## HERALD

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THURSDAY March 2, 2000

## Weather

Tonleht:


Bone marrow screening slated A bone marrow screening
is planned Saturday from 10
First
 Frelowship Hall, Seventh and
Fend
Runnels Runnels streets. Tized drive has been orga-
for Ronny Crownover, state representa-
tive from south Denton, who has leukemia. He is the son-
in-law of Big Spring busi-in-law of Big Spring busi-
nesswoman Myra Robinson
of Robinson Mrilling of Robinson Driling, and the
son of the late Mr. and Mrs. son of the late Mr. and Mrs.
Bill Crownover of Big Spring.
Crownover, married to the
former Myra Ellen Robinson, Yormer Myra Eien Robinson,
who grew up in Big spring,
is a veterinarian in the Lake Dallas area.
Would.be donors will be
screened Saturday with a screened Saturday with a
simple blood test at no cost, provided by Cooks Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth.
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Cowner entered into a national ree
fotry that would 1 lnk ' them tstry that would unk them
with other patients in need with other patie
of bone marrow.

What's UP...
TODAY
OGenealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 7:15 p.m.,
Howard County Librar D. Masonic Lodge No. No. 3 340,
7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.
friday
FRIDAY TTe Greater Big Spring
Rotary Club noon, Howard Rotary Club, noon, How
College Cactus Room. College Cactus Room.
$\square$ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant. - Spring city Senior Citizens country/western
dance, $7: 30$ to $10: 30$ p.m. Al dance, $7: 30$ to 10 :
seniors invited.
saturday Dance, $8: 30$ p.m. Eagles Lodge, 704 W . Third.
Members and guests wel-

- Big Soring Squares call
$267-7043$
infor or 26263050
for more information.
MONDAY
OTexas Tech Exes, 6 p......
Sparenberg Ilde. 309 South Sparenberg Bldg. 009 South ${ }_{\text {Main }}$
 Third.
Kachel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn,
Guest singers from Stanton, Guest singers from stantin aHoward County Library Book Club, 7 p.m.., Howard

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your paper, please call 263 -
days and $11 \mathrm{am} . \mathrm{m}$. on Sunday.

Elbow Elementary students best in state at leukemia fundraiser By GINA GARZA

When Glenda McDonald, first grade teacher at Elbow Elementary, took on the "Coins for the Cause" campaign pro-

ject, she had no idea it would exceed her ject, she had no idea it would exceed her
expectations. This is a fundraiser for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. "We had set a goal of $\$ 1,000$, but at the
end of the fundraiser, we have raised end of the fundraiser, we
$\$ 6,701.05$," said McDonald. Out of 396 schools in Texas participat
ing in the drive, Elbow won first
4,
Tony Martinez, Danielle Sanchez, Keaton Hughes and Gabby Perez get some reading time in from Tony Martinez, Danielle Sanchez, Keaton Hughes and Gabby Perez get some reading time in from
their tent at "Camp Wanna Read." The Bauer Elementary students are reading in conjunction with Dr. Seuss' birthday.
Parents Who Care needing assistance with After Prom Party for 1,000 kids
By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor
Parents Who Care will begin Parents Who Care will begin
meeting Monday to plan for the Big Pring High School After Prom
"Committees are working to prepare for a thousand stu dents," said Linda Perez, chair-non-profit group.
The After Prom Party is a
drug- and alcohol-free event that gives juniors, seniors and their dates a safe place to have fun
after the Big Spring High
School Junior-Ser chool Junior-Senior Prom on April 15.
it will take more than 100 adults to make it work - plus dona tions from businesses and indiThe theme will be a Las Vegas night.
"We're going to do five mini casinos," said Perez. "We have ations in Las Vegas Students who attend the party

## Cable woes

KMID's decision to exercise option is cause for blocking duplicate WFAA programs

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

Cox Cable subscribers who
like to watch the ABC affiliate
WFAA out of Delle WFAA out of Dallas have been trustrated lately because on cer-
tain programs, the screen has
been blank. According to Cox Cable man-
ager Barry Treadgill, the probager Barry Treadgill, the prob-
lem can be easily explained. It's all about money and local affiliates losing advertising money
to outside affiliates. to outside affiliates. "The problem is that our local
ABC affiliate, KMID in Midland, is now exercising
their option to have duplicate their option to have duplicate
programming blocked out," said programmin
Treadgill.
"Essentially what that means
is if KMID is showing Oprah is if KMID is showing Oprah
Winfrey and WFAA is also in be blocked out, which means you will have to turn the station
to kMID to prek fopp" he satit to KMID to prick 14 up," he saffi.
"This will help keep the local "This will help keep the local
advertisers assured their com advertisers assured their com-
mercials will be heard." Treadgill said KMID could
have used its
ate, not WFAA in Dallas, Threadgill said.
"This is all a direct result of cable regulations that came out
a few years ago," said "Wew years ago," said Treadgill. pen eventually, we just didn't know when."
Treadgill
Treadgill wanted to empha-
size to his customers that Cox size to his customers, that Cox
Cable has no intention of dropping WFAA. "We have received a lot of calls from customers complain
ing about not being able to ing about not being able to it is not a duplicate program
they can still watch it they can still watch it on the
ABC affiliate WFAA. If it's not a duplicate such as local news, duplicate such as local news,
they can still watch it on the
Dallas station but Dallas station but we are not,
and I repeat, not, going to drop Wh I repeat, not, going to drop Treadgill said it is not an
extra load on their staff to extra load on their staff to pro-
gram in the blockage but did gram in the blockage but did
state that anytime KMiD had any changes to their programming, it must send the changes
to him in writing. "I want to stress "I want to stress once again
that we here at Cox Cable are that we here at Cox Cable are
doing everything we can to give our customers the best possible service and if they are having
problems receiving either of the problems receiving elther of the
ABC affiliates, give us a call and we will be glad to come out and check it out," Threadgill
said.
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Storms drop only a little rain
but more could be in forecast with the brunt of the storm as
dime-sized to golf ball-size hail dime-sized to golf ball-size hail was reported there. The NWS
building received the larger hail as well as severe lightning strikes nearby, Young said. Young said Big Spring and the vicinity still has a chance of get-
ting more moisture tonight with ting more moisture tonight with
a possibility of some severe a possibility of some severe
weather accompanying the rain.
Blow
rain.
Blowing dust is possible as
well, with wind gusts up to 30 well, with win
miles per hour.
As far as the long range fore-
cast, the best chance for any cast, the best chance for any measurable rain should cold
on Saturday, Young said.


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Steer Bucks. They'll have an
opportunity to play games for HOW TO HEIP $\begin{aligned} & \text { Have used its option two or } \\ & \text { chances to win more Steer }\end{aligned}$
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HERALD Staff Report Bucks. At the end of the night, dents can bid on prizes.
"There will be various. the students can play, too. For instance we'll have a basketball throw and the one with the
most free throws made will win most free throws made will win we get donated to us," Perez said.
Pizza and soft drinks will be
served throughout the "We're going to run a pretty "Oe re going to run a pretty "Once you are in the door, you are in the door. If you leave, you leave. You are not allowed in
The party will be held in the Big Spring Cafeteria from midnight until 5 a.m. It is open to
all Big Spring High School unior and seniors and their dates. They do not have to
attend the prom to attend the
After Prom Party.

"We're soliciting funds from his on, said Perez. "So when your door, please give heartily In addition to prizes and money, we need volunteers." Donations can be mailed to
Shelly Choate, 2713 Cindy in Big Spring. helping with the party are Who Care meeting set for $7: 30$ p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School library. The group
will be meeting each Monday will be meeting each Monday
night until the prom For more information, or to find out other ways to help, call
Perez at 263-4921. Perez at $263-4921$.

It wasn't much, but there is a
chance for a little more. Big Spring received 09 of an
inch of rain Wednesday night and early this morning, accord ing to Michael Young, meteorologist with the National Weathe Service in Midland. Though forecasters had pre
dicted most of the rain would be toward the east, it was Seminole mat received the most - a little
more than a third of an inch Midland received .27 while Lamesa and Stanton both recorded . 01.
Midland apparently got hit

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John Thomas West
Wisitation for John Thomas Thursday, March 2, 2000 , at Ruidoso, NMM, from 3-5.5 p...
queral service will be Friday arch 3, at Gateway Church o hrist in Ruidoso, N.M., with Burial will follow at Forest Mr. West tied Monday, Feb. He was born Feb. 3, 1925, at
amlin. He served in the Army luring World War II and the orean Conflict. He was Pas
Master of the Masonic Lodge in Wink, past Worthy Matron of he Order of the Eastern Star ormer board member of Alto
Lakes Country Club and board nember of Alto Lakes Water orporation. He retired from ears as field foreman. He livel n Wink from 1947 until 1989 nd served as mayor then Chber of the Gateway Church Christ. He married Audrey
Newton on Aug. 23, 1952, in He is survived by: his wife, on, J. Mark West of Lakewood, nd her husband, Jim Shaw pring, Laudane Carr o er husband, Bill, of Lubbock. als to Gateway Church of Arrangements are under the irection of LaGrone Funera Irene Mixson Befitting her life that spanned
more than nine decades, Irene slipped with
quiet serenity
from her mor-
tal frame to be
with her
Maker. This,
her avowed
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announce
only hours
before her
 somewhat tempered by the fact
that Irene had lived a long life that was her styl
he Piney Woods of deep Texas perhaps embued a gree thumb. She spent the adult case, a good deal of her great
stamina and seemingly bound-
NALLEY-PICKLE \& WELCH Funeral Home

| Irene Mixon. 92, died Wednesday. Services will be 1:00 PM Saturday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. |
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MYERS \& SMITH FUNERAL HOME $\&$ CHAPEL 24th \& Johneon $\begin{array}{r}\text { 267-8288 } \\ \text { Bob L. Custer, 68, died }\end{array}$
W. will be 11:00 AM, Saturday a
Myers \& Smith Chapel Buria Trinity Memorial Park. Gene Adkins, 67, died
Tuesday. Funeral services will Mary's Episcopal Church, with

 Economic and other reasons limited her formal education to
high school in Kirbyville. This high school in Kirbyville. This
in no way curbed her study and quest for knowledge. A tireless
reader, and endless researcher of the English language, she
was able to plumb the writings
and philoshies and philosophies of the deepest
thinking people from around
the world. Her compassid haps, thus found, led her to
much community was one of the founders of the American Cancer Society work'
in West Texas, the womans clubs, PTAs, the gray ladies, all Mention of her books must
include the include the Holy Bible of which A life-long Methodist and holder of most of the lay person's
jobs therein. Along with her
membership in the membership in the Philathe est memories would pre fon as a teacher in Sunday School of a young woman's class.
Those memories and members
would best be named would best be named Legion.
These precious thoughts,
these recognized activities. these accomplishments rather than flood to overwhelming ou we pray, we can gather them
all to encapsulate, if you will.
Then, in due time, to remove Then, in due time, to remove
them one by one to take time for sorrow, to remember, to
enjoy, That, we think, would be
Irenes final Irene's final wish.
May she rest in peace and
 and the Rev. Bill Fleming and
the Rev. Keith Wiseman, both of First United Methodist Interment will follow Thinity Memorial Park.
-The family suggests memor Methodist Church; P.O. Box
12292; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-
1229 or to 1229 or to the donor's favorite
charity.
Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle \&
Welch Funeral Home.

## Gene Adkins

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Big Spring Area

## District until retiring in 1995. He was with the Big Spring I.S.D. for 28 years and was in education for 35 years. He was

 education for 35 years. He wasa member of St. Mary's
Episcopal Church and served member of St. Mary's
Episcopal Church and served as organist and
for many years.
or many years.
He is survived by severa
cousins and numerous friends cousins and numerous friends. The family suggests memori als to St. Mary's Episcopa
Church; P.O. Box 2949; Bi Spring, Texas; $79721-2949$ or
other favorite charity other favorite charity Arrangements are under the
direction of Myers \& Smith
Funeral Home \& Cha direction of Myers \& Sn
funeral Home \& Chapel.

## Bob L. Custer

Bob L. Custer, 68, of Big
Spring, passed away on
Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at Cednes May, March 1, 2000, a
Scenic Mount Medical Center following a long illness.
Service is 11 a.m. Saturday,
 Memorial $P$ Pith full mi
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## tary honors.

 Spring in 1952, and was sta-
tioned at Webb Air Force Base Mr. Custer had served in
Okinawa, Korea, Vietnam, and
Germany. He retired from Germany. He retired from
Webb Air Force Base in 1971 .
Following his retirement Febb Air Force Base in 1971
Forked in civil retirement, he worked in civil service at Webb
until it closed. He was a member of the
American Legion Post 505
Luftbrucke Lodge, 838, A.F. \& He is survived by: his wife,
Gladys Custer of Big Spring,
hree daughters, Barbara three daughters, Barbara
Morrow and Tammy Custer,
both of Big Spring, Carrie

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 Jacrokee, Okla.; one brother, Cherokee, Okla.; eight grand Tiffany Rodriguez, Amanda Tiffany Rodriguez, AmandaMorrow, Seth Newell, Zachary
Williams, Hollie Williams Morrow, Seth Newell, Zachary
Williams. Hollie Williams.
Matthew Arnold and Sarah Matthew Arnold and Sarah
Arnold; two great-grandchil-
dren. Alec Rodriguez and dren, Alec Rodriguez and
Tristion Seay; and a number of
nieces and nephews.
Pallbearers will be Dr. John
Key, Hugo Campbell, Jimmy Key, Hugo Campbell, Jimmy
McCurtain, Ace Carter, John
Ramey, and Dean Johnson. Honorary pallbearers will be
Kenneth Orr, Robert Pritz,
Lester Pears Arrangements are under the
irection of Myers \& Smith Funeral Home

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help and participation because
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would have beemen pone oosithe..

## STUDENTS

## With. Saenz said there is a need for some financial local program local program. Contact the high school at 264 - 3641 for more information about

 3641 for more information aboutthe program or to help support

Six-year-old killer's home an 'appalling' environment
 taking a handgun to accuseol ond killing a first-grade classmate lived in a ramshackle house,
surrounded by strangers, crime and druged by strangers, crime and his mother lived some where else. Police said the loaded gun was
picked up by the boy in a bed room.
The boy told police that Tuesday's shooting of 6 -yeer-old
Kayla Rolland was an accident Kayla Rolland was an accident
and that he had only been try-
ing to scare the ing to scare the girl, prosecutor Arthur Busch said.
The shooting, and a rampage pednesday outside Pittsburgh grompted safy legislation today by
President Clint President Clinton. Clinton said he hoped to meet with House push for two bills he says are
stalled in Congress. The boy and his two siblings were placed by court order in
the custody offa maternal aunt
At the bearing the boy's moth At, The pearingo the boy's moth
er, Tamarla Owens, wept and
his father apologize his father apol
Tuesday's shooting.
II feel bad for the other family. I wish it would've never
have happened," said Dedric Owens, jailed on a parole violaburglary charges.
$\qquad$ today on ABC's "Good Morning America," Owens said he and
his son shouldn't be held responsible.
"The only thing I feel respon sible for is not being there in like a father, every day." Owens said. "Whoever was living in that house and had those guns
in the house should be responsible for the shooting. Id ol know
one thing, once I get out of her and get my head straight, I will try to get help for my son."
According to authorities,
Owens said his son had been Owens said his son had been
suspended before for fighting,
and once for stabbing a giri with a pencil.
Sheriff Robert Pickell said Sheriff Robert Pickell said
Owens had told authorities his
son liked violent movies and son liked violent movies and said Owens told him that when
he asked his son why he fought with other children, the boy The boy is too young to under
stand what he was doing, Busch stand what he was doing, Busch
said, and probably won't be
charged. Authorities vowed to pursue

## DUNNLAPS

 HeadquartersTexas Lottery


Lotto: 42,45,3,2,2, 11,50 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { criminal charges against adults } & \text { Lancaster, medical call, patient } \\ \text { who gave the boy access to the } \\ \text { transported to VA Medical } \\ .32 \text {-caliber semiautomatic hand } & \text { Center. } \\ \text { gun he used to shoot Kayla. A } & \text { 11:15 a.m. } 3200 \text { block } \\ \text { day earlier, the two aparently } & \text { Parkway, medical call, patient } \\ \text { scuffled on the playground at } & \text { transported to SMMC. }\end{array}$
 The Howard County Sheriff Office reported the following
activities from $\quad \mathbf{8} \quad \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{m}$ Wednesday through 8 a.m.
today:
 was arrested on charges of causing an accident involving damage to a vehicle, driving while license s
possession of ma

- NICKIE SU - NICKIE SUE ROBERTS theft by check on a charge of - SAMUEL MARTINEZ, 30 was arrested on charkes of
unlawfully carrying a weapon display of fictitious registra
tion, and driving while license

Police
The Big Spring Polic ${ }_{6523}$ Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at The Big Spring Police Alzheimer's Associatio
upport Group, last Thursday offtern 7 p.m. Call 267-9459. St. Mary's Episcopal C p.m. -DANIEL SALAS, 18 , was St. Mary's Episcopal
Call2268-4189 (pager no. Cali-268-4189 (pager no.)
-Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
$\qquad$ p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal
Church, 10 th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. -Alcoholics Anonymourus, 615
Settles, noon open meeting and Settles, noon open meet
8 p.m. Big Book Study. 8.m. Big Book Study.
Al-Anon support group,
noon, 615 Settles. noon, 615 Settles.
IR YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEAS
${ }_{- \text {BRIAN }}$ PORRAS, 20 , wa arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. CBURGLARY OF A VEHI-
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Submit it in whFolowing is a sumary ofblock of Coronado.
-BURGLARY OF A HABI1400 block of 111 th place.
-THEFT was reported in the1300 block of Runnels and in-GR block of Grege40, $\mathbf{~ 1 0 1}$ a.m. - 2900 block West80, medical call, patient trans-Medical Center.6:04 a.m. - 3900 blockguished by responding units.
Fire/ems
Following is a summary of
Big Spring Fir
Department/EMS reports:
WEDNESDAY
4:01 a.m. - 290077:54 a.m. -3200 blo
Parkway, transfer to SMMC.10:19 a.m. - 400 block Wes
17th Street, medical call
patient transported to SMMC.
10:28 a

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| FURNITIURE |
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REWARDI!
FOR THE RETURN OF TWO BLACK BRIEFCASES, TAKEN FROM TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH PARKING LOT.
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## Mexico, Colombia get passing grades in Clinton drug policy review

WASHINGTON (AP) -
Ignoring recommendations by top Republican lawmakers top Republican lawmakers,
President Clinton declared
Wednesday that Mexico is fully Wednesday that Mexico is fully
cooperating with U.S. counternarcotics efforts as it attempts to curb the country's well orga-
nized and often violent drug nized and
In his annual, congressional y-mandated report card on the performance of countries used as drug source or transit points
Clinton also "fully certified" Colombia as a reliable partne n the drug war despite a 20 per cent increase in coca cultiva-
tion.


Judge orders death row inmate released after 16 years HOUSTON (AP) - A Texas
death row inmate who could be reed after 16 years says he' pole on an Oklahoma lake promising law officials to stay "out of sight and out of mind." A federal judge on Wednesday
ordered Calvin Jerold Burdine o be freed within five days ecause state lawyers missed a deadline in his case. Burdine, ${ }^{46}$, has been behind bars since The inmate told The Associated Press in an inter liew last month that, if home at a lake north of Houston -or keep driving.

House passes repeal of Social Security earnings limit WASHINGTON (AP) - In
$\begin{gathered}\text { Sponsors said the time has } \\ \text { ancommon election-year bipar- } \\ \text { arrived to scrap the Depression- }\end{gathered}$ of the House R-Texas, chairman
isanship. House Republicans and Means
era law, originally enacted to isanship. House Republicans era law, originally enacted to Wednesday behind legislation make more jobs available for allowing 800,000 senior citizens between ages 65 and 69 to work without fear of losing Social Clinton pledged his support The House voted $422-0$ to send he Senate a bill repealing the ocial Security earnings limit. vhich amounts to a penalty of
1 in benefits for every $\$ 3$ a ecipient earns over $\$ 17,000$ this
to worry about Calvin
Burdine," he said. "We've got 80 acres in Oklahoma and I can get
out there and fish and relax out there and fish and relax
out of sight and out of mind. In his 16-page ruling
Wednesday U. Dister Wednesday, U.S. District Judge David Hittner wrote that burdine is is being held unconstiThe inmate was sent to death row for fatally stabbing his
roommate. His conviction was roommate. His conviction was
thrown out last year by Hittner thrown out tast year by Hecause his lawyer allegedy slept through long segments of In a CBS television interview with Burdine Wednesday, the inmate called Hittner's ruling make more jobs available for
younger workers. Retailers, restaurants and other business-
es are battling a labor shortage es are battling a labor shortage
and Congress is searching for modest accomplishments to offer senior voters - particular-
ly because agreement is less ly because agreement is less
likely on broader Medicare and Social Security reforms. want to discourage any American, whether they're 17
or 67 , from working?" said Rep.
"I'm gonna get to hug my crew. judge gave the state 120
The days to give Burdine a new trial or set him free. That time ran Hittner did ary. Hittner did not grant the state from retrying him. "The retrial itself would not violate Burdine's constitutional
rights." Hittner wrote ""The Court' refuses to warte. "The from retrying Burdine following In his ruling Hitt In his ruling, Hittner pointed same rules as defendants. "A same rules as defendants. "A
similar procedural error by
defense counsel in a capital case
uld result in a defendant's
The state will appeal to the The state will appeal to the
5th U.S. Circuit Court of 5th U.S. Circuit Court of
Appeals to keep Burdine in prison, spokeswoman Heather Browne said.
Burdine was Burdine was convicted of the
April 3, 1983, stabbing death of April 3, 1983, stabbing death of
W.T. Wise, a former Houstonarea housemate. Burdine told police he argued with Wise and
moved out of their trailer moved out of their trailer
because Wise, 50 , wanted him to work as a prostitute.
Evidence showed Burdine and an accomplice, Douglas burglary in which wise was burglary in which Wise was
stabbed. McCreight served eight
years in prison. stabbed. McCrei
years in prison. ing longer now, and older Americans can work, they want
to work, and they shouldn't be to work, and they shouldn't be
punished by an outdated law."
Senate Senate supporters promised prompt action. Clintor, in a letsaid he would sign the bill into law as long as it remains unencumbered by tax cuts or other changes he could not accept and
that have doomed several past that have doomed several past
repeal efforts. ${ }^{\text {repeal efforts. }}$ We should reward every

American who wants to and can
stay active and pren stay active and productive,"
said Clinton, who first called for the repeal in his 1992 campaign book "Putting People First" and
included it in his past two budgets. The legislation past two budThe legislation would take an
estimated $\$ 22.7$ billion out of the estimated $\$ 22.7$ billion out of the
Social Security trust fund over 10 years. It would not further jeopardize the program's solven-
cy. the Social cy the Social Security
Administration says, in part because more people working means more in payroll tax con-
tributions to the program.

Mexico or any other country so rassing setback Wedneciay
designated, but any such move designated, but any such move
is highly unlikely. On Colombia, McCaffrey said
President Andres Pastran President Andres Pastrana is pursuing an integrated strategy deserves continued U.S. sup-
port. port.
Colombia is the world's
largest producer and distributor largest producer and distributor
of cocaine and has been working casaine and hith been work-
ine Clinton administration on drug issues.
Clinton is seeking $\$ 1.6$ billion in Clinton is seeking $\$ 1.6$ billion in
assistance for Colombia over assistance for Colombia over
the next two years, most of to
counter drug activitie counter drug activities.
Colombia suffered an embar-

## Broken door apparently

 set shooting suspect offWILKINSBURG, Pa. (AP) Maintenance worker John the verbal abuse coming from Ronald Taylor that he picked up a hammer for self-defense. to fix a door When DeWitt left, called away to another job, Taylor was still angry.
Moments later, Taylor sho Moments later, Taylor shot
one of DeWitt's coworkers set one of DeWitt's coworkers, set
his apartment on fire and went his apartment on fire and went
on a shooting spree on a shooting spree at two fast-
food restaurants in suburr
pitt ood restaurants in suburban
Pittsburgh, police said. Two men died in
Wednesday's rampage an Wednesday's rampage and
three others were critically
wounded Police wounded. Police said one vic-
tim was braindead. tim was brain-dead.
Taylor, 39 was
Taylor, 39, was arrested in an
office building after he kept police at bay forter he kept
hours, holding four or five people in
wheelchairs wheelchairs hostage at a
senior hospice center. Also senior hospice center. Also
inside was a day-care center inside was a day-care center
with more than three-dozen
children with mor
children.
Other th
Other than the broken door,
authorities offered no other authorities offered no other
reason for the attacks.
Wilkin Wilkinsburg police Chief
Gerald Brewer Gerald Brewer said Taylor had
no criminal record. wanted for extrad drug suspe United Sor extradition to the maximum security prison : Bogota, smuggled out in an ol
mattress, prison officials mattress, prison officials said.
Fifteen of the police oficers at
Bogota's La Picota pricon Bogota's La Picota prison were
immediately suspended There was almost certainly "complicity" on the part guards or officials, prisons director Fabio Campos said. Colombian foreign minister Guilermo Fernandez said his "indeclinable reaffirmed its will" to fight drug trafficking.

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OPINION

## Turn off politicians who prattle about surpluses

 educational, tooThach year, Big Spring has the chance to see buried treasure during the annual Gem and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Big Spring
Prospector's Club. The 31st show begins on Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barn. We are lucky to have such an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group as the Prospectors here. Because of their work and connections in the field of rocks and
gems, this show will draw vendors from at least five gems, this show will draw vendors from at least five
states - Colorado, Wisconsin, Nevada, New Mexico states - Co
and Texas.
As always, there will be dealers, demonstrators, dis plays, spinning wheels, prizes, and a snack bar. Hours this year will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a m 5 p.m. on Sunday.
A door prize will be given every hour as well as a grand prize that is being kept a secret Demonstrations are always a highlight, and this year's show will feature a look at the hands-on work of Big Eagle, an American Indian silversmith from Colorado.
The best part is, admission to the show is always
free. Take your family out to the fair barns Saturday free. Take your family out to the fair barns Saturday or Sunday and take part in this amazing show of rocks and gems.
Let's support the Prospector's Club and keep thi

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| To the Edtor: <br> My husband, C. L. Atwell | After reading the article, I feel it clearly shows that election |
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| ce of Vista Care Family | I wondered how I would betreated by the new mayor if I |
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| h | city employee with an issue that concerned me. After all, I |
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| y husband's life, t | home, my son is a studentenrolled in the Big Spring |
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| sta Care made daily | School system, and my wifefinished her education at |
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| look forward to | Howard College. I feel I havea few ties in this community. |
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| Big Spring | employees to know that they |
| To the Edrtor: $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { can expect to be treated fairly } \\ & \text { by either of those two candi- }\end{aligned}$ |  |
| Thank you for publishing |  |
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| the responses to the Herald Questionnaire concerning the cise their rights as a citizen of Big Spring. | Big Spring. |
| Mayoral ele | Mitch Glu |
| Sunday paper, Feb. 20, 2000. |  |


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cop reporter. Time after time, 1
saw people who had started out
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their day expecting it to be normal onily to end up dead.
None of the people None of the people whose man-
gled bodies i vfiwed had gotten up that morning expecting it to
be his or her last day on earth. be his or her last
Death surprised them, a
does people does people every day.
Projections atbut such thing
as deficite tr as deficits or surpluses are
examples of people not understanding the difference
between mathematics, which is behavior, which is unpredictable. Every projection, whether of population or ta
revenues or whatever is revenues or whatever, is jux a a
math answer that is predicated on a set of assumptions and a formula.
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Honest men would precede any projection by a detailed
of all the assumptions on which it is based. The same Weople who are now projecting
budget surpluses were, only a budget surpluses were, on
few years ago, projecting few years ago, projecting
deficits "for the indefinite future."
It is poi
It is pointless, really, to do
anything based on projections.
The economy, for example, is
not a thing, though people, talk
of the economy as if it were of the economy as if it wer
something entirely separate from human actions. In fact though, the economy is just th sum of millions of individual given point of time. Those ind vidual decisions are based on people's individual perception of the circumstances in which circumstances and the perceptions can change in a matter minutes. Therefore, what peogive you even a clue as to what
they might they might be doing a year
from now.
$\qquad$ It is sensible to set long-range goais, but planning should be
confined immediate fue present and more than two ye say, no though the next day is unknowable, humans have no choice but to act on a few basic assumptions.
Years ago, a rookie reporter
was taking the weather data from a veteran weatherman on the telephone. The old meteo-
rologist droned out the facts rologist droned out the fact
such as the times of sunrise and sunset. When he gave the
rookie the hour and minutes of
sunrise, the reporter interrupted him to ask if it was " a .m. p.m.?" There was a long pause and then the weatherman said "Well, son, if it ain't a.m.,
you're going to have yourself you're going to have yo
one hell of a news story We assume the sun will rise
tomorrow, and we assume we tomorrow, and we assume
will be here to see it We assume a lot, but we ought always to keep in mind that
the only certainty in our lives the only certainty in our li
is the present moment is the present moment. spend too much time remem bering the past or too much
time imagining the future time imagining the future, lest
the only reality we will ever the only reality we will ever
know, the present moment, slips by while we are uncon
scious of it scious of it. Whenever politicians begin pratte about the future, you
should turn them off - espe cially those who talk about what should be done with
nonexistent surpluses. Even the present surplus is an guarantee that there will be
surplus next year, much less surplus next year, much les
for the next 10 .


## My dog: Rufus the red retriever

 R has been enjoying messy attempts at adventure but with Rufus aboard she'ssatisfied. Now when I let her out to ramble, she sticks close
to the porch. Insatiable life keeps knockin Insatiable life keeps knock
back days, and we all grow
older. To do so in the undeolder. To do so in the unde-
manding, uncomplaining and
graceful fashion of an old dog graceful fashion of an old dog
would be the trick. I left Rufus at the kindly
vet's yesterday. A tumor had vet's yesterday. A tumor had
sprouted on his side like a this tle in a hay field. The veteri-
narian recommended surgery. narian recommended surgery.
Rufus looked strange on the cold stainless-steel table, his
head down in defensive subheas down in iefensive subfall, of the sumac that turns
toward winter first, of Georgia toward winter first, of Georgi
clay, of the sunset's bitter clay, of the sunset's bitter
orange end. He is the color of orature end. He in the color of that room was natural.
The drive home seemed The drive home seemed long. There were dogs in every yard passed through the rural vales between the doctor's and home Maxie resumed digging Tom T. Hall already has said it better than I ever could. Old
dogs have the kind of loyalty dogs have the kind of loyalty much less display. Dogs don't care if you got the promotion, if the stock split, if
the new car has Wimbledon. the new car has WimbledonWhite leather seats. They will
ride in any old truck or wreck just to get to make the trip.

A dog will wait for you, no
questions asked, and be glad
when you finally return. The don't care if you've been in
Stockholm picking up a prize Stockholm picking up a prize, or in jail. Makes no difference.
I've never been one to swear off de never because their
inevitable deaths cause pain Dogs add more joy to this life
than almost anything else, and than almost anything else, and and a spare. One day with dog is one day too many.
Rufus, at 14 years old, ma may not survive this latest Rufus' advanced age, the aneshesia posed a danger. But he's been through near-
death experiences before, ncluding swallowing rat poiz son as a puppy. muscles mysteriously went muscles mysteriously w
slack, student vets at Mississippi State University
took turns reminding Rufus took turns reminding Rufus how to eat, praising his ever stuffed animals in his mouth The dog originally intended as duck-hunting companion was more ap
Rufus remembers those lessons of long ago, and when he sees you rushes to the food bowl as if to say, "See what a
good dog I am." Always eager good dog I am." Always eage
to please.
I'll bet he'll be back, to this easy life, an extended cruise in the sunshine, a blanket across
the lap, all-day buffet dining And, if not, he leaves his And, if not, he leaves his

## Stud <br> LOS ANGELE characters on segregated in segregated in and on fledglin and WB, a Actors this week. Conducted Southern Calif professor Dar study examin drama serie ABC, CBS, two newer The report groups wrappe groups wrapp to commit to diverse progr

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Romona Blunte, above, left, a student from Bermuda, won the Miss Black Deaf Pageant Tuesday at SouthWest Colleglate Institute for the Deaf. She is shown with runner-up Rhonda Simmons, a student from Missourl. Top right, Blunte shows her dancing talent. Below, right, simmons shows her singing
ability. Both women, who are studying to be para-professionals for the hearing impaired, in schools, will represent SWCID in August in Houston at the statewide convention and pageant.


## Setting life goals can be more difficult for some

## QUESTION: I'm 21 years ol and still haven't figured ou

 and still haven't figured outwhat I want to do with my life. How can I find an achievable
goal and begin moving toward DR. DOBSON: Selecting an occupation and training for it can be a very difficult assign-
ment. It's tough to predict what ment. It's tough to predict what
you'll want to be doing when you're 50 or 60 years old, yet
you're obligated to guess, $⿲$ yeu you're obligated to guess
may not even know what the work will be like, yet you demic program or otherwise seek ways to train for it. The decisions you make
under these circumstances may under these circumstances may
lock you into something you will later hate. And there are social pressures that influence
your choices. For example, how many young women secretly
want to be wives and mothers but are afraid to admit it in today's "liberated" society? Furthermore, how can a girl
plan to do something that plan to do something participation of
renother person -. a husband .-
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my hands, perhaps in carpen my hands, perhaps in carpen-
try or stonemasonry. I would try or stonemasonry, I would Craftsmanship is just not in my nature. I spent an entire semes ter trying to make a box in
which to store shoeshine stuff What a waste! At least that What a waste! At least that
experience helped me rule out

## few occupational possibilities To make an informed dec

 To make an informed deci-sion about a profession, you'll need to fit six essential components together:

1. It must be genuinely like to do. This genuinely like to do. This
choice requires you to identify your own strengths, weaknesses and interests.
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 but lack the talent to do the
academic work and pass the bar examination.
2. It must be something you can earn a living by doing. You might want to be an artist, but if people don't buy your paint-
ings, you could starve while sitting at your easel.
3. It must be something you
are permitted to do. You might are permitted to do. You might
make a wonderful physician and could handle the training but can't gain entrance to medical school. I went through a
Ph.D. program in graduate Ph.D. program in graduate
school with a fellow student who washed out after seven
years of classwork. He made it o the last big exam before his
Given this challenge, it inn't

professors told him, "You're $\begin{gathered}\text { surprising that so many young } \\ \text { people like yourself struggle in }\end{gathered}$ | out." It must be something that $\begin{array}{l}\text { people like yourself struggle in } \\ \text { their early 20s. They become }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | brings cultural affirmation. In immobilized for years, not $\begin{array}{ll}\text { other words, most people need } & \text { knowing what or do ne measure of respect } \\ \text { Young adults in this situation }\end{array}$ from their contemporaries for remind me of rockets sitting on hat they do. This is the one their launch pads. Their reason women have found it engines are roaring and belch-

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with a faith. it must be some- the stratosphere, but there it $\begin{array}{ll}\text { thing that you feel you should } & \text { the stratosphere, but there it } \\ \text { sits as if bolted to the pad. I've }\end{array}$ be doing with your life. Some met many men and women in refer to this as a "calling," or a their early 20s whose rockets sense of meaning that work just would not lift them off the
should provide. should provide.
What makes
What makes it so tough to
choose an occupation is that all choose an occupation is that all
six of these requirements must be met at the same time. If you get five of them down but you
don't like what you have select ed, you're in trouble. If you can get five together but are rejected by the required professional
schools, you are blocked. If you schools, you are blocked. If you can't earn a living at the job of
your choice, the system fails.
ground.
And yes, I've known a few And yes, r ve known a few
whose engines blew up and whose engines blew up and
scatered the debris of broken dreams all over the launch pad.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr James C. Dobson's "Focus on the amily" appears each Thursday Mountain Medical Cort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs,
Colo.; 80903 .

## Study: Black TV characters still face segregation

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Black ing. A nearly all-white slate of
characters on TV tend to be fall 1999 new series prompted LOS ANGELES (AP) - Black
characters on TV tend to be
segregated in certain sitcoms and on fledgling networks UPN and WB, according to a Screen
Actors Guild study released this week. Conducted by University of Southern California sociology
professor Darnell Hunt the study examined all comedy and drama series that aired on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and the two newer networks during
five weeks in 1999 . The report was released Thursday, shortly after the NAACP and other civil rights
groups wrapped up agreements groups wrapped up agreements with the four major networks
to commit to more ethnically
diverse programming and hir-
the groups to act.
Hunt said his findings were important because the way TV includes or excludes groups of people reflects "unresolved ances in our society " Hunt found that blacks were numerically well represented. the U.S. population but accounted for nearly 16 percent
of the characters seen on the six networks during the period reviewed.
But about half of all black characters appeared in comethird, 30 percent, of all white
characters, the study found.

Hunt said his findings were important because (they reflect) "unresolved questions about power imbalances in our society.

The black characters were Thencentrated on UPN and WB. The networks produced less
than a third of the episodes aired, 29.4 percent, but accounted for more than 44 percent of all black characters seen in
prime time. prime time.
Seven predominantly black Seven predominantly black
sitcoms airing Monday and
Friday nights on UPN and WB
represent nearly two-thirds of
all black prime time characters
who appear for a all black prime time characters
who appear for a substantial amount of time, more than 10
minutes. The study "seems to go right To the heart of what our effort has been all about," said Frank Berry, Western region execu-
tive director of the NAACP. tive director of the NAACP.
Blacks "are being steered, for whatever reason, into comeBerry said blacks need to Berry said blacks need to
branch out not only into dramatic acting roles, but into writing and directing jobs to
ensure their experience is accurately portrayed.
Whate pertrayed.
While every show UPN
featured a black series regular,
less than half of WB's shows
had blacks as regular characlers. That suggests "the WB into 'black' and 'white' shows," according to the study.
The statistics reflect the tendency of newer networks to go after underserved minority audiences to build view.
a tactic Fox once used. But now blacks are underrep resented at Fox, the study
found, and at NBC as well: Les found, and at NBC as well: Less than 10 percent of the charac-
ters on Fox and about 11 per cent of those on NBC wer black, and most were not cen
tral to story lines. Nearly 15 percent of all char-
acters in ABC series and 13 per-
cent of CBS characters were acters in ABC series and 13 per-
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## Loyalists: Picking

 up their paper trail The Loyalists left a papertrail for us to follow, but hav-
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fought on the side of the fought on the side of the
English in the Revolutionary War, are
 published 25 Rawls ing passenger and abstracts from court files pertaining to immigration to America.
His newest book covers the
vast paper trail left by the Loyalists. They were persecut-
ed, saw their lands and propered, saw their lands and proper-
ty confiscated, were accused of y confiscated, were accused of
reason and some expelled from their country. Some were
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## men to fight before, trie ware? but after, many of the Loyalists but after, many of the Loyalists

 everything they had and lost it all. Parliament set up a com-mission to hear the complaints of these Americans who had remained loyal to the Crown. The claimants filed affi-
davits, depositions, wills, correspondence and a variety of other court records, such as cooperation from the courtStates. Lawyers and judges viewed them as traitors. Mr. Coldham has examined
the 146 boxed of claims and he 146 boxed of claims an entries. He has arranged them y the former state of residence and alphabetically. tion about the whereabouts of family members who otherwise disappeared without a trace, and can reveal parents, places,
of nativity, names of family of nativity, names of family
members, dates of death and property losses.
The book sells for 75 cents, plus $\$ 3.50$ handling. It can be Prdered from Genealogical
Publishing company, 1001 N . Calvert St. Baltimore, MD
$21202-3897$ or call 1-800-296-6687 21202-3897 or call
o order by phon
One of my own
a Loyalist and ancestors was book will help me find more information on him and his
family. I explore all avenues in my research.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy for the Big Spring
Herald. To contact him, call the life! desk at 263.7331, ext. 236 and leave a message.

Jason Ray Wright, grandson of Maurice and Nell Wright of Big Spriny received his Eagle Scout badge on Feb. 5. The son of Ray and Norma Wright of Tulsa, Okla., Jason began Scouting as a Tiger Cub. In Cub Scouts, he
earned his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos badges, as well as the highest

 also earned 29 merit badges.
Jason enjoys camping, and will be going to Philmont this summer
When planning his Eagle project, Jason thought about how fortunate he is to
never have to wory about where his food comes from. From this, he began never have to worry about where his food comes from. From this, he began a can food drive for the less fortunate. He and eight fellow Scouts plus four 1,000 cans to the John $3: 16$ Mission in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla, His pro ject earned a special award from the Scout office for his help with the needy. Jason, at age 13 , is one of the youngest Scouts to earn the Eagle, which
only 4 percent only 4 percent of Scouts will attain.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a volunteer program promotes immunizations. Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic
Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations. Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the in
To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 2642397 .

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE is available each Monday through March 27, 9 a.m.noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive. All citizens are eligibile to receive this tree assistance.
Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything eise received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Ple
Dorothy Kennemur, $398-5522$, or the center, $267-1628$, for more information.

Sanctuary is home for wolfdogs

It starts as thRINGS (AP) It starts as the low moan of
one voice, a tremulous vibra-
tion tickling the air then rise ion tickling the air, then rises
in pitch and mass. An eternity of instinct takes over as two, three, then five more throats
join in the irresistible chorus, and all human conversation is drowned out by the sound of
the wolfen howl. "'They're th assures Kathi Ebert-Spears. nuzzling a wolfdog pup as the impromptu howls slowly rise to a crescendo, then recede
into a quiet to match the whispering winds blowing through the surrounding woods.
The sounds of wolves that The sounds of wolves that
were long ago removed from the countryside of Hopkins County have returned to a 40 acre patch of woods, water and
wildlife south of Reilly Springs wildilife south of Reilly Springs
where Kathi and her husband, Rich Spears, are building one of only a handful of sanctuaries for wolf-d
United States.
When I started doing some very few rescue centers that
take wolf hybrids," said Kathi take wolf hybrids," said Kathi.
"All the humane societies, if they can't find a home for them in three days, they'll put them down, and that's if the
can keep them three days." The rescue center, Kali Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary, Is a nonprofit organization pro-
viding a home for abused orphaned and abandoned cap-ive-bred wolfdogs. The sanctuary wasn't supposed to open whelming need for homes for nwanted wolfdogs forced hem to begin accepting
mals four months early. "We weren't planning on We're not even physically set up, but we had to, in order to
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15 animals a week 15 animals a ro beyond maximum capacity.


The Toney Brothers Con'inert Friday, March 3rd • 7:00 p.m. East Side Baptist Church






























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## Observatory is window to the stars

 a deserted hill looking a little presentations at the University
bit like something out of the so students could study
planetarium. bit like something out of the
latest "Aliens" movie. It's not $\begin{gathered}\text { Planetarium. } \\ \text { This semester, Sonntag will }\end{gathered} \begin{aligned} & \text { the stars, but with the observa- } \\ & \text { tory's remote location, viewing }\end{aligned}$ latest Aliens movie. It's not This semester, Sonntag will tory's remote location, viewing
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continue to use the observatory is much easier without the $\begin{array}{ll}\text { anothrer planet, but a devicef for } \\ \text { looking at the planets, the stars } & \text { forsses and public shows. students in an astro. }\end{array}$ looking at the planets, the stars Also, students in an astro- The observatory is equipped
and the galaxies. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { and the galaxies. University's } \\ \text { Angelo State } & \begin{array}{l}\text { physics course will use the } \\ \text { observatory for research pro- }\end{array} \text { with a telescope that has a } \\ \text { inch diameter mirror, a pho }\end{array}$ remote observatory is about 20 jects, he said. tometer, CCD camera and vide
miles west of San Anger miles west of San Angelo on But the observatory's uses camera. IBM Home Director $\left.\begin{array}{lll}\text { private land. It's not a large } \\ \text { building - about } 10 \text { feet in } & \text { are just starting to be tapped. } \\ \text { Faculty can use the observa- } & \text { software and PC Anywhere } \\ \text { software allows Sonntag to con }\end{array}\right)$ diameter and about 10 feet tall tory for research and Sonntag trol the telescope from the ASU - but the possibilities for the structure and the telescope it Dr. Mark Sonntag, ASU physics professor, and University Planetarium director, formed the idea for such an

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continued to explore the idea
and condicted reser and condjected research to demonstrate how such
observatory could be useful. observatory couma
He bought small telescop and cameras and had his research published. Three
years ago, the National Science years ago, the National Science
Foundation funded Sonntag's grant request. The foundation provided about half of the
observatory's equipment observa
$\$ 25,000$.
ASU funded the other half of the equipment cost and the building cost, with the project
totaling about $\$ 60,000$, said. said.
one working has been the only at times, the process has seemed slow, but last semester, ASU started reaping the
fits of its new observatory.
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and lecture courses have been and lecture courses have been
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Baseball boosters meeting for Sund The Big Spring
Boosters Club will m p.m. Sunday at Steer
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## On the

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## In Brief

Baseball boosters set meeting for Sunday The Big Spring Basebal
Boosters Club will meet at 1:30 B.m. Sunday at Steer Park.
Members will hang two bat Members will hang two bat-
ting nets and conduct a short ting nets and conduct a short
business meeting to answer any questions.
are encouraged to attend. For more information,
Jim Clements at 267-1069. Coahoma Little League registration beginning Junior League will conduct registration tonight for young
sters planning to play baseball this season. Registration will be held at
the Coahoma ballpark from 6 YMCA begins registration for roller hockey program Youngsters between the ages
of 8 and 17 interested in playing roller hockey this spring
can now register at the Big can now register at the
Spring Family YMCA. tration is Saturday, March 11. Players must provide their
own equipment and practices begin on March 20. A six-game
league schedule is slated to begin the week of April 3 .
Registration will be $\$ 25$ for Registration will be $\$ 25$ for
non-members and $\$ 20$ for basic program members.
For more information, UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays this month Big Spring's United Girls
Softball Association has Sctidaluled registration for
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fach Saturday in March at the Big Spring Mall. Tavent ind day ior grist of stgn up. players must have a copy of
their birth certificate. For more information, call
$267-7466,267-2208$ or $267-4947$.

Little League umpires to meet on March 11 The Big Spring Little
League Umpires Association will have its first meeting of
the year at $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Saturday March yer at 9 a.m. Saturday,
Meague American League park.
Anyone inte Anyone interested in umpir ing is invited to attend.
For more information, call
Kevin Pirtle at $267-5053$ or 264 Kevin
0241.
Three-on-three tourney scheduled for March 11 A
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3-on-3 basketball tourna
benefitting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for Saturday,
March 11, at Forsar High For more information, call
Ernie Strickland at 263-4659.

## Area Games

TODCO PLAYOFFS
$\mathbf{5}$ p.m.

* Howard Hawks vs. Southwest Christian at United Spirit Arena in
hiah school basebal - Big Spring Steers at Woifforth. Colorado
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## On the air



Steers football players offering ride to the polls on Saturday JOHN A. MOSELEY $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Managing Editor } & \begin{array}{l}\text { ers will be dispatched to provide that } \\ \text { transportation. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { programs - both of those teams will be } \\ \text { out of town during Saturday's balloting }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { But } \\ \text { will } \\ \text { It's called giving something back to the }\end{array} \\ \text { community. } \\ \text { Many of }\end{array}$

Managing Editor


## Solid Hawks pitching provides sweep of McMurry junior varsity




Howard made it 2.0 in the third inning when McMurtry led off by drawing a when Alsup hit into wrom the base paths Ryan Devere immediately however, as he ripped a double McMurry managed to score a pair of
earned runs in the fourth inning to dead lock the game at 2-all, but the Hawk came right back with the game-winning run in the fifth when Alsup led off with
a double and Caleb Reger followed with a double and
an RBI single.
The nightcap saw Green scatter five McMurry hits in going the distance. The Green struck out six
"He (Green) was just unbelievable ...
all three of our pitchers all three of our pitchers were,", Hays noted. "But Jerred was kind of a sur-
prise. It was the first time he's pitched All the spand he was just masterful." All the second game's runs came in the

ABILENE - Strong pitching and just nough hitting proved to be the ticket
Howard College Hawks, as they swept a Wednesday doubleheader from McMurry University's junior varsity at Wal Driggers Field.
The Hawks' 3 -
their record to $13-9$ overall, as they head into a three-game Western Junior series this weekend when they pay a cal n R1 Paso Community College' While the Hawkst pitching was
extremely solid and Howard played extremely solid and Howard played good defense for the most part, Hawks coach
Justin Hays admitted he'd like to have seen his team produce a little more "We played well defensively, but we
did have three errors,"Hays said follow-
ing the sweep. "We really didn"t play


## LADY HAWKS

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will have the Howard－ ing to blow people out when we＇re winnin bug，＂Mayberry
explained．＂Me don＇t drop off explained．We don＇t drop off
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our bench．I⿴囗十⺝刂 faet，at times we＇re a little better with people
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match up． match up．：
There＇s，little question in Mayberry＇s mind that this
year＇s Region $V$ women＇s field is one of the strongest in many years． Not only is No．18－ranked
Midland among the eight teams， but so is No． 2 －ranked and unbeaten Grayson County，
which boasts a $30-0$ record，and another Top 10 team in
Weatherford． The women＇s tournament
begins at 10：30 a．m．Friday with Odessa taking on Weatherford．
New Mexic Junior College New Mexico Junior College was
open with Grayson at $2: 30$ p．m． and Midland will take on Temple at $4: 30$ p．m．
Saturday＇s semifinal games McLennan winner playing the p．m．，followed by the Odessa Weatherford winner facing the Midland－Temple winner at $8: 30$ ． is set for 5 pm ． field a tremendously strong Mayberry said． ＂They（Lady Vikings）have been absolutely destroying peo
ple．I think we probably played them better than anyone else has and they wound up beating
us by $30, "$ he continued． us by $30, "$ he continued．
＂Of course，that was early in the season when we were still learning．＂he added．＂Bu Weatherford has probably the
best team they＇ve ever had and best team they＇ve ever had and
they won the region three years ago and went to the national tournament．Midland＇s got a great team that finished third
in the nation last year． ＂One thing＇s for sure，it＇s going to be a great basketbal wins it．＂
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 Lexington, Va. In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico
In 1899, President McKinley signed a measure creating the rank of Admiral of the Navy for Admiral George Dewey.
In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.
In 1917 , Puerto Ricans were In 1923. Time magazine made its debut.
In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope, hius XI.
Pin 1939, the Massachusetts In 1939, the Massachusetts
legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after
the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect. 1949 , an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady
II, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first non stop round-the-world flight.
In 1977, the U. S. House of Representatives adopted a stric
code of ethics. Ten years ago: More than
6.000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc
(the company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers). A grenade attack on a discotheque in
Panama killed a U.S. soldier Panamured 28 other people.
and injur Five years ago: The Senate rejected the balanced-budget amendment; the vote, 65-35, was
two votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for passage. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off to study the far
reaches of the universe. The last U.N. peacekeepers in British trader Nick Leeson blamed for the collapse of
Barings PLC, was detained in Barings PLC,
Germany. One year ago: Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan
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