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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Luncheon set Wednesday to honor Andries

A luncheon honoring retiring Big Spring Boy's Club founder and director Bert Andries will be held at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at the club, 212 East Third St.

The event is open to the public but reservations must be made before 10 a.m. Tuesday by calling 267-5201 or 263-1822. Tickets are \$10 each, payable at the door. The meal will be catered by Al's & Son Bar-B-Q.

A special invitation goes out to men who were members of the Boy's Club in their youth.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third. Call 267-3068.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, Masonic Temple.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beaucourt, 6:30 p.m. meeting, 7:30 p.m. dinner, Masonic Temple 221 1/2 Main.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary Club, meets at noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall.

### WEDNESDAY

Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175 for information.

Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie meet at 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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## Deadline nears for Valentine's gifts

By VALERIE AVERY  
Herald Correspondent

Orders for Valentine's Day gifts may be placed up until Wednesday or until the inventory is depleted from the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council office.



RUSSWORM

Volunteers will man phone lines during a special Sunday afternoon session from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Big Spring State Hospital. All Valentine's Day gifts cost \$8, which includes delivery. Singing telegrams are \$20. "Volunteers will be in the office Sunday afternoon working and taking orders," said Billie Russworm, Big Spring State Hospital director of community relations. "We will be making candy on Sunday — toffee, chocolate truffles and fudge.

Those will be put in a glass jar with a wooden lid and be one of the many items we'll have for sale."

The number and selection of gifts have been expanded this year to keep up with the high demand, Russworm said. "Sales have been steady. But we really expect the crush to come this weekend and early next week. People typically wait until the last moment to purchase

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## Community leaders urge support for Ports-to-Plains

HERALD Staff Report

Local community leaders are encouraging Howard County residents to attend a public hearing Tuesday on proposed routes for the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor. The hearing will be held at Dora Roberts Civic Center and begins with an informal open house at 6 p.m. The Texas

Department of Transportation will make a formal presentation at 6:30 and a public comment period will begin at 7.

Ports-to-Plains was designated as a high priority corridor in the 1998 federal highway bill due to its direct connection with the Mexico border.

There are six proposed See MEETING, page 2

## State veterans home dedication nears

Facility tours, ceremony set next Monday

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

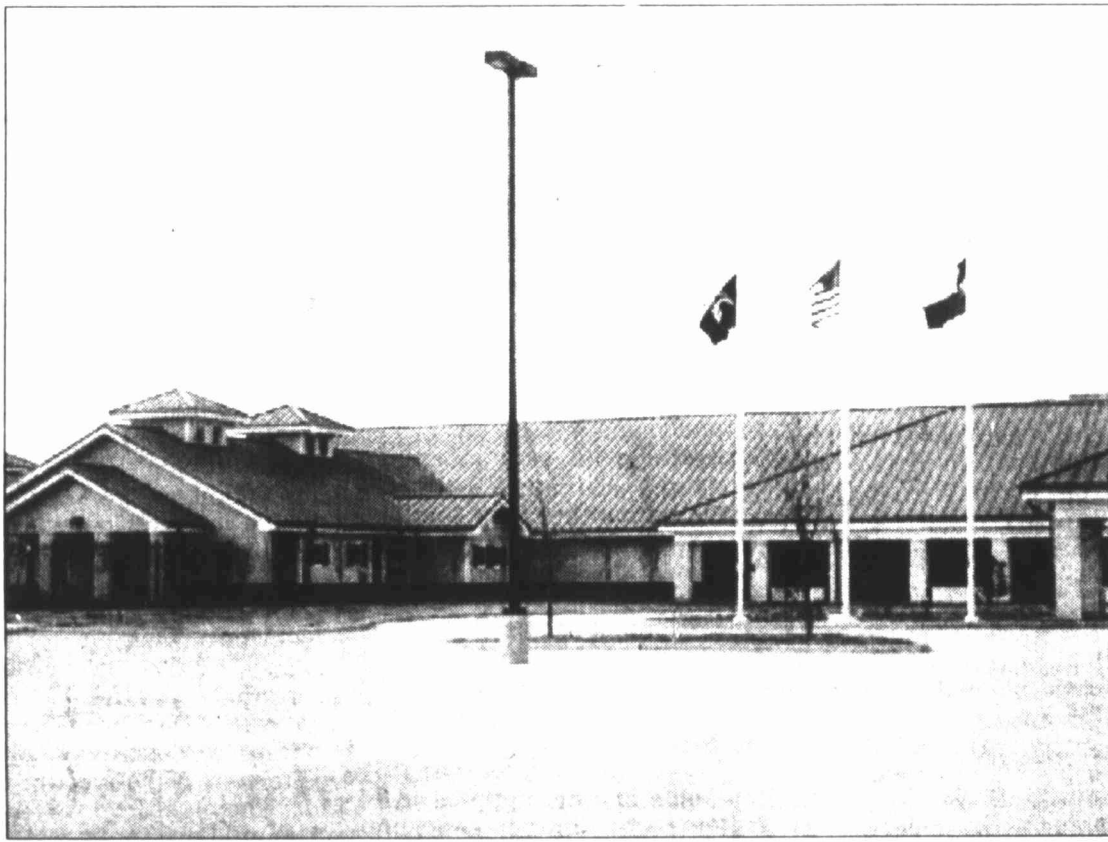
A number of dignitaries will be on hand next Monday when the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home is dedicated.

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst will officiate at the ceremony, which is open to the public and will begin at 11 a.m.

"Our Texas veterans are finally going to get skilled, first-rate quality care in a home custom-made for them; the facilities are going to boost the economies in the communities where they are built; and Texas taxpayers are going to save more of their hard-earned money," said Dewhurst, chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Dewhurst will be joined Monday by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, State Sen. Robert Duncan, State Rep. David Counts, members of the Texas Veterans Land Board and local officials.

The long-term, skilled nursing care facility is one of four built for Texas vet-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will be dedicated at 11 a.m. next Monday. A number of public officials will be in Big Spring for the ceremony, including Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, State Sen. Robert Duncan, State Rep. David Counts and members of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

erans. Others are the Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home in Floresville, the Clyde W. Cosper Texas State Veterans Home in Bonham and the William R. Courtney State Veterans Home in Temple.

The Big Spring home is named after veterans Joe M. True Lusk, Reynaldo Sanchez and David Lamun. Members of their families will participate in the ceremony. Children from the Lusk and Sanchez families

will lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The ceremony will feature posting of the colors by the Goodfellow Air Force Base honor guard. Big Spring High School Rhapsody members will sing the national anthem.

Refreshments will be provided and those attending will be able to tour the new 160-bed facility, which includes a central dining area, library, barber/beauty shop, gift shop, a meditation

room and recreational areas. Within the 76,000-square-foot home is a 32-bed Alzheimer's unit with a secure courtyard.

The facility will provide physical, speech and occupational therapy, on-going health care assessments, hospice care, respite care, social services, therapeutic activities and wound care.

The facility is expected to employ 150 people and have an annual payroll of some \$3 million.

## State VFW officials revoke Colorado City post's charter

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — A fixture in Colorado City for 53 years has been padlocked and will be sold at an auction at a later date.

The charter of Colorado City's VFW Post No. 9178 was revoked recently due to lack of member's involvement in attending required

meetings and failing to file the required paperwork with VFW headquarters in Austin.

The VFW was once was the "happening" place to go on a Friday night. In the late 40s and 50s you could go and listen to the sounds of Hoyle Nix and the West Texas Cowboys or local bands that aspired to make their mark. Then in the 60s, singers like Johnny Bush

and Don Walsler would grace the stage to a standing room only crowd listening to Bush wail out "Whiskey River" and "Green Snakes on the Ceiling."

What led to the club's ultimate demise evidently was when a meeting was called by State Vice Commander Danny Henry of Odessa. He called for a mandatory meeting to be held over the Christmas/New Year holi-

day on Dec. 28. The meeting was attended by a mere four members. The post is listed as having 90 members, several who are charter or life members.

One of those life members is D.M. Smith, a retired farmer and a veteran of World War II.

"I made the first meeting and the last one but not many in between," said Smith. "The night of Jan.

25, another meeting was called and two VFW officials came from Austin to close and padlock the building. When I attempted to ask a question or two one of the men said, 'Guys like you who quit attending are the reason I'm taking the charge.'

Smith said though he hasn't been able to attend many

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## Computer, genealogy classes are favorites for Senior Academy

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Computer courses and a genealogy class offered through Howard College's Continuing Education Department Senior Academy has received a positive response from the community.

"We have had a tremendous response from the community," said Stacy Payne DeArmond, director of Workforce Training and the Risk Management Academy.

The program was developed for people age 55 years of age and older and the first courses began in January.

According to DeArmond, computer courses are very popular for seniors and

classes fill up quickly.

"People who took the introduction to computers class are now signing up for more advanced computer courses," she said. "I had the daughter of one lady who took our introduction course tell me her mother was delighted by our course. She said the instructor, Julie Coates, was very patient."

The program offers three computer classes: Introduction to Computers for Seniors, Microsoft Windows for Seniors and Surfing the Internet for Seniors.

DeArmond said the college plans to offer computer courses in Stanton, but because of limited computers they are having to turn

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Howard College dental hygiene student Celeste Bond prepares patient Sophie White for dental work this morning. The month of February has been declared Children's Dental Hygiene Month and the department will play host to a children's carnival on Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon at the dental hygiene classroom.

FEBRUARY 2001

OBITUARIES

Nannie Pauline Easter Riley

Funeral service for Nannie Pauline Easter Riley will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Riley, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Portales, N.M., and the Rev. Kevin Parker, Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Nannie Pauline Easter Riley, beloved mother died Feb. 10, at the age of 88.

She is survived by her one daughter Pauline "Katie" Ramsey of Marsing, Idaho; and five sons, Murle Riley and wife Donna of Fort Worth, Aster Riley and wife Harriett of Glenrock, N.J., Bill Riley and wife Donna of Hobbs, N.M., Don Riley and wife Tina of Big Spring and Joe Riley and wife Shari of Portales, N.M.; 21 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Minnet Easter Wallace and Mary Lidia Easter Clutinger both of Oregon.

Pauline was born to John Cooper Easter and Mollie Kate Killman Easter on July 3, 1912, in Hollis, Okla. She moved with her family by covered wagon to Milnesand, N.M., when she was 4 years old where she married Olive Wildmond Riley on June 14, 1931. After 69 years together he preceded her to Heaven on Sept. 2, 2000, at the age of 96. Pauline worked in the ministry with Olive while he served as pastor and missionary, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in communities in West Texas, and the eastern plains and south central mountain areas of New Mexico; including, Portales, Alamogordo, Ruidoso and Cloudcroft. Although life was very difficult in the ministry in those years, Pauline felt called to be the wife of a pastor and will

long be remembered for her Biblical knowledge and faith in God. Before moving to Big Spring in 1992 to be near their son they lived 35 years in Las Cruces, N.M. Her family and friends will long remember meals together where love was shared around the table. Pauline was proud to be a mother and wife and we will all enjoy the home-made quilts she made for her children and grandchildren and she will be sorely missed.

Pallbearers will be: Murle Riley, Ronald Riley, Gary Riley, James Riley, Daniel Riley, Shawn Riley, Benjamin Riley and John Yates Jr. Honorary pallbearers are Clark Ramsey Jr., Mark Ramsey, Steve Ramsey, John Riley, Michael Riley, Greg Moran, David Millsap, Jerry Ringhoffer, Gary Tracy, Tim Stuber, Steve Mattox, and Steve Berberich.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SOUP

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but individual slices will be sold as well.

The group hopes to raise several thousand dollars from the event, all aimed at the long-term renovation and restoration project for the old convent. The association has raised \$25,000 for architectural plans, and Kennedy said the next phase is "bricks and mortar."

The building is planned to be restored as much as possible to its condition when Carmelite priests used it as a monastery more than a century ago. The site dates back to 1881, when it was built and used as the first school in West Texas.

Kennedy said no reservations are needed for soup tasters, although teams who want to enter a concoction should call or e-mail Paye Wagner as soon as possible. She can be reached at 459-2595 or fayewagner11@yahoo.com.

He said unusual soups are the norm at the annual competition.

"We've had the Mary Kay lady, and she made pink soup," Kennedy said. "The Army guys have made regimental stew; who knew what was in that, and we wondered."

But all in all, the event is aimed at a good time.

"This is a big get-together with lots of visiting," Kennedy said. "It's a lot of fun."

MEETING

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route alignments, including along U.S. 87 through Howard County. It is anticipated that city leaders from Sweetwater, Abilene and Midland-Odessa will attend the meeting in hopes the route runs through their communities.

"From that standpoint, it is important that Big Spring is well-represented at this public meeting," said County Commissioner Bill Crooker.

"It is important for us to tell the Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation 'we want you to come through Big Spring and we are here to show our support,'" Mayor Russ McEwen said.

Community leaders cite numerous economic benefits to be gained if the route is through Howard County.

The Texas Transportation Commission will take information gained from the meeting as well as input

from previous meetings and use it to make a final decision on the preferred route by June.

VFW

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meetings of late, he still hated to see the place shut down.

"I really hate to see the place shut down," said Smith. "You have to do community service and not just have a bar, and I guess that's about all it amounted to anymore," said Smith.

Some interest has been shown in the building, located at 1264 College Avenue. Some have expressed a desire to turn the place into a private club.

No matter what happens to the old place, memories of Hoyle Nix and his West Texas Cowboys will linger for years to come.

CLASSES

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students away.

Another popular course is Getting to the Roots of Things: Genealogy for Senior Citizens instructed by Bobby Rawls.

Rawls explains how to look for information, how to obtain genealogical proof, how to build a reference library, how to design a research plan, how to join lineage societies and other topics to assist in a personal genealogical research.

DeArmond said morning classes are more popular than any other time for the seniors and the Continuing Education department wants to make the classes as convenient as possible.

"If there is a group of 13 who wants to take a class at night, we will work with them," she said.

Computer courses cost \$25 each and other courses cost \$20 each. Courses can run from a four to 12 week period and DeArmond said the department plans to make the Senior Academy year round.

Another class offered is Write Your Memoirs, Journal Writing for Senior Citizens taught by DeArmond. She will soon begin a memoir class in Lamesa.

Other classes that can be offered when enough participants express interest include Senior Book Club, What's So Special About That Old Wooden Breadbox and The Making of the Bible.

Interested senior citizens should contact the Howard County Department of Continuing Education Department at 264-5131.

GIFTS

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Valentine's Day presents." People who wait until the last minute often are out of luck, she said. Volunteers will accept orders until Valentine's Day or until the close to 500 gift items are gone.

Gifts costing \$8 are: an arrangement of fresh carnations in a bud vase; a stuffed bear holding a sack of chocolate kisses and heart-shaped chocolate and peanut butter candies; a small ladybug Luv-bug key-chain sitting atop a package of Russell Stover chocolates; a mug filled with flavored coffee and tea; an apothecary jar filled with home-made candy; and a live ivy plant, planted inside a vase filled with water and anchored with marble rocks.

For \$20, valentines can be serenaded with a variety of tunes ranging from "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to "My Girl" by one of five quartets.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The groups will make the rounds Valentine's Day, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

"Unfortunately, when those slots are filled, they're filled. There are only so many hours in a day."

More than 40 volunteers have been working for the past several months organizing the second largest fund-raiser

for the Volunteer Services Council. More than \$2,500 is expected to be generated to assist patient needs, such as purchasing grooming supplies or special requests for clothing in which the state is unable to furnish. Holiday presents, parties and festive events are paid for with funds raised during these special events, Russworm said.

Volunteers enjoy pitching in, especially when they see the fruits of their labor firsthand.

"You would not believe the tears that are in some people's eyes when they receive the Valentine gift," Russworm said. "Sometimes you have a hard time getting them to accept the delivery because they think it's a mistake. They don't think anyone would ever send them something. The feeling that someone cared enough to send something means a whole lot to them. They aren't used to receiving something on Valentine's Day."

Many children enjoy receiving gifts on Valentine's Day.

"There's always the excitement of delivering to kids. They just love it."

The gifts are inexpensively priced so they can be sent to co-workers, neighbors, friends and loved ones who you want to say "thank you," said Karen Brewer, Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council Valentine's Day coordinator.

"The price makes it nice, plus it makes the sender feel good because they're helping the patients at Big Spring State Hospital."

All items must be paid for in advance. Gifts will be available for cash-and-carry.

Big Spring State Hospital is a psychiatric hospital serving people in 78 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle, including populated areas, such as Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa and El Paso.

For more information or to place an order, call 268-7535 or 268-7536.

BRIEFS

AARP DRIVERS SAFETY PROGRAM, taught by trained instructors, Feb. 13 and 14. Insurance rate deductions held at the Senior Citizen Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Both sessions must be attended. Cost is \$10. To sign up call 267-1628.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

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

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE HANGER 25 AIR MUSEUM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

•Encourager's support group (all widows and widowers are invited) will meet Monday, Feb. 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through the north door). We will have a Valentine Party and a covered dish dinner. Bring a dish and a valentine to exchange. For more information call 398-5522.

MARKETS

Table with market data including AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP AMOCO, Chevron Corp, Compaq, Cornell, Dell, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comms, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart/Mexico, AMCAP, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

4:23 a.m. — 100 block of Lindsey Road, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:39 p.m. — 4100 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:23 p.m. — 100 block of Algerita, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:37 p.m. — 1200 block of Main, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:27 a.m. — 1900 block of Donley, public service.

1:21 p.m. — 1600 block of Indian Hills, structure fire, extinguished.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through 8 a.m. today:

•RUNAWAY was reported in the 600 block of Tubb Road.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of S. Main.

•FAMILY ASSAULT was reported in the 6500 block of S. Service Road.

•A WALK OFF was reported at the Big Spring State Hospital.

•ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 1600 block of Hilltop Rd. and in the 2700 block of Williams Rd.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the intersection of Cypress and Poplar Streets.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

•JOE LOPEZ CHAVEZ III, 31, of 1902 Mittel, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence and Midland County warrants.

•DONNIE TURNEY, 52, of 1805 S. 1st, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•PATRICK WILBERT, 29, of 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•LLOYD LUCIAN SOBOLEWSKI, 45, of 1621 Mesquite, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•GONZALES, 39, of 1400 N. Birdwell, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•MARIO IRENA YANEZ, 20, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested on a local warrant.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 62  
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Precip. Sunday 0.00  
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Year to date 0.84  
Sunrise Tuesday 7:31 a.m.  
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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. 24th & Johnson 267-8288. Dr. Rev. James Pollard, Sr., 77, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM today at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. 24th & Johnson 267-6331. Gladys Choate, 93, died Saturday. Graveside funeral services were at 11:00 AM Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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# McVeigh called 'delusional,' 'suicidal' for suggesting public execution

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Relatives of those killed in the Oklahoma City bombing rebuked Timothy McVeigh's suggestion that his execution be publicly broadcast.

"Are citizens going to see this sitting in a bar?" asked Tom Kight, whose daughter, Frankie Merrell, died in the explosion.

"What about the people who follow him, the right-wing anti-government people? I think Tim would like to go out a martyr," he said.

McVeigh, 32, is set to be executed May 16 by injection at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind., for his role in the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The bombing killed 168 people and injured 500.

In a letter published in The Sunday Oklahoman, McVeigh suggested that for all who wish to view the execution to have fair access, "a reasonable solution seems obvious: hold a true 'public' execution —

allow a public broadcast." Federal Bureau of Prisons spokesman Dan Dunne said a national broadcast was not an option.

"It hasn't even been considered. It won't happen," he said.

McVeigh wrote the letter in response to a lawsuit filed by eight survivors and victims' family members asking for a closed-circuit telecast of the execution. The prisons bureau is considering such a telecast. Several states have allowed

relatives of murder victims to watch executions on closed-circuit television.

"It has ... been said that all of Oklahoma was a victim of the bombing. Can all of Oklahoma watch?" he wrote in the Feb. 1 letter.

Paul Heath, a psychologist who worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs on the fifth floor of the building, said he was concerned about McVeigh seeing himself as a hero.

"I believe he is a delusional revolutionary who

believes he is Earl Turner," Heath said, referring to the main character of the anti-government book, "The Turner Diaries." A copy of the book was in McVeigh's car when he was arrested.

Although Heath was involved in pursuing for a closed-circuit telecast of the execution, he said he vehemently opposes a public broadcast.

"I would withdraw all eight names off the petition to keep the execution off television," he said.

Bud Welch, whose daughter, Julie, was killed in the bombing, said he thinks McVeigh is suicidal and the execution would be similar to assisted suicide. Welch has become a vocal opponent of the death penalty in recent years.

"He is obviously not of a stable mind, and I think we can all agree on that," Welch said.

McVeigh would be the first federal inmate executed since 1963. He dropped all appeals in January.

# Bush promising troops he'll lift military morale

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — President Bush was reassuring U.S. troops Monday that he intends to lift military morale, carrying to the field a promise of \$5.7 billion in new spending to improve quality of life in the armed services.

Bush, touring this big Army base, was announcing \$1.4 billion for pay increases, \$3.9 billion to improve military health benefits and \$400 million to upgrade housing, the White House said.

After his first flight as president aboard the Boeing 747 that most Americans identify as Air Force One, the new commander in chief was touring this installation outside Savannah.

Accompanying him was a delegation of top administration officials and lawmakers, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, five senators and six House members.

Among the senators was Zell Miller of Georgia, the first Democrat to back Bush's attorney general nominee, John Ashcroft, and who signed on as an original co-sponsor of Bush's tax cut plan.

Bush was reviewing the Army base's barracks and troops — his first such meeting with members of the military.

He repeated during his election campaign his contention that morale in the armed services is on the decline, and he promised to address the factors he said caused it: equipment shortages, poor housing and pay and unfocused, "overex-

tended" missions.

Bush, devoting his fourth week in office to national security, began with a pledge to improve conditions for those who serve.

"They deserve the best training, the latest and best equipment, and long-overdue improvements in their pay, housing and standard of living," Bush said in his weekly radio address Saturday.

Bush dispatched Rumsfeld to the Sunday television news shows to spread the message in advance of Monday's trip. Rumsfeld is conducting a "force structure review" of the Pentagon, and the administration will rely on that examination as it sets defense spending priorities.

"I think the focus has to be on quality of life for the people," Rumsfeld said on "Fox News Sunday."

"Without the men and women that we're able to attract and retain to man the forces, then we really don't have a national defense, so that has to be the first focus."

Rumsfeld also told ABC's "This Week" that he remains convinced a defense budget increase is necessary.

Today's visit to Georgia was the first of three trips Bush is making this week to military bases, and the kickoff for a series of events emphasizing his role as a world leader.

He and Rumsfeld head Tuesday to the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., a training hub. Bush will participate in an electronic battle exercise.

# Texas seeing red ink; tax cuts questioned

FORT WORTH (AP) — Some Texas legislators are questioning the legacy of tax cuts George W. Bush left as governor amid a current revenue crunch, even as Bush as president is pushing his national plan for a \$1.6 trillion reduction over a 10-year period.

As governor, Bush pushed through the Texas Legislature a package of \$1.85 billion in cuts to property, business and sales taxes two years ago. The state had predicted a large surplus for the coming two-year budget cycle.

But with some saying that higher-than-expected costs on Medicaid and other unanticipated expenses have essentially wiped out

projections of a surplus, state Sen. Eddie Lucio is calling for emergency legislation that would undo the property tax cuts Bush championed.

"We should consider bringing that to an immediate halt," said Lucio, a Brownsville Democrat.

"Politically, it was the right thing to do ... (but) from a fiscal standpoint, I think we put ourselves in the hole."

The legislation would require the approval of current Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

Kathy Walt, a Perry spokeswoman, noted that the governor "does not believe there is a fiscal crisis" and thinks the Legislature can pass a bal-

anced budget that meets Texans' needs.

Walt did not want to address aspects of legislation which has not yet been filed. But Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, doubts the wisdom of the tax-cut package pushed through the Legislature in 1999 with Bush's enthusiastic backing.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's office had earlier predicted that half of a \$2.9 billion surplus over the next two years will be eaten by cost overruns in the current budget.

And Perry has previously told Texas taxpayers not to expect much of a tax break in the 2002-03 budget cycle following years of state bud-

get surplus projections.

On Capitol Hill, one Texas lawmaker said projections of a \$5.6 trillion surplus over 10 years make the unrealistic assumption that spending will stay at current levels and don't even count Bush's own proposals to increase expenditures on education, defense and health care.

"He says he's going to make it up elsewhere, but we haven't seen his budget yet," said U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen, a Houston Democrat and House Budget Committee member. "We can have a tax cut, but we have to do it in the context of a budget that takes a cautious approach to these projected surpluses."

# Hope fades for nine missing from fishing boat

HONOLULU (AP) — As hope for finding survivors faded, officials investigating the sinking of a Japanese fishing boat by a U.S. submarine speculated that nine missing people may have been trapped inside the boat as it plunged to the ocean bottom.

"There is a possibility that the bodies are still in the vessel," Coast Guard Capt. Steven A. Newell said Sunday, more than 48 hours after the collision that has strained U.S.-Japanese relations.

Newell said the search would continue through at least Monday afternoon and that weather conditions had been favorable with good visibility, light winds and water temperatures at 77 degrees.

Families and friends of the missing urged officials in a closed two-hour briefing to begin the task of raising the ship from the ocean floor. They emerged from the briefing looking stoic and drained, and quietly filed onto a bus to return to their hotel.

The 34-member group arrived in Hawaii from Osaka, Japan, on Sunday to await word of the missing three crew members, two teachers and four students — boys on a field trip learning to fish.

Twenty-six shipmates were rescued after the 180-foot Ehime Maru fishing vessel sank in 1,800 feet of water 10 minutes after it was struck by the USS Greeneville on Friday afternoon.

The nuclear-powered attack submarine did not use active sonar to check for surface crafts before conducting its emergency surfacing drill from a depth of 400 feet, the National Transportation Safety Board said.

Navy officials said the Greeneville conducted two periscope sweeps and passive sonar before blowing its main ballast tanks and coming up under the 180-foot Ehime Maru, NTSB member John Hammerschmidt said.

Passive sonar searches detect the sound of any pro-

pellers. Active sonar searches use a sound wave emitted to listen for any echo from the hulls of surface vessels.

Following an investigation of the submarine USS Houston's 1989 sinking of a tugboat 10 miles off California, the NTSB recommended that the Navy direct submarines to use active sonar searches prior to coming to periscope depth in areas with high boating traffic, Hammerschmidt said.

The Navy rejected that recommendation, said Hammerschmidt. He cautioned, however, it would be premature to draw any conclusions about the Greeneville accident from the 1989 accident recommendation.

Since the latest collision, helicopters and ships scouring a 5,000-square-mile area day and night have found only life rafts and debris from the fishing vessel. The

ship sank about 9 miles from Diamond Head and 20 miles southeast of Pearl Harbor.

"The longer we go without signs there are people in the water, the more difficult it becomes for us to continue," Newell said. "But we will continue to search for any objects... the possibility that they are in a life raft, in a life jacket or perhaps even trading water."

Cmdr. Bruce Cole, Pacific Fleet spokesman, fielded questions from the families about Navy plans to raise the sunken vessel, but was unable to provide details, Newell said.

In its first day, the NTSB began interviewing the students who survived the sinking so they could return to their families in Japan.

An inspection of the submarine, inside and out, has been planned for sometime today.

# Two Palestinians killed by Israeli army fire

JERUSALEM (AP) — Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction threatened to disrupt Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon's rule with new attacks on Israelis, as gunbattles erupted Monday in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Israeli soldiers killed two Palestinians.

The Fatah warning came a day after Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli motorist in a nighttime ambush near Jerusalem and fired shots at a Jerusalem neighborhood.

"The Sharon era will not be stable and secure, as the criminal Sharon promised," said a Fatah leaflet. "Our goal is to bring down Sharon and all his settlements."

It was not clear whether Fatah had Arafat's blessing or acted independently. The relationship between the Palestinian leader and the armed wing of his Fatah movement has become increasingly complex in the past five months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. Fatah gunmen generally have not sought permission to carry out attacks, but have responded to occasional Arafat appeals to quiet the situation.

In the West Bank town of Hebron and the Gaza town of Khan Yunis, Palestinians and Israeli troops exchanged fire.

Meir Dagan, an Israeli general with close ties to Sharon, said Israel should target those responsible for attacks, even if it meant re-entering areas now under full Palestinian control.

Arafat himself should not be immune to Israeli retaliation, Dagan told Israel TV's Channel Two.

Dagan served as anti-terrorism adviser to former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and was expected to be given a post in a Sharon government.

Moshe Arens, a senior Likud lawmaker, said the new government would retaliate harshly for Palestinian attacks. "They should know that we have means that we still haven't used," Arens told Israel radio.

Sharon's efforts to bring predecessor Ehud Barak and the Labor Party into his government hit a deadlock Monday — reportedly over Likud's rejection of a Labor demand that a future government dismantle some Jewish settlements.

In the West Bank, two Palestinians were killed and two seriously wounded in what Palestinian witnesses said were unprovoked shootings by Israeli soldiers.

Near the village of al-Khader, Israeli soldiers fired on a bus taking Palestinian workers to jobs in Israel via a back road to elude the army blockade of West Bank communities. The bus encountered an Israeli army bulldozer, and soldiers ordered the driver to turn back, said one passenger, Zaidan Ahmed. After the bus had turned around, the soldiers opened fire, he said. The back window of the bus was shat-

tered by bullets.

Ziyad Abu Swai, 20, was killed by a shot in the chest, and Mohammed Barmeel was seriously injured in the neck, Palestinian doctors said.

At the time of the shooting, Palestinians in al-Khader were throwing stones at troops, the army said.

In the West Bank village of Rafat, Palestinians and Israeli troops engaged in a firefight for several hours Monday morning. Soldiers opened fire on a car from the village approaching an army roadblock, the army said. Palestinian witnesses said a second passenger was seriously wounded.

On Sunday night, an

Israeli motorist, Tzahi Sasson, 35, was killed by Palestinian gunmen on a main West Bank road leading to Jerusalem.

Palestinians also fired from the West Bank town of Beit Jalla at Gilo, a Jewish neighborhood of Jerusalem built on land Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war and claimed by the Palestinians for a future state.

Fatah claimed responsibility for the death of Sasson. "Fatah is calling on its heroes and fighters to make (life in) Gilo a nightmare," the Fatah leaflet said.

The latest fighting brought to 389 the number of people killed in Israeli-Palestinian violence in the past five months.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 2, 2001, TXU Electric Company ("TXU Electric"), in accordance with Substantive Rules 25.236 and 25.237 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to implement revised fuel factors and to assess a surcharge on its customers' electric service bills to recover an undercollected balance of fuel cost revenues. The proposed fuel factors, differentiated by voltage level, are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Secondary	\$0.030447
Primary	\$0.029765
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TXU Electric proposes that these factors be made effective on March 5, 2001 and will remain effective unless the factors are superseded by a subsequent filing.

The surcharge in the amount of \$591,179,347.03, inclusive of interest through April 2001, is proposed to be implemented in TXU Electric's April's billing month and recovered over a nine month period through December 2001. Additional interest would be applied if the surcharge is begun after April 2001. In the Application, TXU Electric also is requesting the Commission to authorize the implementation of the revised fuel factors on an interim basis, to authorize TXU Electric to include its estimated fuel cost under-recoveries for the months of January through March 2001 in the calculation of the surcharge, and to grant any waivers that may be required to permit the proposed fuel factor and surcharge to be implemented as proposed.

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## OUR VIEWS

# New season for softball teams starts

A new Crossroads area high school softball season gets under way today, as Coahoma's Bulldogettes play their season opener at home.

The Bulldogettes will be taking the field at 7 tonight, playing host to Lubbock Coronado's Lady Mustangs.

Big Spring's Lady Steers won't be far behind, hosting Midland Greenwood's Rangerettes at 4 p.m. Tuesday on the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex's diamond.

Excitement abounds for Lady Steers and Bulldogettes fans, since both teams enter the 2001 season with expectations of improving on successful campaigns a year ago.

The Lady Steers made a return to the Class 4A playoffs in 2000 following a one-year hiatus.

While Big Spring's postseason stay was a short one — they were eliminated by Fort Worth Brewer's Lady Bears in the area playoff round — the Lady Steers are expected to be a much stronger team this time around.

The Lady Steers not only return to action not only with Christina Gwyn, the District 5-4A MVP a year ago, but have impressed head coach Dan Arista in their two scrimmage outings this season.

Those scrimmages saw Big Spring play a total of six games, and in each case, the Lady Steers handily outscored the opposition.

Coahoma opens its season with a well-earned reputation as one of the state's premier Class 2A softball programs.

The Bulldogettes posted their sixth straight undefeated district run in 2000, eventually making their third straight trip to the UIL state softball tournament.

And since every starter on that team returns for 2001, the Bulldogettes are picked by many to make it seven straight district championships and a fourth straight trip to Austin.

What's more, the Bulldogettes will again be coached by Rob Dickenson, who skipped them to the 1998 state championship, returning to the Coahoma helm after having spent two seasons coaching Class 4A playoff teams at Brownwood and Snyder.

The Bulldogettes will also be unveiling the school's new softball facility located on the Coahoma ISD campus Tuesday night.

Both teams and their avid fans have long been sources of pride for not only their respective schools and communities, but for the Crossroads area, and we here at the *Herald* wish them nothing but the best and continued success this season.

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# We don't need to be saved from sushi

The state of Massachusetts has outlawed sushi. New guidelines that went into effect on Jan. 1 require restaurants using raw or undercooked meat, poultry, fish or eggs to note this on their menus, along with a description of the illnesses that such foods can cause. How appetizing.



MONA CHAREN

As a slightly reformed health nut, I wish to concede that I do understand the urge to banish all possibility of illness. I've been cross-examining waiters about raw eggs for years. But even those well-advanced in health mania should stop to ask whether laws like these — only sushi that has been frozen or cooked (cooked!) may legally be served in Massachusetts restaurants — are entirely healthy themselves.

In the first place, most food poisoning does not originate in restaurants at all but in homes, as a consequence of poor food handling. But second, and more important, is this:

How many risks should individuals be permitted to take? When the state intervenes to protect us from some perceived harm, it can only do so at the expense of some of our freedom. Should bungi jumping be illegal? What about sky diving? Motorcycles are notoriously dangerous. So is mountain climbing. What about circuses?

As a sushi lover, I think the very minuscule risk that raw fish might make me sick is worth taking. I certainly do not want the state deciding that the risk is too great. In Japan, one type of sushi is known to be fatal in rare cases — yet it is considered a delicacy.

In an essay in the *City Journal*, Roger Scruton notes that in England today it is illegal to permit your unaccompanied child to walk down a country lane for fear of kidnapping. Friendship Heights, Md., has outlawed smoking even out of doors. And in Fairfax, Va., a mother was reprimanded by children's protective services for allowing her 6-year-old to play in the backyard without supervision (the mother was in the house).

We are health and safety mad. We line the playgrounds with foam rubber, ban seesaws and monkey bars, and swath our chil-

dren in helmets and kneepads and elbow pads. Even kids sledding in the yard are admonished to wear helmets. We drench our counters with anti-bacterial spray and comb the newspapers for the latest advances in cancer research. The evening news nearly always opens with a tease about some new health breakthrough — a few drugs, a new gene found or, most often, a new risk identified.

Are these sensible precautions or the signs of an increasingly timid nation?

In the process of attempting to protect ourselves from every conceivable risk, we elevate physical well-being to the level of worship. Smoking and eating saturated fats are sins. Exercise and salad are sacraments. Fit and handsome men and women are our gods; doctors our high priests. What rarely seems to be addressed is the question: What is the purpose of physical well-being? Teddy Roosevelt was all for fitness, but not as an end itself. He and the Victorians believed in physical fitness for its character-building potential as much as for its health-giving benefits.

And speaking of character, why is it that our society neglects some habits

and choices that are clearly linked to longevity? Marriage, for example, and having fewer than 10 sexual partners in a lifetime adds years to one's life. Avoiding risky sexual behaviors — let's not list them — is also an excellent way to prolong life. Yet the health police never exhort us to be sexually continent and faithful.

Religious observance is also linked with longevity for reasons that are not scientifically quantifiable but can be guessed. Being knit into a community, feeling useful into old age, being part of something outside oneself, avoiding health-endangering activities like excessive drinking or drug abuse — all of these probably contribute to the demonstrably longer (10 years) and healthier lives enjoyed by those with religious commitment.

But the health nuts are selective. They never mention the documented link between abortion and breast cancer, or the dangers of promiscuity. The risk of tobacco is overblown, while the dangers of homosexuality are understated.

Since the nannies really don't know what's good for us, morally or physically, let's not let them save us from sushi.

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# Capitol Hill collision currently in the making

A collision is coming on Capitol Hill. In one direction, speeding ahead at full throttle, is President George W. Bush's tax cut plan. In the other direction, moving slower but inexorably, is the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform bill. They are on the same track, and no one is noticing, except perhaps Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis.



JACK ANDERSON

These two senators have been crusading for campaign finance reform for years, and McCain made it the centerpiece of his bid for the Republican presidential nomination. He has met with President Bush, who has urged him to go slowly, and he turned the president down. We are soon to see why.

The president's \$1.6 trillion tax proposal has been delivered to Congress, where senators and representatives have already begun the process of delivering the best government money can buy. They are engaged in discussions with their big-money supporters who did not give that big money for nothing. That money was paid because benefits were expected, and those benefits generally include an increase in federal contracts and a decrease in federal taxes.

It is no wonder that House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, has announced that an additional trillion dollars or so tacked on to the president's proposal would not be a bad idea. But make no mistake; the Armey \$2.6 trillion package would not be for the benefit of the needy or even the middle-income earners. It would be for the benefit of the donors at the trough.

Those large campaign contributors expect a tax code that is friendly to their interests, and there is no way that the tax bill will get out of Congress without satisfying them, and satisfying them at our expense. Hence, the collision.

We will witness the spectacle of members of Congress assiduously working to simultaneously satisfy those who heavily contributed to their campaigns and those — the American people — whom they promised they would enact campaign-finance reform. In other words, they are in the process of enacting legislation that will line the pockets of contributors while enacting legislation that tells those contributors not to contribute in the future.

This working at cross purposes cannot possibly go smoothly. The tax reduction and benefit feeding frenzy has already begun. And the president seems to have trumped McCain because the public is signing on. Middle income earners seem to be saying, "I don't care if the wealthy get a new Lexus from their tax savings; as Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., says, I just want the muffler for my used car that he says I will get."

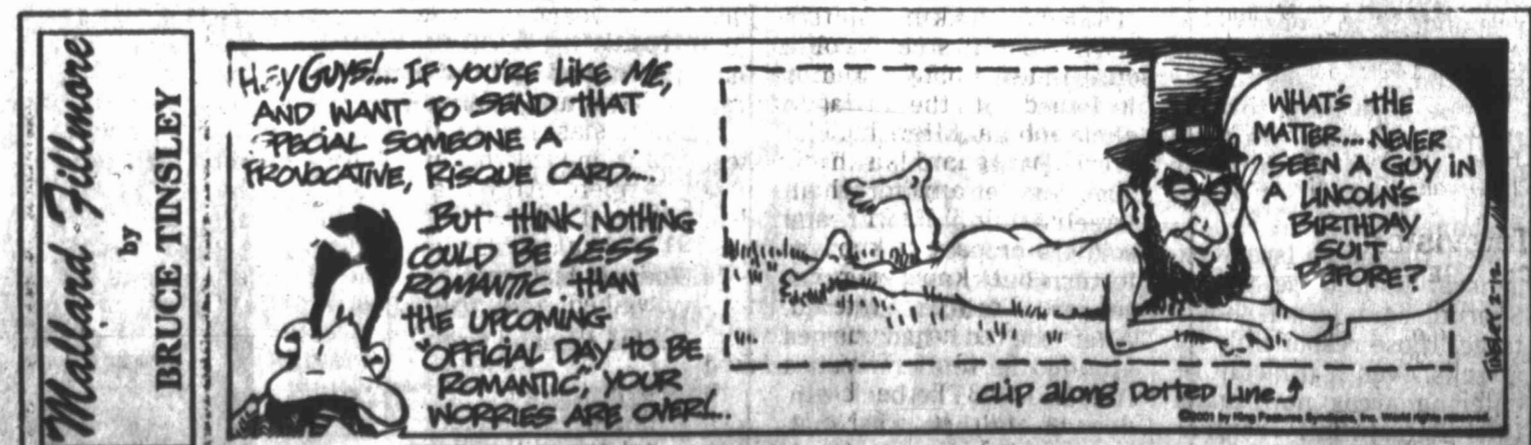
And those same taxpayers aren't saying anything about what big business is going to get. They just don't seem to care. So the question is whether they will continue to care about campaign-finance reform. McCain and Feingold will be yelling about the pork-barrel activities of their colleagues. And if the tax bill is passed first, they will yell even louder at the results.

The problem is that the very people whose support has been pledged to them will be among those passing out favors to wealthy constituents.

After all, if campaign-finance reform fails, they are going to need those constituents' contributions for the next election.

In fact, as every member of Congress knows, they have to start begging for money for the next election the day the last election ends.

If, in this environment, McCain and Feingold can pull off campaign-finance reform, they should consider joining forces for a third-party run at the White House in 2004.



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## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma practice game is tonight

Coahoma's Bulldogettes will play a practice game against Whitney's Wildcats at 6:30 tonight in Brownwood.

Coahoma claimed the District 3-2A title Tuesday night with a 75-68 overtime win over Colorado City.

Whitney is the District 8-3A champion.

### National LL slates meeting for Monday

The National Little League will hold an organizational meeting at 7 tonight at Wells Fargo Bank.

For more information contact Joel De La Garza at 267-5513 or Allan Johnson at 267-6278.

### Baseball booster club to meet Tuesday

BSHS baseball boosters and parents will have a club meeting Tuesday following the scrimmage.

Bring completed program and sign ads.

The hot dog cook out is scheduled for Saturday.

For more information call Jim at 267-1069 after 6 p.m.

### International LL offers coed ragball tourney

The International Little League is offering a coed ragball tournament.

Sign up begins at 6 p.m. Friday and games start at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per player. There are 12 players per team, (6 males, 6 females). The players must be at least 13 years old to play.

For more information call Denise at 756-2841/263-1945.

### Harlem Ambassadors coming to Big Spring

The Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team will play a team of local personalities at 7 p.m. Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The game is being sponsored by the Big Spring Rotary Club and First Church of the Nazarene.

Tickets are priced at \$6 each.

For more information, call 267-5201 or 264-1800.

### UGSA sets its first meeting for Sunday

Big Spring United Girls' Softball Association will hold its first meeting of the 2001 season at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Library.

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**OTHER**  
8 p.m. — ESPY Awards Show, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Iverson leads East to comeback win in NBA All-Star game

WASHINGTON (AP) — During a timeout with 5:34 to play in the NBA All-Star game, Allen Iverson slapped his hand on the scorer's table and guaranteed victory.

Never mind that the heavily favored Western Conference was leading by 13 points. Or that this 50-year-old annual exhibition is usually more about show than desire as the clock winds down.

Iverson was about to deliver.

"One of the guys (at the table) said we would do good by just letting them win by 10," Iverson said. "I told them we were going to win. I was joking with him, telling him to bet something if he thought we weren't going to win. None of them wanted to bet, so obviously they

knew something that God knew."

Iverson and Vince Carter, with serious help from Stephon Marbury and Dikembe Mutombo, then finished the comeback that stunned the West on Sunday night. The Philadelphia 76ers guard finished with 25 points and was named MVP as the East overcame a 21-point fourth-quarter deficit to win 111-110.

"We had every reason to make this like a regular All-Star game and lay down and stop playing, and it didn't happen," East coach Larry Brown said. "I had no idea we could come from behind. It was a wonderful ending for us."

The incredible finish, which featured a final-minute shootout between Marbury and Kobe Bryant

and a block by Carter on Tim Duncan at the buzzer, turned a sometimes routine All-Star game into an electric memory.

"It was like a championship game out there," said Mutombo, who had 22 rebounds. "I've been in the All-Star game the last seven years, and I've never seen anything like this."

It was what the NBA needed in as the league wrestles with a post-Michael Jordan, post-lockout slump. All-Star weekend was starting to drag. Saturday's Slam Dunk competition was a bore, and Bryant openly questioned the game's value, saying he showed up only because he didn't want to get suspended.

This year's season has been lopsided, with a talent-loaded West and

a mediocre East. The trend continued early as the East missed its first seven shots and had five turnovers to fall behind 11-0.

The rout was on, it seemed, and a few scattered highlights would have to do the rest of the way. Carter had two eye-popping dunks in the second quarter — a 360-degree and a windmill — that would have won him the Slam Dunk contest for the second year running had he entered. Jason Kidd capped an 8-0 run with a 50-foot shot at the half-time buzzer to give the West a 61-50 lead.

But then came the fourth-quarter rally, in which Iverson all but screamed for the fans to give the young generation its due.

## Howard squads set to battle

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

Fireworks. It's something Howard College and Midland College fans have learned to expect whenever the Hawks and Lady Hawks square off against the Chaparrals and Lady Chaparrals.

And that's exactly what one should expect from tonight's Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) showdown between Howard's and Midland's teams at the Chaparral Center. Action gets under way with a 6 p.m. tip for the women's game. The men are scheduled for an 8 p.m. start.

In the first conference meeting between the two schools, the Howard teams split with Midland — the Hawks knocking off the Chaps at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, while the Lady Hawks battled the No. 3 ranked Lady Chaps before suffering their only loss in WJAC play.

But the Hawks wound up having to forfeit that win, turning a 3-2 conference start into an 0-5 mark after discovering they used an academically ineligible player.

For the Lady Hawks, that Jan. 18 game with the Lady Chaps was simply a matter of not being able to get over the hump after falling behind early in the first half. The final score was no real indication of the game's hotly-contested nature.

Since then, the Lady Hawks have successfully finished the first half of WJAC play without another blemish.

The Lady Hawks' initial goal was to use the first few conference games to get back in the swing of things after Ron Mayberry resigned as the head coach and Joey Wells stepped in as the interim boss.

Along with the coaching change comes a different offensive and defensive scheme.

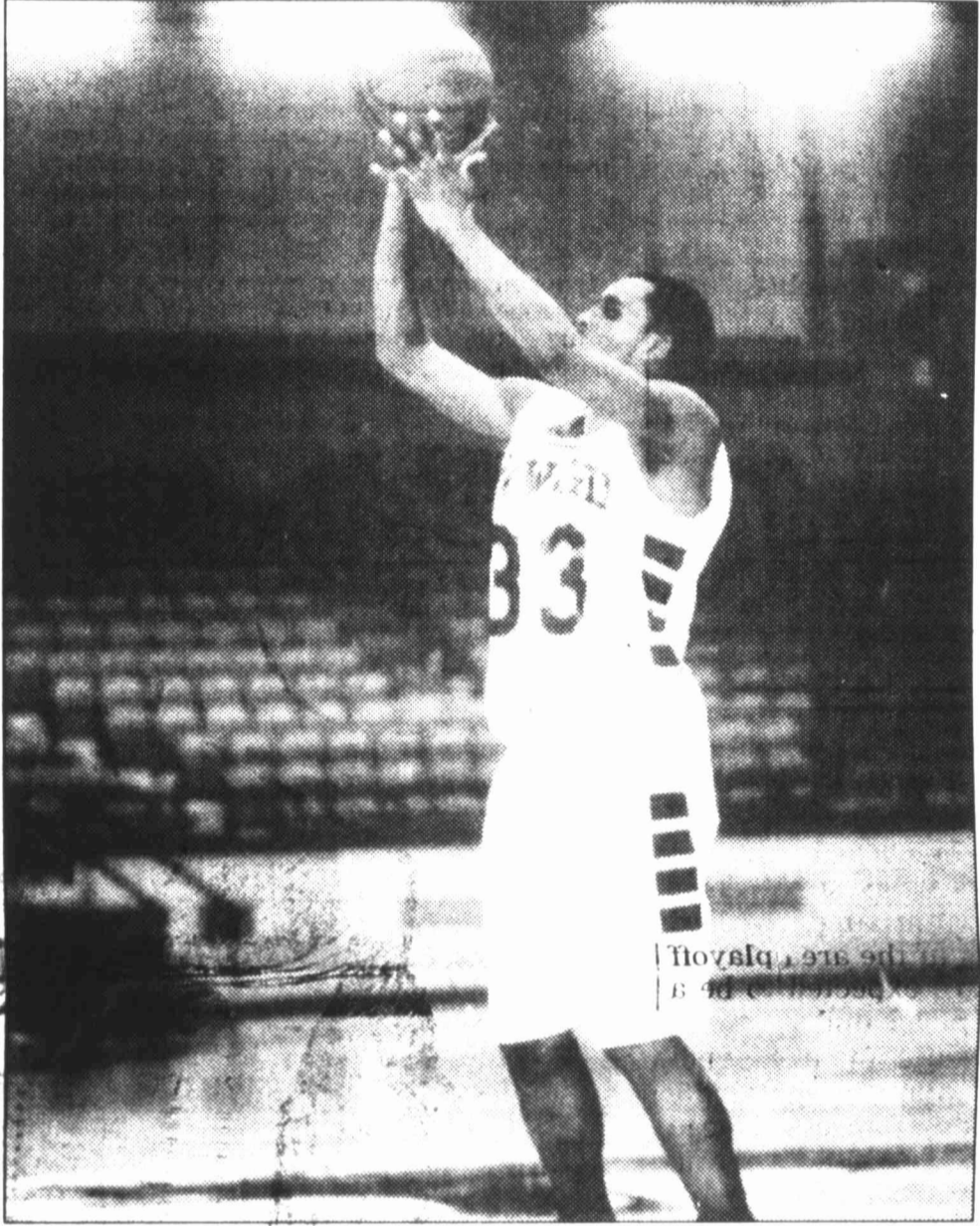
Wells has been introducing a more transition-styled offense to the Lady Hawks, installing it bit by bit with each successive game. Slowly but surely, the Lady Hawks are picking it up and have managed double-digit margins of victory in their last five conference games.

Starting forward Koretha Johnson, who was absent from the first meeting, has returned and is ready to make her presence known.

Her substitute in the first meeting, Latasha Mathiew scored 15 points, one of four Lady Hawks to reach double figures against Midland. Grace Gantt led Howard in the loss with 23 points, while Shamiaka Buckley finished with 14 and Vanessa Lehrmann chipped in 10.

The Lady Hawks' defense game will play the biggest role in tonight's match up. The key will be containing the Lady Chaps' inside the paint without getting into foul trouble.

Prior to the first meeting, the Lady



Howard College's Artavius Davis (33) pulls up for a jumper during the Hawks' 91-88 win over New Mexico Military on Thursday. The Hawks square off against Midland College's Chaparrals tonight at 8 in the Chap Center.

Hawks discussed what they needed to do as a team and what not to expect help from the referees.

That first meeting ended with Midland attempting 47 free throws to the Lady Hawks' 21.

Another important factor for the Lady Hawks will be getting settled into their offense and controlling the tempo on defense. Midland is notorious for its strength and depth at the post positions, so grabbing control of the game early would clearly be a plus for Howard.

The same holds true for the Hawks in tonight's duel.

Getting the Chaps out of their offense and dominating the boards will be the key to Hawks success.

In the first meeting, the Hawks held Midland to a season low shooting percentage and managed to pull out a 62-59 win.

Although that win no longer counts, the Hawks are still very confident in their play.

The Hawks are currently on a three-

game win streak and tied for fifth place in the WJAC men's standings with New Mexico Military Institute.

A win Howard tonight and a South Plains College loss would move up the Hawks to fourth place in the WJAC standings.

"Our guard play on offense and defense will play a big role in tonight's game," said Jack Owens, the Hawks' interim head coach.

"Offensive", we must be able to get into our set while containing the penetration of the Midland guards on defense," Owens added.

Midland's Quannas White scored 26 points in the two teams' initial meeting in the Dixie Shoot-Out early in the season. But he was held to just 14 in that first conference meeting and committed a number of turnovers at key points of the game.

Success tonight could prove positive in many ways for the Hawks. Not only would it improve their position in the standings, a win would provide momentum for the rest of the season.

## Notre Dame remain atop women's poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Notre Dame stayed No. 1 Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had the same top four as last week and two newcomers near the bottom.

Georgia and Iowa State moved into the positions right behind the leaders, while No. 23 Washington and No. 25 Iowa joined the poll for the first time since the 1997-98 season. Neither had a winning season a year ago.

Arizona and Clemson dropped out.

Notre Dame (22-0), the only unbeaten team in Division I basketball, received 39 of a possible 40 first-place votes from the national media panel after beating Pittsburgh 72-58 in its only game last week.

The Irish had 999 points in the voting — 41 more than No. 2 Tennessee, which received the other first-place vote.

Tennessee (25-1) topped 100 points in both of its games during the past week, including a 103-73 victory at then-No. 6 Florida on Sunday. The Lady Vols have won 14 straight since a Dec. 30 loss at Connecticut and are just three victories from their fifth unbeaten Southeastern Conference season.

They beat Mississippi 119-52 in their other game.

Connecticut (20-2) stayed in the No. 3 spot and Duke (21-2) held at No. 4 despite losing at home to Florida State.

Georgia climbed two spots to fifth after a 92-55 victory over South Carolina, and decisive wins over Oklahoma State and Kansas State sent Iowa State from ninth to sixth.

Purdue fell two places to seventh after losing at Iowa, Louisiana Tech stayed at No. 8, Florida dropped three spots to ninth and Oklahoma remained 10th.

No. 11 Rutgers, No. 12 Xavier and No. 13 Louisiana State each moved up one place.

Texas Tech fell three spots to the 14th position after seeing its 41-game home winning streak ended by Texas.

## Georgia Tech posts upset win over No. 6 Virginia

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

With Kenny Anderson looking on from a front-row seat, Tony Akins took another step toward restoring Georgia Tech's reputation as Point Guard U.

Akins scored 19 points and stifled one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's best guards, Sunday, leading the Yellow Jackets to a 62-56 victory over No. 6 Virginia.

The 5-foot-11 Akins, who struggled through his first two college seasons under Bobby Cremins, has blossomed with the tutelage of first-year coach Paul Hewitt.

"The point guard has the toughest adjustment of anyone when a new staff comes in," Hewitt said. "Not only does he have to know his role, but he's got to know everyone else's roles, too. Tony has gotten frustrated at times, but he's adjusting well."

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 3 Duke beat North Carolina State 101-75, No. 12 Iowa State defeated Missouri 72-64, No. 20

Notre Dame downed West Virginia 69-66 and No. 23 Fresno State beat Hawaii 86-63.

Georgia Tech has produced several brilliant point guards over the years, including Mark Price, Travis Best, Stephon Marbury and Anderson.

Taking advantage of the NBA's All-Star break, Anderson made a rare appearance at his alma mater, sitting right behind the Tech players, wearing a New York Yankees cap.

He had a good view as Akins carved up Virginia from inside and out, slashing to the basket when they moved to cut off his outside jumper. Akins also set up the biggest basket of the game, recognizing a double-team and flipping a pass to Halston Lane. The freshman swished a wide-open 3 with 1:14 remaining for a 58-54 lead.

"I don't know why they left him open, but I'm glad they did," said Akins, who added two free throws that sealed the victory.

At the defensive end, Akins helped shut down his Virginia counterpart, Donald Hand. Coming off a 29-point performance against North Carolina State, he went 0-for-9 from the field and managed only two points.

Before the game, Hewitt challenged his point guard to shut down Hand.

Akins followed his coach's instructions to the letter, hitting seven of 10 shots, dishing out four assists and coming up with three steals. He is 23-of-39 from the field over Tech's last three games.

Hand had six assists and seven turnovers. The Yellow Jackets (14-8, 6-5 ACC) defeated their second ranked team in five days and fourth of the season. They are tied for third in the conference after sweeping the season series from Virginia.

Georgia Tech also has victories over Kentucky and UCLA to improve its chances of reaching the NCAA tournament for the first time

since 1996 — Marbury's only season in Atlanta.

Tech center Alvin Jones, who picked up his fourth foul with more than 10 minutes remaining, finished with 14 rebounds.

Roger Mason had 17 points to lead the Cavaliers.

### No. 3 Duke 101, N.C. State 75

Duke did itself proud on the day when its 1991 national championship team was honored at half-time, easily winning at home.

Jason Williams scored 23 points, Nate James had 19 and Shane Battier 18 for Duke (22-2, 10-1 ACC). The Blue Devils used a 17-0 run to beat North Carolina State (11-11, 3-7) for the ninth straight time.

### No. 12 Iowa St. 72, Missouri 64

Martin Rancik came back after injuring his right ankle in the first half and finished with 23 points as Iowa State won its 33rd straight.

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**Assistant Manager/collector needed. Security Finance is now taking applications for the above position. We offer an excellent benefit package with competitive pay and advancement opportunity. Apply in person or send resume to: SECURITY FINANCE 204 S. Goliad Big Spring Texas 79720.**

HELP WANTED

**Big Spring Care Center**  
\*Weekend RN  
\*Medication Aide & CNA's  
\*PT Social Worker  
Apply at 901 Goliad  
Canteen Correctional Foodservice  
Cook Supervisor  
Starting pay is \$7.69 per hour. Training provided. Pick up applications at 1710 Apron Dr., Bldg 35.

Care giver position. Apply in person to Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Career opportunity for right individual. Assistant promoter position available. Must work well with people, have neat appearance, able to travel and work weekends with some week days off. Moderate lifting, problems solving ability, and working with media required. Computer and electrical knowledge helpful. Above average working conditions and benefits. Salary based on qualifications. Will train right person. Call 283-7690 for appointment.

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Does Your Present Temporary Employer Offer:  
\* Free Computer Training  
\* Paid Holidays  
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\* Medical/Life Insurance  
\* Stock Purchase Plan  
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\* Direct Deposit  
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If you answered 'NO' even once, it's time you checked into Manpower.

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**LVN** - Ideal candidate will have 3 to 5 years' clinical experience.  
Salary is commensurate to experience and a full benefit package is available. Only qualified applicants need apply to the Personnel Office of Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic, 1501 W. 11th. Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, or fax resume to 915-267-1137.

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**West Texas Centers for MHMR** has openings for the following:  
Corporate Compliance Auditor: Any combination of education and experience equal to a Bachelor's degree in a related field plus three (3) years related experience. Salary \$12,900-\$14,711 hr. (\$26,520-\$30,588 annually). DOE.  
Rehabilitation Coordinator: Bachelors degree with major in social, behavioral or human services plus one (1) year related experience. On-Call. Salary \$11,311-\$13,78 hr. (\$23,532-\$28,680 annually). DOE.  
Intake Specialist: Bachelors degree with major in social, behavioral or human services plus two (2) years related experience. On-Call. Salary \$12.90 hr. (\$26,520 annually).  
Casework Assistant: Diploma/GED plus two (2) years direct care experience. Salary \$7.29 hr. (\$15,132 annually).  
LVN: License to Practice as an LVN in the state of Texas. Salary \$9.30 hr. (\$19,344 annually).  
HRD Training Specialist: Diploma/GED plus two (2) related experience. Salary \$8.75-\$9.50 hr. (\$18,195-\$20,622 annually). DOE.  
Administrative Assistant: Diploma/GED plus two (2) years clerical/administrative experience. Word/Excel required. Salary \$9.20 hr. (\$19,104 annually).  
Applications may be obtained at 409 Runnels, by calling JOBLINE at 800-687-2769 or visit www.westcenter.org.

**Health Care Professionals**  
New Horizon Nursing Center a 152 bed skilled Nursing Facility has current openings for:  
\* Director of Nursing - Registered Nurse 3 years experience with 1 year in LTC is required  
\$1500.00 sign on Bonus  
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\* Certified Med Aid-1st shift \$500.00 sign on Bonus  
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\* Sign on Bonuses are applicable if hired before 2/15/2001  
We offer an excellent salary and benefits are available. If you are a person dedicated to providing quality patient care please contact:  
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New Horizon Nursing Center  
3510 W. 8th  
Odessa, TX 79763  
PH (915) 333-4511 FAX (915) 333-6078

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**Comanche Trail Nursing Center Needs**  
CNA's or experienced nurses aides; but will train. Also need part-time LVN's. Paid vacation, paid holidays, health insurance available.

Full-time and part-time Dietary helpers and cooks. Good benefits including 401k for full time employees.

Director of Social Services, Licensed Social Worker. Long term care experience preferred. 401K, medical/dental insurance, paid vacation, paid holidays, career ladder.

Apply In Person 3200 Parkway  
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**Domino's Pizza**  
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Evening kitchen position open. Full time. Mon-Sat

**Apply in person Red Mesa Grill 2401 Gregg.**

**Gifts Fried Chicken** has immediate openings for day & evening shifts. Must be able to work weekends. Base salary plus commission. Send resume to: Box 1142 Big Spring, Texas.

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10,351 Acres near West Sta107 51nton on Cr 2300 E. 8.64% interest. \$117/Mo. Owner Finance Forest America Group. 800-275-7376

**SALE OF FARM REAL ESTATE**  
160 Acres more or less Martin County, Texas The Farm Service Agency (FSA) will sell at a Trustees Foreclosure Sale to the highest bidder or bidders, for cash, at or about the bulletin board inside the NorthEast entrance to the courthouse, 301 North St. Peter, Stanton, TX 79782 in Martin County, TX on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 10:00 AM. The Minimum bid is \$45,164.00. For specific information contact the Farm Loan Manager, Mike Miller, 107 E. Broadway, Stanton, TX 79782, (915) 756-3308.

**BUILDINGS FOR RENT**  
For lease, small building on Snyder Hwy, with overhead door, \$200/mo + \$100/dep. Call Westex Auto Parts, 263-5000

Nice corner office building @ 2nd Johnson, \$400/mn. Call 267-5203 or 267-6240.

Small building w/lot on 4th st. \$150/mn + deposit. Call Westex Auto 263-5000.

**CEMETERY LOTS FOR SALE**  
Single plot in Trinity Memorial Park. For more information call 940-589-4529

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FORECLOSED GOVT HOMES! \$0 OR LOW DOWN! TAX REPO'S & BANKRUPTCY'S OK CREDIT! FOR LISTINGS! CALL 1-800-501-1777 ext 9813.

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For sale by owner. 2602 Lynn. 3 bdr. 2 bth. completely remodeled, Kentwood addition. 263-0786.

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**REDUCED TO \$98,500.** 3 1/2 pretty country home in the city on 1 ac. Must see 263-3125

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**2008 Nolan-B**  
1Bdrm 1 bath Efficiency \$250/mo. \$100/dep. All bills paid. 263-1792 or 264-6006

**207 Jefferson**  
3/2 CHA \$600/mo + deposit 267-2296

HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001:

Use your strong sense of what is possible to make the most of opportunities. You know what you need to do this year. Follow through on your instincts.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\*\* Your interpersonal skills star. You sense confusion running through ideas and plans. Clean up mixed messages. Tonight: Talk to a trusted friend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* Defer to another rather than making a decision. Others think they are right. The real issue might be what is most effective, especially with a decision that involves others. You might not always see past present events. Someone in a position of authority confuses the issue instead of clarifying it. Tonight: Go along with plans.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\* Your ability to read between the lines could make a big difference in what goes down at work or with an important project. Think about the real issue at hand. Efforts to reach out to another result in confusion. Minds aren't meeting. Tonight: Get on an exercise kick.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Listen carefully to someone who means a lot to you. You might not always understand what another is saying. This misunderstanding might not be your fault. Be diplomatic and ask astute, insightful questions. Answers don't come overnight. Tonight: Play the night away.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Listen to your sixth sense about a child or loved one. This person might not be able to tell you the "straight" story because he really does not know it. Honor family as your highest priority. Tonight: Opt for quiet and relaxing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Others might be doing a wonderful job of muddling up decisions and ideas. You will be able to clear things up and get down to brass tacks.

**DEAR ABBY:** Tax time is approaching. As a tax practitioner, I am asking for your help. Please inform your readers:  
(1) Same- or next-day "refunds" are NOT refunds. They are super-high interest loans with interest rates higher than some loans charge! If you file early, you can get your money back in as little as two weeks.

(2) Allow the practitioner to use a direct-deposit refund. If you don't, your return could take up to 10 days longer to be printed, sorted and mailed. The IRS already knows about every bank account you have, so you have nothing to fear.

Thanks for your help in getting this information out, Abby. — TAX TIPS FROM A PROFESSIONAL DEAR PROFESSIONAL: As people scramble to get their tax filing done, it's tempting to take a few shortcuts.

Did you miss your Harat? Call 263-7335 & ask for Circulation.

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1 BR starting at \$175.00  
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Central heat & air  
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2BR-2 bath, partly furnished, ceiling fans. West side. \$300 mo. + dep. 267-5473

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MONDAY										FEB. 12									
Time	KMID 2	KPEJ 3	KERA 5	FAM 6	KOSA 7	WFAA 8	KWES 9	WTBS 11	UNI 13	DISN 14	NASH 15	TMC 16	SHOW 20	HBO 22	KMLM 24	A&E 25	DISC 26	TNT 28	TLC 41
6 PM	News (CC)	On the Border (CC)	Waltbone Z. Bonatoo	Two of 'em and Who's Buss?	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Locura de Amor	Movie: Horse Sense (CC)	Miami Vice	(10) Movie: Racing With	Heaven (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	48 Hours	
7 PM	Movie: These Old Broads (CC)	Boston Public (CC)	Antiques Roadshow	Providence (CC)	King Yes, Dear	Movie: These Old Broads	Croc Hunter	(05) Movie: Wyatt Earp	Abrazame Muy Fuerte	(45) James	Marital Law (CC)	the Moon (CC)	Movie: The Generals	Movie: Blue Streak (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Sings, Fangs and Spines	WCW Monday Nitro (CC)	Junkyard Wars	
8 PM	(CC)	Aly M. Brown (CC)	News in the Sky	Providence (CC)	Raymond Becker (CC)	(CC)	Dateine (CC)		Mi Destino En Tu	(15) Movie: and the Giant Peach (CC)	WWF Raw	Movie: The Faculty (CC)	Daughter (CC)	(45) Movie:	100 Centre Street (CC)	Cosmetic Surgery-Wrong	Movie: The Lost World	Hollywood Cops	
9 PM	George's Crossing	Attorney Nantz (CC)	Nantucket Rock	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	48 Hours (CC)	Gideon's Crossing	Third Watch (CC)		Cristina: Edicion Especial	(15) Movie: Ms. Bear	WWF War Zone	(45) Movie:	Resurrection Blvd. (CC)	Love Stinks (CC)	Hour of Healing	Face Makers	Movie: The Last World	Hollywood Cops	
10 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News Letter (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight		P. Impacto Noticias Univ	(CC)	(07) PRC A Rodeo	Wishful Thinking (CC)	Movie: The Hot Spot	Orgasm: A	News Life in Word	Justice Files	WCW Monday Nitro (CC)	Junkyard Wars	
11 PM	Politically for (36) Cheers	Black Data Sufferly	News (CC) (DVS)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	(05) Movie: Wyatt Earp	A Que No Te Atreves?	Zorro (CC)	(07) Miami Vice	(15) Movie: The	Real Sex Xtra Movie: Table	Promise Rebecca B.	Biography (CC)	Sings, Fangs and Spines	WCW Monday Nitro (CC)	Hollywood Cops	
12 AM	(CC) Bible Lesson	Judge Brown (CC)	Miler's Search Grad	Guthrie Renker Paid Program	Show (CC) (12:06) Oprah Street Smarts	Night (CC) Frasier		Marmar	Wait Disney Presents	Starkey and Hutch	Governess (CC)	(12:15) Movie: Strip	for One (CC)	Faith Pleases God	100 Centre Street (CC)	Cosmetic Surgery-Wrong		Hollywood Cops	

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MY DOCTOR TOLD ME TO EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS

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I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN LATE ALL MY LIFE  
WHEN I THINK IT'S 7 O'CLOCK, IT'S ALREADY 7:30... WHEN I THINK IT'S 11 O'CLOCK, IT'S ALREADY NOON  
WOW, IS IT FEBRUARY ALREADY?

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SHH! MATHS TO SODAS - SWEET FREEZ!  
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IT'S ONE OF OUR BEST SELLERS.  
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IT'S HARD TO HOLD IT KEEPS GETTING STUCK AND I CAN'T SEE WHAT I'M DOING!  
HE GETS FLUSTERED WHEN HE FLOGGEE!  
ARRGH!

### GASOLINE ALLEY

Mr. Pyle! I want a word with you!  
Ah! Mrs. Wallace! You're a virtual vision of loveliness today!  
Really?  
I can't believe you have a son 30 years old - as young as you look!  
Now! What did you want?  
Er...uh... Nothing! Nothing at all!

### SNUFFY SMITH

LOWEEZY-- HERE'S TH' CUP OF CORN MEAL I BORRIED FROM YOU LAST WEEK  
YOU ALREADY PAID ME BACK, ELVINEY  
HOWEVER-- I'LL CREDIT IT TO YORE ACCOUNT

### BEETLE BAILY

LET'S GO BOWLING  
I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOO TIRED  
I CAUGHT UP ON MY SLEEP DURING YOUR LECTURE

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Today is Monday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2001. There are 322 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky.  
On this date:  
In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe founded Savannah, Ga.  
In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote.  
In 1892, President Lincoln's birthday was declared a national holiday.  
In 1909, the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.  
In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, DC.  
In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York.  
In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted on the Mutual network with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.  
In 1973, the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.  
In 1993, in a crime that shocked Britons, two 10-year-old boys lured 2-year-old James Bulger from his mother at a shopping mall in Liverpool, England, then beat him to death. (Eight years later, Jon Venables and Robert Thompson are seeking parole.)  
Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 78. Baseball Hall of Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 75. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is 71. Actor Joe Don Baker is 65. Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 62. Author Judy Blume is 63. Country singer Moe Bandy is 57. Actress Maud Adams is 56. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 56. Actor Michael Ironside is 51. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 51. Actress Joanna Kerns is 48. Actor and former talk show host Arsenio Hall is 46. Actress Christine Elise is 36. Singer Chynna Phillips is 33. Rock musician Jim Creeggan (Barenaked Ladies) is 31. Rhythm-and-blues musician Keri Lewis (Mint Condition) is 30.

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6 Approximately  
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8 Tablet  
9 Suppressors  
10 Docking facility  
11 Isle near Corsica  
12 Love of Don Quixote?  
13 Puts down  
19 Wipe out  
21 Old World duck  
24 \_\_\_ of March  
25 "As You Like It" forest  
26 Seizes  
27 "Slave Ship" author Jones  
28 Wall covering  
29 Brian Hyland hit  
30 "The Purple People"  
31 Recognizes  
33 Small bays  
36 French and Home  
37 Do-others separator

39 Mark new prices  
40 Rowboat requirement  
42 Curriculum element  
43 Morose  
45 Brief  
46 Ripens

47 Sleuth Wolfe  
48 Comic Crosby  
49 Bog  
51 Wildly out of control  
52 Cheerful  
54 Obtained  
55 Actress MacGraw