WEDNESDAY

February 6, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 30°-32° 54°-57°

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 Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday though 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...

☐ 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 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

"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

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Irene Bustamante, left, Blg 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.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Goliad students make a 'point'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Goliad science teacher David Thayer didn't mean to start teaching the sixthgrade 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 computer-generated presentations easily. "It usually takes

the majority of one class to teach them," he '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 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 standards professional



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.

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 compa-

Thayer's work seems to be paying off as three recognition for their Power ties.

acceptable to our clients," Point entry in the Region 18 Morgan Martindale, the 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 Goliad students earned Ector and Midland coun-Goliad

daughter of Ron and Rhonda, and Emily Slape, the daughter of Joetta and Clay, placed second overall with their team presenta-

"(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 the city's Planning and Zoning Commission approved the project's plat. 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 proinclude United Affordable Housing of Arlington and the Big Spring Housing Authority. Paul Pryor, executive director of CHDC, said he's pleased with the commissioners' response.

"Everyone was 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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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

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 Einora 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.

Rogers Funeral service for Lota Winnona Rogers, 96, of Sweetwater will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at McCoy Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Lyndel Hix officiating. Burial will be at Sweetwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers died Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital.

She was born Feb. 13, 1905, in Palava and married Floyd Rogers on Nov. 29, 1922, in Clyde. She was a member of Braodway Baptist Church and had lived in Sweetwater since 1951. She was a housewife and was preceded in death by her husband on May 15, 1990.

Survivors include four sons, Billy G. Rogers and Elgie Rogers of Sweetwater, Frank and Donald Rogers of Big Spring; one daughter, Mrs. L.G. (Joyce) Priest of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; 16 grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home Sweetwater.

Marilyn Carr

Graveside funeral service for Marilyn Carr, 72, of Stanton will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, at Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Carr died Monday, Feb. 4, at a Midland hospi-

She was born on Sept. 12, 1929, in Hillsboro and married William P. Carr on July 28, 1962, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1976. She came to the Stanton community in 1934. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son. Bobby McCormick of Big Spring; one daughter, Peggy Smith of Stanton; one sister. Billie McFarlin of Coalinga, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 11 greatgrandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mabel Kirkland

Funeral service for Mabel Kirkland, 93, of Big Spring is pending with Myers &

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Bess Claire Fincher Harrison 79. died Monday. Memorial services are 10:00 AM Thursday, at First Presbyterian Church.

Cruz Miramontes, 41 died Sunday. Funeral service is 2:00 PM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt Olive Cemetery.

Mabel Kirkland, 93, died Wednesday. Services are 10:30 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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Joan Haynie

Funeral service for Joan Haynie, 66, of Big Spring is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home. Mrs. Haynie died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, at her residence

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The district hopes to save \$400,000 to \$500,000 by cuts in personnel throughout the district, Superintendent Murray Murphy said, but no employee of the district is expected to lose his or her job. Any cuts in personnel are expected to be taken care of through attrition.

The last time for parents and residents to voice their questions or concerns about the proposed closure and changes in attendance zone realignments is 6:30 p.m. Thursday's at Bauer Magnet School, 108 NW Ninth.

About 30 teachers and parents attending Tuesday's forum had a chance to see the new school attendance zones. In the 2002-2003 school year, the Marcy Elementary zone will include about half of the city if the proposed realignments are approved by trustees.

Marcy will also gain more than 100 students in the kindergarten through fourth-grades, mostly from displaced Goliad elementary students.

Also proposed is transforming Goliad Elementary into a district fifth- and sixth-grade center while its current first through fourth grade students will be placed at neighboring schools including Kentwood, Washington and Marcy elementaries.

Kindergarten students will be sent to neighboring elementary schools. Rural students that live north of town will attend to Bauer Magnet and rural students living south of town will go to Marcy.

Administers cite declining student enrollment, limited revenues and under-used facilities as the reason for the proposed changes.

HOUSING

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ject." The commission's approval was subject to several conditions, which Project Manager Debra Lindsey of Alpha Construction Co., the company building the apartments, said would present no problems.

"The list that they gave us is basically just more labelling," she said. "They just wanted a little more information actually printed on the plat. It is no problem whatsoever. The engineering company that did the plat should have those revised today, that's how simple it is. It took them one day to do it."

Alpha Construction also needs to provide the commission with a mechanical, electrical and plumbing plan, which Lindsey said should be in her hands Thursday.

"Those come from your mechanical and electrical engineer," she said. "Those are being sent out today, I will have them tomorrow, to where I can take them to the

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The item still has to be approved by the city council. Since the MEP Plan will not be ready by today's deadline for putting an item on the council's agenda, council members will see the item for the first time

The item requires two readings by the council, so if all goes well, it should be up for final approval at the March 12 meeting.

"Once that is approved on the second viewing, then the city of Big Spring will be able to issue a building permit," Lindsey said. "We can start up really quick once the building permit is issued. Within days of having the building permit issued.

Lindsey said construction should take about seven or eight months.

"I'd like to be completely finished before the end of the year," she said.

apartment complex will be reserved for low- to medium-income renters. "We targeted an income

Pryor said the \$5.2 million

guideline that would fit the hourly employees in town,' Pryor said. Half the apartments will

be reserved for renters whose income is 50 percent or less of the area's median income, while the other half will be reserved for those who earn 60 percent or less of the median income.

"Fifty percent for a family of three is \$17,200, and 60 percent is \$20,640," he said. 'A one-bedroom is going to be \$288, a two-bedroom is going to be \$343 and a threebedroom is going to be

The income limits will change as the median area income fluctuates, Pryor said.

The apartments will refrigerators, include dishwashers, stoves. garbage disposals and washer and dryer hook-ups, as well as air conditioning, heating and ceiling fans.

The apartment complex will include such amenities as a community room, a computer room, laundry facilities, a playground and family recreation facilities, a volleyball court and picnic areas including barbecue grills.

STUDENTS

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"I had Firebirds going across the screen and guys holding out money," Gibbs

said. The students researched and created their presentabefore and after school. Much of their information came from their Drug Abuse Resistance Education classes.

Slap added both she and Morgan also researched some of the material from the Internet.

Because the presentations are created out of class time, Thayer volunteers extra hours to work with the students.

"He comes early and stays late to help the students" Goliad Principal Brenda Gainey said.

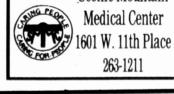
Thayer said he doesn't mind the extra duty.

'The look on their faces of satisfaction and accomplishment is something else," he said. "They love it. It gives them a sense of accomplishment."

entered the Region 18 Power when the caregiver, who is Point competition were: usually elderly, asks for Tori Bohonan, Ailed Cantu, help. This is the time when Castaneda. Robert Samantha Diaz, Christina Hernandez, Kady Knox, Jo facility," she said. and Whitney Ledesma

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Also, Darius McCalister, Michelle McMurtrey, Kelbi Paula Pattin, Melton, Jennifer Petersen, Linsa Ramirez. Stephanie Brooke Rios, Ramirez, Blanca Rivera, Frankie Rubio, Brittany Thomas, Amber Torres and Crystal Ward entered the competi-

DEATH

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directive can be carried out and other decisions can be made when the patient can't make them.

Following this advice, she said, will avoid any unwanted treatments including feeding tubes, cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or having the heart stimulated artificially such as with defibrillation (shocking the heart) or with cardiac stimulating medications.

"CPR was developed for sudden death heart attacks and anaphylactic shock (severe allergic reactions) not to continuously keep people alive. Only 10 percent of those who CPR is performed on actually survive and then they don't live very long," she said.

Bridges said people need to know that unless the forms are completed, if they die in the hospital they will be resuscitated.

"Resuscitation is usually done in the hospital because the patient's wishes have not been made clear and because the family and the patient won't give up," she

"Often when a patient becomes bed bound and is unable to feed themselves, the family will opt for a feeding tube. However, when a patient is near death, this procedure only prolongs their suffering," said Bridges, "This often leads to infections such as weekend. UTI's (urinary tract infections), pneumonia and other complications.'

She emphasized that loved ones consider what a patient would have wanted before deciding to artificially sustain their life with feeding tubes and intravenous fluids.

"Dehydration is often a blessing in disguise. Azotemia develops in the blood and acts as an anesthetic. The patient doesn't feel what's going on with body," Bridges their explained, in reference to the choices many people make out of fear or guilt when they are faced with the decision of whether or not to sustain life artificial-

The stages of death, Bridges said, are usually the same for most people but, for those with Alzheimer's the beginning stages often start months or years in

advance. "Caregiving is different for an Alzheimer's patient. They will not know their family. They will lose the ability to ambulate. They will become incontinent and lose the ability to swallow. When an Alzheimer's patient reaches stage IV they become combative and Other Goliad students that hostile. This is usually the Alzheimer's patient is placed into a long-term care According to Bridges,

Alzheimer's is a hospice

diagnosis. She explained a common misconception about Medicare coverage -"Medicare will cover those who are well and those who are near death, but not much in between."

Bridges also explained the signs and symptoms of death: the 'death rattle' which is an accumulation of fluid in the throat, skin mottling, cyanosis or blue color in the extremities, slight fever and variation in blood pressure and heart rate.

Bridges admitted that these topics are difficult to deal with for everyone, but believes the knowledge is essential in the care of a loved one and can allay some of the trauma experienced during this time of

"The dying process is often more difficult for the arrested on a Howard living — not for the patient," she said.

to deal with death, what to ed on a charge of driving expect and what to do, is available at Home Hospice, 600 Gregg Street, Big Spring, 264-7599, or call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-915-570-9191 or 1-800-682-1174.

BRIEFS

ENTPY FORMS FOR THE All Star Kids Pageant presented by All Star Kius is currently being accepted. The pageant is set for Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Big Spring Mall. The overall winners in

the newborn through 47 months and 4 year olds through 18 and older division will qualify for the national competition held in Dallas over the July 4th

For more information or to receive an entry form. call (214) 319-7827. Forms are also available at the Big Spring Mall.

BIG SPRING AND SUR-ROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected. For more information on

becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m.

· OSCAR HOWARD, 25, of 1002 N. Main No. 16 was arrested on a New Mexico warrant.

 MARIA RODRIGUEZ, 21, of 1102 Runnels was County warrant. OSCAR VALENCIA, 27,

More information on how of 2103 Johnson was arrestwith an invalid license and for two Department of Public Safety warrants. DOMESTIC DISTUR-

BANCE was reported in the 1000 block of South Johnson Street, the 3300 block of Fordham Avenue, the 2600 block of Hunter Drive MINOR ACCIDENT

was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson Road, the 800 block of South Main Street LOUD PARTY/NOISE

was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 2700

block of Dixon Street CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1800 block of South Scurry. About \$40 damage was reported to a home in the

 THEFT was reported at a liquor store in the 3300 block of West Highway 80. Liquor worth \$30.85 was reported stolen.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summery of EMS and Fire Department activity

7:34 a.m. — 400 block of Edwards, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

11:28 a.m. - 1 CourneyPlace, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:28 p.m. — 2600 block of Old Gail Highway, traffic accident, service refused.

11:24 p.m. - 3600 block ofHamilton, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 40 Tuesday's low 31 Record high 81 in 1932 Record low 5 in 1961 Average high 58 Average low 29 Precip. Tuesday 0.51 Month to date 1.42 Year to date 1.42 Sunrise Thursday 7:36 a.m. Sunset Thursday 8:25 p.m.

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Government files motion opposing Lindh's release pending trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Federal prosecutors filed papers today saying that that John 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 anybody?" it said.

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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 attachement (sic) to America is all about. What has America ever done for

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-

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 20year-old in his father's custody.

Sewell was to determine whether the government could

In a June 24, 2000 e-mail, the ed federal marshals, was brought 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 Housepassed 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

"I've made every effort I can think of to find the common ground," said Daschle, compromise on the level of House Majority Leader Dick

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 disappoint-

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 terrorattacks.

"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 Democrats were unable to

tax relief in the package, Armey, R-Texas. 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 inde-

Daschle, who was labeled "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

pendent.

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

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 elec-

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," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

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

Nationwide Long Distance Included.

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 prima-

Report shows more than half of all Americans go online

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 schoolage 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 econo-

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 the Americans used 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 The report came as critics numbers have gotten better assailed the Bush adminis- in some ways, but when you

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.

"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

WASHINGTON (AP) - tration for slashing funding have 140 million people not 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.

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Search continues; inmates say fugitives talked of escape

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 22year-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. newspaper, both men quot-There was just an arm around her throat," Sanchez, 32, told The Dallas Morning News 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

ed 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 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 16year-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

of Big Spring 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 and facilities shrinking

closing Anderson and permiss 000 to \$500,000 through cuts in pel 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

aybe 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.



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.

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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

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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."

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Theology section at the library to get updated items

County Library is in the process of updating the non-fiction area.

We have received several new books that are quite

Hollis **McCright**

interesting; one particular area is the 200's - Theology.

I will be placing an order quite soon that will really spruce up this area. Who increasingly thought of himself as the "bearer of Christ" to the New World? Who was involved in negotiations for the release of American hostages during the Khomeini regime?

Which saint was called on a mission to save France and later accused of witchcraft and heresy? Who established the Christian Revival Association (later known as the Salvation

The answers to these and thousands of other questions can be found in one book, the "Dictionary of Christian Biography," compiled by Michael Walsh, librarian of Heythrop College, London.

It is the first one-volume

biographical reference for those seeking information a'out the lives of the world's Church leaders irre-

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

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 indepth 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 bestselling "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 vinedresser, 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

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.

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Hollis McCright writes a regular column for the Herald.

NYC asks scrap yards to watch where they sell WTC steel

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

NEW YORK (AP) - The 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 insensi-

Alfonzo Hall, 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.

Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said they have observed a slow trend toward El Nino, as belownormal sea surface temperatures in the central equatorial Pacific have given way to above-normal readings.

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.

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 baby Jesus.

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 tempera-

Both situations can affect weather worldwide.

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

The effects of El Nino generally are most obvious in winter. For example, most "This warming represents El Nino winters are mild an early stage of El Nino's 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 catch around Christmastime and named the phenomenon after the

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IN BRIEF

Weather creates schedule changes

Inclement weather has created schedule changes for Big Spring High School and Howard College teams.

Big Spring's basketball games scheduled for Tuesday night Plainview were postponed and have been rescheduled for Thurs-

Only the varsity games will be played Thursday. The girls' contest is scheduled for a 5 p.m. start, followed by the boys' tip at 6:30.

Howard College's Lady Hawks were forced to cancel softball games set for Friday at Ranger Junior College and on Saturday at Abilene Christian University.

As a result, the Lady Hawks' next action will come Feb. 15-16 at the Midland College Invitational tournament.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for March 2-3 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete the TP&WD course by state law.

For more information, call Hale or Pointevint at 267-7891, 264-7033 or 267-

Howard offers free admission to games

Howard College will be trying to pack Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Thursday night when the Hawks and Lady Hawks play host to Odessa College's Wranglers and Lady Wranglers.

The college is offering free admission to both games for all fans wearing red clothing.

Action gets under way with the women's tip at 6 p.m. The men's game is slated for an 8 p.m. tip.

Practice games slated for Friday

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site for two practice games featuring teams headed into the Class 4A and Class 5A girls basketball playoffs on Friday.

Plainview's Lady Bulldogs will take on Abilene's Lady Eagles at 6 p.m.

That game will be followed by Canyon's Lady Eagles taking on El Paso An dress at 8 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$2 for students and \$4 for adults.

ON THE AIR

Radio

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Men

6:35 p.m. — Texas Tech at Kansas, KBST-AM 1490.

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m. — Virginia at N.C. State, ESPN2. 8:30 p.m. — Cincinnati at Charlotte, ESPN2.

Women 7:30 ρ.m. — Texas at Texas Tech, FXS.

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m.— Portland Trail Blazers at Minnesota Timberwolves, TNT.

HOCKEY

7 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Nashville Predators, ESPN.

National signing day arrives with few surprises for anyone

DALLAS (AP) — When Ken Dabbs letic director of media relations. exactly what to expect. was the recruiting coordinator for Texas, he often spent the night before national signing day in his car outside of a recruit's home. He had to be there at the first possible minute the player could sign his national letter of intent.

"I don't know if it was fun. There were some anxious moments," said Dabbs, who became Darrell Royal's recruiting coordinator in 1974 and stayed at the school through 1983. "Those that you knew you couldn't afford to lose, you made sure to sign them at 8 o'clock?"

There were even times when Dabbs wasn't the only coach waiting and hoping to get a signature from the same prospect.

"At 8 a.m. on signing day the coaches would start gathering," said Bill Little, Texas' assistant ath-

"There was one case where a bunch of coaches were in the house, all sitting around the living room waiting for him to come in ... and he walks in with a Texas Tech cap."

Things are much different now. NCAA rules no longer allow coaches to sign the players in person. And by signing day most, if not

all. of the top recruits have already

made their college choices public. When high school recruits across Texas and the nation sign their letters of intent Wednesday, most are just making official verbal commitments that were made weeks and

sometimes even months before. The coaches remain in their campus offices, where those prized signatures arrive primarily by fax machine. And most of them, especially the larger schools, know

Before they could even make their decisions official Wednesday, 99 of the state's top 100 recruits this year had already verbally committed.

"Back in our time, it was pretty unsure right up to signing day," Dabbs said. "Once in a while, we had a lot of defections and a lot of additions the night before signing day. It seemed it drug out forever. It's now an entirely different game."

Texas coach Mack Brown was ready for another impressive February haul. The Longhorns had verbal commitments from 18 of the top 100 recruits, including Houston Madison quarterback Vincent Young, the top-rated prospect nationally and statewide.

Of the top 25 high school recruits Texas, as ranked Rivals100.com, 13 of them had

announced their intention to sign with the Longhorns.

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Rivals100.com and Californiabased SuperPrep, another recruiting analysis service, have already ranked Brown's latest recruiting class as the nation's best. And that was before the first letter of intent had even been signed.

The Longhorns also had commitments from the two highest-ranked linemen — Rodrique Wright, a 6foot-5, 330-pound defensive lineman from Alief Hastings, and Justin Blalock, a 6-4, 335-pound offensive lineman from Plano East — and top defensive back prospect Edorian McCullough of North Garland.

Nearly half of the top 100 have said they plan to stay in state, including at least two each for Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Baylor and TCU.

Howard facing big games with Odessa

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald Howard College begins its second half of conference action Thursday with a 7:50 p.m. tip against rival

Odessa College at the

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Wranglers come to Big Spring in charge of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race, while Howard College is desperately looking for a

win.

Howard dropped a 73-67 contest at home Monday to New Mexico Military Institute - a game Hawks head coach Chris Jans said Howard needed to make a strong entrance to post-season play. The top four teams receive an invitation to the Region V Tournament in Lubbock.

The Hawks are sitting one place out of fourth place behind South Plains, Odessa, NMMI and Midland with a 3-4 conference record and 15-8 overall. OC is the defending WJCAC and Region V Tournament champions.

When Howard traveled to the Odessa College Sports Center on Jan. 14 in the league opener for both squads, the Wranglers cranked out a gritty 72-62 win in a game that wasn't decided until the final minutes of play.

Neither team led by more than four points for more than 30 minutes, but Odessa churned out two second-half runs after Howard led 49-48 with 9:00 left in the contest.

Howard pulled within 58-54 but could not get over the hump. "There were a lot of lead changes, but in the last 10 minutes, which happens a lot in close games, one team stepped up and made some plays," Jans said.

"They were the team that made the plays and shots down the stretch. We had the lead a number of different times. They just made bigger plays than we did."

The Hawks' Artavius Davis drew the defensive assignment of guarding Janavor Weatherspoon -OC's and the WJCAC's leading scorer who is averaging

Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks play host to Odessa College on Thursday. 24.2 points and 4.47 rebounds game. Weatherspoon has erupted for 30-plus points in four contests and 40 against Weatherford College. Davis, a forward from

Lubbock, held Weatherspoon to 17 points in their first outing pestering him around the perimeter and denying him good looks at the basket, Jans

Weatherspoon attempted 11 field goals in their first meeting as Davis — the most-equipped Hawks' perimeter defender shadowed his every move.

Another dangerous weapon is Barry Thompson — the second-leading scorer in the league who is putting in 18.4 points and grabbing 10.4 boards — the league's

highest — and dishing out

Howard's Maushae Byles (40) drives to the bucket during Frank Phillips' visit to Dorothy

4.11 assists. Sophomore guard Rodney Blackstock is fourth in the league standings with 16.7 points and Zach Moss is fifth with 16.4 points per outing.

The Hawks match up sizewise and ability-wise, but the difference in the two squads widens as OC coach Orlando Ontiveroz goes to his bench, Jans said.

"The thing that gives us problems with them is that they are so deep," Jans said. "They can literally play 12 guys, and their level of play doesn't drop off when they go to the bench. The luxury they have is if one guy isn't getting it done, they can bring in someone else who can make the plays."

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Howard has yet to put together a complete 40-

minute package of toughnosed, leave-it-all-out-on-thefloor type of play, Jans said. The Hawks won't change their game plan, but their

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Lady Hawks now looking to start over By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald The Lady Hawks' new mantra "It Starts Over" began after Howard dropped two disappointing back-to-back home contests to New Mexico Junior College and Frank Phillips College at the end of January.

After their latest loss to Frank Phillips Jan. 28, the Lady Hawks developed their mission for the second half of WJCAC play - starting over.

Although, Howard dropped an 85-58 meeting with No. 3 South Plains College Thursday at the Texan Dome — head coach Joey Wells was impressed with their renewed spirit.

"They played well against South Plains College in terms of hustle — they did it." Wells said. "They took a step in the right direction. The push we took, was 'It starts over.' They knew what they needed to do, they just needed to do it."

After last Thursday's game against the Lady Texans, Wells gave his squad a few days off to visit family. When the players returned Sunday, their batteries were recharged, and they were ready to tackle

anything thrown their way. "The time off was good," Wells said. "It's hard to tell what's going to happen come game time, but I have to say I'm pleased with the practices. Sunday and Monday, they were good practices. For everybody. Our competition level was good, and our intensity was high."

Howard College needs that high level of work ethic when a scrappy Odessa College team tips off the first of a doubleheader at 5:50 p.m. Thursday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Hawks lone See LADY HAWKS, Page 7

Bulldogs post win; Bulldogettes, Lady Buffs await coin flip In girls' action, the Bulldogettes with a 7-1 record in league play with the Buffs with 24 points, while Paul

COAHOMA — It took overtime, but Coahoma's Bulldogs went a long way toward locking up a playoff berth Tuesday night as they took a 57-55 win over Colorado City's Wolves.

Chase Ward scored a game-high 23 points for the Bulldogs and Chase Davis added 12 more, but there was no more important score of the night than the putback that Kelby Kemper provided with two seconds left in the game.

Kemper's score allowed the Bulldogs to force overtime, tying the game at 50-all, after they had blowing a 12-point lead in the second half.

Jonathan Spear led the way for the Wolves with 15 points, while Marquise Lenard chipped in 12 and Tyson Zigler added 11.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 13-8 on the season and 6-2 in District 3-2A play, just one game behind league-leading Plains. Colorado City, now 10-14 and 4-4, is tied for third place in the loop

with Forsan. Coahoma plays host to Forsan at 8 p.m. Friday.

took a 60-42 win over the Lady two games remaining, guaranteeing Wolves to finish the regular season at 15-10 overall and 6-4 in district

The win leaves the Bulldogettes in a three-way tie with the Lady Wolves and Stanton's Lady Buffaloes for second-place behind Seagraves.

A coin flip will help decide the district's second- and third-place playoff teams. The two losers of the coin toss will play one another the loser of that game staying home in the postseason, while the winner will take on the coin flip winner for the second-place seed.

Forsan suffers loss to high-flying Plains

PLAINS - Forsan's Buffaloes couldn't keep Plains from clinching . a playoff berth, as the Cowboys posted a 67-58 win over the Buffs in District 3-2A basketball action Tuesday night.

Jarred Bell scored a game-high 20 points ir leading Plains to the win. Forsan was paced by Wes Longorio's 17 points, while Zach Johnson chipped in 12 more. The Cowboys' victory left them 2A championship. With the loss, the Buffs dropped to

them no worse than a tie for the 3-

17-10 on the season and 4-4 in district play and are tied with Colorado City for third place in the district standings going into a crucial showdown with arch-rival Coahoma at 8 p.m. Friday.

Stanton squads split games with Seagraves

STANTON State-ranked Seagraves' Lady Eagles powered their way to a 55-36 win over Stanton's Lady Buffaloes in District 3-2A basketball action Tuesday night.

The Lady Eagles finished the regular season with a 28-1 record and went unbeaten in league play. The Lady Buffs dropped to 17-13 overall and 6-4 in 3-2A action.

Heather Washington paced the Lady Buffs with 12 points.

In the nightcap, Stanton's Buffs kept their slim playoff hopes alive with a 58-41 win over the Eagles, improving their record to 12-14 on the season and 3-5 in district play. Ryan O'Donnell led the way for

Chandler and T.J. Savage added 10 points apiece in support.

The Buffs now travel to Plains on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. tip with the league-leading Cowboys.

Lady Bearkats put lock on playoffs

RANKIN - Garden City's Lady Bearkats closed out the regular season with a 51-37 win over Rankin's Lady Red Devils to finish tied with Iraan's Lady Braves for the District 8-1A girls' basketball championship Tuesday night.

The Lady Bearkats, 19-9 overall, finished 9-1 in district play behind Jessica Hoch's 17 points. Megan Niehues added 14 points for the Lady 'Kats.

In the nightcap, the Bearkats closed their season on a positive note with a 68-53 win over the Red Devils.

Matthew Cmerek led the way for Garden City with a game-high 22 points. Kendall Goodwin added 16 more for the Bearkats and Josh Schmitz contributed another 12.

The Bearkats finished the season with a 9-18 record and were 4-6 in district play.

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14. Florida				15
15. Texas Tech				13
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18. Minnesota				17
19. Colorado St.				17-
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8. Abilene Christian	4-(
9. Columbus St.	3-0
10. Indianapolis	0-0
 Georgia College & St. 	3-0
12. Central Oklahoma	0-0
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14. Massachusetts-Lowell	0-0
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5. Fort Elliott		25-4
7. Huckabay		24-5
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Sundown	20-4
Little River Academy	23-2
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Gainesville	17-6
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league win was a 73-67 contest to open conference play Jan. 14 at the OC Sports Center. Howard is 1-5 and 7-14 entering the second half of loop action.

Howard led 39-24 at halftime, but the Lady Wranglers went on an 18-4 run to oper up the second half of play to get within one point, 43-42. Howard responded with a 15-6 run of its own, including a backbreaking three-pointer by sophomore Vangela Menter, who finished with a teamhigh 25 points.

"Vangela had a great game against Odessa," Wells said of the guard from Jacksonville, Fla. "She did it by doing everything."

The Lady Hawks' advantage is their inside play, led by 6-foot sophomore post Shamieka Buckley, who is leading all scorers with 14.6 points per game. Latasha Mathiew also will be counted on to help in the paint.

be going inside," Wells said. "Our post players are going to be a huge factor in

Thursday night's game They don't have good size. and they don't do a good job of defending the post."

But OC does have athletic Crystal Blue who is averaging 11.9 points. Alicia Coppola is another threat dumping in 12.7 points.

"(Blue) is playing well and so is Coppola," Wells noted "We held them pretty good one had 12, one had 15. Most of the shots they hit were "Our advantage is going to tough shots. We have to contest the shot and make sure we don't give out any open looks

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execution must improve.

he said. "(Monday) night, I was as disappointed with this group as I have been since we started in October. They didn't compete very well. They had an opportunity to go in and take it. We were in position with a big lead. They stopped competing. They didn't play with a level of intensity required to win conference games.

"We've got 40 hours as a unit to decide what we're going to do about it. Are we going to come together and scratch, claw and fight for 40 minutes? We've yet to put together a 40-minute game. If you don't play to your potential, you're going to lose games.'

One bright spot during the NMMI game was freshman Maushae Byles' play off the bench. The Racine, Wis., native poured in five threepointers in 5-for-11 shooting and went 4-4 from the charity for a team-high 21 points.

"The only thing that holds Maushae back is his defensive play, but he's doing a

good job of improving himself on that end. He's responded to it and earned the right to play more min-

Howard's contests with Odessa College always seem

advantage before traveling to Clarendon on Monday.

"We've dug ourselves a hole," Jans said. We're looking up at quite a few teams ahead of us in the schedule I have people say, 'Well, to bring out the best in both you've got a lot of bigger squads, and Jans hopes to programs ahead coming to draw on a huge homecourt our place.

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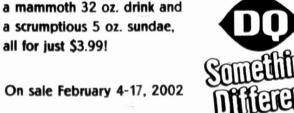
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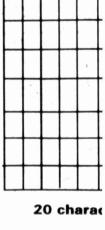
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Dear Property Owner(s): Current Tax Records and Title Records indicate that you

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6. Any combination of the above Should you desire to make a presentation to the Board, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Mayor in original and 5 copies

Identification of the

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5. The legal signatures of

appellant and their official mailing addresses. Failure to appeal in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an dministrative hearing

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Imperati of North Haven, Conn., to promote funding for support and educational services, scientific research, and early detection and screening for the most common birth defect. Approximately babies are born each year with congenital heart defects. Sometimes the condition is not detected until

adolescence or adulthood. The Congenital Heart Information Network is a non-profit organization for adult patients, health professionals and parents like me whose children's complex heart anatomy requires extensive medical procedures and high-risk, open-heart surgeries. Our families will be organizing events, blood drives, educational programs, screening efforts and survival celebrations this February. We hope your readers will join us. For more information, they can contact us at www.tchin.org. Mona Barmash, Children's Health Information Network

Dear Mona Barmash: I am happy to help such a worthy cause. It is important on Valentine's Day to remember that our children's hearts need to be protected.

Dear Ann Landers: I realize you don't specialize in cultural history, but I thought you might like to know more about the origins of Valentine's Day. St. Valentine's Day began

> with a pagan fertility festival, Lupercal, held on Feb. 15. In the year 496, Pope Gelasius created a feast day in memory of St. Valentine, a martyred third-century priest, and placed it on Feb. 14, hoping early Christians would celebrate their romantic traditions a day early and dedicate them to the saint instead of the Roman love goddess Juno. The feast day stuck, but the romantic holiday didn't.

The romantic holiday finally took hold in

medieval England. Geoffrey Chaucer, famous for writing "The Canterbury Tales," got together with his fellow poets and invented a new holiday to lift the people's spirits. In a poem entitled "The Parliament of Fowls," Chaucer claimed that all the birds in the world choose their mates on St. Valentine's Day Shakespeare refers to It was started by Jeanne Chaucer's poem in his play "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and gives the name "Valentine" to characters in two other romantic comedies. Ophelia, in "Hamlet," sings that she "be your wants to Valentine."

It all started with the two greatest love poets in the English language. — Steven Anderson. Adjunct Professor, Dept. of English, Gettysburg College, Pa.

Dear Steven Anderson: Thank you for providing my readers with a fascinating history lesson. Here's one more:

Dear Ann: The feast of Saint Valentine has been associated with romance for nearly 1,000 years. King Henry VIIImade ¿Valentine's Day a national holiday. Love tokens were frequently given on the feast, almost always anonymously. By the 1800s, the so-called "comic" valentines appeared. Sent anonymously, they were a form of social criticism, cruelly pointing out people's faults.

My information came from Nancy Rosin, the vice president of the National Valentine Collector's Association. I hope you will find it worth printing. -Tony Hyman, CBS's "The Saturday Early Show,"

Treasure Guide of Buyers" Dear Tony Hyman: I do indeed. Please thank Nancy Rosin for her valuable contribution to my column.

Author of "Trash or

P.S. Happy Valentine's Day to our veterans in VA hospitals across the country and to our servicemen and women overseas. Bless you

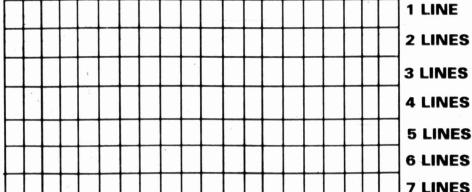
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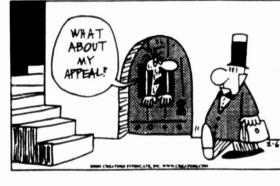
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Today is Wednesday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2002. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Feb. 6, 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded as reigning monarch by his daughter, Elizabeth II. 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 the to Constitution, the so-called_

"lame duck" amendment, \$1.69 trillion budget for fiswas declared in effect. In 1959, the United States

the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral. In 1991, comedian and tele-

vision 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 Washington Reagan National Airport. Ten years ago: Democratic

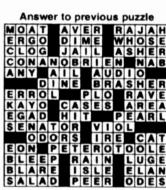
presidential candidate Bill Clinton denied he'd tried to avoid the Vietnam draft. saying he gave up a draft deferment in the fall of 1969 because he "didn't think it was right" to keep it. President George H.W. Bush unveiled a health care plan for most Americans. Sixteen people were killed when a C-130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

Five years ago: President Clinton sent Congress a

cal 1998, saying it would erase deficits by 2002 and successfully test-fired for for 20 years beyond. (Republicans scoffed that the plan was brimming with costly new programs and phantom savings, but said they were ready to bar-

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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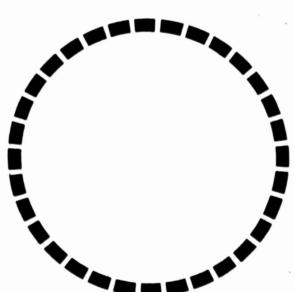
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