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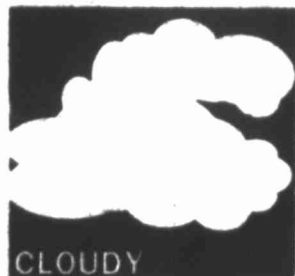
50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY

February 28, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT THURSDAY
30°-32° 45°-48°

Museum sets festival, seeks volunteer chefs

Chefs are being sought for the March 24 "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival at the Heritage Museum.

The event offers participants a bite-size taste of foods from different regions, countries and cultures. Chefs are asked to prepare about 300 tastes of their dish and serve it during the festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

About 50 cooks are needed for the event. All proceeds benefit the museum; its fund-raising goal is \$2,500.

For more information, call the museum at 267-8255.

WHAT'S UP...

THURSDAY

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

□ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ 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.

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

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

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.

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 8 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster.

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Brrr! Crossroads area residents greeted by icy storm

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The month of February is going out with a bang as a cold front entered the Big Spring area late Tuesday, lowering the temperature overnight to just below freezing.

Freezing drizzle caused some hazardous driving conditions just as local drivers were heading to work, with bridges and overpasses coated with ice.

Bryan Curran, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland, said this morning that the Big Spring area was in a winter storm watch that would last the remainder of the day with sleet, freezing rain and possible snow expected just north of the city.

Temperatures are only expected to reach only into the mid to upper 30s today with windchills in the teens.

It will be cloudy and cool

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Local resident Hughetta Roberts scrapes ice off her car window this morning. Crossroads residents woke up to icy conditions and freezing temperatures. A winter storm watch is in effect all day and tonight.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Abby Janca gets 'reassurance' as county spelling bee winner

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

By spelling the word "reassurance," 13-year-old Abby Janca, an eighth-grader from Forsan Junior High School, was assured of the Howard County Spelling Bee championship.

"The last word was really hard," said Janca. "I wanted to win, but I was not sure the word was spelled right."

The contest, sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, was held at the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria and brought close to 150 supporters to watch 12 students battle it out with words on Tuesday.

Janca won in the sixth round by correctly spelling "embellish" and then "reassurance" after 11-year-old Lauren Sage, a homeschooled elementary student, missed on "argumentative."

Students from St. Mary's Episcopal, Kentwood, Moss, Bauer, Marcy, Goliad, Elbow, Washington, Big Spring Junior High, Forsan Junior High and home schools put their spelling abilities to the test with words such as "mulligan" and "condemn."

"Everyone had to be a winner to get to that stage," said *Big Spring Herald* publisher John Walker. "The



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Thirteen-year-old Abby Janca, an eighth grader from Forsan Junior High School, wins the Howard County Spelling Bee contest with the word reassurance Tuesday at the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria. Close to 150 people came out to support the 12 students who participated in the event sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*.

only ones that don't win are the ones that don't try."

This is the second year in a row that a Forsan Junior High School student captured the spelling bee championship, and the

fourth year the school had a student finishing in the top two.

Abby is the daughter of Jeff and Pam of Forsan; she

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FM 700

Proposed changes designed to enhance safety and ease congestion, officials explain

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Changes along FM 700 will lead to faster and more efficient traffic flow, those attending a public hearing were told Tuesday.

Some 50 to 60 people attended the hearing, held at city council chambers. Most left once their questions were answered.

Art Barrow, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Big Spring area engineer, explained the key points of the project, which is designed to improve traffic flow at the intersections of South U.S. 87 and FM 700, and FM 700 and Goliad. As important as traffic flow is making the area safer for motorists, officials said.

The changes include converting the FM 700 frontage roads from two-way to one-way, with the exception of the south portion west of U.S. 87. This is the portion that services the Coronado

Subdivision. "The southwest quadrant will remain two-way. The reason for that is for emergency access to the Coronado area. Leaving that portion two-way will not impact signalization," said Barrow.

The remainder of the south service road, from U.S. 87 to Goliad, will be one-way heading east. The north service road, from Goliad past U.S. 87 where it runs into FM 700 near the VA Medical Center, will be one-way going west.

In addition, there will be a turnaround on the east side of the overpass at U.S. 87. That turnaround will allow travelers heading west to turn back east in front of Wal-Mart without having to go through a traffic light.

"The whole idea of all of this is to pass the maximum number of vehicles in the shortest number of time," said Barrow.

While those in the audience had various questions concerning accessibility to various areas, TxDOT officials said the study was conducted with a large number

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Big Spring City Council accepts bids, plans for redistricting

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring City Council on Tuesday accepted two bids and approved criteria for redistricting.

Council members accepted bids of \$246,994 from Ferrara Fire Apparatus of Holden, La., for a fire truck, and \$82,782 from Bio-Nomic Services of Charlotte, N.C., for sludge removal at the water treatment plant.

The council also approved a resolution adopting criteria used in the redistricting

process. Basically, the criterion calls for the plan to be based on existing council districts with easily identifiable boundaries. It calls for the use of alleyways instead of the middle of streets to be used as preferable dividing lines, and encourages the avoidance of splitting neighborhoods. It also calls for districts that are relatively equal in size.

In a related matter, the council approved an agreement with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to provide redistricting ser-

VICES at a fee of \$525.

Council members also approved the advertising of bids for materials to seal coat 27 miles of streets, which are primarily in the northern section of the city. In addition, council member Stephanie Horton asked that the city seal coat portions of West Second Street while Oscar Garcia asked that sections of North Goliad and Nolan be considered for seal coating. Those areas currently are unpaved.

City policy is to request that residents along

unpaved streets pay a portion of the cost in order to have those streets seal coated. However, Garcia said, many of those streets are in low-income areas and residents cannot afford the cost. He questioned whether the city would benefit more by seal coating the streets rather than grading them several times a year.

Mayor Russ McEwen suggested that the city might consider studying its policy during the next budgeting process.

On second reading, the

council approved ordinances amending the Big Spring Citizens Advisory Board, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Traffic Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments and Appeals to make them all seven-member boards serving three-year terms.

Another ordinance approved Tuesday consolidates the Plumbing, Gas, Electrical and Mechanical Board with the Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

Cox customers to see another rate increase

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Cox Cable customers will be seeing another increase in their monthly cable bill.

A letter sent to all local Cox Communications subscribers states the increase will take place beginning with the March 2001 cable bill.

According to the letter, basic cable will see an increase from \$14.23 to \$14.94, a hike of 71 cents a month. Expanded basic or standard cable rates will also be raised from \$14.72 to \$15.46 a month, a hike of 74 cents a month. For those receiving expanded basic, the total increase would be \$1.45 a month, or from \$28.95 to \$30.40, plus taxes and franchise fees.

The last increase in basic and standard rates came on May 1 when rates went up

CABLE RATES

Cox Communications has announced an increase in cable television rates, effective in March:

Basic will increase from \$14.23 to \$14.94 a month.

Expanded basic will increase from \$14.72 to \$15.46 a month.

from \$13.95 to \$14.23 for basic cable and from \$13 to \$14.72 a month for standard. That was an increase of \$2 a month at that time.

On Jan. 1, HBO ala carte went from \$10.50 to \$11.95 a month; Cinemax ala carte went from \$9 to \$9.95; while the HBO/Cinemax package changed from \$14.50 to

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Elvin Bearden of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club screens George Freeman of Stanton to see if he needs glasses. During the month of March, used eyeglasses can be dropped off at any of the local pharmacies. They will be collected by members of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club who will clean and classify them for use later.

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OBITUARIES

Deanna Adams

Deanna Adams, 48, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Feb. 26, 2001, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 1, at the First Baptist Church with Chaplain Walter McCall of Community Care Hospice officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born on Nov. 23, 1952, in Abilene and married Joe Mark Adams on Aug. 9, 1974, in Snyder.

Deanna had taught school for the Big Spring Independent School District since 1974. She started the tennis program at the Big Spring Junior High School and was the cheerleader sponsor at Goliad Middle School for many years.

She attended First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Joe Mark Adams of Big Spring; one daughter, Julie Adams of Lubbock; her mother, Una Boles of Snyder; and one brother, Mike Boles of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Boles, in 1981.

Pallbearers will be Bill Roberts, Howard Stewart, Milton Laird, Steve Coleman, Ben Rubio and Jimmy Stewart. Honorary pallbearers will be all Big Spring ISD teachers.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland 79703.

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

Paid obituary

Jerry Dean Cuthbertson

Graveside funeral service for Jerry Dean Cuthbertson, 52, of Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Park, with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Mr. Cuthbertson died Monday, Feb. 26, in an Amarillo hospital.

He was born on Dec. 15,

1948, in Big Spring. He had worked in manufacturing for a number of years. He attended the Church of Christ and had served in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1971.

Survivors include: his mother, Mary Dean Cuthbertson of Amarillo; one brother, Vernon Lawrence Cuthbertson Jr., of Amarillo; and one sister, Glynnia Witt of Homa, La.

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

Ada Boadle

Funeral service for Ada Boadle, 92, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Boadle died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001, at a Stanton nursing home.

WEATHER

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overnight with another round of freezing rain and the low expected to be around 30 degrees. The high Thursday is expected to reach 50 degrees with a gradual warming trend expected into the weekend.

"Once we get through the next 24 hours, we should be in pretty good shape going into the weekend," said Curran.

"Motorists are urged to use caution today and tonight as bridges and overpasses tend to freeze first. This system should be clearing out around Sunday, but chances of moisture in the form of rain will remain in the forecast until then."

Curran said that by Sunday, we should be seeing temperatures back in the lower to mid 60s.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department reported no major accidents but urged caution while driving today as some spots outside the city limits were reported to be icy.

BEE

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is participating in only her second spelling bee in the county.

"She is a naturally good speller," said Midge Patterson, one of Abby's teachers who came out to support her.

Abby said that she practiced with her teachers every day to be prepared for the contest.

"Every day, I practiced for about an hour after school," she said.

"Her teachers helped her a lot," said her father, Jeff. "She has been a straight-A student."

Janca will travel to Lubbock for the regional bee on March 24. From there, the winner goes to Washington, D.C., for the national spelling bee.

FM 700

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of motorists in mind, and not just individuals who might live in the area.

One concern was an announcement by Barrow that there will be no traffic light at the entrance to Wal-Mart between Pizza Hut and Furr's Cafeteria, as had been in the project plans.

"Upon further review, that signal has been eliminated from this project," Barrow said.

Barrow said, "We're dealing with public money here. So to service a private drive would not be prudent."

Barrow also said that traffic studies show that the number of vehicles wanting to turn left on to U.S. 87 from that road would only increase by about 10 per hour during peak periods, which isn't enough to warrant the \$100,000 that the signal would cost.

Business owners along the south service road of FM 700 were concerned that the absence of two-way traffic might have a negative economic impact on business. TxDOT officials responded by telling them that studies show it will be faster for a vehicle to travel west on FM 700, take the U-turn at U.S. 87 and come east on the south service road to their businesses than it is to sit through the current cycle of lights. That's because simplifying the lights at the Goliad intersection will shave approximately one and a half minutes off the delay, they noted.

D.W. Overman told TxDOT officials that traffic could become backed up on U.S. 87 heading north when large trucks block the right turn lane on to the access road in front of Wal-Mart.

"That area will be widened and moved back," said Roy Wright, Abilene District traffic engineer. "So that situation should improve."

Over concerns that construction would hamper traffic flow as well as entrances and exits to businesses along the south service road, Barrow said that should not be the case.

"All of these are additions. We won't be doing anything to the existing road itself. It won't require any detour, no pattern changes. You won't see it until you wake up and 'boom,' it happens," he said. The turnaround on U.S. 87 will be a separate project.

Other parts of the \$1.01 million project include moving the exit ramp for the north side of FM 700 east of U.S. 700 back approximately 1,000 feet, and the possibility of putting a traffic signal at FM 700 and Virginia, if funds allow.

"Is this a done deal? No, it's not a done deal," said Barrow. "But we have certainly put a lot of money, work and effort into it, and I'd like to think that we have taken all aspects into account. However, I will still take comment for the next 10 days, and will certainly take into consideration any concerns anyone might have."

The project is expected to go to bid in December with construction estimated to begin in February or March of 2002, Barrow said.

Citizens have 10 days to make comment on the changes. To do so, they should call Barrow at 263-4768, or make written comment to Barrow at Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. 511, Big Spring.

CABLE

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\$15.95 per month. Other increases on the first of the year were to the Showtime/The Movie Channel package that went from \$11.50 to \$15.95 per month and the Staz ala carte package which went from \$7.95 to \$8.95.

Those prices did not include franchise fees or sales tax. According to the public notice, the reason given for the most recent rate hike was increased vendor and programming costs.

Attempts to reach Cox Cable area manager Charlie Moore by the Herald were unsuccessful with a recorded message saying he would not be back in the office until Thursday, March 1.

For any inquiries concerning the rate increase contact the local Cox Communications office at 2006 Birdwell Lane by calling 267-3821.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

H&R Block penalized \$500,000 by judge

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal judge barred H&R Block, the nation's largest income tax preparer, from using misleading phrases to advertise its "Rapid Refund" loan program and ordered to pay more than \$500,000 to an upstart rival.

Block has been sued before over its advertising for "Rapid Refund," in which tax filers receive bank loans for the amount of their anticipated refund. But the financial institutions can charge fees or interest.

U.S. District Judge Raymond Jackson in Norfolk accused H&R Block of deliberately and maliciously using deceptive advertising to draw customers in the Hampton Roads area just as a competing tax preparation service, was launching its business there.

BRIEFS

THE COAHOMA BAND BOOSTERS will meet Mar. 5, at 7 p.m. at the high school band hall. Plans for the band trip will be discussed.

A GARAGE SALE IS planned March 2-3 to benefit the Sid Richardson Carbon Co. Relay for Life team. The sale will be at American Self Storage, 3314 E. FM-700, from noon-5 p.m. Friday, March 2, and 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 3. All proceeds will go toward the Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society in May.

TO ORGANIZE A TEAM for Relay for Life, the community-wide campout that is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society, call Linda Billington at 399-4408, or Gloria McDonald at 263-1234. Relay is planned May 11-12 at Blankenship Field and 65 teams are expected to participate.

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC. OFFICE and Trax services will be closed Friday, March 2 in observance of Texas Independence Day. To schedule transportation for Monday, March 5 call before Thursday, March 1.

THE UNITED GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, will hold sign-ups from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 3rd, 10th and 17th at the Big Spring Mall.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive. This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 5,1,0
Cash 5: 1,18,20,24,27

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

all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•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.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

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

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

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RECORDS

Tuesday's high 72
Tuesday's low 29
Precip. Tuesday 0.05
Record high 83 in 1918
Record low 11 in 1962
Average high 62
Average low 32
Month to date 1.03
Year to date 2.27
Sunrise Thursday 7:13 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 6:44 p.m.

POLICE

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

• CALVIN WILLIAMS, 27, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• RUBEN SALAZAR, 44, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of S. Cardinal and in the 600 block of Caylor.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 600 block of S. Owens.

FIRE/EMS

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

11:57 a.m. — 8400 block of Service Road I 20, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:08 p.m. — 1600 block of Lexington, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

4:46 p.m. — 500 block of Northwest Seventh Street, public service, refused.

6:49 p.m. — 1900 block of North 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMCC.

8:14 p.m. — 1200 block of Wright Avenue, medical call, one patient transported to SMCC.

10:29 a.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, structure fire, smoke scare.

6:17 p.m. — 800 block of West I 20, structure fire, false call.

9:19 p.m. — 3200 block of Swords, structure fire, false call.

"If You Have A Computer, Local Doctors Need You" Do Medical Billing at Home. 8,126 TX doctors don't have anyone filing claims electronically. Doctors will pay you an almost absurd amount of money to work at home part-time and process their insurance and Medicare claims electronically. We have software & contacts. No experience required. We have limited openings in this area. If you have a computer & are interested in owning your own business, come get all the facts. FREE One-Hour Fact-Finding Seminar In Big Springs, Saturday, March 3rd at 1:30 p.m. At the Best Western, I-20 exit 177 at Hwy. 87. For Reservations Call 800-578-9829 (9-5 EST M-F) Walk-Ins Welcome

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288. Barbara (Bobbie) Kilpatrick, 80, died Monday. Services are 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park. Ada Boadle, 92, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 www.npwelch.com. Jerry Dean Cuthbertson, 52, died Monday. Graveside services will be 3:30 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park. Deanna Adams, 48, died Monday. Funeral services will be 4:00 PM Thursday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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In first

WASHINGTON President Bush is out to sell his plan cuts, debt repayments, restrained federal while Congress is selecting them in likely to last for m "The growing exists because tax high and govern charging more needs," the new said Tuesday nationally televis — his first before "The people h overcharged and behalf, I am here a refund." He drew cheers

Wisconsin toddler found in frigid

EAU CLAIRE, — A 2-year-old boy pitalized Tuesd being found un and not breathin his home in fri authorities said.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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CANCER (J 22) **** Maintain despite anothe

In first televised address, Bush promotes tax cuts, budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is setting out to sell his plans for tax cuts, debt repayment and restrained federal spending while Congress begins dissecting them in a debate likely to last for months.

"The growing surplus exists because taxes are too high and government is charging more than it needs," the new president said Tuesday night in a nationally televised address — his first before Congress.

"The people have been overcharged and on their behalf, I am here asking for a refund."

He drew cheers for that,

and across-the-board praise from Republicans afterward. Democrats swiftly signaled their determination to resist a cut of \$1.6 trillion over 10 years, arguing it threatens Social Security, Medicare and other important programs.

"President Bush's budget numbers simply don't add up. Ours do," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said. "His plan leaves no money for anything except tax cuts. Ours does."

His speech behind him, the president was setting out for Pennsylvania, first stop on a five-state swing

designed to build public support for his budget and bring pressure on Democratic lawmakers whose votes could be pivotal.

After Pennsylvania, the presidential itinerary ran to Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas and Georgia — all states with moderate and conservative Democrats whose votes Bush hopes to gain.

"I feel the pressure to do the right thing," first-term Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., said several hours before the president spoke. "I don't feel presidential pressure. I'm not weak-kneed. I'll stand the test."

Democrats have yet to agree on the details of a tax cut alternative, and Bush used his nationally televised speech to make the case for across-the-board reductions, reducing the so-called marriage penalty, doubling the child credit and — the most controversial portion — phasing out the estate tax.

"We must act quickly" to cut taxes, the president said Tuesday night, and Republicans were eager to comply. Officials said the House Ways and Means Committee would meet Thursday to approve the centerpiece of Bush's plan, income tax rate reductions.

A vote in the full House would follow next week, but the bill is unlikely to come up for a Senate vote before mid- to late-spring.

Tax cuts aside, Bush said his budget would retire \$2 trillion of the publicly held federal debt over the next decade — the maximum that can prudently be retired, he said. He said his budget would keep the Social Security surplus off-limits to regular government spending, and dedicate all Medicare payroll tax receipts to the Medicare program.

He also proposed curtailing a recent run-up in feder-

al spending, calling for an overall increase of 4 percent, down from the 6 percent of the past few years. Without cutting back, he said the nation "will spend the surplus and have to dip into Social Security to pay other bills."

Bush also used his speech to sketch an agenda that will extend beyond his first year in office — calling not only for passage of his signature education proposals, but also a prescription drug benefit for Medicare and changes in Social Security to allow individuals to invest some of their own money.

Wisconsin toddler found in frigid cold

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — A 2-year-old boy was hospitalized Tuesday after being found unconscious and not breathing outside his home in frigid cold, authorities said.

Les Hynek wandered outside his home on a dairy farm early Tuesday and his father found him about three hours later about 50 feet from the house, sheriff's Sgt. John Volger said. Temperatures were at zero.

The boy was taken to St. Mary's Hospital and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where spokesman John Murphy said information on the boy's condition may be released today.

"He is alive. Just pray. Just pray," the boy's father, Mark Hynek, said.

Volger said Les and two brothers had been with their father in a barn until about 2:30 a.m. while milking chores were done.

The father told investigators he put the videotape on the TV and he must have fallen asleep about 3 a.m. He woke at 6:40 and discovered his son missing.

Lightning injures worker, damages homes in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Thunderstorms have produced multiple lightning strikes, injuring one worker and damaging several homes, as heavy rains pounded the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

A 28-year-old construction worker was struck by lightning Tuesday afternoon as he was working atop a Plano home.

The unidentified man, who had life-threatening injuries, was reported in critical condition Wednesday at the burn unit of Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Plano Fire Department spokeswoman Monique Cardwell declined to release other information about the man.

The victim was working on a house under construction when the bolt struck and authorities were notified shortly after 3 p.m., said Cardwell.

Law officers say at least two houses in Fort Worth, two in Keller and one in Southlake were struck by lightning as the storms moved through the area.

Keller Fire Chief Kelly King said lightning caused the chimney of one house to explode and burned several holes in the roofs of both dwellings.

A Southlake home's roof burned and a brick chimney was destroyed, said a Southlake Department of Public Safety official.

Some streets flooded from the heavy rains and water entered homes in some low-lying areas of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Mark Fox, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said the official area rainfall total is more than eight inches for this year — double the average rainfall for the period.

"Water from the last rain hasn't really gone anywhere," Fox said. "The ground's saturated. That's just aggravating the problem of heavy rainfall."

The weather service issued a flash flood watch for the region. As early-morning temperatures today hovered just above freezing, residents northwest of Tarrant County could see some ice.

Greenspan: slowdown not over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, delivering a sober assessment of the U.S. economy, told Congress Wednesday that the sharp slowdown that began in the second half of last year "has yet to run its full course."

Greenspan's comments sent a clear signal that the Fed, which already reduced interest rates by a full percentage point in January, is ready to do more to prevent the faltering economy from skidding into a recession.

Greenspan, testifying before the House Financial Services Committee, blamed much of the economy's weakness on an effort by businesses to cut back quickly on production in the face of falling sales.

Shortly after Wall Street opened for the day, stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 12 points while the Nasdaq index dropped 12.

Although companies are working hard to bring their excess inventories of unsold goods into better alignment with demand, Greenspan said, the process may take more time.

Excess inventories "built up in 1999 and 2000 have engendered a retrenchment that has yet to run its full course," Greenspan said, in a departure from testimony he delivered to the Senate Banking Committee on Feb. 13.

Greenspan also said he would keep a close eye on consumer confidence. How confidence holds up during the slowdown will be a big factor in determining whether or not there is a recession, he said.

Consumer confidence has eroded further since Greenspan delivered his economic outlook report to the Senate just two weeks ago. Confidence dropped in February, the fifth straight monthly decline, to its lowest level since 1996, the Conference Board reported Tuesday.

"Changes in consumer confidence will require close scrutiny in the period ahead, especially after the steep falloff of recent months," Greenspan said.

In his testimony two weeks ago, Greenspan, while noting concerns about slumping confidence, appeared to strike a big more upbeat note. Even with the declines, he said at that time, confidence remained at a level consistent with economic growth.

Greenspan omitted that line from Wednesday's remarks.

Greenspan said the weakness in sales of cars and homes has been modest, "suggesting that consumers have retained enough confidence to make longer-term commitments."

He also said the exceptional degree of economic slowing so evident toward the end of 2000 seemed less evident in January and February.

He added, "the risks continue skewed toward the economy's remaining on a path inconsistent with satisfactory economic performance," representing another change from his previous economic outlook.

Greenspan's assessment of the economy comes as President Bush rallies the nation behind his plan for a major tax cut and a budget blueprint that he says will shrink government debt while protecting education, Social Security and other popular programs.

The Fed slashed interest rates twice in January, totaling a full percentage point, the first time the central bank has moved so quickly during Greenspan's 14-year tenure. The first rate cut was on Jan. 3, in a rare move between meetings of the Federal Open Market Committee. The second cut came at a scheduled Jan. 31 meeting.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 1, 2001: Understand exactly what motivates you on a subliminal level, and you will make powerful decisions. You are unusually dynamic and strong, but sometimes others see you as pushy or overly assertive. Those of you in the work force find that your career is your major focal point. Many of you will go back to school or on to independent study. If you are single, an important romance blossoms in the middle to late part of the year. If you are attached, discuss your feelings before they explode. Your openness adds to the warmth of your relationship. GEMINI anchors you in an odd way.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Roll with a surprise early in the day. Though you might not be thrilled, another thinks you should be. Be nice! Your high energy moves you to do research and perhaps plan a getaway soon. Study your budget before making a final decision. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** What someone thinks is humorous, you might be inclined to groan at. Accept differences. A partner makes a suggestion that will ultimately benefit your public image. Don't overthink this idea. Ask yourself what you really have to lose. Tonight: Treat yourself to a new item for the spring.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Sit back instead of getting into the confusion. Not everyone agrees with you. You could be startled by another's reaction. Associates or friends express their feelings with the intention of making you happy. Mellow out and don't react. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Maintain your focus despite another's confusion.

A partner means well, but he might not see the whole picture as you see it. Your high energy supports completion of important tasks or errands. A meeting is thought-provoking. Tonight: Join friends early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Roll into work with your objectives in mind. A partner could be distracting, as there are a lot of unexpected developments around him. Keep your perspective. Stretch to find solutions that work for everyone. You can do it — just try. Tonight: Clear your desk, then join a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** News forces you to regroup. Maintain a high level of flexibility as you begin to sort through information. Your ability to work with facts separates you from many. Hop on the Net or call experts if need be. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Deal with a significant person or partner. You might not always like how

he impacts your life. Accept another's comments and work within an established framework. A child or loved one might be pulling the wool over your eyes. Tonight: Togetherness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Let others take action while you support them. A family member jolts your thinking. Regroup. Think about where you might not have seen the writing on the wall. Network. Make calls. Others respond positively to your inquiries. Popularity soars. Tonight: Don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Jump over an obstacle that is tossed in your path. Don't let others stop you. Your vitality soars. You have what it takes to fulfill a long-term desire. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Feel good about what you have accomplished.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** A financial matter seems to have many twists and turns. Try as you

might, you could be having a difficult time getting it under control. Unfortunately, you might need to take a strong action that you have been trying to avoid. A child or loved one needs your strength and guidelines. Tonight: Put your feet up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** You might want to disrupt the status quo. Others could see this as being somewhat difficult. Get down to basics and express yourself in a way that others can understand. You cannot avoid a serious decision any longer, even though you would prefer not to make it. Tonight: Go home first, then decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Try to see a different point of view. You might shake yourself up trying to understand what is going on with another. Work with someone in charge. Don't buck the status quo. Don't stand on ceremony. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Spellers all showed their winning spirit

If you had any doubt that hard work pays big dividends, Tuesday's Howard County Spelling Bee was all the proof you would need. That's because it was hard work, in the form of daily practices, that made Abby Janca the new county spelling champion.

By spelling the word "reassurance," 13-year-old Abby, an eighth-grader from Forsan Junior High School, took the competition in the sixth round.

The contest, sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, was held at the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, where close to 150 supporters were on the edge of their seats as 12 students spelled word after word.

As the contest came to an end, Abby correctly spelled "embellish" and then followed with "reassurance" before the audience burst into applause. The runner-up was 11-year-old Lauren Sage, a homeschool elementary student.

When asked the secret to her success by a *Herald* writer, Abby admitted she had practiced every day. And it was no surprise to us that she's a Forsan Junior High student: It's the second year in a row they've sent in the winner, and the fourth year the school had a student finishing in the top two.

The secret to success? Abby said her teachers practiced with her every day. That's what we call commitment, going beyond what is expected, and they deserve all the pride they must be feeling today.

Of course, Abby has shown that kind of commitment to all of her studies. Her father Jeff said she is a straight-A student.

Spellers from St. Mary's Episcopal, Kentwood, Moss, Bauer, Marcy, Goliad, Elbow, Washington, Big Spring Junior High, Forsan Junior High and homeschool kids all put their spelling abilities to the test on Tuesday. And we have no doubt they all worked hard; some of the words they spelled would have challenged most adults.

As publisher John Walker said after the competition, each contestant was a winner before he or she walked up on that stage. Congratulations to all of our spelling bee contestants, and a special salute to Abby Janca and Lauren Sage.

Tuesday's competition was all the "reassurance" we needed that, with young people like these, our future will be in good hands.

OTHER VIEWS

America seems to be saying farewell almost reluctantly to the eight-year Clinton era, which the *Washington Post*, in retrospect, has termed "ragged," wild and disorganized. And that was even before the heavy impact of the Clintons' tasteless departure from Washington. America is now in a tizzy about the pardoning of wealthy party donors by the Man from Hope — as if this president, who even stooped to "renting out" the Lincoln bedroom, had ever exercised restraint in these matters during his eight years in office. There is little to be made of this.

Clinton always was the man he showed himself to be at his departure. At the moment, though, the new administration and its president appear to be the beneficiaries of all this. By way of contrast, they have had quite a smooth start. Whenever the party controlling the White

House changes, the new president faces the task of filling several thousand posts in numerous government departments, and that process is now farther along than it was at the same point eight years ago...

Just what strategy will be followed by the new American team is quite another matter. About that there is little more than smoke signals on the horizon. The Clinton administration was an expression of its time, the first that could be called a true post-war presidency.

Those years marked a turning away from the realities, strategies and attitudes of the cold war, even more than was appreciated at the time. What is coming now will surely push that process further. Just how far is still a matter for considerable speculation.

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Republicans wrong on redistricting ideas

The first salvos in a new race war will be launched this week when the Census Bureau releases its preliminary figures on the 2000 census. I'm not talking about riots in the streets, but a more sophisticated battle waged via computer programs to pack minorities into neat, compact voting blocks.



LINDA CHAVEZ

It's all part of the decennial political redistricting required under our Constitution and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. And the combatants in this war include not only various minority groups, who stand to gain political influence, but the Democrat and Republican parties. In an ironic political twist, if state legislatures create more majority black and Hispanic voting districts, which usually vote Democrat, it's still likely fewer Democrats will be elected overall. Here's why: Americans move around frequently, causing dramatic population shifts to occur. So the Constitution requires that every 10 years — based on the last census

— state legislature redraw the lines for all political jurisdictions to ensure the principle of one person, one vote. But the courts have interpreted the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to require special care be taken not to "dilute" the votes of blacks and Hispanics in the redistricting process.

Many civil rights organizations argue that in order to ensure that black or Hispanic votes truly count, minority candidates must be elected. And this can't happen, they argue, unless blacks and Hispanics make up 65 percent of the voters in so-called "safe" districts. Following the 1970 and 1980 censuses, several states tried to maximize the political clout of black and Hispanic voters by creating these "safe" districts. The result has been to produce districts configured largely on racial and ethnic lines, which often ignore neighborhood and community ties.

But this type of racial gerrymandering also creates unusual political alliances. Civil rights groups that favor racial gerrymandering have lined up with Republicans against Democrats, who favor racial preferences everywhere except in political redistricting. When state legislatures pack in super-majorities of black

and Hispanic voters in order to create more "safe" black and Hispanic districts, they leave surrounding areas with mostly white voters, who are more likely to vote Republican. On balance, the math favors Republicans. If whites, on average, vote about 60-40 Republican, Democrat candidates will have a harder time winning a mostly white district. As *Washington Post* political reporter Tom Edsall recently explained it, "(Democrats') 1st strategy is to create as many districts as possible with 25 to 40 percent black voters, leaving fewer mostly black districts."

With Republicans in control of both houses in 18 state legislatures, and Democrats in control of both houses in only 16 — down from 30 a decade ago — we may see more efforts at racial gerrymandering this year than we did in 1990. We can also expect to see more lawsuits. After the 1990 census, groups and individuals filed more than 130 lawsuits in 40 states challenging the redistricting plans.

During the 1990s, the U.S. Supreme Court heard some 10 cases involving race and redistricting. In all of the cases, the Court made clear that race could not be the predominant factor in drawing district lines.

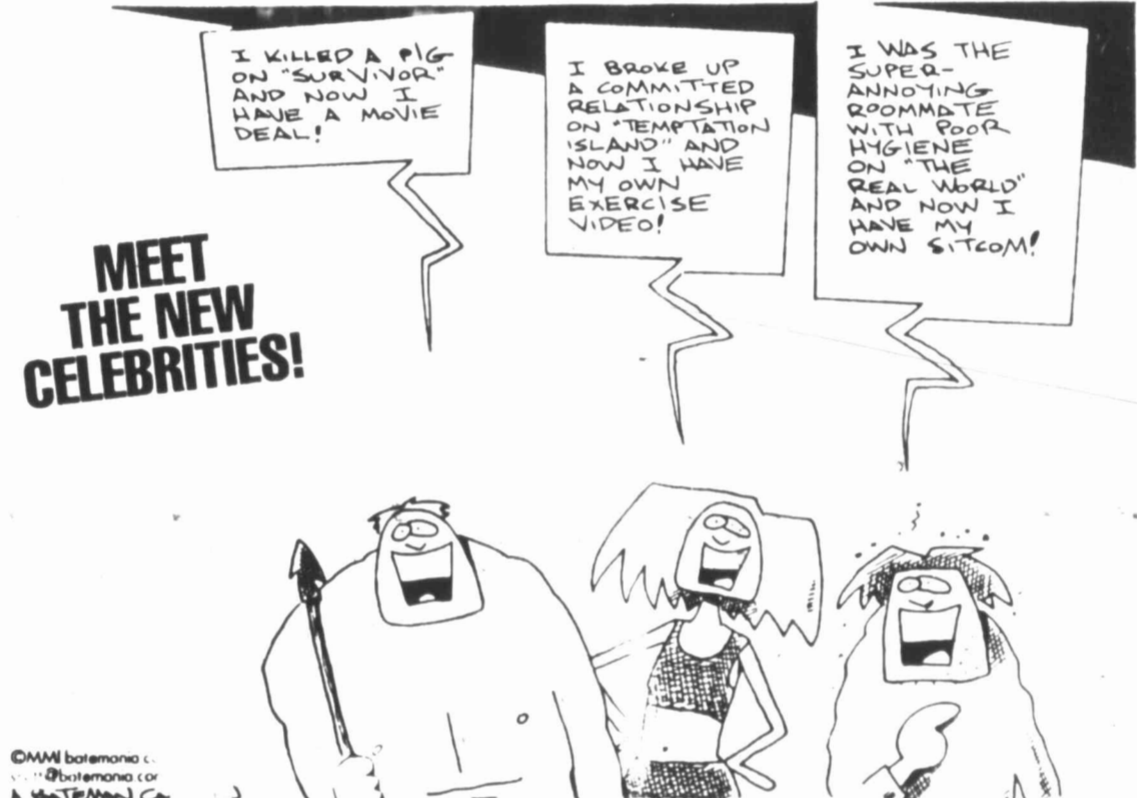
striking down some egregiously gerrymandered districts in the process. Nonetheless, state legislatures will no doubt bow to both partisan interests and lobbying by some civil rights groups to create more black and Hispanic districts. And their efforts will put the Bush Administration to one of its first tests on a race-related issue.

Under the Voting Rights Act, some political jurisdictions must seek pre-clearance from the Justice Department before they can make any changes affecting voting, including redistricting. The easiest — and most partisan — thing for Attorney General John Ashcroft to do in these cases would be to approve redistricting plans based on racially gerrymandered lines. If he does so he'll win praise from civil rights groups and his fellow Republicans.

But the right thing for him to do is reject any redistricting plan whose purpose is racially motivated.

It's wrong for government to be assigning voters on the basis of their skin color, just as it is wrong for employers to hire or schools to pick students on that basis.

On this issue, the Republicans are on the wrong side.



Why do we say gesundheit?

I don't remember my parents saying "God bless you" or "Gesundheit" after I sneezed. Is that a yankee thing? The practice wasn't in use much during my college years at Baylor. I heard it a lot when I was in the Army, mostly from guys up north. I heard the phrase most when I attended classes in Mexico. When someone sneezed, the whole class shouted "Salud!" (health).

I really don't like to hear the phrase. I'm so shaken up during the violent upheaval going on in my nose and mouth during a sneeze I don't feel like saying "thank you."

It appears the practice of blessing sneezers originated in ancient Greek or Roman times, or perhaps even earlier. In 77 AD, Pliny the Elder, a Roman

naturalist, asked why Tiberius Caesar, who was most unsober, would insist on a salutation when one sneezed. According to folklore this custom comes from the idea that you are sneezing out your soul. People thought the soul could separate from the body, escaping through the sneeze or through a yawn, leaving one open to evil spirits. A variation of this idea is that the heart stops when you sneeze.

Some believed that because sneezing indicated the onset of illness, a blessing was invoked for protection.

Other folklore of sneezing: A sneeze before breakfast is the sign that you will hear exciting news before the end of the day.

Always say "God bless you" when you sneeze to keep the devil from flying down your throat.

Five consecutive sneezes will bring you something new. If you sneeze at the table, you will have one more person to the next meal.

When someone sneezes

say "God bless you and may the devil miss you."

When someone sneezes say "Gesundheit" (health) he sneezer must answer "Gesundheit ist besser wie krankheit" (health is better than sickness).

Sneezing between noon and midnight is a good omen. Sneezing between midnight and noon is a bad omen.

If you place a hand in front of your mouth when you sneeze, you soul won't escape.

A cat sneezing is a good omen for everyone who hears it. A sneezing cat means rain.

Sneezing to the right signifies prosperity.

When I turned to the internet for information on sneezing, it directed me to some Websites with erotic stories about sneezing. It said sneezing after sex prevents pregnancy. Does everything on the Internet take you to sex sites? I searched the internet for the phrase "God bless you," expecting to find loads of information about that. There was only one. It dealt with religion.

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Read Across America

Seuss' birthday celebrated locally with activities, contests

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Dr. Seuss won't be able to attend Friday's Read Across America event at the Howard County Library. But you might never guess that from the celebration, which honors his birthday.

"I'm calling it an afternoon of fun with our favorite doctor," said Karen McIntyre, children's librarian. Included in the program, which starts at 4:30 p.m., is an appearance by a Star-Bellied Sneetch, a character from Seuss' book, "The Sneetches."

The program will also



include a video and readings of some of the popular children's author's work. Anyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge.

Local schools are getting into the act for Read Across America as well. Moss Elementary will celebrate Seuss' birthday with a cake in his honor, along with readings of some of his stories. At Goliad Elementary, students will read or listen to several of the popular books on Friday.

At Bauer Magnet Elementary, a week-long trivia contest is going on, with the winner promised a copy of "Oh The Places You'll Go," by (you guessed it) Dr. Seuss. That book is also the nationwide theme of this year's Read Across America.

Parents will join the fun Friday at Bauer, reading to the students, and early arrivals at the campus will enjoy green eggs and ham (also the title of a Seuss book) for breakfast.

Dr. Seuss was the pen name of Theodore Geisel, born in Springfield, Mass., in 1904. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1984 and three Academy Awards, he wrote and illustrated 44 children's books.

Geisel died on Sept. 24, 1991, and his birthday has been designated as the Read Across America celebration by the National Education Association for four years.

READERS' CORNER

"Love Letters"

You could hear the cattle lowing in the old lane as she lit the coal oil light so she could see

And the old lamp shining down upon the letters from the box upon the dresser she would keep. The wind was softly blowing through the window as she shuffled through the letters to and fro' and the old lamp shining down upon the letters, faded letters that he wrote so long ago.

Then she picks them up and holds them for a moment but she reads them one more time before she sleeps.

Then she puts them in the box upon the dresser

she would keep

And I'll see her in my daydreams come tomorrow with the wind a softly blowing memories, and I never will forget her old love letters in the box upon the dresser she would keep

Bernice Reed Jones

L. D.

Some people touch our hearts in a special way and L.D. was one of those people. Kindness should of been his middle name.

L.D. loved life and even when life wasn't kind to him, he still found a reason to smile. Ill health kept him from being able to work the fields that he loved. For the last few years of his life he viewed the world from a window.

He watched as fall turned into winter, spring into summer, each and every flower that bloomed in the vast flower garden in his front yard was a treasure to

L.D. But his greatest treasures in life were his family and friends.

L.D. is gone now but his memory will live forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

"The Tears"

The tears of an angel are not seen until after they fall for the tears of an angel fall to earth then turn into beautiful flowers of all colors but angels only cry when someone on earth dies. Then in memory of that person the angels cry And a flower grows....

Written in loving memory of L.D. Hayworth by Lana F. Anguiano

There's An Empty Chair True diamonds in the rough Are found just everywhere and

The Almighty Master knows There's a precious jewel in there.

He knows how to bring

Each precious jewel to light.

That's why there's an empty chair By the fireside tonight.

The hope of each of us In this world so big and broad

Is to be shined and polished That we not be found too flawed.

Another jewel has been perfected In the Almighty Masters light.

That's why there's an empty chair By the fireside tonight.

Down on our knees We thank God above, For providing a mansion To those we so love.

He knows how to bring Each precious jewel to light.

That's why there's an empty chair By the fireside tonight

By Martha Anderson Peugh In memory of my dad, Earl Anderson

Family of six wants to avoid overburdening weekend hosts

DEAR ABBY: I have tried for years to contact some of my husband's Army buddies. I have finally gotten in touch with one of them.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



They told us our large family is no problem, and it would be easier for us to stay with them than in a motel.

Because of the size of our family, I feel we should stay in a motel. My husband thinks we should stay with them.

Abby, what should I take

with me when we visit them? What would be an appropriate hostess gift? I have never met these people, although we've communicated often via phone calls and online communications.

Should I bring groceries or go shopping with the hostess and pay for some of the food? Should I send money in advance to help with the extra expenses of our visit? Should I take towels for our family? Six showers a day equals a lot of laundry.

I would appreciate your guidance. — UNEASY VISITOR IN BATH, N.Y.

DEAR UNEASY: Because of the size of your family, ask your hosts if they would like you to bring towels, pillows, sleeping bags or linens and blankets. If they aren't needed, they

will tell you. Forget about taking groceries since this is only a weekend visit, but do take your hosts out for a meal during your stay.

Take along a lovely basket of fruit you can all enjoy as your hostess gift, and following your visit, be sure to thank your hosts in writing for their hospitality.

DEAR ABBY: Last fall, you printed a letter from a woman who gave her friend a hat shower. The friend had lost her hair from chemotherapy treatments. Because you printed that letter, I was the recipient of two hat showers! You have no idea how much they meant to me.

At one of the showers, the hostess asked everyone to explain how they knew me and to tell what I meant to

them. It was a very special and emotional time. I have never felt so loved and embraced as I did that night. The hostess also asked the attendees to give me a card to open at a later date. I now have cards to open over the next four months — and I look forward to opening them.

What a thoughtful way of letting me know how much I am loved long after the shower.

The school bus drivers I work with gave me the second shower. To see all the drivers wearing pink ribbons on their I.D. badges was awesome!

The first time I went through chemo was 13 years ago. This time I have almost 100 hats from which to choose. It makes being bald not quite so hard.

Would you like to walk across Texas?

Think you and a group of your friends could "Walk Across Texas" and develop a healthy exercise habit?

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service that could spark some friendly competitions in Howard County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging or even biking.

The kick off for the Howard County Walk Across Texas program is April 21 during the Big Spring Area Health Fair, but the time is now to begin forming your teams. Each team will elect a team captain; members will keep track of their mileage walked, jogged or biked and then report it to the team captain for recording at the County Extension office. Mileage will be posted in the Extension office so that teams may regularly come by and track their progress. The team that walks the farthest will be recognized at the closing ceremony in June. But all participants come away with a healthy physical fitness habit.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the number one problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could

be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease.

Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," a TDH report states.

Participating in Walk Across Texas is not only a great way to get involved in the community, it is a healthy habit.

To participate, first get a team together; biking and jogging teams are limited to four people. Choose a team captain and name your team.

Fill out a registration form available at the Howard County Extension office located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse - 300 Main Street, Big Spring. There will be a minimal registration fee for each team entry.

The Walk Across Texas will be a lot of fun, it will offer friendly competition and help participants to form a healthy fitness habit.

If you would like more information concerning the Walk Across Texas program please contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service - Howard County at 264-2236. Educational programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are open to people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension agent - family and consumer science.



DANA TARTER

PEOPLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer Michael Jackson says he broke his right foot in a fall at his Neverland Ranch in central California.

Although in a cast from foot to knee, Jackson told the New York Post he plans to make a scheduled March 6 appearance at Oxford University in England for Heal the Kids, a program he runs with New York Rabbi Shmuley Boteach.

"I am determined to speak... despite my injury," Jackson said in a statement released to the Post, the newspaper reported Wednesday. "The message of Heal the Kids is far too important to me to allow a broken foot to keep me from this commitment."

The Post reported that more than 20,000 people have tried to get tickets to the event. It wasn't immediately known how large an audience the university can accommodate. Also scheduled to appear is psychic Uri Geller.

Happy Easter

Here comes Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail. Easter is April 15th hop in and subscribe to the Big Spring Herald and save 15%.

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IN BRIEF

Little Leagues start registration process

Big Spring's three Little Leagues have begun holding registration sessions at the Big Spring Mall.

Players may sign up from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-7331 or 263-1945.

Elyse Kail stepping out at Midland Lee

Former Big Spring native Elyse Kail steps down as the Midland Lee Lady Rebels' head basketball coach to take over as an administrative intern for the Midland Independent School District.

"I finished work on my mid-management degree last year," said Kail. "I was thinking about ultimately going in this direction with my career."

Kail leaves after 10 years with the program, 525 career appearances and a district title in 1997.

BSHS swimmers place at state meet

The Big Spring Steers swimmers competed at the state meet in Dallas on Friday and Saturday.

The foursome of Mark Shedy, Coley Clark, Michael Carrasco and Doug Wilberg finished 14th overall.

Wilberg returned a 14th place finish in the 100 freestyle and a 16th place finish in the 200 freestyle while Shedy claimed 14th place spot in the 100 backstroke.

Wilberg combined with Josh Pike, Will Laggatt and Carrasco in the 400 freestyle relay to qualify for the alternate finals on Saturday and finished 12th.

Congratulations to all the swimmers this season. Anyone interested in swimming next year contact Coach Harlan Smith.

Jackalopes present community night

The Howard County Community Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 10.

The Jackalopes will be playing the San Angelo Outlaws.

For more information contact Ray Fieldhouse at 683-4251.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN
6 p.m. — Seton Hall at Villanova, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — N.C. State at North Carolina, ESPN, Ch. 30.

WOMEN
6:30 p.m. — Oklahoma at Texas, FXS, Ch. 29.
8:30 p.m. — Iowa St. at Texas Tech, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA
7 p.m. — Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers, TNT, Ch. 28.

9:30 p.m. — L.A. Lakers at Denver Nuggets, TNT, Ch. 28.

Indians reward Vizquel with two-year extension

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Already baseball's best fielding shortstop, Omar Vizquel doesn't have to be defensive about his contract anymore.

Vizquel, who has won eight straight Gold Gloves, has agreed to terms on a \$17 million, two-year contract extension with the Cleveland Indians, a baseball source told The Associated Press on the condition he not be identified.

The Indians are expected to announce the deal during an 11 a.m. EST news conference at their spring training facility.

Vizquel had been signed through 2002 at \$8 million per season — a relative bargain when compared to the colossal deals signed this winter by shortstops Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter.

The new extension includes a mutual option for 2005.

Vizquel, who has grumbled in the past about his contract, arrived at camp four days late. But he was doing cartwheels on Tuesday.

As he ran on the field for an intrasquad game, the 33-year-old Vizquel, who just last week described his contract as "minor league" in today's market, he landed a cartwheel behind the pitcher's mound.

Moments later, Vizquel was tumbling in the outfield grass, where he made a diving backhanded stop in the hole, bounced to his feet and threw in time to get Terrell Lowery at first base.

Following the game, Vizquel got dressed quickly and said he was on his way to a meeting in Indians gen-

eral manager John Hart's office. When he finally arrived at camp last week, Vizquel said he was close to signing an extension.

"Hopefully, we can get it done," Vizquel said.

Vizquel signed a six-year deal in 1995 that became obsolete with the enormous contracts signed by Rodriguez and Jeter. Vizquel even fell behind many inferior shortstops on the pay scale.

But Vizquel's new deal gives him security and means he will likely end his career with the Indians.

He is also one of Cleveland's most popular players, and the signing should help smooth over some of the problems Indians fans had with the team allowing catcher Sandy Alomar to leave and for not re-signing free agent slugger Manny

Ramirez.

It also assures the Indians of keeping one of baseball's premier shortstops happy.

Vizquel has denied that his delay in reporting to camp had anything to do with the contracts signed by his fellow shortstops.

"I just want something that's fair," he said.

Vizquel is entering his seventh season with Cleveland, which got him in a trade from Seattle in 1993.

He batted .287 with seven homers and 66 RBIs that year and had perhaps his finest season defensively, as well.

He tied the AL record for the most consecutive errorless games by a shortstop (95), made just three errors in 156 games and won his eighth straight Gold Glove.



Big Spring offensive lineman Justin Nichols signs his letter of intent to play football at Brown University this fall, as his parents, Darrell and Sheri Nichols, look on. Nichols, who ranks in the top five in his graduating class academically, also considered McAlister (Minn.) College, Trinity University in San Antonio and Oberlin University in Ohio before settling on the Ivy League school.

Steers' Nichols decides on Brown scholarship

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

After careful consideration, Justin Nichols became the first of three Big Spring Steers players to sign his letter of intent to play college football next season.

It could have gone either way for Nichols. The 6-foot-2, 290-pound senior offensive lineman was being recruited by a number of well-known, well-rounded programs, such as McAlister (Minn.) College, Trinity University in San Antonio and Oberlin University in Ohio.

But in the end, the choice Nichols made was Brown University. So around football season next year, Nichols will join an elite group of Ivy League men as he ventures off to Rhode Island for the fall semester.

What Brown coaches will be getting is a tackle who graded out at 94 percent for the season, one that saw the Steers advance

to the regional quarterfinals before seeing their season come to an end against then No. 1-ranked Wichita Falls' Coyotes.

In addition to grading out at 94, Nichols chalked up 32 pancakes and 52 cut blocks.

"The good thing about Justin is he has made himself into an excellent football player," said athletic director Dwight Butler.

"He worked hard at making himself aggressive and he is self motivated," Butler added. "Going to Brown will be a great tribute to his family who was also willing to let us to work hard with Justin."

Although the two-year varsity starter received an athletic scholarship he has the mindset of many Ivy League prepsters finishing fourth in his class as well as claiming a first team All-State honor in his academics.

That type of work ethic is always a plus for an athletic scholar whose going away to a school for the first time.

Nichols has the spring and part of the summer to prepare for his first practice as a Brown Bear.

For the most part, Nichols who has already been spending time in the weight room will working to get stronger. He'll have a program to work on during the offseason. So hopefully he'll be an early player.

The Brown University Bears, coached by Phil Estes, have been the most successful in the past seven years. They have contended for the Ivy League title year in and year out.

Nichols will have the chance to play against the likes of Cornell, Dartmouth and Princeton University.

He is also a member of the North team roster for the Big Country All-Star Game to be played June 2 in Abilene. He is joined on that squad by Steers teammates Bowe Butler, Jason Choate and Jason Woodruff, as well as Coahoma's Travis McMillan and Colorado City's Chase Phariss.

Duke loses Boomer during Maryland's upset of Blue Devils

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mike Krzyzewski tried to look convincing when he said No. 2 Duke had to regroup following its worst loss of the season.

But the coach of the Blue Devils knew he had lost more than a game to No. 16 Maryland on Tuesday night.

Center Carlos Boozer went down in the second half with what Krzyzewski said was a broken bone in his right foot, meaning Duke's run at a national championship is in jeopardy.

"We've just got to circle the wagons and get tougher," Krzyzewski said.

The 6-foot-9 Boozer, Duke's main inside threat, hurt his foot early in the second half, tried to return, then left for good with more than 10 minutes left in the 91-80 loss.

The Blue Devils (25-4, 12-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) shot 24 percent in the second half without Boozer, who averages 13.9 points and 6.5 rebounds.

Krzyzewski said Boozer would be X-rayed again Wednesday, but probably will miss Sunday's rematch with No. 4 North Carolina, the ACC tournament in Atlanta next week — and maybe beyond.

"He may not be back unless we got deep into the (NCAA) tournament," Krzyzewski said. "It depends on how big the fracture is."

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday, it was No. 3 Michigan State 51, No. 22 Wisconsin 47; No. 18 St. Joseph's 84, Massachusetts 69; and No. 19 Syracuse 80, Pittsburgh 69.

A win by North Carolina over N.C. State on Wednesday night would clinch the No. 1 seed in the ACC tourney for the Tar Heels and snap Duke's run of outright regular-season titles at four.

"We pretty much saw this game as a must-win, and we didn't get it," Duke forward Mike Dunleavy said.

While the Terrapins (19-9, 9-6) gained confidence from the win, the mood in the Duke locker room was one of concern.

Casey Sanders, a 6-11 sophomore who has been a major disappointment so far in his career, will take over most of the inside load with

Boozer out.

That's because Matt Christensen, Duke's top frontcourt reserve all season, has been sidelined with sore knees.

"Matt's thing kind of depends on the day, but he's had a series of bad days. That has been disheartening," Krzyzewski said.

Duke's depth also took a hit early in the season when 6-10 Nick Horvath injured his foot and has missed 21 straight games. His return is still uncertain.

Sanders was in tears after the Maryland loss.

"If my team needs me, than I'll be there for them," said Sanders, who picked up four fouls in four minutes Tuesday night and has averaged just eight minutes in 15 ACC games. "If that takes extra running, extra reps in practice, whatever."

"Every player on this team comes to this school to play. I know it kills certain players on the team not to be able to play. I just didn't want it to happen like this."

Point guard Jason Williams also reinjured his sore calf and was limping by the end of the game.

The Terrapins blew a 10-point lead against Duke in the final minute a month ago at home, but got revenge in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

"We wanted to go out there and be positive and play the way we know how and do all the right things and not worry about what happened last time," Maryland point guard Steve Blake said.

Juan Dixon was the offensive and defensive hero for the Terrapins, scoring 28 points with five steals.

Lonny Baxter added 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Terence Morris had 13 points and 12 rebounds as the Terrapins dominated the boards in winning at Duke for the second straight season. Dixon had 31 here last year.

Shane Battier led Duke with 31 points in his last game in Cameron, getting 19 in the first half, but watched Duke crumble in the second half.

Duke led 60-51 with 15:20 left, but missed 25 of its first 31 shots of the final half, going more than eight minutes without a basket as

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Wolves top Buffs to reach regional; Lady Steers thump Midland

By HERALD Staff Reports

ODESSA — Colorado City's Wolves faced off against Stanton's Buffaloes Tuesday night for the third time this season and as had been the case during the two previous meetings, the Wolves prevailed.

The Wolves claimed a 52-37 win in the Region I, Class 2A quarterfinal playoff game at the Odessa College gymnasium.

The Wolves pulled off the win behind the team's sharp 3-point shooting, knocking down eight treys on the night.

"We don't shoot the ball sometimes as consistently as I'd like us to but tonight we hit some big

ones," said Colorado City coach Barry Kimball.

Stanton, led by Clay White's 12 points, claimed an early lead in the contest ending the first quarter with a 17-14 edge. But the Wolves managed to get their offense together to rebound for a 31-24 lead at half-time.

Marquise Lenard, who has played a major role in the Wolves' success this season, got off to a bad start having to sit out a large part of the first half after getting his third foul.

"We wanted to take Lenard out of the game and he got in early foul trouble so we thought that was great," said Stanton head coach

Doug Gordan.

But the Wolves' perimeter shooting gave Colorado City the advantage and the playoff win.

Stanton finishes the season with a record of 13-7. Colorado City improves to 26-5 as the Wolves head for the Region I, Class 2A tournament at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum on Friday.

COLORADO CITY 52, STANTON 37
COLORADO CITY — Andrew Spear 6 0-1 13, Cort Arthur 2 0-0 5, Chase Pharris 2 0-0 6, Marquise Lenard 3 0-2 6, Ian Basham 5 0-2 13, Kevin Wright 2 0-0 4, Aaron Walkup 2 0-0 5, Jacobie Rambo 0 0-0 0, Jeremiah Spear 0 0-0 0, Derek Garcia 0 0-0 0, Totals 22 0-5 52.
STANTON — Keith Cook 4 1-2 10, Jon Cotton 3 0-2 7, Clay White 3 6-9 12, Jeremy Hull 3 0-0 6, Ace Keele 1 0-0 2, J.D. Ramos 0 0-0 0, Paul Chandler 0 0-0 0, Ryan Kelly 6 0-0 0, Ruston Parkes 0 0-0 0, Chris Ramos 0 0-0 0, Ake Wilson 0 0-0 0, Totals 34 7-13 57.
COLORADO CITY 17 14 18 6-32

STANTON 14 30 6 7 - 37
Three-point goals: CC 8 (A Spear 1, Arthur 1, Pharris 2, Basham 3, Walkup 1), S 2 (Cook 1, Cotton 1). Rebounds: CC 25 (Pharris 8, Lenard 6), S 26 (White 13). Turnovers: CC 15, S 23. Total fouls: CC 15, S 12. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Records: Colorado City 26-5, Stanton finishes 13-7.

Lady Steers post win over Midland

MIDLAND — Big Spring's Lady Steers produced an offensive explosion Tuesday afternoon, rolling to a 10-4 win over Midland High's Lady Dawgs.

Whitney Hufford enjoyed an almost phenomenal day, as she chalked up the pitching win, allow-

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The top 25 men's Associated Press men's basketball poll, with first-round parentheses and records Feb. 25:

- Stanford (70)
- Duke
- Michigan St.
- North Carolina
- Illinois
- Florida
- Virginia
- Iowa St.
- Arizona
- Kansas
- Boston College
- UCLA
- Notre Dame
- Mississippi
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Oklahoma
- St. Joseph's
- Syracuse
- Alabama
- Georgetown
- Wisconsin
- Wake Forest
- Texas
- Xavier

The top 25 women's Associated Press women's basketball poll, with first-round parentheses and records Feb. 25:

- Tennessee (36)
- Notre Dame (2)
- Connecticut (1)
- Duke
- Louisiana Tech
- Georgia
- Oklahoma
- Purdue
- Rutgers
- Iowa St.
- Florida
- Xavier
- Utah
- Texas Tech
- Vanderbilt
- LSU
- Colorado
- SW Missouri St.
- Penn St.
- Wisconsin
- N.C. State
- Arizona St.
- Iowa
- Baylor
- Clemson

BASEBALL
ANAHEIM ANGELS — terms with RHP Matt W. year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS — terms with RHP Fred LHP Jordan Zimmmer contracts.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL F. — terms with INF Russ INF Aubrey Huff on c. contracts.
TEXAS RANGERS — terms with LHP Doug D. year contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — terms with LHP Odalis Jason Marquis, LHP Tr. Damian Moss, RHP O. and INF Jesse Garcia on tracts.
CINCINNATI REDS — terms with C Jason Laff. Etherton and RHP Jim B. year contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREW — terms with INF Ron

SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 25:

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Stanford (70)	25-1
2.	Duke	25-3
3.	Michigan St.	22-3
4.	North Carolina	22-4
5.	Illinois	22-6
6.	Florida	20-5
7.	Virginia	19-6
8.	UCLA	19-7
9.	Arizona	19-7
10.	Kansas	21-5
11.	Boston College	20-4
12.	UCLA	19-6
13.	Notre Dame	19-6
14.	Mississippi	22-5
15.	Kentucky	18-8
16.	Maryland	18-9
17.	Oklahoma	21-6
18.	St. Joseph's	23-4
19.	Syracuse	20-7
20.	Alabama	21-6
21.	Georgetown	17-8
22.	Wisconsin	18-9
23.	Wake Forest	21-7
24.	Texas	21-7
25.	Xavier	21-5

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 25:

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Tennessee (36)	22-1
2.	Notre Dame (2)	25-1
3.	Connecticut (1)	24-2
4.	Duke	24-3
5.	Louisiana Tech	22-3
6.	Georgia	23-5
7.	Oklahoma	23-4
8.	Purdue	24-5
9.	Rutgers	20-8
10.	Iowa St.	22-4
11.	Florida	23-4
12.	Xavier	25-2
13.	Utah	20-6
14.	Texas Tech	21-5
15.	Vanderbilt	19-8
16.	LSU	18-9
17.	Colorado	20-6
18.	SW Missouri St.	20-5
19.	Penn St.	19-8
20.	Wisconsin	18-8
21.	N.C. State	18-9
22.	Arizona St.	19-7
23.	Iowa	17-9
24.	Baylor	19-7
25.	Clemson	19-8

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Wise on a one-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Freddy Garcia and LHP Jordan Zimmerman on one-year contracts.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with INF Russ Johnson and INF Aubrey Huff on one-year contracts.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Doug Davis on a one-year contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Odalis Perez, RHP Jason Marquis, LHP Trey Moore, LHP Damian Moss, RHP Chris Seebach and INF Jesse Garcia on one-year contracts.
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with C Jason LaRue, RHP Seth Etherton and RHP Jim Brower on one-year contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Ron Belliard and

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	42	16	.724
Miami	34	23	.596
New York	33	23	.589
Orlando	29	26	.527
Boston	25	32	.439
New Jersey	20	36	.346
Washington	13	45	.224
Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Milwaukee	35	20	.636
Charlotte	31	26	.544
Toronto	30	27	.526
Indiana	25	29	.463
Cleveland	22	33	.400
Detroit	21	35	.375
Atlanta	18	39	.316
Chicago	9	46	.164
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Utah	38	17	.691
San Antonio	37	19	.661
Dallas	36	22	.621
Minnesota	33	24	.579
Houston	30	27	.526
Denver	29	29	.500
Vancouver	18	40	.310
Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Portland	40	18	.690
L.A. Lakers	37	18	.673
Sacramento	37	18	.673
Phoenix	34	21	.618
Seattle	29	29	.500
L.A. Clippers	20	40	.333
Golden State	16	41	.281

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 101, Cleveland 89
Miami 103, Washington 95
New York 101, Seattle 92
Portland 95, San Antonio 87
Dallas 116, Vancouver 112
Sacramento 106, Clippers 93, OT
Detroit 101, Charlotte 92
Milwaukee at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

LHP Horacio Estrada on one-year contracts.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with C Michael Barrett, SS Orlando Cabrera, C Bob Henley, RHP Mike Johnson, C Brian Schneider and RHP Mike Thurman on one-year contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with OF Mike Darr, INF Santiago Perez, RHP Carlos Almanzar, RHP Wladimir Serrano, RHP Steve Watkins, RHP Carlton Loewer, and RHP Brian Lawrence on one-year contracts.
BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
DALLAS MAVERICKS—Placed F Obinna Ekezie on the injured list.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Waived G F Todd Day.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed F Art Long to a second 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
BUFFALO BILLS—Announced the retirement of RB Thurman Thomas.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Re-signed CB Rodney Heath to a three-year contract. Signed TE Jason Gavatz to a two-year contract.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Ricardo McDonald.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Offered contract tenders to WR E.G. Green, T Waverly Jackson and G.C. Larry Moore.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released DE Joel Smeergo, WR Reggie Barlow, C Quentin Neujahr, OL Joe Chusatz and S Rayns Stewart.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB Chris Staley.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed Jim Fassel, coach, to a four-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Offered contract tenders to FS Lance Schulters, FB Fred Beasley, LB Jeff Posey, K Wade Richey, QB Jeff Garcia, RB Jones Lewis, C Ben Lynch, S Ronnie Heard and P Chad Stanley.

Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Warriors, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Coville at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.

Named Greg Olson quarterbacks coach.
HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Placed G Damian Rhodes on injured reserve.
BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled D Lee Goren and RW Cameron Mann from Providence of the AHL. Assigned D Pavel Kolank to Providence.
CALGARY FLAMES—Assigned F Benoit Gauthier to St. John of the AHL. Placed D Igor Kravchuk on injured reserve.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Acquired C Steve Kelly from the New Jersey Devils for future considerations. Placed D Mathieu Schneider on injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 23.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled G Mathieu Garon from Quebec of the AHL.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned D Greg Andrusak to Kentucky of the AHL.

COLLEGE SCORES
MEN'S GAMES
EAST
Boston College 84, Morris Brown 63
Connecticut 75, Notre Dame 59
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NHL
Tuesday's Games
Boston 7, Phoenix 4
Buffalo 4, Ottawa 3
Chicago 3, Washington 2
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2
Carolina 1, Atlanta 1, tie
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Los Angeles 2, Nashville 1
Today's Games
Phoenix at Columbus, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
San Jose at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 8 p.m.

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Tuesday's Games
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Wednesday's Games
El Paso at Odessa
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Thursday's Games
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14. Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo. \$9,343
15. Todd Fike, Pavilion, Wyo. \$8,857
16. Dan Black, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan \$7,716
17. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas \$7,245

NCAA

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Maryland took over. Dixon's floater in the lane with six minutes left gave the Terrapins the lead for good at 70-69, and he followed with a steal and layup on Duke's next trip down the floor.

The Terrapins, who shot 53 percent in the second half, sealed it from the foul line, making 10 of 11 in the final 1:34.

Duke's second half was its worst of the season, going 9-for-37 from the field, including 3-for-19 from 3-point range.

Maryland lost four of five after the Duke loss on Jan. 27, but have rebounded to win four in a row, including over ranked teams Wake Forest, Oklahoma and the Blue Devils.

No. 3 Michigan St. 51, No. 22 Wisconsin 47

Andre Hutson scored 13 points, and the Spartans (23-3, 12-3) moved into a first-place tie with No. 5 Illinois in the Big Ten.

Kirk Penney had 13 points for Wisconsin (17-9, 8-7), which was looking for its first unbeaten conference season at home since 1950.

LADY STEERS

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ing just four hits and only two earned runs in five innings of work.

Hufford then added a 2-for-4 showing at the plate with an inside the park home run and a double

Christina Gwyn pitch the final two innings for the Lady Steers, striking out three and allowing two hits. She was 1-for-4 at the plate with a triple.

All told, the Lady Steers pounded out 18 hits against

The Badgers fought back from a 13-point deficit midway through the second half to make it 47-45 with just under five minutes remaining, but they went scoreless for more than four minutes.

No. 18 St. Joseph's 84, Massachusetts 69

Marvin O'Connor had 21 points and the Hawks (21-14-1) won their 10th straight and clinched the Atlantic 10 Conference regular-season title by rallying from a 16-point halftime deficit.

Monty Mack had 15 points for the visiting Minutemen (13-13, 11-4), who were 6-for-30 from the field in the second half.

No. 19 Syracuse 80, Pittsburgh 69

Allen Griffin had 14 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in his final home game, and Damone Brown had 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Orangemen (21-7, 9-6), who took over sole possession of second place in the Big East West Division with one game left in the regular season.

Ricardo Greer had 11 points for Pittsburgh (14-12, 6-9).

Midland pitching, freshman Leina Braxton being perhaps the most prolific with a 3-for-4 finish.

In addition, Amy Jackson, Trista Casey, Laura Olague, Bridgette Cain and Eric Stewart all turned in 2-for-4 offensive showings, each driving in at least one run.

The Lady Steers, now 4-3 on the season, are scheduled to open play at the Prairie Dog Classic in Lubbock at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, taking on Hereford's Lady Whitefaces

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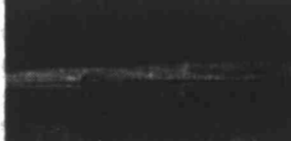







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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2001. There are 306 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Feb. 28, 1951, the Senate committee headed by Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued a preliminary report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the United States.

On this date:

In 1827, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, was incorporated.

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur and several others.

In 1849, the ship California arrived at San Francisco, carrying the first of the gold-seekers.

In 1854, some 50 slavery opponents met in Ripon, Wis., to call for creation of a new political group, which became the Republican Party.

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1974, the United States and Egypt re-established diplomatic relations after a seven-year break.

In 1975, more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in Stockholm.

In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waco, Texas, when agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians. Four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Billie Bird is 93. Actor Charles Durning is 78. Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of Josef Stalin, is 75. Actor Gavin MacLeod is 70. Actor Don Francks is 69. Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 62. Auto racer Mario Andretti is 61. Singer Joe South is 61. Actor Frank Bonner is 59. Actress Kelly Bishop is 57. Football player Bubba Smith is 56. Actress Stephanie Beacham is 54.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Bull's defense
- Location
- False god
- Blockhead
- Letters of salt
- 1996 loser
- Giraudoux play
- Having only magnitude
- de France
- Djstres letters
- Inane
- Tout's offering
- Lat. case
- Sticky stuff
- Verbatim
- Ms. Winfrey
- Pelvic pieces
- Excessive anger
- Hudson film
- Bien Phu
- Guy
- Basketry willow
- Heaven's gatekeeper
- The Chinese "way"
- Hibernation chamber
- Set up a setup
- Catalina Island
- Compass pt.
- Jogger's gait
- Home to Homero
- Goldman play
- Hebrides island
- Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's sch.
- French measure
- Make over
- Bombard
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DOWN

- Successful at-bats
- Like Pindar's poetry
- Latvian capital
- Christmas carols
- Direct and candid
- Picnic pest
- Shabby
- Reverberate
- Of a native Alaskan
- Actress Lupino
- Periods
- Spread in a tub
- Lacking: suff.
- Woody's boy
- Spunk
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- Invalidates
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- Ray of "GoodFellas"
- Fanatical
- Think alike
- Get into one's head
- Ed who played Lou Grant
- "Little Red Book" compiler
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- Pollster's category
- Jazz tenor saxophonist
- Leatherwood
- All over again
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- Stoppage of breathing
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- Make one's way
- A single time
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By Stanley B. Whitten
Highwood, IL. 2/28/01

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Panda Power!

There are only about 1,000 of them in the wild and about 140 in zoos. They are among the most powerful animals in the world.

No other animal has the power to attract so much attention as the popular panda.

Pandas help pandas

Zoos in Atlanta, San Diego and Washington, D.C., each paid China \$1 million a year for the loan of two pandas each zoo has on display.

The money the zoos paid to China will be used to do panda research and to protect the area where pandas live in the wild.

Other threatened and endangered animals living in that same area in the mountains of central China will also be helped by these efforts.



The male (left), Tian Tian (T-YEN t-YEN), and the female, Mei Xiang (may sh-ONG), eat mainly bamboo. They went on exhibit in January at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C.

Pandas help research

Everybody wants to see panda babies. As is the case with all endangered animals, the secret to bringing up their numbers is breeding them so they will have offspring.

Experts at zoos study the pandas in the hope that what they learn will help other breeders know what to do.

A baby, Hua Mei (hwa may), was born at the San Diego Zoo in 1999. It was the first baby panda born in the U.S. to survive.



Pandas pull in people

Zoo visitors flock to see pandas. They spend money at zoo gift shops and restaurants. They also visit other animals.

There are now seven pandas in zoos in the United States.

Pandas link countries

Pandas serve as animal ambassadors between the United States and China. While learning

more about them, we also want to find out more about the country they come from.



Mei Xiang (top) and Tian Tian play together in a tree at the China Research and Conservation Center for the Giant Panda, Wolong, Sichuan Province.

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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Karl Malone

Height: 6-9 Birthdate: 7-24-63
Weight: 256 College: Louisiana Tech
Karl Malone has spent his entire career playing forward for the Utah Jazz. He is in his 16th season.

Last season he set a team playoff record by scoring 50 points and getting 12 rebounds in a game against the Seattle SuperSonics. He also played in the All-Star Game.

He is one of only three players in NBA history to score at least 30,000 points in his career. Karl likes hunting and fishing, and owns a cattle ranch in Arkansas. He volunteers with the Special Olympics and has a foundation that helps children.

He and his wife, Kay, have two daughters, Kadee and Kaylee, and a son, Karl Jr.



Go dot to dot and color.

Rookie™ Rookie Cookies Recipe Fried Rice

You'll need:
• 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
• 2 cups rice, uncooked
• 1 can chicken broth
• 1 soup can water
• 1/3 cup canned peas, drained
• 1 (4-ounce) can mushroom pieces, drained

What to do:
1. Cook butter or margarine and rice in a skillet over medium heat for 5 minutes or until rice is golden-brown. Stir constantly.
2. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well.
3. Place rice in a greased casserole.
4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed.
Serves 6.

Meet Eric Lively

Eric Lively, 19, plays Carey Bell on the show "So Weird." He has been in show business most of his life. His first part was in a movie when he was a baby. He has been in several TV shows, including "Full House." He was also in one of Mandy Moore's music videos. Eric was born in Atlanta and grew up in the San Fernando Valley area, near Los Angeles. He has three sisters and a brother. Their parents were acting coaches. He lived for a while in New York but moved back to California when he got the part in "So Weird." He lives in Burbank, Calif., and likes playing the piano and guitar.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the TH blend, as in the word thumb.

Salesman: Could you give me a room and a bath?
Clerk: I can get you a room, but you'll have to take your own bath!

Steve: Where do moths dance?
Penny: At a mothball!

Alan: Why is Santa's barn like a thundercloud?
Barb: Because it's full of rain, dear!

Go on a TH word hunt. What other words can you find that use the TH blend? What sound do you hear?

PANDA TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of endangered species are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ENDANGERED, SPECIES, ANIMALS, MAMMALS, JAGUAR, PUMA, BIRDS, REPTILES, AMPHIBIANS, HELP, PROTECT, ENVIRONMENT, FISH, HABITAT, PLANTS, SAVE, THREATENED.

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E A A T N E M N O R I V N E L
F R T M R D E N E T A E R H T

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the pandas at the National Zoo. See if you can find:



•kite
•word MINI
•safety pin
•moon face
•bell
•cheese wedge
•letter B
•pencil
•letter H
•sock
•mug
•number 3
•question mark
•letter A
•umbrella

Pandas draw attention

Pandas are great symbols of our efforts to save all endangered species. People love pandas because they look so cute and cuddly. But there are other animals not as lovable that are just as endangered.

Pandas can call attention to other animals that need our help. Here are some of them:

Komodo dragon

Indonesia, where Komodo dragons live, has declared these animals to be a national treasure. The Komodo dragon is at the top of the food chain on the Indonesian islands where it lives. It eats small animals. It also is a scavenger that eats dead animals.

Lion-tail macaque

The lion-tail macaque is endangered because its habitat is being destroyed. It lives in forests in India. The lion-tail macaque lives in groups as large as 100. Groups are led by the strongest male.

Guam rail

The Guam rail cannot fly. It makes its nest on the ground. This makes it easy prey. The Guam rail was almost completely wiped out by the brown tree snake. This snake probably came to Guam on ships landing there after World War II.

Keeping Pandas



Keeper of the pandas Brenda Morgan says: "I'm very lucky to be working with pandas. They are so captivating I never get tired of looking at them."

What do panda people do? We asked Brenda Morgan, senior keeper of the pandas at the National Zoo. Pandas look like they would be so much fun to play with, but the keepers don't handle them.

"You don't have to touch them to be drawn into their lives," says Brenda Morgan.

Each day, the panda keepers:

- weigh them;
- move them from one area to another,
- inspect the yard to make certain it is safe;
- feed them four times a day;
- write a report saying what medicines the pandas are taking, and what interesting things happened that day.



Tian Tian (left) and Mei Xiang are most active eating and playing in the morning. Around 12:30 they usually lie on top of the rocks and go to sleep.

The Mini Page thanks Lisa Stevens, curator; Mike Morgan, information specialist; Brenda Morgan, senior keeper; Smithsonian National Zoo, for help with this issue. Site to see: <http://pandas.si.edu/> Look through your newspaper for stories and pictures of animals.

Panda training

Pandas are wild animals. They don't do tricks, but they must learn to respond to a few commands so the keepers can care for them.

Brenda Morgan says the pandas are "still learning English." They are used to Chinese sounds.

They have to be trained to:

- come when called;
- go to a special place and be very still so zoo keepers can inspect them behind a cage wall;
- open their mouths;
- stand up on command;
- go to their cages;
- present their body parts. For example, if a keeper says, "Lift your leg," the panda must know what to do.

Panda play

Pandas like to have something to do. Keepers must make certain they are busy doing such things as:

- climbing living or dead trees;
- playing in their water pool;
- enjoying a sand bath;
- relaxing in their air-cooled den;
- enjoying being sprayed by a mist from a fogger that is like the air of their native home in China.

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