

WEDNESDAY

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WEATHER

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VITA ready to help fill tax returns

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers have begun assisting local residents with their 2001 income tax returns.

The volunteers are at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday through April 1.

Those interested are asked to bring their 2000 tax return, W-2s and 1099 forms along with their tax booklet and other documents showing their 2001 income.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, VITA volunteer, at 398-5522 or 267-1628.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

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

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BSISD realignment plan gets reviewed at Marcy; final forum set Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Debbie Moore, a teacher's aide at Anderson Kindergarten Center, will be one of the many aides displaced if the Big Spring Independent School District closes the facility.

Moore attended Tuesday's public forum at Marcy Elementary and thinks the proposed closure and restructuring is a good plan.

"I think the change will be good for everybody," Moore said. "No one likes change. This is best for the children and that is what is really important."

As for her job, she said she enjoys being a teacher's aide but she is not worried about the future.

"God will provide me a job," she said. "It depends on what plans he has for me."

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Irene Bustamante, left, Big Spring Independent School District board president, speaks with Debbie Moore, an Anderson Kindergarten Center teacher's aide, after Tuesday's public forum at Marcy Elementary. Moore will be one of the kindergarten aides displaced if the district closes the kindergarten center.

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Goliad students make a 'point'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Goliad science teacher David Thayer didn't mean to start teaching the sixth-grade students Power Point lessons, it just sort of happened.

"I started it by accident," Thayer said. "The gifted and talented students wanted to do something (with Power Point) and I knew a little about it."

After that first experience about three years ago, Thayer began to branch out, giving lessons on the Microsoft program to his class and then eventually to the entire grade.

Thayer found the students learned how to create the computer-generated presentations easily.

"It usually takes the majority of one class to teach them," he said. "Anyone can do this."

Thayer started his lessons with one of his home computers and by salvaging a few old computers from the Goliad computer lab.

Last spring, the Thayer's impromptu program received a boost from his son-in-law, Bill Ford. Ford donated several IBM 486s from his Fort Worth business, Ford Financial Planning Company.

"He found out I was teaching Power Point to sixth graders," Thayer said. "He basically has people who do Power Point three or four times a day in his business. His people do a lot of training on it and he felt like this is a worth while project."

"In my company, there are only three or four people who can do a Power Point presentation to the professional standards



Goliad teacher David Thayer reviews a Power Point presentation created by sixth grade students Emily Slape, left, and Morgan Martindale, not pictured, while Cadry Gibbs watches. Slape and Martindale earned second place with their entry in the Region 18 Service Center Violence and Substance Abuse Media Fair while Gibbs earned third place.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

acceptable to our clients," Ford said. "I thought it was a worthy cause to teach these young people how to efficiently and effectively work with Power Point."

According to Ford, the knowledge gained by learning how to use the program will give these students an edge for future employment with professional companies.

Thayer's work seems to be paying off as three Goliad students earned recognition for their Power

Point entry in the Region 18 Service Center's Violence and Substance Abuse Media Fair in December.

Region 18, which includes 36 school districts in its service area, holds the media fair annually. The fair includes five categories: Power Point, posters, art, photographs and essays.

Students from five schools entered the sixth grade Power Point competition, including schools in Ector and Midland counties. Goliad students

Morgan Martindale, the daughter of Ron and Rhonda, and Emily Slape, the daughter of Joetta and Clay, placed second overall with their team presentation.

"(We thought) 'Why not to do drugs and what will happen to you?'" Slape said.

Cadry Gibbs, the son of Rhonda and Paul Gibbs, who placed third with his entry used special effects to enhance his presentation.

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Housing complex bit closer to reality

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A new low-income apartment complex for Big Spring moved a step closer to reality

Tuesday evening as the city's Planning and Zoning Commission approved the project's plan.

Crossroads Housing Development Corporation is a limited partner in the proposed 76-unit Limestone Ridge apartment complex to be located on the northwest corner of Interstate 20 and Highway 87.

Other partners in the project include United Affordable Housing of Arlington and the Big Spring Housing Authority. Paul Pryor, executive director of CHDC, said he is pleased with the commissioners' response.

"Everyone was very aware of the project. Some of them had supported it back during the public hearing process (September 2001)," Pryor said. "I thought that it was a very productive, very supportive meeting. I've been in some real war zones in P&Z meetings, so I thought it went excellent and they were very supportive of the pro-

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PRYOR

Confronting death makes issues easier for caregiver and patient, group told

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Features Editor

No one enjoys talking about death, but preparing for it can make the end of life easier for the caregiver and the patient.

"There is a real reluctance to deal with the fact that people die," said Debra Bridges, a registered nurse, director of Hospice House in Midland and patient care coordinator for Home Hospice.

Historically, when a loved one dies the typical response of sympathizers is to "Get on with your life and get busy. Everything will be all right. This is not true," she said, adding "I see this trend changing in this country."

Bridges was the speaker Tuesday for the Big Spring Caregiver Series, "Facing End of Life Issues," which was hosted by the Alzheimer's Association at the Howard County Library.

She provided insight to a crowded room of caregivers, hospice professionals and people who have loved ones with Alzheimer's or who are at the last days of their lives.

The information included the benefits of having a living will or directive to physicians in place long before it's needed.

"Texas legislature came up with the directive to physicians because doctors and health care providers weren't honoring patients' and families' wishes."

Bridges said that having these documents in place will help ease the trauma of end-of-life issues for both patient and family.

"Everyone should have a directive to physicians," she said. Bridges added that a family member should be given power of attorney so that the instructions on the

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Patty Kirkpatrick, of Home Hospice, and Elnora Hart listen as Debra Bridges, director of Hospice House in Midland and patient care coordinator for Home Hospice, presents the Big Spring Caregiver Series "Facing End of Life Issues," hosted by the Alzheimer's Association at the Howard County Library.

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FEBRUARY 6, 2002

Government files motion opposing Lindh's release pending trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Federal prosecutors filed papers today saying that John Walker Lindh repeatedly expressed "hostility towards his country," arguing against his release pending trial.

Shortly after Lindh was driven to the U.S. Courthouse here from the city jail under heavy security, the Justice Department filed a motion citing a number of e-mails written by the 20-year-old U.S.-Taliban figure accused in a federal indictment of conspiring to kill Americans.

In the motion, the government

cited among other things a Sept. 28, 1998 letter that Lindh wrote to his mother suggesting that the bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa "seemed far more likely to have been carried out by the American government than by the Muslims."

In its 11-page filing, the government also cited an e-mail that Lindh sent to his mother on Feb. 15, 2000, suggesting that she should move to England. "I really don't know what your big attachment (sic) to America is all about. What has America ever done for anybody?" it said.

In a June 24, 2000 e-mail, the motion asserts, Lindh told members of his family that it was the United States which incited the Gulf War and that Saddam Hussein was "heavily encouraged" by an "merican official to invade Kuwait."

In a Dec. 3, 2000 e-mail to his mother, the memorandum said, Lindh referred to the president (George W. Bush) as "your new president" and adds: "I'm glad he's not mine."

Lindh broke off contact with his family in late April 2001.

Lindh, accompanied by helmet-

ed federal marshals, was brought to the courthouse around 7 a.m. EST for his appearance before U.S. Magistrate W. Curtis Sewell.

A short while later, defense attorney James Brosnahan arrived smiling.

Lindh's parents, Frank Lindh and his ex-wife Marilyn Walker, arrived at the courthouse minutes after their son's defense team, and didn't answer a reporter's question. Lindh's lawyers planned to ask the judge to release the 20-year-old in his father's custody.

Sewell was to determine whether the government could

continue to hold the former Californian, who could face a maximum prison sentence of life plus 30 years if convicted on all counts.

The defense team argued in a written motion Tuesday that the case was too weak to continue holding Lindh, because it was based on an inadmissible interview with the FBI.

Lindh's attorneys argued their client waived his right to remain silent under "highly coercive" prison conditions in Afghanistan that in which he was blindfolded, tightly handcuffed and stripped naked last December.

Senate set to abandon economic stimulus package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some lawmakers hope to give the nation's unemployed workers extended jobless benefits even if the Senate appears ready to give up on a broader economic stimulus package.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said he would "continue to look for ways" to win approval of a simple 13-week extension of unemployment aid if, as expected, competing Republican and Democratic stimulus plans fail in votes planned today.

An \$89 billion House-passed package supported by President Bush and a leaner \$69 billion alternative pushed by Daschle both faced a 60-vote threshold to overcome Senate procedural hurdles. Neither side expected their plan to prevail, and Daschle said the Senate would move to other business.

"I've made every effort I can think of to find the common ground," said Daschle,

D-S.D. Republicans swiftly condemned the move. Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the failure to act is "sending a very dangerous and reckless message to an uncertain economy."

Bush, returning Tuesday from a trip to Pittsburgh, said he, too, was disappointed.

The president has been pushing since October for an economic stimulus plan that blended individual and business tax cuts with aid to the jobless to reverse a recession that got worse after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

"Our economy, while there's some good news, needs more stimulus," Bush said upon arriving at the White House.

"Workers need help, and we need to stimulate the economy,"

Republicans and Democrats were unable to compromise on the level of

tax relief in the package, particularly an acceleration of individual income tax cuts, and how best to deliver aid to the unemployed. The GOP-led House passed two different measures last year, but neither could clear the 60-vote threshold necessary to pass a Senate divided between 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans and an independent.

Daschle, who was labeled an "obstructionist" by Republicans because of the stimulus deadlock, suggested in January that the Senate pass a bare-bones stimulus bill composed of the most popular items. Republicans derided the Democratic bill as virtually stimulus-free and argued for deeper tax cuts to spur growth.

"If in fact the Senate, under its current leadership, can do nothing good, we are better off with them doing nothing at all," said House Majority Leader Dick

Armey, R-Texas. Democrats, however, said Republicans were trying to showcase their tax-cut priorities for voters in an election year, knowing they would not become law. They said some proposals, such as ensuring the estate tax repeal stays in place in the next decade, would have virtually no impact on the recession.

"It was tied in with their tax breaks that are not justified," said Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-Wis.

Some Republicans had begun to question whether money earmarked for the stimulus bill might not be better used to balance the federal government's budget. A group of 70 House conservatives is pushing for that goal if no stimulus bill is passed.

"If we can't pass a solid economic stimulus bill, we should balance the budget this year," said Rep. Pat Toomey, R-Pa.

House to vote on campaign spending legislation next week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is heading toward a climactic vote next week on how best to rein in massive spending that has come to dominate the nation's federal elections.

Prodded by a grass-roots effort by House lawmakers, Republican leaders announced Tuesday that they will devote Feb. 12-13 to proposals to overhaul the nation's campaign finance laws.

"I expect that there will be a vigorous debate on this issue that will reflect well on the House of Representatives," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

Hastert, who opposes the leading campaign spending bill offered by Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan,

D-Mass., announced the dates after conferring with House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

The vote will give Shays and Meehan supporters their best chance in years to bring about the most significant changes in campaign spending rules since the post-Watergate era of the mid-1970s.

The Shays-Meehan bill would ban soft money donations, which corporations, unions and wealthy individuals now make to federal political parties.

It also bars unions, corporations and some independent groups from broadcasting certain types of political advertising within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary.

Report shows more than half of all Americans go online

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than half of all Americans use the Internet, with more than 2 million people going online for the first time each month.

And nine out of 10 school-age children now have access to computers either at home or at school, according to a Commerce Department report released Tuesday.

"Today's children are tomorrow's entrepreneurs and innovators," Commerce Secretary Don Evans said. "That Internet usage is so prominent among them promises to bring vitality and growth to our economy."

The report came as critics assailed the Bush adminis-

tration for slashing funding in its 2003 budget proposal for programs designed to narrow the so-called "digital divide," disparities in computer and Internet use along racial and income lines.

The 96-page report said that the growing availability of computers at workplaces and schools helped open up the Internet "across all demographic groups and geographic regions."

Fifty-four percent of Americans used the Internet in September 2001, or 143 million people, the report said. That was up from 33 percent three years earlier.

"They are right that the numbers have gotten better in some ways, but when you

have 140 million people not connected to the Internet, how do you ignore that?" asked Larry Irving, a former Clinton administration Commerce official who worked on similar reports.

More than half of all households now have an Internet subscription from home, up from one-quarter of all households in Dec. 1998.

"Could I live without a computer? Yeah, but I think it would be very tough," said Michael King, a New York City lawyer, as he checked his e-mail. "Knowing how to use a computer and the Internet is a necessary skill in this day and age."

Doing research is the top

reason that adults log on, but more Internet users are also going online to accomplish everyday activities like banking and shopping, said Susannah Fox, director of research at the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

The report said that:

- 45 percent of the population now uses e-mail, up from 35 percent in 2000.
- 36 percent use the Internet to search for product and service information, up from 26 percent.
- 39 percent of Internet users are making online purchases and 35 percent of individuals are searching for health information.

Search continues; inmates say fugitives talked of escape

DALLAS (AP) — As the search continued for four Texas jail escapees early Wednesday, two inmates left behind at the Montague County Jail said the fugitives had talked freely about their intentions a week in advance.

The prisoners Tuesday also raised questions about whether the escapees used weapons during their escape or merely overpowered guards.

Authorities on Tuesday said they believe the four have not left southern Oklahoma or northern Texas, now covered with a dusting of snow.

Texas Ranger Dwayne Williams said early Wednesday that he had no new information on the continuing search.

Montague County officials have said a handmade knife was used in the Jan. 28 escape by Curtis Allen Gambill, 24; Joshua Luke Bagwell, 23; Charles William Jordan, 30; and 22-year-old Chrystal Gale Soto. The knife was used to take one guard hostage and to force another guard to open an outside door, the sheriff's office has said.

Ernest Sanchez, who authorities confirmed is jailed on a drunken-driving charge, said that he had a clear view as the first guard was overpowered and he saw no weapon.

"When she (the guard) opened the door to take the mop bucket out, they pushed her up against the wall, Gambill ran into the control room and the other guy, Jordan he's the one who had ... (a guard) around the neck."

"I didn't see no knife. There was just an arm around her throat," Sanchez, 32, told The Dallas Morning News for Wednesday's editions.

Asked whether it was possible that he couldn't see the knife from his position, Sanchez said: "Not the way he had her."

Terry Millican, 18, a prisoner jailed on theft and assault charges, said there is little in jail that could be used to make a knife.

"The only thing they give you is a plastic spoon," Millican said.

In telephone calls to the

newspaper, both men quoted the escaping prisoners as telling the guards they didn't want to hurt anyone but wanted only to get out.

Montague County Sheriff Chris Hamilton has an unlisted telephone number and he could not be reached Wednesday by The Associated Press. Hamilton has said that his jail is secure.

County Judge James Kittrel declined to comment on specifics of the escape.

"We're still doing an investigation on what happened. Obviously, something went wrong that

shouldn't have," he said.

Gambill and Bagwell, both of Oklahoma, were convicted of the 1996 slaying of Heather Rose Rich, a 16-year-old cheerleader from Waurika, Okla. Each had been sentenced to life in prison and had recently been returned to Montague for further proceedings.

Jordan and Soto, both from Bowie, Texas, were jailed on charges stemming from the deaths of an elderly couple in the county.

Police said they have linked the four to two burglaries and a car theft in Oklahoma.

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OUR VIEWS

Last forum on schools is Thursday

If you haven't attended any of Big Spring Independent School District's forums to discuss the proposed closure of Anderson Kindergarten Center and new school zone attendance realignments, there is one more opportunity.

The last of six public forums is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Bauer Magnet.

Previous forums haven't been particularly well attended. That would seem to indicate is that most parents and educators are agreeable to the plan. Those who have attended have asked questions and most appeared to leave with a better understanding of just what it is administrators are trying to accomplish.

As most of us know, BSISD, like so many school districts in West Texas, is experiencing a declining student population. The result is under-used facilities and shrinking revenues. Administrators hope to save as much as possible by closing Anderson and perhaps another \$400,000 to \$500,000 through cuts in personnel through attrition.

The key has been to do this while moving as few students around as possible. Through this series of forums, the Big Spring ISD, its administrators and trustees, are doing their best to make the public aware of what is going on.

We encourage parents, teachers, grandparents, future parents — anyone with an interest in public education — to attend Thursday's forum.

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If you can't diagram it, don't write it

Maybe I was just an odd kid, but one of my favorite childhood pastimes was diagramming sentences. I hadn't thought about diagramming in years, until I read recently about a teacher in Gaithersburg, Md., who has re-introduced the lost art into her Advanced Placement English classes in the high school where she teaches.



LINDA CHAVEZ

I learned how to diagram sentences in elementary school — or what we used to call, appropriately, grammar school. By the time I was in high school, I drew diagrams only when I was stuck figuring out where to place a modifier or whether to use an adverb or adjective. Today, I suspect you'd get a blank stare if you asked even the brightest students the difference between an adverb and an adjective.

Robyn Jackson, the Gaithersburg teacher, didn't learn about diagramming when she was in

school. Progressive teachers and their professional associations, especially the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), believe that diagramming sentences is make-work that bores students and turns them off to writing. So they banished diagramming from the classroom years ago, along with most grammar instruction.

Just 30 years old, Jackson is, as education reporter Jay Matthews writes in the Washington Post, "as daring as the scientists who revived dinosaurs in 'Jurassic Park.'" Jackson came across the arcane technique of diagramming when she was searching for a way to teach her advanced students about the functions of the various parts of speech. She found an old grammar book filled with odd drawings of horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines, with words laid out like pieces of a puzzle. The more she studied the diagrams, the more she thought it would be a fascinating way to help her students improve their writing. "Many of my students are very bright and have learned how to counterfeit writing proficiency," Jackson told Matthews. Even if the smartest stu-

dents can fake their way through most writing assignments, most students can't. Most high school students cannot write a coherent, intelligible essay on any topic. According to a recent study of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, barely one fourth of students write at or above the proficient level, and a shocking 1 percent write at an advanced level.

For years now, schools have been teaching students to "express" themselves, without worrying about transmitting the finer points of grammar and syntax. The latest fads in education theory discouraged teachers from placing too much emphasis on correcting students' work, encouraging them to praise creativity instead. But effective communication always entails understanding the rules. There are no short-cuts to good writing.

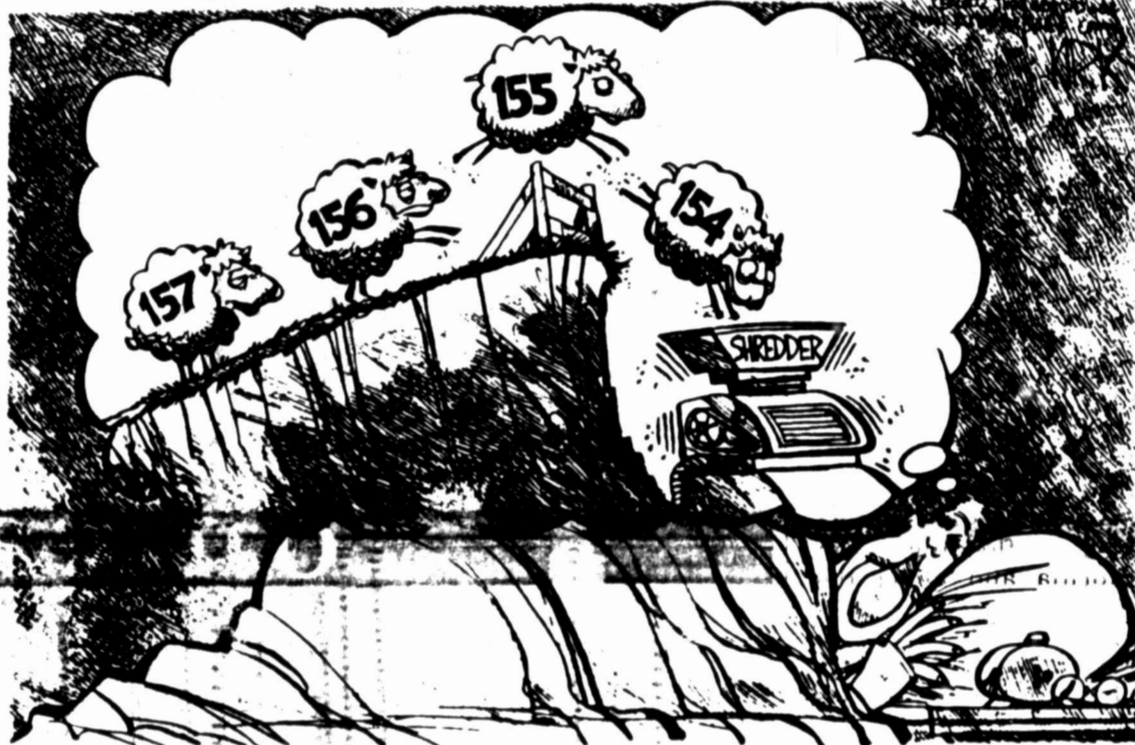
So why does the NCTE insist "the teaching of grammar does not serve any practical purpose for most students"? According to these edu-crats, teaching grammar "does not improve reading, speaking, writing or even editing" for most students. That's a little like saying that structural engineers don't need

to understand the properties of certain metals if they want to build better or stronger buildings. Or, telling aerospace engineers they don't need to learn the laws of physics.

I suspect the dismal showing of American students on writing proficiency tests has much to do with the attitudes of educators who don't think it's worth their time to try to teach the rules of grammar. Teaching the parts of speech, the difference between a verbal and a verb, and why the active voice is preferable to the passive in most writing demands hard work on the part of teachers. It's a lot easier to encourage students to scribble their thoughts on a piece of paper, without attention to form. But when we eliminate the basics, we shouldn't wonder why students can't express themselves well.

I bet Robyn Jackson's students will be better writers for her efforts. Who knows, they may even look back fondly on those days spent, rulers in hand, diagramming sentences. As my writing teacher, Sister Marie Florence, used to say, "If you can't diagram it, don't write it."

HOW ACCOUNTANTS AT ARTHUR ANDERSEN COUNT SHEEP...



Abe Lincoln lives in Seminole

"I get all the double-takes and smiles. Sometimes I have to show my American Express card to verify my name."

That's what Charles Lincoln, a distant relative of the President, told me a few years ago when I interviewed him in Seminole. Charles took on a new name when he was in the fifth grade. "There were five of us in the class named Charles. The teacher pointed to me and said from now on he would call me Abe. That's been my name since then. Even my parents call me that. I sign papers Abe Lincoln."

He used to read about the famous president and quote him in sermons. Charles was a preacher at the time. "He was a great man of integrity and stature. He's one of my heroes. More material has been written about President Lincoln

than any other person except Jesus." A lot of times when he introduced himself to people, "they introduce themselves as George Washington. Prank calls were numerous.

"When my wife answers the phone, the caller warns her not to go to the theater."

He is not the only man I've met with a president's name. George Washington lives in Muleshoe.

"Seems like nearly everywhere I go there'll be some kind of a joke or story. People think I'm pulling their leg when I tell them my name. Sometimes I have to show my drivers' license to prove that I'm who I am."

He taught American history and coached.

"When I was coaching, I called to confirm a ballgame with John Paul Jones in Morton. When the operator came on the line, I told her I was George Washington in Muleshoe, Texas and I wanted to talk to John Paul Jones in Morton, Texas.

"There was kind of a pause there and finally she asked me if I knew what the penalty was for tying

up long distance lines with such nonsense. I told her I did, but I needed to make this call. I heard her tell her co-workers about some nut on the line claiming to be George Washington wanting to speak to John Paul Jones. She told her buddies she was going to put the call through just to show me up.

"When Morton school answered, the operator said she had a call from George Washington for John Paul Jones. The person answering the phone told the operator to wait just a moment, that he was in the gym and they'd go get him. I talked to John Paul Jones and got the game set up."

When George was in the Navy during World War II, his ship pulled in beside the battleship Texas at Pearl Harbor. One of the sailors on the Texas said they had Douglas MacArthur aboard. One of the guys from George's ship yelled, "That's nothing. We've got George Washington on this one." George Washington sleeps in Muleshoe and has for more than 40 years.

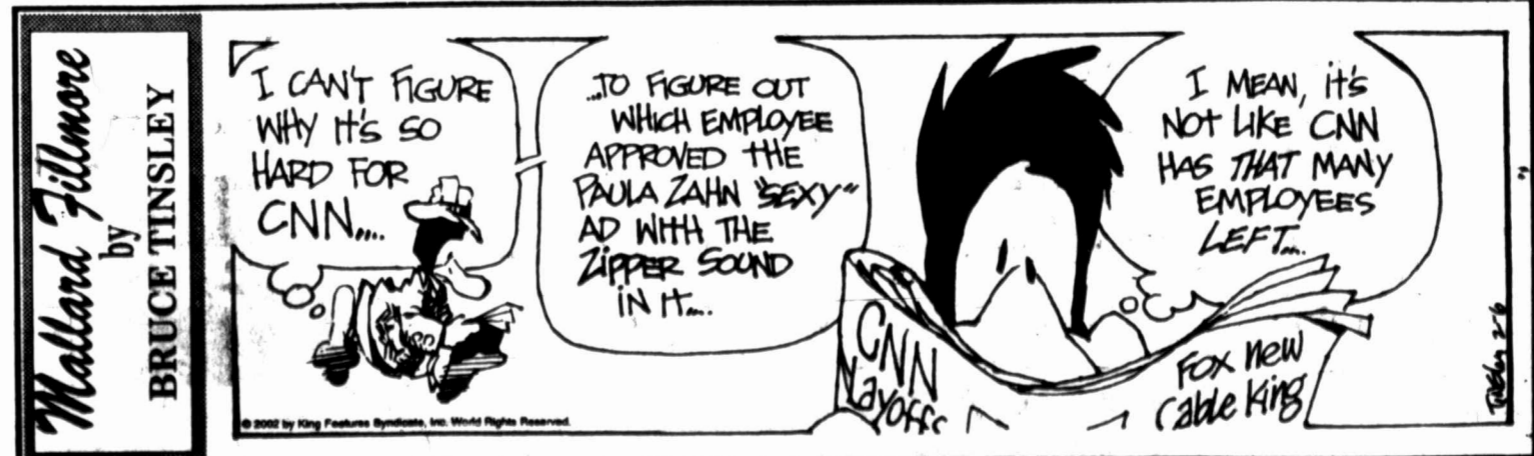
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It is the first one-volume

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biographical reference for those seeking information about the lives of the world's Church leaders irrespective of denomination.

Now you can be the life of the party - this is an excellent source for trivia questions.

John Ankerberg and John Weldon have written the "Encyclopedia of Cults and New Religions."

It is a "reader friendly" encyclopedia that provides comprehensive information on major religious groups from both the Western and Eastern traditions. In addition, it also discusses the occult and spiritualistic groups.

Brief synopses of more than thirty influential groups, including the Integral Yoga Institute, Tibetan Buddhism and the Human Potential movement are covered in this volume.

Each major group is contrasted with traditional biblical teachings for easy comparison and study.

Other helpful features are: brief summaries of basis tenets; helpful charge for quick reference; and an in-depth doctrinal index for further study.

This reference book is invaluable for pastors, students, people in ministry and anyone who is interested

in discovering more about the emerging belief systems of our world.

No one said it would be easy. In the first installment of his BreakThrough series, Dr. Bruce H. Wilkinson urged Christians to find the abundant life through following a simple prayer.

In "Secrets of the Vine", his follow-up to the best-selling "The Prayer of Jabez," the president of Walk thru the Bible Ministries explores compelling images from Bible verse John 15 in support of his message that asking for God's blessings may result in suffering and difficult circumstances.

Through Jesus' symbolic portrayal of himself as the vine, the Father as vine-dresser, and his followers as the branches, Wilkinson believes that Christians can better understand God's methods for ensuring personal fulfillment, and find a closer walk with him.

Grapes need pruning--and so do Christians, Wilkinson writes. God's "pruning" is painful, but Wilkinson argues that this pruning away of "self" is necessary to gain desirable results.

Wilkinson urges Christians not to confuse "pruning" with "discipline," and offers a helpful chart to

distinguish between the two.

He discusses four levels of fruit bearing, from "no fruit" to "much fruit," and the connection between God's pruning and an abundant harvest. You can find both of these books at Howard County Library.

Away from the theological field, a really neat donation book that we have recently received is "The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Natural Remedies" by C. Norman Shealy.

Dr. Shealy offers a harvest of the holistic healing tools and treatments from many cultures and many times.

The guide gives you the history and background of each therapy, descriptions of the most useful remedies, a list of ailments with suggested treatments and how to stock a home healing remedy chest.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Story-time is Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Area.

The Library is located at 500 Main St.; our phone number is 264-2260.

Hollis McCright writes a regular column for the Herald.

NYC asks scrap yards to watch where they sell WTC steel

NEW YORK (AP) - The city has asked scrap yards not to sell World Trade Center steel to anyone trying to exploit the Sept. 11 tragedy after a company began offering commemorative medallions made from the twin towers' girders.

"The families of the victims of the terrorist attack continue to deal with the grief and sorrow. ... It is unacceptable for manufacturers of medallions and other items to profit from that grief and horror," Kenneth Holden, commissioner of the city Design and Development Corp., said in a letter to the scrap yards.

About 60,000 tons of steel from the trade center have been cut and shipped to recyclers around the world. It will end up in buildings, cars, appliances and cans, among other things. Matthew Monahan, a spokesman for Holden, said those commercial

uses are OK because they are not an attempt to exploit the disaster.

International Agile Manufacturing, a foundry in Statesboro, Ga., bought trade center steel from a New Jersey salvage company and is producing the medallions, which feature a flag waving behind the twin towers.

They are being offered on the Internet and at stores for \$29.95.

Victims' families have called the idea insensitive.

Alfonzo Hall, the foundry's president and chief executive, said the company bought enough steel to make 6 million medallions and has sold about 10,000.

Ten percent of the profits will benefit charities, Hall said.

The company also pledged to set aside 5,000 to 10,000 medallions for victims' families at no charge.

Scientists say likelihood of new El Nino increasing

WASHINGTON (AP) - The disruptive El Nino weather system seems increasingly likely to develop anew, weather experts said Tuesday.

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The ocean temperatures are now 1.6 degrees Fahrenheit above normal, and the researchers expect localized warming of the sea surface off the coasts of Ecuador and Peru over the next few weeks.

"This warming represents an early stage of El Nino's onset," said NOAA Administrator Conrad C. Lautenbacher Jr. "If the warming persists, it will be several more months before mature El Nino conditions develop."

He said the agency can't yet estimate the strength of the event.

The forecast is based on

data collected from satellites, ocean buoys, ships and other sources, then analyzed by computers.

El Nino occurs every four to five years and can last up to 18 months. It has been nearly four years since the end of the 1997-98 El Nino, which was followed by three years of La Nina, an unusual cooling of the Pacific sea surface temperatures.

Both situations can affect weather worldwide.

The severe 1997-98 El Nino caused flooding in California and along the Gulf Coast.

The effects of El Nino generally are most obvious in winter. For example, most El Nino winters are mild over western Canada and parts of the northern United States and wet over the southern United States from Texas to Florida.

El Nino means "little boy" in Spanish. Peruvian fishermen noticed its impact on their catch around Christmastime and named the phenomenon after the baby Jesus.

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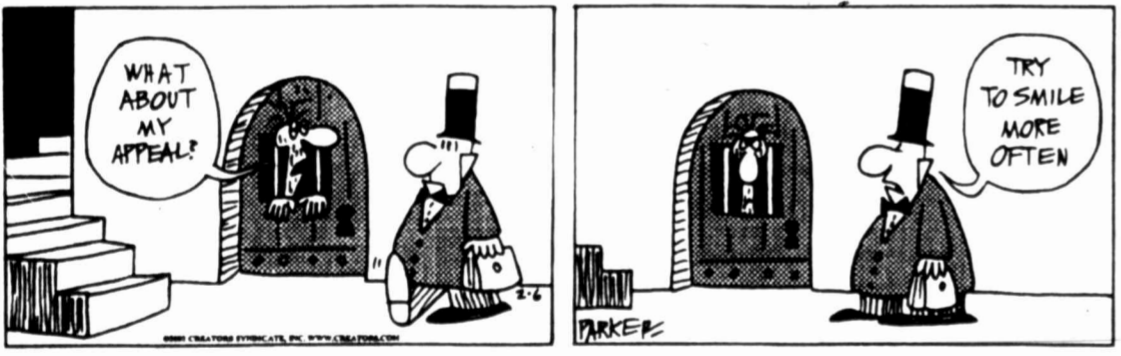
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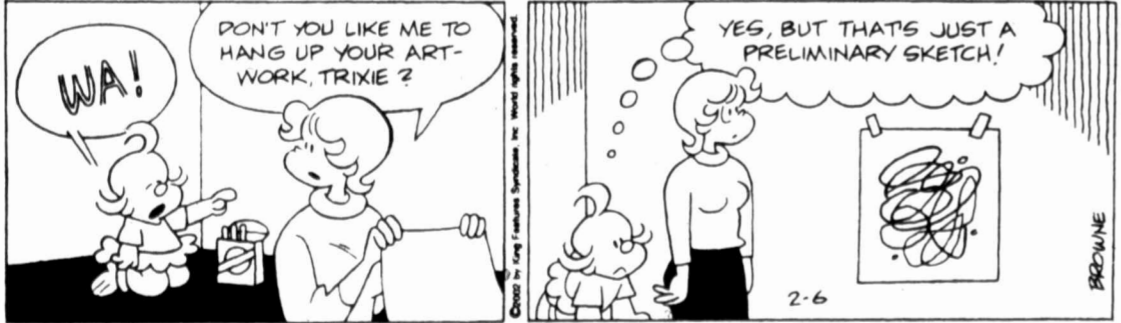
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On this date:

In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1895, baseball legend Babe Ruth was born in Baltimore.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called

"lame duck" amendment, was declared in effect.

In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral.

In 1991, comedian and television performer Danny Thomas died in Los Angeles at age 79.

In 1993, tennis Hall-of-Famer and human rights advocate Arthur Ashe died in New York at age 49.

In 1998, President Clinton signed a bill changing the name of Washington National Airport to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton denied he'd tried to avoid the Vietnam draft, saying he gave up a draft deferment in the fall of 1969 because he "didn't think it was right" to keep it. President George H.W. Bush unveiled a health care plan for most Americans. Sixteen people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

Five years ago: President Clinton sent Congress a

\$1.69 trillion budget for fiscal 1998, saying it would erase deficits by 2002 and for 20 years beyond. (Republicans scoffed that the plan was brimming with costly new programs and phantom savings, but said they were ready to bargain.)

One year ago: Ariel Sharon was elected Israeli prime minister in a landslide win over Ehud Barak.

Today's Birthdays: Former President Ronald Reagan is 91. Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is 85. Actor Patrick Macnee is 80. Actor Rip Torn is 71. Actor Mike Farrell is 63. NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw is 62. Singer Fabian Forte is 59. Actress Gayle Hunnicutt is 59. Actor Michael Tucker is 58.

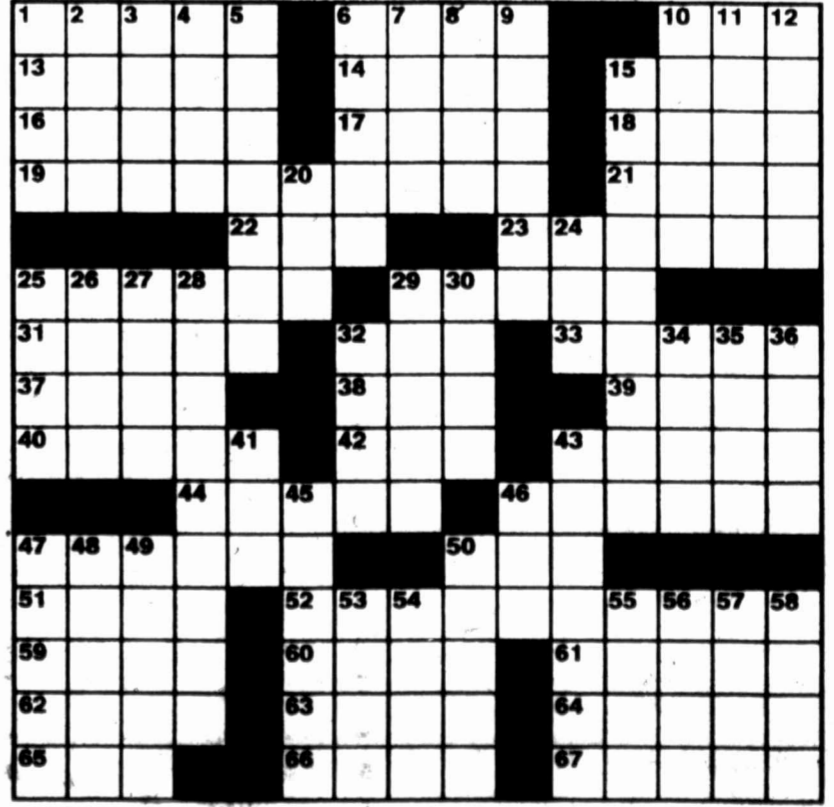
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YOU'RE THE ONE by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Gets rid of rudely
- 6 High-five sound
- 10 End of some URLs
- 13 Arctic dweller
- 14 Actress Spelling
- 15 London neighborhood
- 16 Make amends
- 17 Bancroft or Boleyn
- 18 Structural beam
- 19 Tonto's partner
- 21 Screenwriter Ephron
- 22 Cartridge contents
- 23 Kind of sweater
- 25 "Look at that!"
- 29 Put down, as a riot
- 31 Sheepish?
- 32 Bit of wordplay
- 33 Croatian-born inventor
- 37 Dosage unit
- 38 Zhou En-
- 39 Run like heck
- 40 Devious moves
- 42 Take steps
- 43 Florida dwelling
- 44 Peanut-butter morsel
- 46 Like a prom tux, usually
- 47 Popeye's tattoo
- 50 Blanc or Brooks
- 51 Spanish surrealist
- 52 Lindbergh's '27 feat
- 59 Autobahn auto
- 60 The Haj author
- 61 Ike beat him twice
- 9 Coyote State capital
- 10 Programming language
- 11 Tara family name
- 12 Erin of Happy Days
- 15 Boyz N the Hood director
- 20 "What's more..."
- 24 Space-bar neighbor
- 25 Comet Hale-
- 26 Good's opponent
- 27 Hawaiian port
- 28 One sans siblings
- 29 Phony physician
- 30 Volt or watt
- 32 Map out
- 34 Shipped off
- 35 Fill with cargo
- 36 Baseball's \$252 million man, for short
- 41 "nuff!"
- 43 Dungeon sites
- 45 Address of film
- 46 WBA official
- 47 Be gaga over
- 48 Backs of necks
- 49 Athletic-shoe feature
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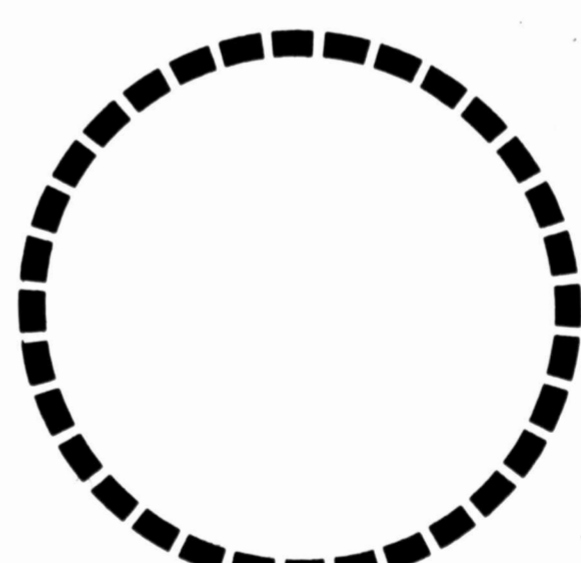
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