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**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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## Former pilot to offer book at Hangar 25

A former Webb Air Force pilot will be returning to Big Spring to sign copies of his newly published book at Hangar 25 Air Museum on Saturday.

Ron George will be signing his book, "Airspeed, Altitude and a Sense of Humor," based on his experience as an Air Force pilot.

George first came to Webb Air Force Base in the summer of 1964 in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and returned to Howard County in the spring of 1965 for pilot training.

The book signing will be held at the Hangar 25 briefing room from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Copies will be available at the signing. George said the price for the book will be under \$20.

## WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

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

**FRIDAY**

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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## Area veterans have special day

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day was a special day for the veterans that are hospitalized at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

The vets were honored Wednesday with entertainment by the Clint Brown of Merkel. Brown, a disabled veteran, did four recitations ending with a patriotic song he penned while on a tour of duty in Vietnam that is called "The Unknown

Soldier."

"I owe what I am today to those facilities and I am grateful for them," said Brown. "Because of the injuries I suffered, I had to pretty much give up my singing career, but just changed gears a little and began to do recitations. Sometimes when one door is closed, another one is opened."

Brown's other recitations were "Ragged Old Flag," "Roses For Mama" and an old Red Sovine song called

"Teddy Bear."

After the entertainment, a group of about 25 Howard College athletes, cheerleaders and members of the Diplomats passed out boxes of candy and valentines made by area schoolchildren to patients at the ceremony. Those who were not physically able to attend were visited by the students, who brought valentines and candy to their rooms.

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## Midland man killed in crash Wednesday

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

A 31-year-old Midland man was killed on Interstate 20 Wednesday night when the late model pickup he was driving was crushed by a tractor-trailer rig.

Thirty-one-year-old Brian Welch was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was pronounced dead by Peace Justice Quail Dobbs.

Pat Holt, communications support technician with the Midland Department of Public Safety (DPS), said the accident occurred around 7:28 p.m. Wednesday about one

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## Boys Club founder, director honored

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Presenting a La-Z-Boy recliner to Bert Andries, Boys Club of Big Spring executive director, may give Andries a little nudge to spend more time at home but those who know him doubt it.

"He's not retiring," said Jewel Hyer, who has been on the Boys Club board since its founding. "He is just a full-time volunteer."

More than 40 people went to the retirement reception held for Andries at the Boys Club on Wednesday.

"We can not say enough about what Bert has meant to our community, but let's try to make a stab at it," said Carrol Jennings, who as past United Way of Big Spring and Howard County executive director has worked with Andries for the past six or seven years.

Mayor Russ McEwen, who read a proclamation declaring Feb. 14, 2001, as Burt Andries Day, complimented Andries on his contributions to the community.

"We are here today because of our deep abidingly love for Bert," said McEwen. "We can never repay him for what he has done."

Bill Crooker, one of the first Boys Club board members, spoke about the time Bert first convinced several people to help him start the Boys Club in 1968.

"There was a need for it,"



Bert Andries, Boys Club of Big Spring executive director, sits in his La-Z-Boy recliner after being presented with it during his retirement reception on Wednesday. More than 40 people attended the reception to express their thanks to Andries for his dedication to the community.

Andries left Cosden where he had worked as a

engineer for 15 years to head the Boys Club. Crooker said that Andries personally performed much of the electrical, plumbing and other renovations to the building that houses the non-profit club.

Teaching boys to work

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## Seniors

### Duncan bill would help reduce cost of prescriptions

HERALD Staff Report

Saying that senior citizens account for 33 percent of all prescription drug purchases, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, filed a bill on Wednesday that would significantly cut their cost.

"Texas seniors are suffering because of the disproportionate amount of their income that is spent on prescription drugs," said Duncan. "There is a fair measure that will help those who need help the most."

The legislation, Senate Bill 556, dictates that pharmacies participating in the Medicaid Vendor Drug Program provide prescription drugs to Medicare recipients at the Medicaid cost plus an administrative fee not to exceed 15 cents.

Individuals age 65 and over are automatically eligible for Medicare. To receive the discount, Texas seniors would show their Medicare card along with a valid prescription to a pharmacist participating in the Medicaid program. More than 80 percent of pharmacies in Texas participate in the program, according to Duncan's office.

The bill was immediately endorsed by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, the American Association of Retired Persons and Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander, who had first suggested such legislation.

"If elderly Texans without prescription drug insurance coverage could purchase

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## Howard College to begin on-site enrollment

By Herald Staff Report

Howard College is attempting to make going to college a little easier by offering on-site admission enrollment for high school students.

"This is an opportunity we provide every spring for high school students within our service area," said Javier Flores,

## Rain brings welcome relief but may have led to fatality

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Wednesday night's storm brought always-needed rain to the Crossroads area but may have been the reason for the death of a Midland man traveling on Interstate 20.

The storm brought Big Spring more than half inch of rain.

"It's unusual for us to get good rain like this in February," said Horace Tubbs, longtime farmer and businessman, who lives south of the city. "Hopefully we'll make a crop this year."

The rainfall brought the total for Big Spring for the year to 2.19 inches. The city has recorded 95 one-hundredths of an inch this month.

"Any rain is good at this time," said Rick Liles, exec-

utive director of the Howard County Farm Service Agency. "We still need some more moisture to soak down and get into the deep soil."

The storm brought rain to other parts of West Texas. Barbara Fuchs of St. Lawrence reported a tenth of an inch while Lanny Fryar on the west side of Martin County reported two-tenths of rain.

According to the National Weather Service in Midland Snyder received two-tenths, Colorado City, .67 inches; Forsan, .49 inches; and Lamesa, just over one-tenth.

Alec Lyster, meteorologist for the weather service said the forecast for Big Spring is for conditions to remain chilly and moist today and tonight with milder temperatures potentially returning Friday.

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"We will help them fill out the admissions application, as well as scholarship applications," Flores said. "Now is the time for students planning to attend this fall to complete their paperwork for admission and financial assistance. The deadline for financial aid applications, including scholarship applications for the fall 2001 semester is April 2."

Assisting with the application process and scholarship forms often helps a student push through the paperwork necessary to attend college, he said.

"While we will not be

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Richard Wright does some repair and replacement of the sprinkler system lines on the courthouse lawn. Some of the lines were recently damaged during some other work being done on some gas lines.

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OBITUARIES

James Holbert Fuller

James Holbert Fuller, 95, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2001, in a local nursing home. Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the 15th and Main Church of Christ with Perry Chatham, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. He will be assisted by Royce Clay, retired Church of Christ minister and Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Fuller was born on June 14, 1905, in Quitman and married Mattie Pauline Buckalew on Sept. 27, 1927, in Colorado City.

He had lived in Howard County since 1932 and farmed until 1967.

He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ for 57 years and had served as a deacon for 14 years. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and had served as a director for the Co-op Gin of Big Spring.

Survivors include: his wife of 73 years, Mattie Fuller; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Bob Wegner of Big Spring and JoAnn and Richard Scott of Odessa; one son and daughter-in-law, Don and Dottie Fuller of Garland; one son-in-law, Kenneth Archer of Odessa; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-children.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, LaVerne Archer; two grandsons, Richard Scott and Robert Casey; his parents; five brothers; and one sister.

The family suggests memorial services to 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main, Big Spring 79720, Community Care Hospice 1510 Gregg St. or a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Eltha Beulah Bryant Whisenhunt

Eltha Beulah Bryant Whisenhunt was born in Gorman on Aug. 3, 1918. She was the youngest of five children born to Eli

and Beulah Bryant. The family moved to Big Spring in 1934 when Mr. Bryant was transferred with the U.S. Postal Service. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1936. She married Bill Whisenhunt June 13, 1941. She was employed by the City of Big Spring for 14 years. She also worked for A.J. Pirkle and Bonnie Bennett Insurance. She had been a member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring for more than 60 years and enjoyed many happy hours with her Sunday School class "The Questers."

She was preceded in death by her husband, one sister and a brother. Survivors include: a son, Fred White and wife, Linda, of Big Spring; two brothers, A.T. Bryant and wife, Edna, of Amarillo, Weldon Bryant and wife, Juanita, of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Melinda and husband Bruce of Wichita, Kan., Leanne and husband, Nelson, of San Antonio; five great-grandchildren, Landon, Blythe, Erica, Cassandra and Karina.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001, in the chapel of First Baptist Church, Big Spring, with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

Paid obituary

Juanita M. Palomino

Funeral service for Juanita M. Palomino, 82, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 16, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Chaplain Debra Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Palomino died Wednesday, Feb. 14, at a local hospital.

She was born on March 6, 1918, in Ruidoso and had lived in Big Spring for 45 years. She married Francisco Palomino Sr. on Dec. 11, 1941, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on April 13, 1994. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include: three sons, Frank Palomino Jr. of Fort Worth, Ismael Palomino of San Antonio and Arthur Palomino of Big Spring; four daughters, Louisa Marquez of Big Spring, Linda Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla., Helen Cowles of Midland and Thelma Gomez of Elkhart, Kan.; two brothers; two sisters; 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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

VETERANS

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During the day, patients were visited by students from various schools around Big Spring who

went from room to room passing out goodies and handmade cards.

A decorated sheet cake as well as punch, cookies and nuts were served by ladies from the Odessa Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary Post 4372 who have been making the trip over for many years to celebrate the event.

Brown said he considered it a privilege and an honor to be asked to come entertain the vets.

"I come to the Big Spring VA quite a lot as a patient," he said. "One day Iva Jo Hanslik said she saw me on television and asked if I would come over and do a short program for the vets. Of course I will not say no to anything for a vet... so here I am and I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

Brown said he was severely injured in Vietnam, but he is thankful because it could have been much worse.

"I had third-degree burns over 53 percent of my body and 11 gunshot wounds," said Brown. "One of the wounds blew off the entire right side of my head which took about one-tenth of my brain out so I have had to learn to walk, talk and eat again just like a newborn baby."

Prior to introducing Brown, VA Medical Center CEO Carey Brown told those gathered that Valentine's Day was chosen to honor hospitalized vets because the holiday is about showing love for others.

"It's all about love. On Valentine's Day you do something for someone to show them your love," he said.

DEATH

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mile west of Big Spring. According to the DPS report, an eastbound Freightliner driven by Carlos Lara of Los Angeles crossed the center median and rolled on top of a pickup driven by Welch.

A passenger in the 18-wheeler, 45-year-old Jose Mendez of Ontario, Calif., was slightly injured but refused medical treatment.

The report said the road condition at the time was wet, which may have contributed to the accident.

Shon Parker of the Big Spring DPS investigated the accident and was assisted by deputies from the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

ANDRIES

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together and providing them a place to place to do that in a fun, safe atmosphere is what the Boys Club has been about.

Municipal Court Judge Timothy Green spoke about the influence the Boys Club has had on his life.

"There are a lot of values I learned from the Boys Club that I take into the courtroom today," Green said. "The values I picked up here will live with me forever."

During the reception, Jennings presented Andries with a La-Z-Boy recliner to give him "a nudge into retirement," he said. "I never did think I would be here looking at Bert's retirement, but I think he will never truly retire from the Boys Club," Crooker said.

Andries spoke for a brief time at the end of the reception.

"The Boys Club is not one person but many members,"

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Andries said. "When we first got the Boys Club together Bill and I tried to get funds but did not have success until we got the women involved in the club."

For now, Andries plans to spend more time in the woodshop, helping run that program and teaching youth about crafts.

The reins are being handed to Tony Gonzalez Jr., a Boys Club member at one time and has worked with the club for a number of years.

SENIORS

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medicine at the Medicaid price, they would save between 10 and 40 percent off the retail price of their prescriptions," Rylander said.

Duncan said similar legislation has been successful in other states.

"This bill would keep paying customers in the store and would bring more prospective customers to the store," he added. "Pharmacies need to find a way to stem the flood of pharmaceutical business being given to mail order and Internet companies."

According to the Texas State Comptroller's e-report, approximately one third of Texas seniors of 725,000 Medicare recipients have no prescription drug insurance coverage.

COLLEGE

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and this begins with the process of seeking acceptance into Howard College," Flores said. "We're here to help and we enjoy bringing to the high schools to meet the students."

He also commended the high school counselors who assist in the on-site admission process by preparing the students and supplying forms and packets for all interested seniors.

On-site admission dates for other area high schools are Feb. 27, Sands; March 6, Garden City; March 20, Eldorado. Dates for Stanton and Grady will be set in the near future, he said.

RAIN

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Law enforcement officers believe the rain may have

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 3,1,8

Lotto: 17,24,31,33,41,44

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

played a role in the death of 31-year-old Brian Welch of Midland, whose pickup was struck by a Freightliner on one mile west of Big Spring on Interstate 20. According to the Department of Public Safety, the driver of the Freightliner lost control in the rain and the vehicle crossed the median.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

SHERIFF

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

•SUSPICIOUS PERSONS were reported in the Hughes Road area.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 173 mile marker area.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the Coahoma elementary school.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of Wilson Rd.

POLICE

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

•JOHNNIE PAYNE, 42, of 109 E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or

more.

•A M A N D A EGGLESTON, 22, of 605 N. Scurry, was arrested on DPS warrants.

•FAILURE TO COMPLY was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon.

•FALSE REPORT TO A PEACE OFFICER was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla, the 500 block of S. Bell, the 1200 block of Lloyd, the 400 block of Gregg, the 200 block of Circle, the 900 block of Lancaster, the 1300 block of Mesa, the 1700 block of Purdue and in the 600 block of Abrams.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 900 block of Lancaster.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 70  
Wednesday's low 40  
Precip. Wednesday 0.61  
Record high 87 in 2000  
Record low 10 in 1951  
Average high 62  
Average low 30  
Month to date 0.95  
Year to date 2.19  
Sunrise Friday 7:28 a.m.  
Sunset Friday 6:32 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

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

10:00 a.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:43 p.m. — 800 block of East Third, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:04 p.m. — 1000 block of North Lamesa, medical call, service refused.

7:31 p.m. — Mile marker 173 of Interstate 20, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC, four others refused service.

9:14 p.m. — 500 block of Dallas, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:30 p.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:17 p.m. — 4200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Report

AUSTIN (AP) — Computer giant Computer Corp. is off 1,700 employees in Central Texas, though an Austin suburb Round Rock. Ma Stluka told the American-Senate Wednesday night officials told him that day about it that would also in capital city's slashing the cost Central Texas would 8 percent.

The layoffs were first announced by the 16-year history nation's leading personal computer cuts would bring

Justice

WASHINGTON — The Justice Dept. official in charge told a Senate Wednesday that House officials told him that Marc Rich fugitive in the former President granted him clemency.

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Television

WASHINGTON — The nation's top TV networks agreed to a uniform poll closed would eliminate the networks' announcements in some state polls in other states closed.

In an eight-hour of the House Commerce Committee Wednesday also that they will wait the polls in a closed before a winner in that take other steps to recurrence of events led to the premature incorrect — declared the Florida pre

Suspect

SANTA CLARA (AP) — A suspect killer described by prosecutors as "pure evil" victed of four murders the San Joaquin Valley authorities suspect other killings and across the West.

Wesley Sherman 35, sat quietly as dicta were read in a Santa Clara court where the case was because of public sentencing phase mine whether he executed for the sentenced to life in to begin next week.

"This is the frankly, we expect me, it's 15 years prosecutor Thom said. "For 15 years ten away with a la

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First Bank of West Texas	Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union
American State Bank	T & P Federal Credit Union
State Hospital Federal Credit Union	Big Spring Banking Center
Citizens Federal Credit Union (Sat. Feb. 17th & Mon. Feb. 19th)	
Government Employee Federal Credit Union	<b>OPEN</b> The Electric Utilities Credit Union



# Report: Dell to lay off 1,700 employees

AUSTIN (AP) — Personal computer giant Dell Computer Corp. plans to lay off 1,700 employees in Central Texas, the mayor of an Austin suburb says.

Round Rock Mayor Robert Stluka told the Austin American-Statesman on Wednesday night that Dell officials told him earlier in the day about the layoffs that would also include the capital city's facilities, slashing the company's Central Texas work force by 8 percent.

The layoffs would be the first announced job cuts in the 16-year history of the nation's leading seller of personal computers. The cuts would bring the num-

ber of Austin-area job cuts so far this year to more than 3,700, according to the American-Statesman.

Representatives of Dell told The Associated Press on Thursday they had no immediate comment on the report.

Last week, chief executive Michael Dell refused to comment on the layoff rumors, which have been swirling for weeks. Analysts have expected the company to announce the cuts in its earnings report due to be released Thursday afternoon.

Stluka told the newspaper that the company informed him it would be reducing "redundant positions,"

which could include mid-level management jobs.

Dell had been widely expected to reduce its work force as it faces slumping sales in a shrinking PC market. The earnings report was expected to show profits dropping but revenue holding steady.

The company would offer severance pay to laid-off employees as well as references to help them get jobs elsewhere, Stluka said.

Sources told the newspaper that Dell may offer executives as many as six months of severance pay.

"They said they wouldn't be leaving these people out in the cold," Stluka said.

Stluka said the Dell offi-

cial, including spokeswoman Cathie Hargett, told him that their sales are still growing but that "this is a retooling to stay competitive in the market."

He said company officials told him that the layoffs had nothing to do with job performance and that they would not affect production or sales.

"I certainly hope they're able to work with the displaced employees and that these people are able to find employment soon," he said.

Dell's local work force of about 21,000 is split roughly evenly between operations in North Austin and in Round Rock, the northern suburb.

# Medicare reform focus to include prescription drugs for all beneficiaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several senators are beginning work on Medicare reform with plans to cover prescription drugs for all beneficiaries, going beyond President Bush's proposal to initially to cover only the poorest seniors.

"I don't know if we're going to ever have this opportunity again," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the top Democrat on the Finance Committee, which oversees Medicare. "We just can't give health care the short shrift."

Many senators want broader legislation — adding a drug benefit and restructuring the program to add competition and save money. The chamber was to begin examining those efforts today, when the Senate Budget Committee holds hearings on paying the costs of Medicare participants' drugs.

Also today, Sens. John Breaux, D-La., and Bill Frist, R-Tenn., will introduce a pair of bills with bipartisan support. The first would restructure the program, forcing private health insurance companies — and the government — to compete to serve seniors. The second bill focuses on subsidizing pre-

scription drug costs under traditional Medicare coverage.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Finance Committee said Wednesday he hoped to have a bill ready for the full Senate's consideration by August.

Both Grassley and Baucus said the committee will draw on various plans to widen the drug benefit but stop short of a far-reaching, politically divisive restructuring of Medicare. The 36-year-old program serves 39 million elderly and disabled Americans.

Bush has proposed a four-year plan to help states provide prescription drugs to poor seniors, hoping that, in the interim, Congress will work on more substantial changes to the program, including adding drug benefits.

Meanwhile, some House Republicans contend government should help only the poorest.

"Even if we could afford to cover every single drug bill, we shouldn't try," Majority Leader Dick Army of Texas said Wednesday. "Consumers who can afford to do so should pay the small routine bills."

# Justice Department continues probe of pardon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department official in charge of pardons told a Senate committee Wednesday that White House officials did not tell him that Marc Rich was a fugitive in the hours before former President Clinton granted him clemency.

As Democratic senators joined Republicans in condemning Clinton's action, U.S. Pardon Attorney Roger Adams testified that the White House counsel's office told him only that that Rich and his partner, Pincus Green, had been "living abroad for several years."

Meanwhile, the chairman of a House committee said Wednesday he was told by the Justice Department it will be "at least one week" before officials there act on the panel's request to grant Rich's former wife, Denise, immunity from prosecution in exchange for her testimony to the panel.

Denise Rich contributed an estimated \$450,000 to the Clinton Presidential Library, more than \$1.1 million to the Democratic Party and at least \$109,000 to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

Wednesday night, the former president again denied

any impropriety in granting the pardon.

"As I have said repeatedly, I made the decision to pardon Marc Rich based on what I thought was the right thing to do," Clinton said. "Any suggestion that improper factors, including fund raising for the DNC or my library, had anything to do with the decision are absolutely false."

Claiming constitutional protections against self-incrimination, Denise Rich has refused to answer questions from the House Government Reform Committee chaired by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

The committee has subpoenaed her American bank records, along with records from Clinton's presidential library and the Democratic National Committee in its probe of the pardon.

Marc Rich has lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in New York on federal charges in 1983, including evading more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and participating in illegal oil deals with Iran.

At the time of the pardon, Rich was listed on the Justice Department's Web site as one of the most wanted international fugitives.

# Television executives say election miscalls won't be repeated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top TV executives told Congress a national uniform poll closing time would eliminate the issue of networks announcing winners in some states before polls in other states are closed.

In an eight-hour hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the network presidents Wednesday also pledged that they will wait until all the polls in a state are closed before declaring a winner in that state and take other steps to prevent a recurrence of events that led to the premature — and incorrect — declarations of the Florida presidential

race.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., called the hearing to study why the networks gave Florida to Al Gore on the evening of Nov. 7, retracted that decision several hours later and then, around 2 a.m. EST on Nov. 8, declared George W. Bush the winner in Florida and the president-elect, even though Florida vote was heading toward a virtual tie.

Tauzin and other Republicans argued that the first mistake in declaring Gore in Florida, while unintentional, might have discouraged voters in Western states from voting, particularly Republicans who thought Gore was heading

for victory nationwide.

Those testifying — from ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, Fox, The Associated Press and Voter News Service — denied any political bias in their reporting.

Several of them said that while there is no real evidence that Western state voters are swayed by TV reports on winners in the East, a uniform national closing time would end the perception that this might be true.

Tauzin and Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., have introduced a bill under which all polls in the nation would close at the same time, and there was wide support for the bill from

others on the committee.

David Westin, president of ABC News, said he hoped to see a time when the nation "has a system of voting that is so reliable and so instantaneous" that the networks could simply report the actual results rather than analyze exit polls.

The TV executives said that while they were embarrassed by what CBS News President Andrew Heyward called "our Florida flip-

flops," it was their responsibility, and not the job of Congress, to fix the problems.

Associated Press President and Chief Executive Louis D. Boccardi said he was concerned that the congressional inquiry was inconsistent with First Amendment values. "We agree that there were serious shortcomings — call them terrible mistakes — I do," he said.

"But fixing them is a job for the nation's editors, not for its legislators," he remarked.

Fox News Network Chairman and CEO Roger Ailes said he was "deeply disappointed" that the issue was being handled as an investigative matter and that "this committee views its role as adversarial, requiring us to take an oath as if we have something to hide. We do not."

# Suspected serial killer convicted

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — A suspected serial killer described by prosecutors as "pure evil" was convicted of four murders in the San Joaquin Valley, and authorities suspect him in other killings and assaults across the West.

Wesley Shermantine Jr., 35, sat quietly as the verdicts were read Wednesday in a Santa Clara courtroom, where the case was moved because of publicity. The sentencing phase to determine whether he should be executed for the crimes or sentenced to life in prison is to begin next week.

"This is the verdict, frankly, we expected. But to me, it's 15 years too late," prosecutor Thomas Testa said. "For 15 years he's gotten away with a large num-

ber of sexual assaults, abductions, kidnappings, other crimes."

Testa said Shermantine had boasted of killing as many as 22 people, and authorities consider him a suspect in murders elsewhere in California and in Utah and Nevada.

Shermantine's attorneys declined to comment Wednesday.

Prosecutors had no witnesses to the four killings for which Shermantine was convicted, and only two of the bodies — those of Paul Cavanaugh, 31, and Howard King, 35, both killed in 1994 — have been found.

Shermantine was linked to the deaths by tire tracks matching his pickup near where the two men were shot to death in a car off a

remote road. In the other two killings, DNA tests years later provided prosecutors with the links.

Shermantine was long suspected in 16-year-old Chevy Wheeler's disappearance from Stockton in 1985, but it wasn't until 1999 that drops of blood in his mountain cabin were matched to the girl's DNA.

In the 1998 disappearance of Cyndi Vanderheiden, 25, of Clements, east of Stockton, blood allegedly found on a head rest and in the trunk of Shermantine's vehicle matched the girl's. She had last been seen leaving a bar with Shermantine, who was high on methamphetamine, and his friend Loren Herzog, Testa said. Herzog is charged in three of the killings.

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OUR VIEWS

Bert Andries  
deserves our  
warm thanks

The tall, lanky man leans over a timid, young boy standing at a scroll saw, and with steady hands and a soft voice tells him how to position the wood. "You can do it," he encourages. "Just take your time."

It's a scene that has repeated itself thousands of times at the Big Spring Boys Club. For more than three decades, Bert Andries has been a teacher, counselor and even a father-figure to young men of all ages who have walked through the club's doors.

He's taught them every sport imaginable, but his influence goes way beyond that. He's provided a place to study, to laugh, to learn teamwork and sharing and responsibility.

"Our purpose is always guidance," Andries said in a 1998 interview. "Our activities are just tools toward that."

Through the years, the boys he tutored grew up, had families of their own and watched with approval as their sons in turn learned some of life's most important lessons under Andries' guidance.

It was in 1967 when Andries and a group of co-workers at Cosden first organized the Boys Club. He left a 15-year career as an engineer to become its executive director after it opened in 1968. Until this month, he's been the only director the facility has ever had.

Wednesday, community members held a retirement luncheon in his honor. Ever so humble, Andries downplayed his role. "The Boys Club is not one person, but many members," he said.

Fittingly, Andries was presented with a La-Z-Boy recliner to "relax" in. Fitting, yes, if impractical. Though retired, Andries is still planning on volunteering at the club, teaching the boys woodworking and other crafts and exerting his positive influence.

As Mayor Russ McEwen said Wednesday, we can never repay you for what you have done. But we do want you to know how much we appreciate you.

Thank you, Bert, for 33 years of making sure our young boys have had a safe place to learn and have fun. And thank you even more for your unfaltering commitment and your constant guidance.

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This tree is too big for a hat rack

In the hint of a hippie era that colored my college days, houseplants were all the rage. Green was cool.

The Sixties didn't really visit Auburn University in rural Alabama until the 1970s, and when they did, almost nobody noticed.

You might say we tried hip, but didn't inhale.

We adopted bell-bottoms, but didn't take over buildings. We made macrame, not love. The closest most of us came to using heavy drugs was wearing Dr. Scholl's sandals.

The one aspect of the flower-child culture that really took was the flowering part. There was a genuine houseplant craze.

In every student apartment swung dozens of airplane plants, their satellite sprigs twirling. There were more asparagus ferns than you could shake a string of love beads at.

A house wasn't a home

until every tabletop was covered with philodendra and jade plants in clay pots and broken teacups and old boots. We stuck cuttings and bulbs and seeds in anything that would hold dirt.

Plants were a cheap, decorative touch, something to hide the cracks in the plaster, the holes in the upholstery, the scratches on the dresser. Less was more, more or less, except where plants were concerned. You had to jump over a rubber plant to get to the hammock bed, negotiate a nandina to climb the stairs.

If we had known about Miracle-Gro, the campus would have been a jungle. As it was, we spoke in a slang of root rot and aphids, almost as if we knew what we were talking about. Green was groovy.

I guess that's why today, 30 years later, I still love houseplants. Whenever someone offers me one, I take it. Doesn't matter if it's ailing or ugly, I put it in a pot and try to keep it alive.

Which brings me to the Norfolk Island pine. It was a respectable size when my friend brought it around several years ago. About knee-high. A cute little fellow in a plastic pot far too big for it.

I saw it and immediately started salivating. How wonderful the little tree would look with cardinal ornament... and red ribbon at Christmastime.

"I know you'll take care of it," my friend said. "These are expensive trees."

Well, that was about six years ago, and now it's "The Ransom of Red Chief" time. My friend, of course, won't have it back.

The little tree I wanted so badly is almost too tall for my 8-foot ceiling. It spreads its famously stiff and symmetrical branches about 4 feet in every direction. And it thrives on neglect.

Every spring I haul the monster to the deck and pray for a late freeze. It has survived several freezes, two drought-ridden summers, being knocked over by careless children and big dogs, frequent cussings. Stout doesn't cover it.

"The Araucaria excelsa responds to fertilizer," my plant sourcebook says. I resorted to looking it up the other day, hoping to find a murder weapon.

"An admirable foliage plant if given considerable light."

I've never once fertilized or repotted the pine. It sits in the darkest room of the

house because that's as far as I can manage to roll it every fall. I can only imagine how big the tree would be if I'd ever fertilized or repotted it or shown it the light.

The book says 125 feet, but maybe that's only in the southern Pacific forests from which it hails. Surely it won't grow that big in Mississippi.

I've tried to palm off the pine to other friends, who take one look at its size and state the obvious: "It's too big for my house."

I employ the Tom Sawyer approach, bragging on the green beauty as I pluck at its dead branches, swearing it's the crown jewel of all my houseplants and that I'd miss it terribly.

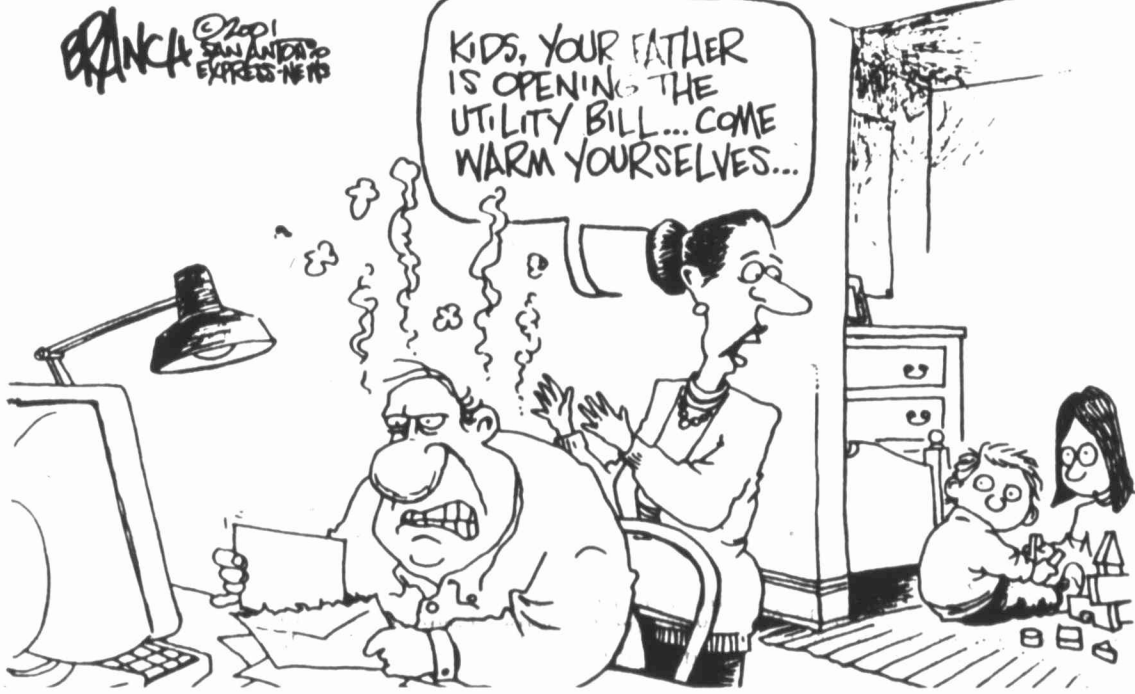
Truth is, one more summer in the sun and the tree must be trucked off to a house with higher ceilings, wider rooms. A summer of average rainfall should push the pine to 10 feet.

In my college days, I would have moved to accommodate such a plant. But in these root-bound, weary days I no longer believe I can single-handedly cure the ills of a square, oxygen-depleted society with lots of hair and houseplants.

This tree is too far-out.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



We're not being very realistic

Novelist Ayn Rand said something once that every American should keep in mind. She said, "We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality."

So true. People evade reality all the time by rationalizing, fantasizing or just refusing to think. One of the great literary examples was Scarlett O'Hara's oft-repeated phrase, "I'll worry about that tomorrow."

Procrastination is a form of evading reality. So is excessively watching television or reading novels. Or drinking. Or taking dope.

The reality we are trying to evade, of course, is our life, the only thing we have. The really dangerous evasion of reality, however, is the delusion, shared by liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, that America is a special country that, because of its power and size, has a moral obligation to lead the world and shape it in our own image.

We are not a special country. We are a lucky country. We owe our size and prosperity to our ancestors. These ancestors were a rough-and-tough

bunch, about as politically incorrect as you can be. But they seized the choice parts of the North American continent. They left the frozen tundra for Canada and the deserts for Mexico.

But our size and our power give us neither the moral right nor the ability to rule the world. If we do not shed this delusion, we'll follow the path of all previous empires and collapse sometime in the new century. Let us look at ourselves realistically.

Our military power is mainly nuclear, and nuclear weapons are suicidal. We have not won a real war since 1945. We had a stalemate in Korea and defeat in Vietnam. The Gulf War amounted to a mugging of the expeditionary force of a Third World country. It is no great military feat for 1,200 advanced warplanes, 600,000 troops and a fleet of modern ships to drive 200,000 draftees out of Kuwait, where they had neither air support nor cover.

We've become a nation that deludes itself with hype. We called that a great victory, and we conveniently forget that a truck bomber drove us out of Lebanon. The barefoot soldiers of a Somali warlord drove us out of Somalia. We have since taken to using \$1 million missiles to blow up an aspirin factory in Sudan and some tents and out-

houses in Afghanistan.

The war against Yugoslavia was a failure. We bombed a little country of 10 million souls. Their army, however, emerged unscathed. And we drove out the people we intended to protect. In the end, Russian diplomacy saved our face. Now our own inept diplomacy has American troops sitting in armed compounds for an indefinite period of time and with no hope of solving the political problems.

If we continue to pursue American hegemony, we will create our own opposition. What we have to do is recognize that the rest of world is not going to accept American hegemony. Frankly, I don't think we have either the ability or the sand in our craw to impose it. When the government is terrified of losing a single pilot, then we better not tangle with a country that will kill our soldiers by the thousands. If we're scared to death of a terrorist, then we'd better not tangle with people who have the willingness and the ability to lay a nuke on Los Angeles or San Francisco.

We have too many academics and journalists in the so-called foreign-policy establishment. Most have no experience in either war or diplomacy.

They live inside their heads. They read. They write. But it's the reality outside their heads that can kill us.



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### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Big Spring High School Choir

Big Spring High School choir students competed in solo and ensemble competition in Odessa Feb. 3. Twenty-five students earned division I ratings on solos or as part of ensemble, many of whom will get eligible to go to state solo and ensemble competition in May.

Seniors who received division I ratings making them eligible for state contest are: Nicole Smith, Amanda Meek, Koesh Boyd, Jessica Salazar, Brittany Stone and Sandra Munoz. Juniors who earned the highest rating on a class I solo, making them eligible for state, include: Sherrean Jones, Andrew Campbell, Alex Edgemon (voice and piano) and Kim Jumper.

One ensemble made the top rating and will go to state. It consisted of: senior Kaci Aciri, juniors Brandon Greathouse, Sherrean Jones, Kaci Stokes, Tiffanie Vanderbilt and Jessi Weir, sophomore Nicole Rushin, and freshmen Sonya Ortega, C.J. Lowery and David Brooks.

Freshmen and sophomore students who earned the top ratings on solos were: Will Liggett, Jacquelyn Bowen and Kristina Woodruff, freshmen; and Nicole Rushin, sophomore.

#### Coahoma Elementary

On Jan. 25, 2001, several of Coahoma Elementary's second through fifth grade students traveled to Seagraves to participate in the District 3AA U.I.L. Academic and Literary Meet. The sixth

graders joined the junior high students to compete in Plains on Jan. 22. Congratulations to the following students for placing in their events.

Second Grade  
Creative Writing: Matthew Wynn-4th Place  
Third Grade  
Spelling: Nicholas Sevey-5th Place, Music Memory: 3rd Place Team-Kalea Neff (perfect paper), Nicholas Sevey (perfect paper), Jordan Martin, Hilary Rodriguez, Josh Paniagua  
Storytelling: Hayli McCullough-2nd Place  
Fourth Grade

Music Memory: 3rd Place Team-Nina Toscano (perfect paper), Ashley Martin (perfect paper), Hilari White (perfect paper), Kelly Lee, Matthew Taylor, Jared Blythe. Spelling: Nina Toscano-6th Place  
Fifth Grade

Spelling: Bobby Payne-1st Place, Linsey Chavez-3rd Place. Ready Writing: Christie Rich-5th Place. Oral Reading: KaySea Spiller-1st Place, William Reilly-6th Place. Number Sense: Bobby Payne-4th Place. Music Memory: 3rd Place Team-KaySea Spiller (perfect paper), Rachel Wheeler, Teryn Bibb, Maddy Hopkins, Kassi Holbrook. Listening Skills: Heather Sheppard-2nd Place (tie). Dictionary Skills: Logan Stone-6th Place. Art Contest: 4th Place Team-Kayla Gutierrez, Amy Holleman, Coulter Morgan, Justin Rau, Reagan Rupard. Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Coulter Morgan-2nd Place, Geno Jacques-5th Place.  
Sixth Grade

General Math: Jason Gonzales-2nd Place. Number Sense: Kamrun Green-6th Place. Calculator: Tyler Tucker-2nd Place  
Spelling: Kamrun Green-2nd Place. Maps, Graphs, & Charts: Michael Yeater-1st

Place, Alecc Herrera-6th Place. Oral Reading: Amy Martinez-4th Place. Listening Skills: Michael Yeater-1st Place, Skyler Mundell-3rd Place. Music Memory: 2nd Place Team-Tyler Tucker, Brianna Thurman, Jacquelyn Hopkins.

#### Forsan Junior High

On Jan. 22, a group of students from Forsan Junior High journeyed to Plains to compete in the District 3AA 2000-2001 U.I.L. literary competition. Forsan netted a total of 351 points to capture third place in the tournament. Students garnering points and medals or ribbons were awarded as follows.

6th Grade Number Sense — 1st Place: Jonathan Purcell, 5th Place: Dani Borel

7th Grade Science — 5th Place: Jacob O'Rear

6th Grade Math — 1st Place: Jonathan Purcell, 2nd Place: Courtney Holdampf, 6th Place: Michael Day

7th Grade Math — 1st Place: Audrey Montgomery

6th Grade Listening Skills — 2nd Place: Eric Ellis

7th Grade Listening Skills — 1st Place: Jacob O'Rear, 3rd Place: Luke Smith

7th Grade Spelling — 1st Place: Kayla Spence, 3rd Place: Victoria McDowell

8th Grade Spelling — 2nd Place: Abby Janca

6th Dictionary Skills — 2nd Place: Courtney Holdampf

7th Dictionary Skills — 1st Place: Jacob O'Rear, 4th Place: Ashley Colegrove, 5th Place: Taylor Barber

8th Dictionary Skills — 2nd Place: Casi Graves

6th Grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts — 2nd Place: Jonathan Purcell

7th Grade Maps, Graphs, and Charts — 3rd Place:



Courtesy photo  
Forsan Junior High School students performed "The Little Match Girl" for the District 3AA UIL one-act play competition. The troupe earned third place with its production.

Ryan Slate

7th Grade Modern Oratory — 2nd Place: Kayla Spence

8th Grade Modern Oratory — 2nd Place: Micaela Purcell, 3rd Place: Rachel Clinton

7th Grade Impromptu Speaking — 5th Place: Audrey Montgomery

8th Grade Impromptu Speaking — 6th Place: Emilee Trammell

6th Grade Ready Writing — 6th Place: Amber Ritz

8th Grade Ready Writing — 6th Place: Daley Seeker

6th Grade Oral Reading — 3rd Place: Crystal McNew, 5th Place: Cayley Eggleston

8th Grade Oral Reading — 2nd Place: Rachel Clinton, 4th Place: Abby Janca

6th Grade Music Memory Team — 1st Place, Amber Ritz (perfect score), Trey Tipton, Justin Epley, Derrick Colegrove, Kassi Wash

Some months earlier in the school year, on Saturday, Nov. 11, Forsan students traveled to Plains

to participate in the first part of District 3AA U.I.L. competition, the one-act play contest. Eighteen students presented "The Little Match Girl" by Herman Ammann. These students won third place in the play competition as well as having two students awarded All Star Cast, and two others given Honorable Mention.

Those students performing included Dani Borel (All Star Cast), Kyle Briggs (Honorable Mention), Hillary Burks, Rachel Clinton, Mallory Dunn, Cayley Eggleston, Abby Janca (All Star Cast), Jeremy Johnson, Ruth Kaelin (Honorable Mention), Clay Kuykendall, Micaela Purcell, Cory Reyna, Daley Seeker, Luke Smith, and Emilee Trammell. These students were successfully assisted in this endeavor by stage crew members Christin Ballard, Aarika Thixton, and Jerrod Price.

## A way of life

### Industry may hold key to family's past

In the early days of Texas, there were pioneers who wanted a new life and were willing to get through many hardships to attain it. The people in Austin's colony lived under the laws of the Mexican government and tried to co-exist with all other aspects of early Texas life.

As time passed, the pioneers moved westward. They still encountered some of the same hardships as before: Indian attacks, lack of food, and the day to day hardships each family endured.

In our region, the first real industry was ranching. From ranching came farming, mercantile stores, churches, schools, banking, etc. As each successive generation came along, the economic outlook improved until something happened to knock the feet out from under it.

When the oil industry was launched, our livelihood switched from the ranching and farming phase to the oil phase. When each suffered a slowdown, it created a ripple effect touching each business and each person in our region.

Knowing the industries or way of life in the area your ancestors lived can greatly improve your chances of finding all of your relatives in that area.

Check out the occupations of the people on census records and see which industry or occupation dominates. Check the neighbors to your ancestors and see where they came from.

As the economy of an area went sour, it was customary for several families to move at the same time and travel together. A thorough understanding of the area your ancestors lived can bring excellent returns in finding missing families.

Genealogist Bobby Rawls can be reached through his Web site, [www.crcm.net/~brrawls](http://www.crcm.net/~brrawls).



BOBBY RAWLS



At left, Bauer Magnet Elementary first grader Ashlyn Mitchell tries to break her record of 35 jumps in a row, and does, making 36, while at right, Dakota Lesser gives it his best shot during the Jump Rope for Heart event at the school Wednesday. Students from all grades participated in the fundraiser for the American Heart Association during their physical education classes.

HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen



## Many kids carrying the weight of school on their shoulders

BOSTON (AP) — Jared Idels, 13, takes the bus to and from Wayland Middle School, so his heavy backpack doesn't usually bother him. But it became a problem recently when he had to walk his little brother home from elementary school.

"That day, he really complained about how heavy his backpack was," said his mother, Sue. "I don't think I'd want to walk a mile with that thing on."

Jared may not be alone in carrying a huge weight on his shoulders, according to a new study.

Simmons College Professor Shelly Goodgold found that 55 percent of fifth- through eighth-grade students she surveyed carry backpack loads weighing more than 15 percent of their body weight. One-third of those students said they've suffered back pain.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended that children carry no more than 10 percent to 20 percent of their weight in a backpack.

The results of the new study are to be presented Saturday at a national conference of the American Physical Therapy Association in San Antonio. The study was based on a survey of 345 Massachusetts children.

"When you carry something that is really heavy, your head goes forward and you lean forward," said Goodgold, an associate professor of physical therapy. "This can produce strains in the neck, and strains in the back. Holding it over one shoulder can also create imbalances."

Previous studies have shown that wearing a back-

pack on one shoulder might increase the curvature of the spine in scoliosis patients, said Dr. Scott Bautch, president of the American Chiropractic Association's Council on Occupational Health.

Bautch said that other back problems have also been documented.

"There is a trend that kids are having back pain earlier," he said. "And it's not only caused by backpacks. They are sitting in front of computers, and doing other sedentary activities." Additional studies of back-

pack pain are under way, including one at Northeastern University focusing on high schoolers. And the National Association of State Textbook Administrators is holding a "Summit on Textbook Size and Weight" at its annual meeting in March.

Goodgold decided to focus her study on growing children after discovering that previous backpack pain studies dealt only with adults, particularly postal workers and military personnel.

"On a personal basis, people are very interested in this," Goodgold said. "We all see it as a problem, but no one wants to do anything about it."

Peter Nawrocki, owner of the six Relax the Back stores in the Boston area, says an increasing number of parents are bringing their children in to get more ergonomic backpacks.

But the back-friendly backpacks, which feature supportive shoulder and waist straps, aren't always popular with middle schoolers.

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#### CONSUMER NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — Poo-Chi is soon to be hist-o-ri.

A new generation of electronic pets, making its debut at the American International Toy Fair on Sunday, will make last year's models look like windup toys.

They will tell jokes, sing round-robin with their robotic pals, and wake you up when you want. One will even plug itself in for a recharge when its batteries run low.

At the forefront of the robotic trend is Hasbro's Tiger Electronics, which came out with a family of robotic pets starting last spring. Its Poo-Chi, one of last year's best-selling toys at \$24.99, could respond to touch and light by barking and moving his tail. Tiger is expanding with models like Chirpy-Chi, Dino-Chi and Robo Baby, and moving ahead with six more advanced robots like Ottobot, a wisecracking robot that has a 200-word vocabulary and built-in games, and T-Bot, which has 60 facial expressions. Prices are \$30 to \$50.

This May it will offer I-Cybie, a \$200 fully motorized talking dog that knows when its batteries are low and will follow an infrared beam back into its recharging base and plug itself in.

Jim Silver, publisher of the Toy Book, a monthly newsletter, foresees that by year 2010, people will be buying "best friends" at the store.

Trendmasters Inc. will be producing three new robotic lines this year. Its Johnny Bot series will have different personalities, tell jokes and recognize people in a room. Rumble Robots will fight, gaining power through electronic cards. C-Pets will be various animal models, like a 12-inch wisecracking lizard that play games and dances.

#### COMMUNITY NEWS

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group usually offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of month; it was changed to the third Saturday for February. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

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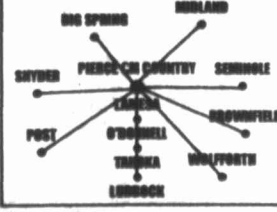
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### IN BRIEF

#### Coahoma softball reschedules games

Coahoma's season opener against Coronado and the Brownwood Tournament will be rescheduled at a later date.

The Bulldogettes will not begin play until the girls' basketball team finishes the playoffs.

#### American LL slates coaches' meeting

The American Little League will meet at 6 p.m. Monday for anyone interested in coaching.

For more information, call 264-6066.

#### Chrane chalks up first hole-in-one

Bill Chrane recorded his first hole-in-one Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Chrane used a three-iron to score the ace on the 211 No. 3 hole.

Witnesses include Manuel Sanchez, Jerry Roach, Riley Wyatt and Sherrill Farmer.

#### CGA membership tourney is Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual membership tournament Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Membership fees are \$15 per person and do not include green fees.

Players must register for the tournament by 9:45 a.m. Sunday, and play will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, call Billy Pineda after 7 p.m. at 264-7116.

#### UGSA sets its first meeting for Sunday

Big Spring United Girls' Softball Association will hold a meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Howard County Library.

Anyone interested in managing or coaching, as well as all returning staff are urged to attend.

For more information contact JoEllen Canales at 264-6104.

#### International LL offers coed ragball tourney

The International Little League will hold a coed ragball tournament Friday.

Fees are \$10 per player. For more information call Denise at 756-2841 or 263-1945.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL WOMEN

6 p.m.  
• Franks Phillips' Lady Plainsmen at Howard College's Lady Hawks.

8 p.m.  
• Frank Phillips Plainsmen at Howard College's Hawks.

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#### RADIO JUCO BASKETBALL

6 p.m. — Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen at Howard College's Lady Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

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#### TELEVISION COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 p.m. — Cincinnati at Memphis, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
10 p.m. — Arizona at UCLA, (joined in progress), FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA  
7 p.m. — Miami Heat at Toronto Raptors, TNT, Ch. 16.

GOLF  
2 p.m. — PGA, Bob Hope Classic, second round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

AUTO RACING  
11 a.m. — Nascar, Winston Cup, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Bulldogettes, Lady Wolves, Lady 'Kats set for area games

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

The Crossroads area's three teams involved in the Class 2A and Class 1A girls' basketball playoffs will play Friday night, squaring off against area opponents.

Garden City's Lady Bearkats advanced to the area round where they'll take on Roby's Lady Lions with a triple overtime win over Wink on Tuesday.

The Lady Bearkats managed the 56-48 win behind the scoring lead of senior post M'Lynn Niehues who scored 23 game-high points.

Niehues' and Summer Eoff's experience in playoff competition paid off in a big way, giving Garden City a trip to Levelland for the 7 p.m. Friday area showdown.

"We talked about keeping our poise," said Lady 'Kats head coach Brent Kirkland after Tuesday night's win.

Poise, experience and an 11-point performance from freshman Jessica Hoch assisted the Lady Bearkats in their bi-district victory.

Two teams from District 3-2A, Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Colorado City's Lady Wolves, will also be in action Friday night.

The Bulldogettes, who just a week ago claimed the 3-2A championship, drew a bye in the bi-district round and will play Mason's Lady Puncers at 7 p.m. Friday in the San Angelo Central gym.

Coahoma, led by first-year head coach Teri Hopkins, will rely on its strong transition offense and pressure defense.

The Bulldogettes bring a 22-8 record into the playoffs, having locked up the 3-2A title with a 75-68 overtime win over Colorado City.

The Lady Wolves are coming off of a big 58-52 win over Post's Lady Antelopes in bi-district play.

The Lady Wolves were led in scoring by Alison Lopez with 30 points, but suffered a big loss when Vanessa Quintero took a spill injuring her left knee after a spoiled fast break late in the first quarter.

"If our kids give the same kind of effort (as Tuesday night) it should be a good ball game," said Lady Wolves head coach Darrin Leverton in looking ahead to Friday's 8 p.m. area playoff against Ozona's Lady Lions at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Colorado City played Ozona early in the season and led by as many as 15 points before the Lady Lions made a game of things.

## Howard teams set for FPC

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks are set for a second Western Junior Athletic Conference (WJAC) meeting against Frank Phillips College's Plainsmen and Lady Plainsmen tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

It's been more than three weeks since the Hawks and Lady Hawks rolled over the Frank Phillips at Borger.

The night's action will open with the Lady Hawks, who claimed their first win in WJAC play by rolling past the Lady Plainsmen 66-53.

However, the Lady Hawks trailed for the first 11 minutes of that meeting until the sharp shooting of Lindsey Smith, who hit two of the Lady Hawks' five first half 3-pointers, got Howard jump started.

The Lady Hawks owned both halves applying defensive pressure to the Lady Plainsmen and then literally put the clamps on in the final six minutes of the game, allowing Frank Phillips just eight points down the stretch.

The Lady Hawks will be short of personnel with Karmica Freney and Koretha Johnson both attending out-of-town funerals, so interim head coach Joey Wells will be making a few changes to the starting lineup.

In their place, Wells will start Shanikka Buckley and Mathew Mathiew. Both have been playing well for Howard, as Mathiew made her first start against Midland and scored 15 points while Buckley has scored in double figures and has been a monster on the boards throughout the season.

In the scheme of things, Wells said he'll look to spread the floor against Frank Phillips' zone.

"How well we shoot the ball and pressure Frank on defense will play a big role in the outcome," Wells explained, noting that the Lady Hawks are scoring 79 points per game but are giving up about 69.

In the Hawks' first meeting with Frank Phillips, Howard staged a comeback after having trailed the Plainsmen early in the game.

While the Plainsmen opened that game with a 12-0 run, the Hawks came away with a 100-85 win behind



Howard College's Derrick Tarver (00) drives to the basket over South Plains' Dathan Culpepper (5) and Delvis Diaz (32) during the Hawks' 91-88 win over the Texans last week. Tarver, who scored 29 points in Howard's loss at Midland on Monday, will need to provide the same aggressive play when he and his teammates face Frank Phillips' Plainsmen at 8 tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Zacherie Moss' 29-point performance. Derrick Tarver was close behind with his 23-point showing.

Frank Phillips is coming in after Monday's 16-point victory over New Mexico Junior College while the Hawks suffered a 16-point loss at the hands of Midland's Chaparrals.

Both teams will be looking to improve their conference records in hopes of moving up in the standings.

If the Hawks can get back to their aggressive play at the basket,

tonight's game could help make Monday's painful loss to Midland a more distant memory.

"We'll continue to do what we've been doing all season — contain the guard penetration and finish strong at our end," said Hawks interim head coach Jack Owens.

For the Hawks, every game is a must if they are to have any hope of qualifying for the Region V men's tournament, so tonight's match up will be one to watch.

## Aikman weighs future with Cowboys, his family

FORT WORTH (AP) — Quarterback Troy Aikman says he wants to continue playing football, but the Dallas Cowboys star has others to think about now that he and his wife are expecting their first child.

"I've made it clear I want to keep playing," Aikman told reporters Wednesday while playing in the Bob Hope Classic golf tournament.

But he said the decision is not a simple one and other factors must be considered.

"My wife is pregnant and I've got an 11-year-old stepdaughter now," he said. "Obviously, I'm concerned with others now, when in the past I did things that I thought were best for me."

"Those things play into the equation, but it's a good thing to be involved in."

Meanwhile, owner Jerry Jones' decision on whether to keep the quarterback that has brought him three Super Bowl titles could be extended an extra week without costing the team \$7

million.

The deadline by which the Cowboys have to make a decision or pay the money has been pushed back a week to March 15. That extension was prompted by the NFL's recent decision to delay the start of its league year from Feb. 15 to March 2.

Originally, Aikman was due the \$7 million if he was still on the roster on March 8. The team doesn't have to pay Aikman that bonus if they cut him or he decides

to retire before the new deadline.

Despite suffering four concussions in his last 20 starts and missing all or part of eight games last season, Aikman maintains that he wants to be in the game.

"We're still kind of working through some issues and I'd like to play," he said. "Unfortunately, it's not as easy as a question and answer. We'll work something out that will be in the best interest of everybody involved."

## Iverson plays MVP style, runs past Bryant, Lakers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allen Iverson earned a huge ovation from his home fans. Kobe Bryant drew a loud lecture from his coach.

Showing off the style that made him MVP of the All-Star game, Iverson scored 40 points and led the Philadelphia 76ers to a 122-97 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night.

Iverson got a standing ovation early in the first quarter when highlights of his All-Star performance were flashed on the scoreboard. The crowd broke into a chant of "MVP! MVP!" in the final minutes.

"I had goose bumps so bad that you wouldn't believe," Iverson said. "I just felt so good, I mainly felt good about my family and friends who have been through me for all my struggles and pain."

In other NBA games, Orlando topped the Los Angeles Clippers 114-101, Utah beat New York 106-90, Phoenix defeated Minnesota 104-96, Milwaukee rallied past Atlanta 102-98 and Detroit downed New Jersey 105-86.

Iverson made Bryant look silly on defense, relishing every chance he got to go one-on-one against his All-Star opponent.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson began yelling at Bryant in the third quarter. Bryant sat out the first six minutes of the fourth period.

"It wasn't Kobe's best game, we'll just say that," Jackson said.

While Iverson reached 40 points for the second straight night, Bryant finished with 18 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

A night earlier, Bryant had 38 points and made the game-winning shot in overtime at New Jersey.

"I was tired, and normally when I'm tired, I cruise and try to get my teammates involved, then turn it on in the fourth quarter," Bryant said. Said Lakers teammate Shaquille O'Neal: "He shouldn't be tired. He's only 22."

Nazr Mohammed scored a career-high 12 points starting at center for Sixers.

O'Neal, guarded by backups Mohammed, Todd MacCulloch and Jumaine Jones in the absence of regular Philadelphia center Theo Ratliff (fractured wrist), led Los Angeles with 29 points.

Magic 114, Clippers 101

Darrell Armstrong had 22 points and a career-high 16 assists in Orlando's seventh straight victory. Tracy McGrady also had 22 points for the host Magic, who moved

three games over .500 (26-23) for the first time since Dec. 23, 1999.

Los Angeles lost its third in a row. Lamar Odom had 15 points for the Clippers.

Jazz 106, Knicks 90

Karl Malone scored 33 points as Utah beat New York for the seventh straight time.

The visiting Knicks ran into foul trouble in the fourth quarter, and the Jazz took advantage. Malone finished 14-of-16 from the free throw line.

John Starks had 16 points against his former team and John Stockton added 15 for Utah.

Glen Rice scored 24 points and Latrell Sprewell had 23 for the Knicks. Sprewell sprained his left ankle late in the fourth quarter and was to be re-evaluated Thursday.

## Big Spring netters set for tourney

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

After opening the spring season at the Midland Invitational Tennis Tournament last weekend, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers will play the role of host for the Big Spring Invitational this weekend at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Opening-round matches are set to begin Friday morning, but the Big Spring netters are not taking it easy. Instead, they'll use today to get in a few practice sets before the tournament begins.

In just their second tournament of the season the Steers and Lady Steers will play some of the best players in District 4-4A in hopes of preparing themselves for district tournament action and a shot at regional tournament berths in April.

Players from seven teams will join Big Spring in the tournament field including Snyder, Lubbock, Coronado, Odessa Permian, Odessa High, Carlsbad, N.M., Abilene Cooper, and Abilene Wylie.

Having the likes of Snyder and Odessa Permian compete is somewhat of a coup, according to Big Spring head coach Sarah Corse, because it gives an extra added level of competition to the field.

Seeds have not been drawn for the tournament, but as of now, the Steers boys' doubles team of senior Zach Smiley and junior Derrick DeHoyos figures to draw a No. 3 spot, while junior Alex Edgemon and sophomore Jay Shroff will probably be the No. 4 seed. Also playing doubles will be the team of juniors Bryan Wingert and Michael Roffers.

Snyder's boys figure to be favored in most instances.

For the Lady Steers, senior Annette Richardson and new partner Mindy Partee will be playing doubles, as will April Ward and Megan Roffers.

Two freshmen, Heather Parnell and Lauren Chessworth are expected to get a lot of experience playing singles matches in the tournament.

Smiley and Richardson, both seniors and the team's captains, are ready for the

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

NBA STANDINGS

NBA Standings table with columns for conference, division, team, wins, losses, percentage, and games behind.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table listing top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for rank, team name, and record.

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Georgia 70, Vanderbilt 68
James Madison 57, Old Dominion 49
Kentucky 103, Tennessee 95

Fort Worth 4, Lubbock 3
Shreveport 3, Lake Charles 0
Today's Game
Odessa at Lubbock

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tournament, and said both the Steers and Lady Steers have been focusing on their specific strengths.

"This tournament will be a good test for our doubles players," said Smiley. "I think we can do well as long as we work to maintain a rhythm and our level of consistency stays up."

The same feelings are shared by both seniors. "We're trying to focus on the goals we've set," said Richardson. "Snyder has a strong girls team, so playing them now will help us

get used to them." Edgemon and Shroff have been playing together for the couple of years, and they say experience and focus will definitely be their strong suit.

"Playing against better teams will help us in the long run," Edgemon noted. The experience will also be helpful to Big Spring's younger players, especially the freshmen who are still learning the game.

"We try to encourage the younger players because they're not as aware of what's going on," Edgemon explained.

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Chris Joseph off waivers from the Phoenix Coyotes.

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled LW Jay Henderson, D Pavel Kolanik and G John Graham from Providence of the AHL.

CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled RW Chris Clark from Saint John of the AHL.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Sent C Josef Manna and D Nolan Baumgartner to Norfolk of the AHL. Recalled F Reto Von Arx from Norfolk.

Florida 4, Phoenix 3
Ottawa 3, New Jersey 2
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 1

Pittsburgh 2, Minnesota 1
Columbus 2, Toronto 2, tie
San Jose 7, Chicago 0
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 2

Washington 4, Vancouver 3, OT
Edmonton 3, Anaheim 3, tie
Calgary at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games
Plymouth at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

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W. Washington 77, Rhode Island 47
Lafayette 78, Albany, N.Y. 65
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Massachusetts 59, Xavier 49
Notre Dame 81, Rutgers 59
Providence 64, St. John's 53
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FISHING RE

Here is the weekly report as compiled by Texas Parks and Department for (Report also avail Web as www.txfish

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: stained; 42 degrees; spillway; black bass; pounds are good; blue/blue jig-n-pops; Jim Ned River; striped bass are slow on Rat-L-Traps or crankbaits. White fair on jigs and Crappie are slow now around the 10 to 15 feet. All boats are open.

BUCHANAN: Water 50 degrees; 1014.3 bass to 7 pounds; on 1/4 oz. pumpkin melon Terminator craw watermelon/cha Creme Scremer watermelon Devil over ledges on se creek points and channels and around the Apple (Striped bass to 24 are good drifting 1 or trolling bucktail vertically jigging Horizon Pirk Min 18-28 feet along manels at midlake. Water are good vertically. 1/4 oz. Pirk Min 1/8 oz. Spin Traps Traps in 12-36 feet side of creeks. Crappie slow on live min Channel catfish are PROCTOR Water 50 degrees; 10 lo bass are slow. Stri are good on cu Crappie are slow nows and jigs. Cha blue catfish are worms and liver. catfish are slow.

SOUTH AMISTAD: Water 55 degrees; 37 lo bass to 9 1/2 pou good on dee crankbaits, DD-2 Carolina-rigged Striped bass are slabs. White bass on slabs. Crappie a All catfish are slow

WEST ALAN HENRY lightly stained; 41 degrees; Fishing slow accessible boat West Arrowhead. BRADY: No report

BROWNWOOD: stained; 45 degree black bass are slow; nerbaits and gr plastics. Limited schooling activity. COLORADO CITY clear; 59 degrees; main lake; black crappie are fair. Catfish are fair on Redfish are good shad.

FT. PHANTOM Water stained; 46 low; black bass at spinnerbaits. Crappie good on jigs with a Hybrid striper and fish are good on nows and shad. HUBBARD CREEP ramps out of water low water level - report available. NASWORTHY: clear; 46 degrees; bass are fair up river plastics. Crappie on jigs and Channel catfish a chicken liver and Lake is being dredged feet of silt (3 years started summer 20 NOCONA: No available.

OAK CREEK: ramps open - report available. OH. IVIE: Water 48 degrees; 14 lb bass are fair on rise soft plastics are good on jigs and minnows. White good on shad cold Blue catfish are trotlines. The Concho Park is a construction but the Elm Creek have black top.

POSSUM Water clear; 44 low; Fishing extra toxic algae bloom - all species of fish



**FISHING REPORT**

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 14. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

**CENTRAL BROWNWOOD:** Water stained; 42 degrees; 3 below spillway; black bass to 7 pounds are good on black/blue jig-n-pigs in the Jim Ned River. Hybrid striped bass are slow to fair on Rat-L-Traps and small crankbaits. White bass are fair on jigs and spoons. Crappie are slow on minnows around the docks in 10 to 15 feet. All boat ramps are open.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 50 degrees; 10:14:30; black bass to 7 pounds are good on 1/4 oz. pumpkin/watermelon Terminator jigs and crawler trailers, watermelon/chartreuse Creme Scemer worms and watermelon Devil Tongues over ledges on secondary creek points and along channels and ditches around the Apple Orchard. Striped bass to 24 inches are good drifting live bait or trolling bucktail jigs and vertically jigging 1 oz. Horizon Pirk Minnows in 18-28 feet along main channels at midlake. White bass are good vertically jigging 1/4 oz. Pirk Minnows and 1/8 oz. Spin Traps or Tiny Traps in 12-36 feet just outside of creeks. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Channel catfish are slow.

**PROCTOR:** Water murky; 50 degrees; 10 low; black bass are slow. Striped bass are good on cut shad. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on worms and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

**SOUTH AMISTAD:** Water clear; 55 degrees; 37 low; black bass to 9 1/2 pounds are good on deep-diving crankbaits, DD-22s, and Carolina-rigged lizards. Striped bass are fair on slabs. White bass are fair on slabs. Crappie are slow. All catfish are slow.

**WEST ALAN HENRY:** Water lightly stained; 41 degrees; black bass are slow on slow rolled spinnerbaits and black soft plastics. Crappie are fair on jigs with minnows.

**ARROWHEAD:** 42 degrees; Fishing slow - only accessible boat ramp is West Arrowhead.

**BRADY:** No report available.

**BROWNWOOD:** Water stained; 45 degrees; 3 low; black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and green soft plastics. Limited white bass schooling action.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 59 degrees on the main lake; black bass and crappie are fair on jigs. Catfish are fair on cutbait. Redfish are good on live shad.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water stained; 46 degrees; 6 low; black bass are fair on spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on jigs with a minnow. Hybrid striped and blue catfish are good on big minnows and shad.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Boat ramps out of water due to low water level - no fishing report available.

**NASWORTHY:** Water clear; 46 degrees; black bass are fair up river on soft plastics. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Channel catfish are good on chicken liver and shrimp. Lake is being dredged of 2 feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

**NOCONA:** No report available.

**OAK CREEK:** No boat ramps open - no fishing report available.

**OH. IVIE:** Water stained; 48 degrees; 14 low; black bass are fair on tequila sunrise soft plastics. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. White bass are good on shad colored slabs. Blue catfish are good on trotlines. The road to Concho Park is under construction but the roads to Elm Creek have a new black top.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 44 degrees; 4 low; Fishing extremely slow toxic algae bloom affecting all species of fish.

Especially for kids and their families  
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By BETTY DEBNAM

**The Oldest Civilizations**

**A History of Africa**

**Humans' first home**



Many experts believe humans have been living in Africa for about 200,000 years. This is probably much longer than humans have lived anywhere else on Earth.

Many scientists think people first left Africa about 50,000 years ago to settle in other parts of the world. They believe all the people on other continents are descended from these first African travelers.

**Ancient peoples**

Two of the greatest civilizations in the ancient world, Egypt and Nubia, came from Africa's Nile Valley.

These two civilizations traded, married and fought with each other for thousands of years, from 3,100 B.C. to 332 B.C. Egyptian and Nubian traders, scholars and diplomats traveled throughout Asia and the Mediterranean countries. They influenced the science, literature, art and religions of people throughout the world.

• Nubia was in the area of what is now Sudan.



**Slave trade**

About 500 years ago, Europeans and Africans began buying and selling slaves. Some African rulers traded other Africans into slavery. Slaves were often prisoners captured in wars between rival African kingdoms.

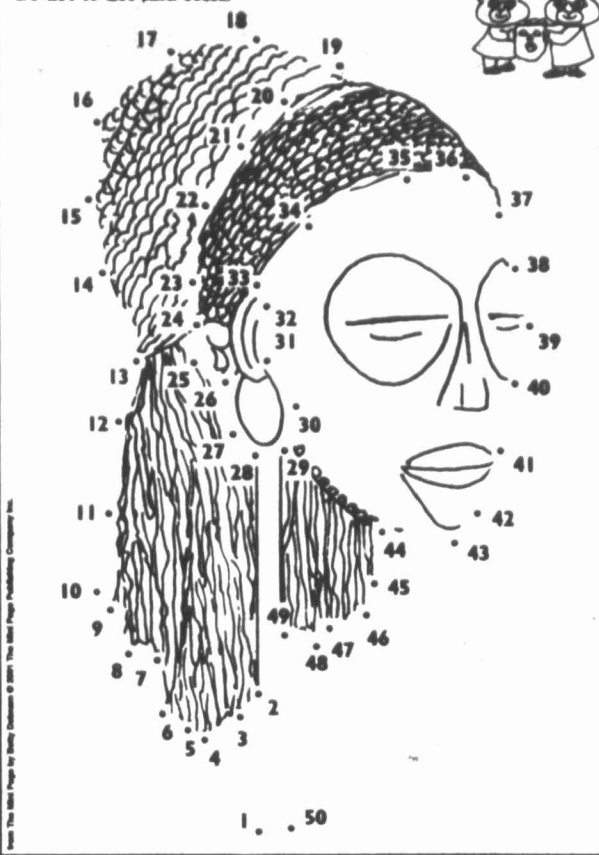


In the United States, most African slaves were forced to work on plantations.

The Mini Page thanks Mary Jo Arnold, curator, Africa, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, for help with this issue.

The Mini Page celebrates Black History Month with a two-part series based on the exhibit "African Voices" at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Go dot to dot and color.



**Rookie Cookies Recipe**  
**Jollof Rice**

This is an African recipe.

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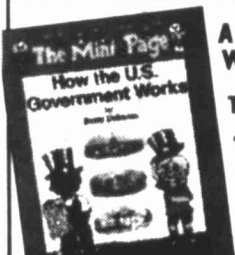
- 1 pound stew beef, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 pound chicken, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 pound pork, cut into small pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 2 (6-ounce) cans tomato paste
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 pound rice, uncooked



What to do:

1. Combine beef, chicken and pork in a large bowl. Stir in thyme, salt, cayenne pepper and black pepper. Mix to coat.
2. Cook meat in vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium heat until browned. Remove meat from skillet.
3. Add onion and green pepper pieces and 1/2 can of tomato paste to skillet. Cover and cook for 5 minutes.
4. Return meat to skillet. Add water. Simmer for 5 minutes.
5. In a large pot, cook rice following directions on package.
6. Add remaining tomato paste and meat mixture to rice pot. Mix well.
7. Cook for 10 minutes or until heated. Stir often. Serves about 10.

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**Gus Goodsport's Report**

**Supersport: Rasheed Wallace**

**Height:** 6-11 **Birthdate:** 9-17-74  
**Weight:** 230 **College:** North Carolina  
Rasheed Wallace is in his fifth season with the Portland Trail Blazers. He plays center. Last season he led the team in scoring average (16.4 points per game) and blocked shots (107). During the 1998-99 season he was second on the team in scoring average (12.8 points per game). In high school he ran track and was a high jumper. Among the athletes he most admires are Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing and Andre Agassi. He likes the Flyers hockey team and the Phillies baseball team in Philadelphia, and the Kansas City Chiefs football team. When he retires from basketball, he would like to design toys and video games.

**More About African History**

**European colonies**

In order to get Africa's gold and other riches, European countries started setting up trading posts and establishing colonies as far back as 600 years ago. They fought with each other for pieces of the continent. Finally in 1884, European countries held a conference and divided Africa among themselves. Only two countries were able to remain free, Ethiopia and Liberia. But other African nations continued to resist, and by the 1960s most had won back their freedom. Today African countries are struggling to decide what things from the colonial past they will keep, change or completely throw away.

**Rights in South Africa**



South African leader Nelson Mandela speaks to the Special Committee Against Apartheid at the United Nations in 1990.



In the late 1800s, Ethiopian Emperor Menelik II led his people in a successful fight against invaders. The emperor is on horseback in this painting.

**Ethiopia**

For centuries Ethiopia was a big influence on the world. For example, it adopted Christianity in the third century, before much of Europe. Today nearly half its people are Christians and nearly half are Muslims. In 1896, Ethiopian Emperor

Menelik II fought and defeated Italians trying to conquer his country. This successful resistance became an inspiration to other African countries. Ethiopia has remained free except for an occupation by Italian forces at the beginning of World War II. Its people have suffered much in recent years from famines and fighting among themselves and with their neighbors.

A white minority ruled in South Africa for more than 75 years. In 1948, they started a cruel practice of discrimination called apartheid (uh-PAR-tite). Apartheid made it illegal for black people to vote. They could live, work and go to school only in certain places. They could not even sit on the same benches as white people. Thousands of South Africans lost their lives or were imprisoned in the

fight against apartheid. People all over the world refused to do business with South Africa. Finally in 1991, apartheid was ended. In 1994, black South Africans were able to vote for the first time in history. Nelson Mandela, who had been a political prisoner for nearly 30 years, was elected president of the new South Africa.



This souvenir plate picturing Nelson Mandela was sold at election time.

Next week is the second in a series based on the exhibit "African Voices."

Site to see: [www.nmnh.si.edu](http://www.nmnh.si.edu)

Look through your newspaper for stories about Africa.

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS Notice of Scheduled Entry into Fields, Pursuant to Tax, Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2001. Cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning March 2, 2001. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212, 3074 February 15 & 22, 2001

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joseph J. Fulsday, Deceased, were issued on February 13, 2001, in Cause No. P12752, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: REVELLE MAE PATTERSON. The residence of the Independent Executor is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; the post office address is:

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**HOROSCOPE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 16, 2001:**

Stay focused on the long term. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. Others sometimes don't understand and could block your path. Communication remains key to your success. You often do the unexpected, which has a strong impact on others. If you are single, the next six months prove to be very exciting. Someone special enters your life. If you are attached, the two of you bond when doing what you enjoy together. SAGITTARIUS loves to challenge you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* You play with a situation, attempting to come to a solid conclusion. Realize that, depending on your thought process, the answer could be different than you'd expected. The only given here is a friend's unpredictability. Detach instead of reacting. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a partner, who flip-flops from moment to moment. You might not be sure what you want. This person has a strong sixth sense about someone who is very important to you. Listen. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Someone offers many suggestions and different ideas. Choose which one works for you. Be a bit of a cynic. This attitude could prevent problems for you later. A friend or associate reverses direction. You change plans one more time! Tonight: Try something totally new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Listen to news. You will gain from regrouping and reorganizing. Express your management skills as well as your ability to organize. Deal with a financial question carefully. Ask for feedback from those you trust. Ultimately, you will make the right decision. Tonight: Join those who are in weekend mode.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Allow your creativity to come out in the different areas of your life. Reverse gears and head in a new direction. You speak your mind, as does another. The unexpected occurs. Allow more fun and flirtation to come out. Others love your frisky side. Tonight: Play the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Review a decision that involves family. Make those close to you a high priority. Understand more of what is

my responsibility anymore ... I would like to live my life for myself and do what I want when I want, like his mother does." What does this "love" he professes mean if it doesn't mean taking responsibility? That boy needs his father. If his mother failed to love him, that's all the more reason why his father should not even consider letting him down.

It is, indeed, extremely difficult to be a single parent, especially if money is scarce. You're right to recognize his need for support and to connect him to Parents Without Partners. But you missed an important opportunity in advocacy for our children when you failed to directly call into question his assumption that only biological relatedness can make a child "one's own." Love is what makes us belong to each other. And love is about responsibility. — CHILD ADVOCATE IN NORTH CAROLINA

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This man is the only father that child has ever known. It breaks my heart that he said, "I love this boy, but I don't feel he is

important to all of you. Discuss spending more time at home. For some, a home office might be the right way to go. Tonight: Opt for a cozy night at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You have an uncanny knack of asking the right question at the right time. Think through a decision that involves a child or loved one. The status quo might be changing far more quickly than you had anticipated. Clear your desk. Return calls. You might need to postpone a meeting. Tonight: With favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Expenses could easily get out of whack. You might want to revamp your expenses and make decisions that work better for you. Your family has many suggestions, but ultimately you are more in control than you realize. Try to avoid upheaval and the unexpected. Tonight: Start the weekend with a smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* The moon highlights you. You could reverse direction when you least expect it. Animated and focused discussions continue. You find another's behavior most unpredictable, but you should recognize that someone sees you the same way. Enjoy rather than criticize. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* You might want to cancel plans and make yourself a higher priority. Sometimes you are so busy trying to take care of others that you put your needs lowest on the totem pole. Stop that! Check out your balances and bills. Make sure everything is paid. Tonight: Remember, just for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Speak your mind, especially in a meeting. Others seem to naturally follow your lead and listen carefully to what you have to say. Try to curb impulsive behavior, as it won't get you anywhere. Go along with friends and co-workers. Be a team player. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Others often come to you for suggestions and ideas. You might not be sure about what is going on with a loved one or someone you put on a pedestal. Avoid making snap judgments. Keep observing. You won't immediately come up with the right answer. Tonight: Be leader of the gang.

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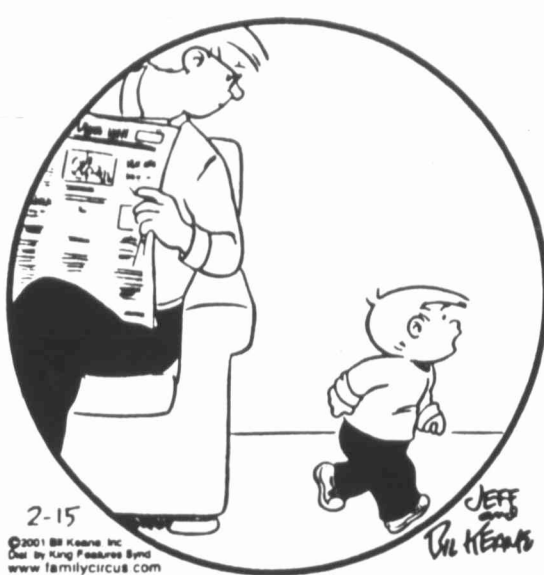
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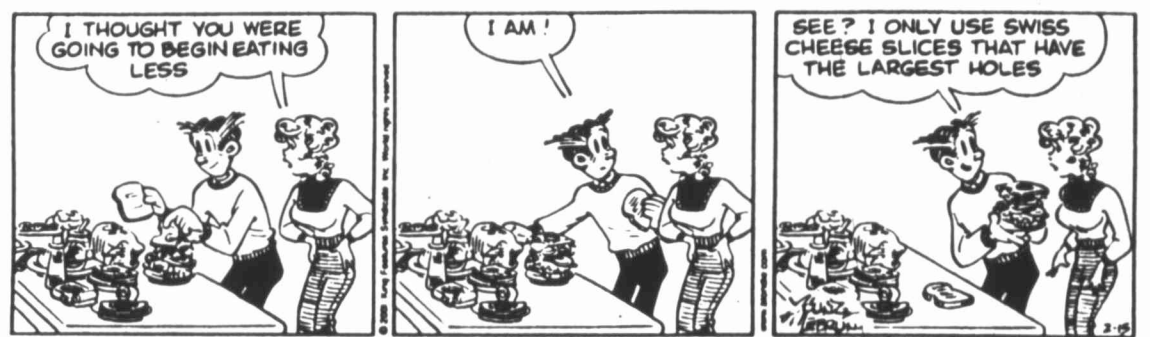


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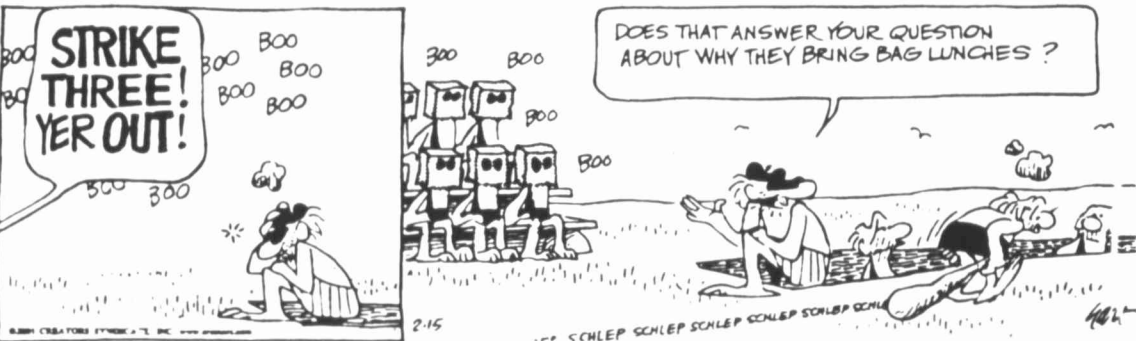
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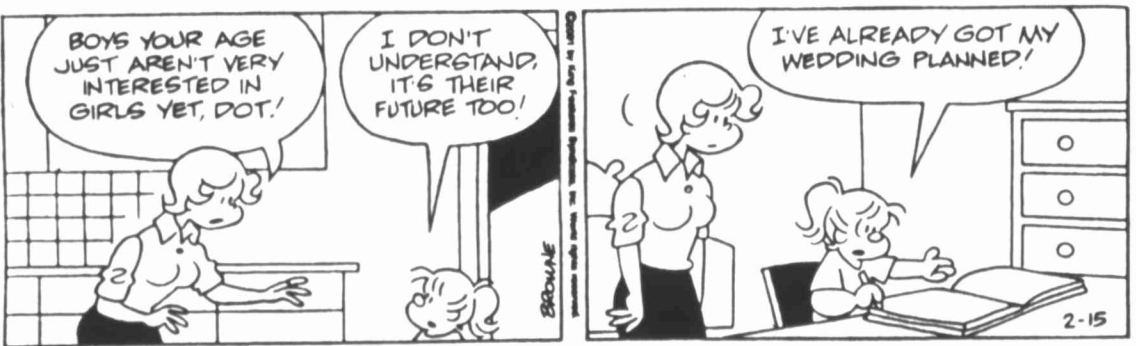
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2001. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member figure skating team from the United States, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

On this date: In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court.

In 1898, the U.S. battleship "Maine" mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain.

In 1933, President-elect Franklin Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that claimed the life of Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak.

In 1942, the British colony Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

In 1965, Canada's new red-and-white maple leaf flag

was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 87. Country singer Hank Locklin is 83. Former Illinois Congressman John Anderson is 79. Comedian Harvey Korman is 74. Actress Claire Bloom is 70. Author Susan Brownmiller is 66. Songwriter Brian Holland is 60. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks) is 57. Actress Jane Seymour is 50. Singer Melissa Manchester is 50. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening is 47. Reggae singer Ali Campbell (UB40) is 42. Musician Mikey Craig (Culture Club) is 41. Actor Michael Easton is 34. Actress Emily May Young is 31. Actress Renee O'Connor ("Xena: Warrior Princess") is 30.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved... grid with solutions for the crossword puzzle.