Western Texas loss, Frank Phillips would only be out of fourth place by a 1/2 game keeping the hope of the regional tournament alive. If New Mexico JC were to pick up their second win of the conference season combined with a Western Texas loss, that would leave New Mexico JC three games out of fourth place with four games remaining and an outside shot of qualifying for the regional tournament.

Both second place and No. 22 nationally ranked Midland College (22-4, 8-2) and seventh place Odessa College (5-19, 1-8) are off Monday.

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across the goal line to tie it at 7.

Owens got his first TD and after Bironas nailed a 48-yarder, the NFC continued its comeback. Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck capped a 77-yard touchdown drive with a 17-yard pass to tight end Chris Cooley.

Peterson's 17-yard score gave the NFC its first lead. Bironas then made his third field goal for the AFC.

Bears record-setter Devin Hester ran right for 14 yards, then threw a perfect spiral to his left to Jason Witten. The tight end showed some nice open-field moves in adding 35 yards to the runback.

WJCAC Basketball Standings

WJCAC Women's Basketball Standings
As of 2/08/08

	Conf.		Overall		GB
	W	L	W	L	
1. #6 South Plains	9	1	20	3	----
2. #22 Midland	8	2	22	4	1
3. Howard	7	3	21	5	2
4. Western Texas	5	4	12	12	3.5
5. Frank Phillips	4	6	17	7	5
6. Clarendon	3	6	13	11	5.5
T7. New Mexico JC	1	8	3	21	7.5
T7. Odessa	1	8	5	19	7.5

WJCAC Men's Basketball Standings
As of 2/08/08

	Conf.		Overall		GB
	W	L	W	L	
1. #10 Odessa	10	1	23	2	----
T2. Howard	8	3	19	6	2
T2. #9 South Plains	8	3	20	3	2
T2. #7 Midland	8	3	22	3	2
5. Western Texas	5	5	15	8	4.5
6. Frank Phillips	4	7	15	10	6
7. New Mexico JC	3	8	10	15	7
T8. New Mexico Mil.	1	9	6	17	8.5
T8. Clarendon	1	9	10	13	8.5

Monday's Games: Western Texas College @ Howard College; Frank Phillips College @ New Mexico JC; Clarendon College @ South Plains College
Thursday's Results: Howard College 60, Frank Phillips College 43; Midland College 85, New Mexico JC 52; South Plains College 68, Western Texas College 50

Monday's Games: Western Texas College @ Howard College; Frank Phillips College @ New Mexico JC; Clarendon College @ South Plains College; Midland College @ New Mexico Military
Thursday's Results: Howard College 89, Frank Phillips College 83; Midland College 64, New Mexico JC 50; Western Texas College 92, South Plains College 78; Odessa College 89, New Mexico Military 62

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- **JESSICA GARZA**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of delivery of marijuana.
- **JENNIFER ROSE MARTINEZ**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **KYLE LEE BROWNFIELD**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **FRANCIS MORENO RODRIGUEZ**, 41, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument and issuance of a bad check.
- **SCOTTY RAY BLAND**, 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole - blue warrant for possession of a controlled substance.
- **TERRANCE LASHON ESSIX**, 35, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and failure to identify - giving false information.
- **ENRIQUE SABEDRA JR.**, 38, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container second offense.
- **JAMES MATTHEW HAWTHORNE**, 18, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **AUSTIN NOCONA HINOJOSA**, 18, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
- **MICHAEL BURCIAGA**, 17, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

- **CAREY THOMAS HARWELL**, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of stolen property.
- **RONNIE RENE RIVERA**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid - DWI related.
- **LINDA ANN FOSTER**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **TEKIA KOKO WILLIAMS**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, bondsman off bond for stealing/receiving stolen checks and bondsman off bond for forgery of a financial instrument.
- **BRENDA KAY ROBERTSON**, 59, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CADEN JAMES HALL**, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **RANDLA HEATH SELF**, 38, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **BENITO JOSE NUNEZ JR.**, 38, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LORI JEAN LONG**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts) and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **HEATHER MCNEW**, 32, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.
- **JOHNNY LARRY MERRICK**, 62, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

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The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 1200 block of S. Main Street.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
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Delbert Burchett, 73, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Elvin Michael Griffin, 43, died Wednesday. Funeral Services will be at 4:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Elizabeth Carpenter, 87, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 6:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clifton Griffin, 63, of Big Spring died Thursday, February 07, 2008, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Delia Lopez, 76, of Big Spring died Friday, February 08, 2008, in Lubbock. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

CHAPLAINS

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als for the families that don't have pastors of their own. Most of all, we try to show them the love of God, and that whatever has happened to them isn't the end of the world. That's one of our main goals.

"Also, law enforcement can't always stay there, but we can. We can stay there until other members of the family arrive. One of my chaplains stayed up until 12:30 a.m. at the hospital with a woman that had just lost her husband in a traffic accident. The next morning, he got up and went back to the hospital to stay with her until her

family arrived from Nebraska."

Miller said the chaplains work alongside emergency services personnel in many different circumstances.

"The Emergency Services Chaplains program was formed about three-and-a-half years ago," said Miller. "We now have seven chaplains trained and serve law enforcement, the fire department, emergency medical services, the hospital emergency room and Victim Services, just to name a few."

"We give comfort and contact to those that need it. We help with any of the planning and other things that need to go on in people's lives after something tragic hap-

pens. We go with law enforcement officers when they have to deliver death notices or critical incidents to family members."

Those interested in being a chaplain in the program had best brace themselves when getting the details from Miller, as the local pastor said he doesn't sugarcoat the ups and downs of what he and the other chaplains do.

"I never pull any punches when I talk to people interested in participating in the program. I always give them the worst scenarios I've seen in three-and-a-half years, that way they will have an idea of what to expect. It can be pretty rough at times. We will be holding interviews for prospective

chaplains Thursday at the Chapel of Faith, located at 14th Street and Goliad.

"They have to be approved by the program's board of directors and undergo an extensive background search. If they are not already a pastor, they have to have a recommendation from their pastor pertaining to their character.

"It's a calling from

God," he added firmly. "And it very definitely has to be a calling, because you can't go through some of the things we've had to see and do if you're not supported by God and called by God."

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can do so by contacting Miller at 432-213-1221.

NORIEGA

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"I will not vote to cut off spending. We can't cut off the means for their support," Noriega said. "But I will vote for a change in policy."

Noriega also criticized Cornyn for his opposition to children's health insurance and the expansion of Pell Grants and other means of financial aid to allow students middle and lower-class homes to attend college.

Cornyn also shares

some of the blame for a slumping economy and growing deficit, his challenger said.

"The new budget is the largest deficit budget in U.S. history ... and will increase the overall deficit to more than \$9 trillion," Noriega said. "Cornyn came into office with a Republican Congress, a Republican Senate and Republican president, and he didn't get anything done ... Do we want to send him back with what is now a Democratic Congress, a Democratic Senate and

possibly a Democratic president?"

"The Senate seat he holds was once held by Lyndon Johnson, who brought rural electrification to Texans and civil rights to all Americans," he said. "And here you have Sen. Cornyn, who's been in lock step with Washington, D.C., and has not been voting the interests of Texans back home."

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COUNCIL

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joint election agreement with Big Spring Independent School District.

• Final reading of an ordinance amending ordinance No. 28-2007 providing for increasing the Motel Tax Fund budget for the purpose of funding the construction and resurfacing of the Rose Magers Walking Trail at the Comanche Trail Park.

• Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article 1 of the

Code of Ordinances entitled "In General" by amending Section 1-22 entitled "Report to Council Required" to provide the city attorney shall report quarterly to the city council concerning any new claims presented during the preceding quarter and any change in status of pending claims.

• Final reading of an ordinance approving the petition of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC to modify its lighting service tariff pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

State of City address will interest us all

As 2008 begins to pick up speed, the direction of Big Spring for the coming year should be a major concern for us all and it's one of the concerns Mayor Russ McEwen plans to share with area residents during the annual Community Luncheon.

The luncheon, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature McEwen's "State of the City" address, and is slated for 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

McEwen said "optimism" will be the key to his address.

"I'm very optimistic about the direction we're headed," McEwen said. "I can't remember a time when there were so many things going on with the potential to make a significant difference in the quality of life for the citizens and those that are looking to move to the Big Spring area."

"During the address, we'll take a good look at where the community is going in the coming year, and the vision we have of the future."

Among the ongoing projects that have McEwen feeling optimistic about the future are efforts to revitalize the downtown area, including the restoration of the historic Settles Hotel.

"Right now, when we bring business prospects into town, we have to steer them around the downtown area," said McEwen. "With everything that is going on, soon that will be the first place we take them."

"The revitalization of the downtown area is still in the very beginning stages of what we will eventually see there. We haven't yet scratched the surface, and all of this is thanks to local investors who took the initial steps into this."

The annual luncheon, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is an excellent time to look at where the city has been, and where it is headed, according to Chamber Director Debbye ValVerde.

ValVerde said the luncheon offers an opportunity for residents to take a close look at what's to come in 2007.

"The chamber sponsors the community luncheon each year," said ValVerde. "It's a chance for the mayor to inform the city of what his plans are for the coming year. For the chamber it's a chance to represent our members and try to focus on promoting community and economic development. I think this a perfect example — a perfect chance — for us to promote that through the mayor's state of the city address."

We hope to see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we count on You, Lord and not the world.

Amen

A primary season we shan't miss

If all goes well, as you read this I will be in Patagonia taking a last look at the magnificent glaciers there before the global warming our president says does not exist swallows them. (I know, he's finally admitted that it exists but since he's not going to do anything about it, so what?)



DONALD KAUL

Never fear. I shall continue to follow the presidential election from the bottom of the world. Not a bad vantage point, actually. It kept me away from the president's State of the Union address, for one thing, thus sparing me from ingesting more lies than are good for me.

The primary campaigns are all but over by now and not a moment too soon. I have found watching them a rather dispiriting exercise. The Republicans, of course, have been hopeless, empty of any ideas that William McKinley didn't have first.

John McCain has been somewhat of an exception but by so little a margin as to be inconsequential. The Republicans are wedded to the mistakes of the past and seek to relive them. Good luck to them as well as good riddance. I admit that I had hope for the Democrats. The first black man to be a serious candidate for president. The first woman. A slick lawyer who could talk Southern. What's not to like?

Well, it would have been nice if

they'd been more realistic, for one thing. After Barack Obama rode the theme of "change" to victory in Iowa, they all got on that horse. Suddenly everybody was an agent of change. Elect Obama-Clinton-Edwards and change would be on your doorstep the next morning. I don't buy it. As a meaningless rallying cry, "Change" ranks up there with "Boola-Boola."

Change what? How, who and why? You're going to give us national healthcare? How are you going to pay for it? Oh, you're going to tax the rich, make businesses pay extra, cut those three Horsemen of the Bureaucratic Apocalypse: Waste, Fraud and Abuse.

That won't do it. There aren't that many rich people and even if there were, they didn't get rich by letting political mendicants take money away from them.

Our businesses have trouble competing overseas now, put the added burden of financing our health care system on them and they'll collapse altogether. Waste, Fraud and Abuse? Everybody promises to do away with them. They're like cockroaches; they'll be here long after we're gone. What of the campaigns then? Disappointing.

I like Obama. I'm a sucker for a well-turned phrase and he (and his speechwriters) have a facility that borders on eloquence. I think back on his victory speech after the Iowa caucuses when he said: "...on this January night, at this defining moment in history you have done what the cynics said we couldn't do....In lines that

stretched around schools and churches, in small towns and in big cities, you came together as Democrats, Republicans and independents, to stand up and say that we are one nation. We are one people. And our time for change has come."

Not a lot of meat there, perhaps, but good poetry and a campaign should have that. I was moved by it.

And how did the Clintons (there are two of them, you know) respond? By launching a smarmy attack larded with half-truths and misrepresentations. Obama has complained about it and he's been right. Again and again, one or the other of the Clintons has mischaracterized Obama's record and his words. I shouldn't have expected any better from Bill. Although an exceptionally brilliant, gifted man he has a hole where his character is supposed to be. He's proven it time and again and he's doing it still.

I am not offended for Obama's sake. If he's nominated the Republicans will give him 10 times worse.

But I expected more from Hillary than a standard-issue Republican slash-and-burn campaign of disinformation. It is a noble thing to become the first woman president. One should seek it nobly.

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Abstinence-only defies voter priorities

A year ago, Gov. Rick Perry showed great leadership when he issued an executive order requiring the state's sixth grade girls to get the HPV vaccine, to prevent cervical cancer. It was a bold move for a state that is conflicted about how best to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.



DR. CHARLES JAYNES

But, if Gov. Perry truly wants to stop the spread of STDs, he will change the state's policy that allows teaching abstinence-only sex education. Recent studies have revealed that an abstinence-only plan won't stop the spread of STDs or decrease the rates of teen pregnancy.

Texas teenagers lead the nation in birth rates, and, as new figures from the National Center for Health Statistics show, after 14 years of steady decline, teen pregnancy rates went up 3 percent across the country in 2006. To many public health officials and educators, the cause for the increases in pregnancy was apparent: Since 1996 the only federal funding available to states for sex education is for "abstinence-only" curricula.

Meanwhile, not only have teen pregnancy rates gone up but so have instances of STDs.

Lubbock, for example, for 10 years led the nation in the number of Chlamydia and gonorrhea infections, one-third of which came from 15- to 19-year-olds. Sexually active teenagers are no longer provided with information on how to prevent pregnancy or the spread of STDs. A rash of

studies have also shown that the programs do not succeed in stopping or even significantly delaying teen sex. Despite this, Congress extended funding for "abstinence-only" sex education for another six months.

But a growing number of states have drawn a line on continuing with "abstinence-only" sex education.

This year alone 18 states chose to forgo federal funding, and send a message to Washington that we only want to spend our money on effective programs that really protect our children. Texas also needs to voice our concerns to Washington.

While Texas law offers the option of teaching an "abstinence plus" curriculum — which would include some lessons on birth control — few schools use this option because the federal dollars are restricted for the abstinence-only lessons, and the money for the "plus" part has to be raised separately.

The criteria for "abstinence-only" programs demand great sins of omission; the only means of pregnancy prevention taught is that of abstaining from sexual activity. Ditto for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Some of the lesson plans, in their zeal to support abstinence, actually disparage the usefulness of other form of protection, planning or prevention. We need to help our teens learn how to make responsible decisions by arming them with complete information that they will use for the rest of their lives.

Most parents agree it's simply unrealistic to believe that you can stop all teens from having sex by telling them "not to do it," especially when studies report that 60 to 70 percent of teens are sexually active by age 19. That's why 88 percent of voters, according to recent research commissioned by the Women Donors Network,

together with Communications Consortium Media Center, agree that "comprehensive sex education should be taught in schools that includes information about abstinence, contraception and how to avoid sexually transmitted diseases like HIV/AIDS." Eighty-one percent of voters surveyed support a much broader discussion on health issues.

The hard-core activists who push the abstinence-only agenda — even in light of new evidence that it is not effective in reducing sexual activity, unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections — comprise fewer than 10 percent of voters. Why should they alone get to make educational decisions that could have grave consequences for other people's children?

The reasonable majority of parents who want their children to receive an appropriate and informative form of sex education can no longer afford to stay silent on the issue. States are pushing for change because they would rather put money into programs that work, and not be forced by the federal government into funding unsuccessful plans.

It is crucial for parents to speak to their elected officials and school boards about the need for comprehensive health and sex education.

If parents want their children to be presented with accurate health information so that they can make responsible choices about important life decisions — like when to become a parent — then that reasonable majority of parents needs to make themselves heard.

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Dental mini-implants: Practical and affordable

Most people know that dental implants are by far the best way to replace missing teeth. They replace the tooth, preserve the surrounding bone and don't decay. There are three main reasons why many people do not utilize dental implants — not enough bone, not enough health, or not enough money.



DR. DAVID WARD

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Too little bone? From the minute a tooth is removed, its supporting bone starts shrinking away. After a few years, there is often not enough bone to place regular implants without extensive and expensive bone grafting procedures. Mini-implants require

much less bone to successfully anchor into, so bone grafting is rarely needed. This saves time, money, and discomfort.

Too little money? Mini-implants usually cost about half what standard size implants cost. That means that a missing tooth can even be replaced for less than what a bridge costs! And denture stabilization is affordable for most.

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Now with the ability to use Mini-implants to replace teeth individually or in groups, a whole new day of affordable

implant dentistry has dawned — a new day of easy, economical, and cosmetic tooth replacement.

Dr. David Ward practices family dentistry in Big Spring. He is immediate past president of the Permian Basin District Dental Society and is a member of the American and Texas Dental Associations, the Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the Academy of GP Orthodontics and the Institute of Advanced Laser Dentistry.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) TX. 21, weight loss support group meets at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third St. at 5 p.m. TOPS provides members with information, motivation and fellowship in attaining and maintaining their physician-prescribed weight goals. For more information, call 263-6819 or 263-1758. Leave a message.

TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

• Dual Recovery Anonymous meetings have been canceled. They will no longer take place at the Howard County Library. If you have questions, call Deidra F. at (432) 816-3033.

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L To R: Linus Tucker, Alton Hall, Ladd Smith and Joe Whitten.

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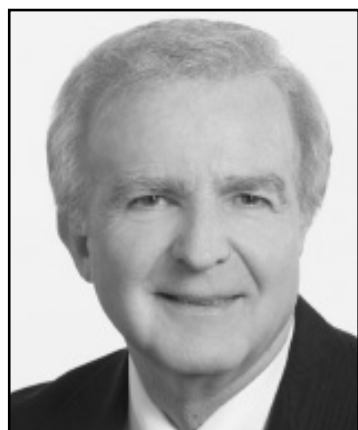
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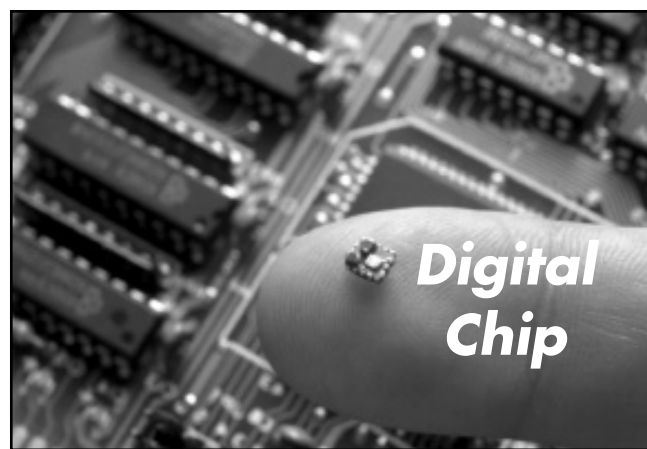


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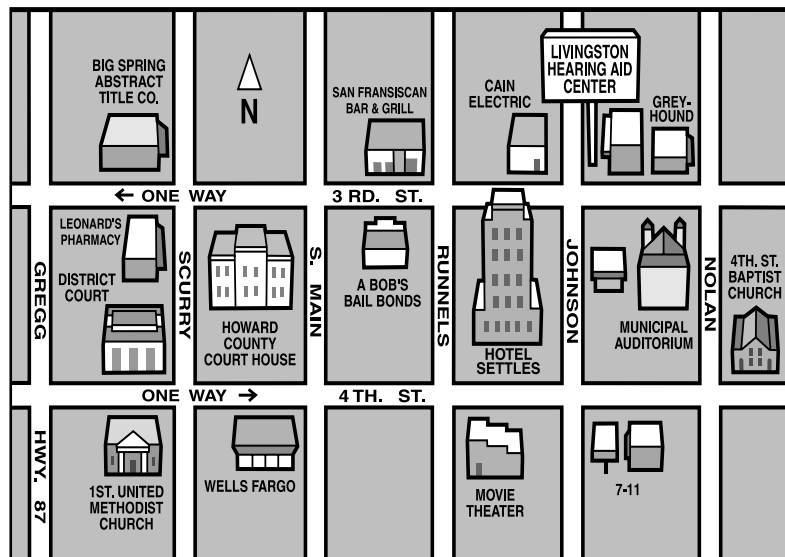
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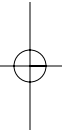
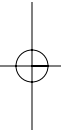
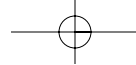


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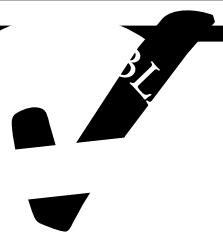


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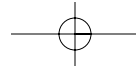
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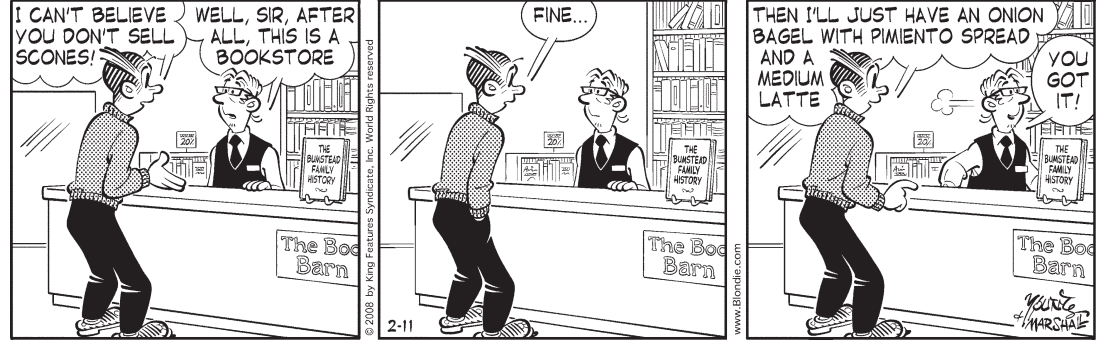
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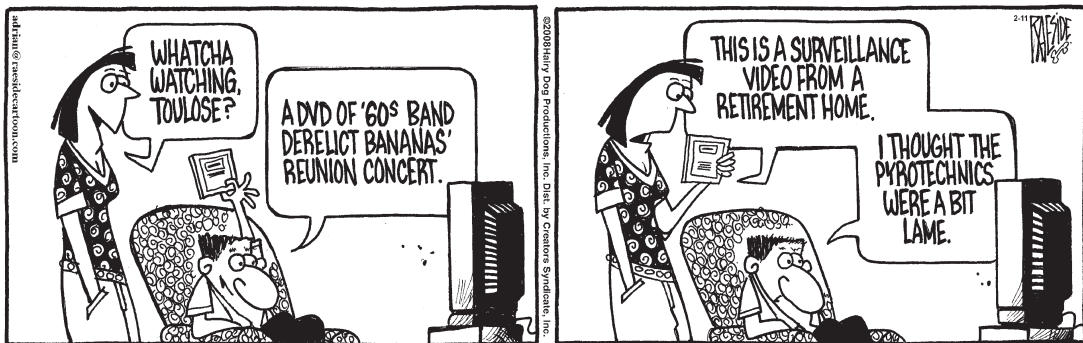
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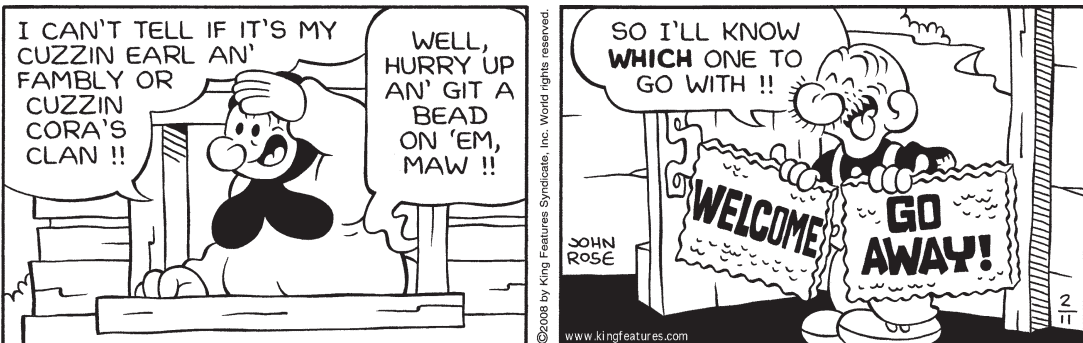
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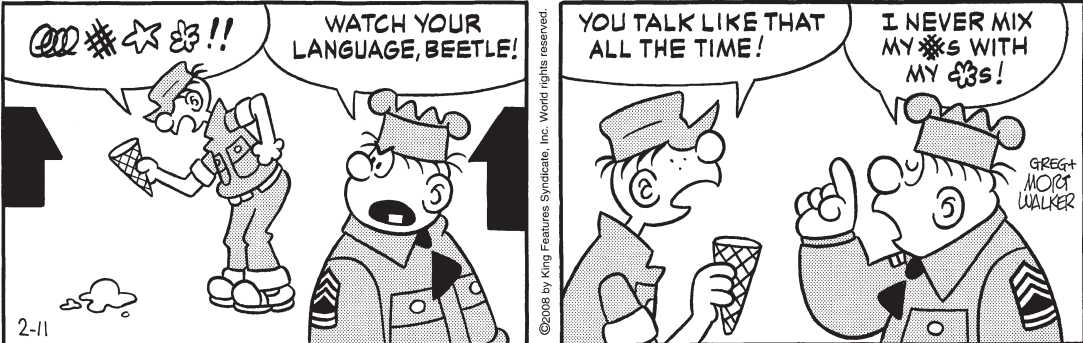
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2008. There are 324 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 11, 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed to have experienced the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near Lourdes.

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Answer to previous puzzle crossword grid with words like BEATIT, TAXPAYER, ELNINO, ONEONONE, SECRET MONITORS, etc.

Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 "Scat!" 5 Think alike 10 Grade-school orgs. 14 Pork cut 15 Comical circus performer 16 Ice-hockey venue 17 Competent 18 Sealed, as a package 19 Prefix for social 20 Places to buy dolls and bikes 22 Goes backpacking 23 Bicycle wheels 24 Stand up 25 Sahara animals 28 Pubs 31 Get from the ASPCA 32 Huge 34 Place a wager 35 Go jogging 36 Apple centers 37 Before, in poems 38 Moose relative 39 Spaghetti topping 40 Divide in two 42 Wine server 44 Chose from a group 45 Thanksgiving veggies 46 Oyster product 48 Heavy rope 50 Violinist's need 54 Type of vaccine 55 New Haven student 56 Moisturizer ingredient 57 Dreadful 58 Build up 59 Tear down 60 Sunrise direction 61 Bird homes 62 Storage building DOWN 1 Venetian-blind part 2 Boxcar rider 3 Greasy 4 Ragtime dance 5 Stage performers 6 Harsh light 7 Lariats 8 Rams' mates 9 Conclude 10 Express approval for 11 Peter Pan pal 12 Poker payment 13 Glides on snow 21 Lean slightly 22 Honeybee's home 24 Cleaning cloths 25 Is concerned 26 Grown up 27 Playground junglegym 28 Family-history diagram 29 Coward's lack 30 War horse 32 Noisy 33 Rainbow shape 36 Roller-coaster compartments 39 Identical 40 Toss 41 Eager to listen 43 Billfold 44 Military-school students 46 Laundry loads 47 Royal decree 48 Secret writing 49 Opera solo 50 Cab-ride cost 51 Unexciting 52 Leak slowly 53 Garden nuisance 55 Strong craving

6x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-62 indicating starting positions for the clues.