

TUESDAY

February 12, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



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Sheriff group soliciting funds throughout area

A membership drive for the Sheriff's Association of Texas is under way. Individuals will be contacted by mail, not by telephone, said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. The association provides scholarship funds for families of the sheriff's departments throughout the state, as well as training for sheriffs and deputies. Those who don't get a membership appeal by mail, or those who need more information about the program can write to the Sheriff's Association of Texas at 1601 S. Interstate 35, Austin, 78741, or browse the Web site at www.txsheriffs.org.

WHAT'S UP...

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.
 - Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
 - Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 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.
 - Friends of the Library meets at noon at the Howard County

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Moore Development turns focus on technology but takes no action

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer
Technology was the focus of the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board of directors meeting Monday. The Moore Development board considered two items aimed at bringing Big Spring further into the com-



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puter age: a proposed contract with Citation Solutions to develop and host the long-awaited Moore Development Web site and a plan to provide wireless telecommunications hardware for local businesses. Moore Development Chairman Lee George said the local economic development corporation has been trying to put up a Web page for nearly a year. "We started working on this last summer, and obviously we would like to

already have it up," George said. "The people we're dealing with say that 30 days from the day we contract with them we'll have one up." The board decided, however, not to approve the contract with Citation Monday but to instruct Executive Director Kent Sharp to research Web development companies further, George said. "We asked Kent to go back and look and see if we couldn't get something a lit-

tle better," he said. "We thought the pricing was a little high; somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to set it up and then a \$300-a-month hosting fee. We just wanted to look at it and see if that was the best we could do." George said Moore Development hopes to eventually provide job listings for major area employers on its Web site. "We were trying to develop one where a business like Cornell Corrections or

Western Container could go on the Moore Development Web site and post a job," he said. "So if you were in California and wanted a corrections job and did a search and found Cornell Corrections in Big Spring and you could click on 'Corrections Openings,' and it would list all the jobs Cornell has." Several local businesses have requested assistance to defray the cost of wireless

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Filling out returns isn't so taxing

Volunteer likes helping others file tax forms

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer
Dorothy Kennemur, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance coordinator, is afflicted with a strange quirk — she enjoys preparing tax returns. In fact the 78-year-old has been helping the public fill out those sometimes much stressful, much detested forms for more than 20 years and she does it for free. "So many people depend on it," Kennemur said. "I enjoy doing this." The service helps people of all ages filing wages and interest figure out what credits they qualify for, or if they are actually even required to file a return. Although Kennemur has helped many people over the years, some of her clients can't quite believe the volunteer really relishes calculating the returns. "One year, a lady I was helping prepare her taxes leaned over the table and asked 'do you really enjoy doing this?'" Kennemur recalled. Yes, she does. "I enjoy the challenge of it," she said. No soap operas or situation comedies are needed to entertain this volunteer; all she needs is a few good tax returns and her computer's tax return software for a night's amusement.



Dorothy Kennemur, right, helps Connie Murley of Big Spring with her tax forms. Kennemur, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance coordinator, is one of many who donate their time to offer free assistance to the public in filling out the yearly returns.

"You can see me at my home computer doing tax returns at night," she admitted. Early in life, Kennemur decided to use her talent to prepare her own taxes rather than pay someone else. "Years ago I went to a tax preparer and he charged me so much that I decided I could do this," Kennemur said. "I have done my own ever since." And she did, preparing all the tax forms for the family — including those owed when her husband was

farming his 160-acre land. Kennemur also comes to VITA with a background of finance. She was the supervisor for accounting and finance at Webb Air Force Base before she retired and admits she was also good at math in school. People of all ages need help preparing taxes, Kennemur said, and VITA offers its service for free. "We have a lot of younger people and serve a lot of low-income people," she said. Services do not stop after the forms are filled out.

"If they don't have to file a tax return, I tell them to get in touch with me if the IRS," she said. "I will write the IRS and explain that they did not need to file." All returns are checked carefully. "It is very important that we get the return correct," she said. "If we tell someone he or she is going to get \$2,000 back and the IRS sends a letter saying that they are not, that is devastating. We are not here to hurt anyone, that is why we

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City

New airpark manager will greet council this evening

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer
The Big Spring City Council will get its first official look at the city's new airpark manager at its meeting this evening. The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. in its chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.



FUQUA

City Manager Gary Fuqua will use his regular report time to introduce the new manager, Jim Curtiss, formerly of Florida, to the council and the public. "He's been a pilot for 16 years," Fuqua said. "He has military experience, his family owns a construction business, he's done some token work in a lot of different areas." Curtiss, on the job since Monday, said he's settling into the job well. "So far, so good," he said. "I've been to several meetings and I've met the staff out at the airport. The first thing we have to do of course is get things in order. We've got to find out what we've got out there facility-wise, what we're charging for it, what the conditions are. So basically we're taking it one step at a time."

The new manager has heard of the controversy surrounding the creation of his position, but isn't going to let it bother him. "I had a meeting with the staff out there," he said. "I told them we're not going to talk about people and that kind of thing. We're going to be idea people. We're going to proceed on that basis. We're not going to accept all the nonsense, we're not going to put up with it. We've got a job to do and we're going to do our job." Curtiss has a bachelor's degree in aeronautics and was most recently working in Florida as a cast member for Disney World Institute, he said.

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BSHS choir students qualify for state competition

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer
Twenty Big Spring High School choir students will be competing against others around the state in solo and ensemble contests after qualifying in Regional 6 competition. More Big Spring students qualified for the state contest this year than in years past, BSHS choir director Linda Lindell said. "We have a number of good students this year," she said. Choir students compete on three levels, depending on the difficulty of their musi-

cal piece — from Class 1, highest difficulty, to Class 3, lowest difficulty. Only students earning a division I rating on a Class 1 piece qualify for the state solo and ensemble contest which is held in Austin in the last week of May. Competing against students from 1A through 5A schools, BSHS had 37 students earn division I ratings for their performance in Class 1 or Class 2 pieces. Those heading for state competition are four solo students and two ensembles. Brian Wingert, Sherrean Jones and Traci Beltran sang vocals solos; Alex

Edgemon performed a piano solo. Edgemon earned a birth at all-state choir in January and will be performing with about 200 choir students around the state on Feb. 23 in San Antonio. This is the second trip to state solo and ensemble competition for Jones, who earned a division I for her performance last year. Joining the soloists is the ensemble, consisting of Kim Jumper, Nicole Rushin, Jessi Weir, Lacey Wilkinson, Kristina Woodruff, Edgemon, Chris McGee and Brian Wingert. The second state-bound

ensemble consists of Kori Johnson, Jones, Kaci Stokes, Tiffanie Vanderbilt, Zack Watkins, Kelli Warrington, Crystal Wingert, Andrew Campbell, Chris Correa and Brandon Greathouse. "State competition is very hard," Lindell said. "The state judges, especially in choral competition, don't give away very many I's. A (division) 3 at state is almost a I at region." Other students returning to state solo and ensemble contest are: Wingert, Beltran, Jumper, Rushin,

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Ex-director says Lay bears significant responsibility for lack of controls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kenneth Lay, who built Enron into a darling of Wall Street only to see it collapse in scandal, bears "significant responsibility" for a lack of controls of Enron to prevent abuses, a company director who investigated the failure told Congress today. Lay, the long-sought star witness in the congressional investigations of his company, sat in a crowded hearing room as lawmakers denounced his conduct. The former Enron chairman, appearing under subpoena,

was maintaining his silence and declining to answer questions at the hearing before the Senate Commerce Committee. "Mr. Lay, I regret that you have chosen not to explain to this committee, to the American public and to your former employees how you, and others in senior management and on the board of Enron, apparently failed so completely to fulfill your responsibilities," said Sen. John McCain of Arizona, senior Republican on the committee. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-

N.D., said he, too, is disappointed by Lay's decision not to testify. "Mr. Lay has a story to tell," he said. William Powers, an Enron director and dean of the University of Texas Law School, who led an internal company investigation, said in prepared testimony that Lay approved partnership arrangements by senior executives. Lay "bears significant responsibility for those flawed decisions, as well as for Enron's failure to implement sufficiently rigorous procedural controls to pre-

vent the abuses," Powers said. Lay was the most visible symbol of Enron Corp., which was ranked as the nation's seventh-largest company before it crumbled into bankruptcy on Dec. 2. He joins five other men — including Enron's former chief financial officer — who have cited the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and declined to testify in Congress' deepening inquiry. Lawmakers reject the idea of offering immunity from prosecution to get

them talking, at least for now. Lawmakers say Lay sat atop a house of cards as a clique of executives enriched themselves at the expense of employees and investors. A complex web of thousands of partnerships was used to keep some \$500 million in debt off Enron's books and hidden from investors and federal securities regulators — pumping up the stock price. Officials of Houston-based Enron reaped tens of millions of

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OBITUARIES

Ethel Ramey

Graveside funeral service for Ethel Ramey, 77, of Big Spring was held at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 12, 2002, at Woodbine Cemetery with pastor Cecil Kimberlin officiating.

Mrs. Ramey died Saturday, Feb. 9, at Hospice House in Odessa.

She was born July 23, 1924, in Cottonwood, N.M. and married Leon Ernie Ramey on March 22, 1942, in Roswell, N.M. She was a lifelong resident of Artesia, N.M., until moving to Odessa in May of 2001. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alonzo and Addie Mae (Hersey) Schultz, her sister, Emma Dehart, and three children, Eddie Carroll Ramey, Glendadale Ramey, and Bobby Dale Ramey.

Survivors include her husband, Leon Ramey of the home; one son, Jimmy Ramey and wife, Janis, of Big Spring; one brother, Frankie J. Schultz of Wagner, Okla.; six grandchildren, Katicia Carson, Jeanetta Ramey, Edie Tharp, Kelley LaFan, Brandon Ramey, and Braeson Ramey; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary, Inc., in Artesia, N.M.

Paid obituary

Dixie Pauline Burcham

The family of Dixie Pauline Burcham would like to announce that their beloved mother went to be with the Lord in the early morning hours on Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the age of 67.



Dixie was the first child of Geary and Dovie Thornton, born May 6, 1934, and was a life long resident of Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1951 and attended Draughn's Business College in Abilene. She retired from the State of Texas on May 10, 1996. Dixie touched many people in her life, but children always had a special place in her heart.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and worked in the nursery there until no longer physically able. Dixie kept children in her home after her retirement. She enjoyed her two precious granddaughters, LeAnne Dovie and Dani Cheryl everyday.

Dixie was a very loving mother and grandmother who is survived by her children, daughter, Cheryl Burcham and life partner, Conda White of Austin; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Shelia Burcham of Big Spring; a brother, Harlan Thornton of Big Spring; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Gary Powers of Cecilia, Ken.; two granddaughters, LeAnne Burcham and Dani Burcham of Big Spring; and

two nephews and their families, Ricky and Dale Powers of Kentucky.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family suggests memorials be made to East Fourth Street Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

R. Clifton Sanders

Funeral service for R. Clifton "Clif" Sanders, Lt. Col. U.S. Air Force (Ret.), 86, of Austin was held Feb. 5, 2002, at the Weed-Corley Fish Funeral Chapel in Austin with the Rev. James Abington officiating. Burial was at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Sanders died Saturday, Feb. 2.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1915, in Big Spring and married Pauline Hildreth who preceded him in death. He graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Texas A&M University. After completing flight school in San Angelo he became a B-17 pilot in the 358th Hell's Angels Squadron stationed in Molesworth, England.

On his second mission over Germany he was shot down and spent two years as a prisoner of war, escaping twice and finally being liberated by General George Patton's 5th Army. In 1963, he retired from the Air Force and moved to Austin where he became a farm and ranch realtor and owner of Advertising Aids of Austin. He was active in Girl and Boy Scouts, youth athletics, Rotary and was a deacon at Bannockburn Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Lance V. Sanders of Austin; one daughter, Mindy Sanders of Lakeway; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin.

Jack Anthon Wallis

Funeral service for Jack Anthon Wallis, 76, of Little Elm, formerly of Big Spring will be set at a later date. Mr. Wallis died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at a Denton hospital.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1925, in Rocksprings and married Margie Lee Kruger in Hondo on Dec. 24, 1953. He was the owner of an auto repair shop in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Wallis of Little Elm; one daughter, Ruth Owens of Little Elm; two

brothers, Billy and John Wallis, both of Pearsall; two sisters, Dorothy Wise of Junction and Virginia Brown of Pearsall; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements are under the direction of Goen-Hudgens Funeral Home in Denton.

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Internet service, said George.

"Right now we have a wireless Internet provider, however the cost of the equipment is rather high for small business," George said. "I think the cost of the equipment is somewhere near \$1,000 just for the equipment, and then you have a \$50 a month service fee. We're looking at assisting some of the smaller businesses with that."

George said the board tabled the item to allow Moore Development's Executive Director Kent Sharp to develop criteria for which businesses would be eligible for the assistance.

"Obviously we can't provide it for every business in Big Spring," he said. "We're looking at businesses that to a certain percentage of business outside of Howard County, people that bring money into Howard County rather than just recirculating Howard County dollars."

George said the assistance would also probably be based on need. "I figure it will be some of both," he said. "Like I said, Kent Sharp is working on the criteria for that and they're going to present that to us at our next meeting on the (Feb.) 28th."

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are extra careful." For more complicated taxes, Kennemur takes the work home to enter the information into her computer's tax return software.

When April 15 rolls around, Kennemur does not suffer through tax return withdrawal. She keeps busy with a number of activities.

She is a member of the encourages support group (an organization of fellowship for those who have lost a spouse), teaches computer courses at the Senior Center, just recently quit teaching a line dancing course and is a volunteer at her church, First Presbyterian, as, of course, the treasurer.

Adding up the miles, Kennemur travels extensively to such countries as Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Italy and Greece.

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But does she help her foreign hosts with their taxes? "No, but I find out what kind of tax returns the countries have," she said.

From taking a walk with her dog to smelling the roses each day, Kennemur said there are many worthwhile gifts in life for everyone and one is sharing his or her talent with others.

"If we can't find someone to help out, we are not trying too hard," she said. "As long as I am able, I will be doing it," she said.

Along with Kennemur, volunteers Sam Barrow, Bill Gonzalez, Donna Groenke, Gloria Hopkins, Tom Lucas, Reeves Moren, Mike Nelson and Jean Tidwell will be available on Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon through April 1 at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park to help prepare tax returns.

To prepare the tax return forms, the volunteers will need all W2s and other documents showing wages earned in 2001, 1099 interest forms and the 2000 tax return.

For more information, contact Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizen's Center at 267-1628.

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Weir, Wilkinson, Woodruff, Edgemon, McGee, Johnson, Stokes, Campbell and Greathouse. Those earning a division I in Class 2 solo include: Kendal Adams, Brennan Bailey, Jacquelyn Bowen, Cheridan Felty, Jessica Hughey, Meagan Matthews, Jacqueline Musgrove, Kelli Warrington, Crystal Wingert and Zachary Watkins.

Making a division I in a Class 2 ensemble were: Adams, Bailey, Felty, Carissa Mattson and Matthews.

Connie Edgemon, choir booster president, contributed to this article.

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"I thoroughly enjoyed it," he said. "I was a host/facilitator. I was a host that facilitated creating Disney's magic as Walt would tell it and imagineer it with some courses that they offered through the Disney Institute. They decided this last week to shut the institute down. So I knew the handwriting was on the wall there."

Fuqua said Curtiss is the right person for the job. "He's got a lot of knowledge and skill coming in," he said. "He's very enthusi-

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 8,5,8
CASH 5: 37,22,17,6,32

astic, he's got some good ideas, so I think we're going to be doing well with him."

In other business, the council will consider specifications for a new maintenance building at Comanche Trail Park. The specifications call for a 100-foot by 50-foot prefabricated metal building to replace the current dilapidated maintenance building in the park.

Council members will also approve specifications for two half-ton long-bed pickup trucks, a class 4 or 5 utility flat bed truck and a three-year operating lease on a backhoe.

Bids on the three trucks were rejected at the last council meeting Jan. 22. All bids for the flat bed truck came in \$10,000 or more over budget, while none of the bidders on the pickup trucks met engine specifications.

The lease on the backhoe is a new item.

The council will also:

- Hear and vote on final readings of resolutions to authorize the Mayor Russ McEwen to execute a service agreement with Valic Financial Advisors Inc. and to authorize Director of Public Works Todd Darden to write a letter allowing OES Environmental Inc. access to an alley near the intersection of Fourth and Gregg Streets to build a monitoring well.
- Hear and vote on the final reading of an ordi-

nance calling for a May 4 election for council members for Districts 1 and 3.

• Award a bid on Phase II of the TCDP sewer system improvements project in the Capehart addition. Low bid on the project is \$49,973 from Coker Pipeline Rehabilitation in Scottsville.

• Award a bid for an irrigation system at Roy Anderson Ball Field. Low bid on the project is \$24,400 from Aqua Scope.

• Award sale of three small parcels of city-owned property.

• Hear first readings of ordinances authorizing Fuqua to designate placement of a four-way stop at the intersection of Scott and Macauslan and a yield sign on Dartmouth yielding to Purdue.

• Hear the first reading of an ordinance approving plats of the Limestone Ridge apartment subdivision.

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dollars from the partnership.

Shays was a man with unrivaled access to Washington policy-makers, who met privately on energy policy with Vice President Dick Cheney last spring.

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WASHINGTON Rep. Christopher Dodd introduced a close vote on Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, to lobby the U.S. House of Representatives. "We should be Shays, Monday. "I votes in the frankly, I think just."

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Lawmakers predict close vote this week on campaign spending legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Christopher Shays predicted a close victory on legislation to limit campaign spending as congressmen tinkered with their bills and lobbied the undecided. "We should win it," Shays, R-Conn., said Monday. "We've had the votes in the past and, frankly, I think our cause is just."

Debate was beginning Tuesday on the most serious attempt in a quarter-century to change campaign spending laws. Late Wednesday the House will choose between the bill offered by Shays and Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., and several other versions favored by the House GOP leadership.

If Shays-Meehan supporters prevail and beat back crippling amendments, the

bill could move quickly back to the Senate, which approved a nearly identical bill last year, and on to the White House. President Bush opposes elements of the Shays-Meehan bill but has told House Republicans that they cannot count on a presidential veto to keep it from becoming law.

Meehan repeated Monday that the scandal involving Enron, a major contributor to politicians, has given them important impetus. "The present system gives good people a bad name and I think we are ready to change it."

The House is to take up the rules for debate late Tuesday. On Wednesday lawmakers will choose between different bills and then get a chance to amend the bill that gets the most

votes. Still to be resolved were such issues as whether Shays-Meehan spending limits would go into effect 30 days after the bill becomes law, as is currently written in the legislation, or whether, because of logistical problems, the effective date would be put off until after this fall's election.

Also open to possible amendments were limits on direct, hard money contributions to candidates. The Senate bill doubles the individual contribution per candidate to \$2,000, while the Shays-Meehan bill that stalled in the House last year would keep the \$1,000 limit in effect since 1974 for House candidates while doubling the ceiling for Senate candidates.

Shays said he also expects

an amendment to strike from the bill a provision requiring broadcasters to offer the lowest possible rate for political ads in the final 60 days of an election or 45 days of a primary. Broadcasters have lobbied hard to have that provision removed, but Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., author of the language, warned against "succumbing to the intimidation and the financial power of the television networks." He said the bill could lose support in the Senate without his language.

Shays-Meehan would ban the unregulated soft money donations that corporations, unions and individuals make to national political parties and ban the broadcasting of certain types of political ads, generally

known as "issue ads," within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary.

The version backed by most Republicans and sponsored by Reps. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, and Albert Wynn, D-Md., limits but does not ban soft money and emphasizes more disclosure of political donations.

Shays-Meehan captured more than 250 of the House's

435 members in 1998 and 1999, when it failed to pass the Senate. But backers

acknowledge they will lose some votes this time because House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and other GOP leaders are urging members to defeat Shays-Meehan, saying it could threaten the Republican majority in the House if it becomes law.

White House seeks to cut drug use by 25 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants to cut the use of illegal drugs by 25 percent over the next five years by improving law enforcement and treating more addicts.

His administration's anti-drug strategy, which was being unveiled Tuesday, seeks a 10 percent reduction in drug use within two years.

"This strategy represents the first step in the return of the fight against drugs to the center of our national agenda," President Bush said in a letter accompanying a White House report.

"We acknowledge that drug use among our young people is at unacceptably high levels," he said.

The strategy is based on making existing anti-drug programs more efficient and

reducing public tolerance for drug use, White House drug policy director John Walters said in an interview.

"We have to undermine the cynicism that people are always going to use drugs at roughly the same amount that they're using now. That's not true. And my goal is to demonstrate that's not true," he said.

Walters' priorities include identifying drug users who need treatment but are unlikely to seek it; helping recovering addicts stay clean; disrupting money laundering networks; and gleaming better intelligence about drug distribution networks so they can be broken up.

The report comes two months after Walters was confirmed for the Cabinet-

level post over the objections of some top Democrats.

A protege of former drug policy director William Bennett, Walters was seen as being more focused on punishing traffickers and fighting drugs abroad than in helping drug users through treatment programs.

Walters' critics say he's done nothing so far to prove them wrong.

"It's drug war on autopilot. It's not anything any different than what we've seen," said William McCall of the Drug Policy Alliance, which favors decriminalization of drugs.

McCall also criticized the White House's anti-drug advertising campaign, which was unveiled during the Super Bowl. The cam-

aign's message is that money used to buy drugs may benefit terrorists.

"He's barely gotten going and he's already blaming America's teen-agers for terrorism," he said.

Walters said parents have found the ads to be helpful in discussing drugs with their children. "It was one of the most powerful media concepts we ever looked at," he said.

The White House report strikes back at Walters' critics by referring to them as "self-styled drug policy reformers" and saying that legalization efforts have frustrated progress toward reducing illegal drug use.

Bush's proposed budget for 2003 includes \$19.2 billion in anti-drug spending, 2 percent increase over this year.

FBI warns of possible attack that could come today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI warned of a possible terrorist attack as early as today in the United States or against Americans in Yemen, and investigators rushed to distribute photographs of men believed to be involved.

Police nationwide were under orders to detain any of them immediately.

The warning identified one possible attacker as Fawaz Yahya al-Rabeei, a light-skinned, 22-year-old from Yemen with Western-looking features.

The FBI considered the information "credible," but it was not specific about possible targets and was not corroborated by other sources.

Officials acknowledged they did not know whether al-Rabeei was in the United States and could not be sure even that he was still alive.

Officials said they decided to issue the warning out of an abundance of caution and because Tuesday was so near.

The warning, issued Monday night, came after interviews with detainees in Afghanistan and Cuba, where some al-Qaida operatives are being held, officials said. The FBI's alert listed about a dozen associates of al-Rabeei, most from Saudi Arabia and Yemen. One associate was listed as possibly coming from Tunisia.

The bureau published the

alert and photographs of al-Rabeei and his associates on its public Web site, www.fbi.gov, to help Americans identify the possible perpetrators.

The alert, sent to 18,000 law enforcement agencies, cautioned that, "recent information indicates a planned attack may occur in the United States or against U.S. interests on or around Feb. 12, 2002. One or more operatives may be involved in the attack."

The FBI asked police "to stop and detain" any of the individuals named in the alert and said all "should be considered extremely dangerous."

Although the alert was issued on the fourth night of

the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, officials said there was no intelligence suggesting the games were a possible target. Instead, they urged that all locations in the United States and abroad with Americans to be on guard.

Arsonist who tried to stop construction near protected area gets 18 years

PHOENIX (AP) — Weeping and apologizing to his victims, a man was sentenced to 18 years in prison for torching seven luxury homes under construction as he tried to stop development near protected desert areas.

Mark Sands, 50, also must pay \$2.8 million in restitution, U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton said during Monday's sentencing.

Sands cried as he apologized to his family and victims who attended his sentencing hearing.

"I believed then — and yes, it was arrogant — that the fires and threats would make a difference," he said. "There is no environmental or religious excuse for terrorism of any kind."

Sands pleaded guilty in November to eight counts of extortion and one count of using fire to commit a federal felony. Arson charges that were part of an original indictment were dismissed.

He also admitted writing letters to the media and property owners warning that the fires would continue as long as people continued to build next to the protected land in Phoenix and Scottsdale.

One note, found April 29 said, "You build, we burn again."

Sands was arrested June 14 on a federal indictment.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's support
playoff-bound
hoops squads

A second basketball season — the one every Crossroads area team sought when play began back in November of last year — begins for two tonight, as Stanton's Lady Buffaloes and Garden City's Lady Bearkats enter bi-district playoff games.

The Lady Buffs, who finished third in District 3-2A, will take on District 4-2A runner-up Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs at 8 p.m. in the second game of a playoff doubleheader at the Borden County High School gymnasium in Gail. Colorado City's Lady Wolves will open the twin-bill at 6:30, taking on New Deal, the third-place team in 4-2A.

The Lady 'Kats, the No. 1 playoff seed out of District 8-1A, will take on Fort Hancock in a Class 1A, Division I bi-district playoff game at 7 p.m. in the Fort Stockton High School gym.

Reaching tonight's games took a little extra effort for both teams. Garden City finished the regular season tied with Iraan's Lady Braves for the 8-1A championship and needed a last-second shot from Jessica Hoch to take a 35-33 win in a district playoff for the top seed.

It was an even longer road for Stanton, which finished the regular season tied for second-place in its district with Colorado City and Coahoma. As a result of a coin toss the Lady Wolves won, the Lady Buffs were first forced to eliminate defending 3-2A champion Coahoma in one district playoff before suffering a loss to Colorado City in still another extra league game.

And on the boys' front, Coahoma's Bulldogs — already assured of a berth in the Class 2A playoffs — head into a game tonight in Plains where they have a chance to finish the regular season deadlocked with the Cowboys for the 3-2A championship with a win.

In that case, another district playoff would be in the offing.

While we here at the *Herald* take great pride in the accomplishments of all the Crossroads' teams, the Lady Buffs, Lady 'Kats and Bulldogs have earned an extra share of esteem.

We wish all three and their fans the best of luck; not only tonight but throughout their playoff runs.

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Let's not make Walker a scapegoat

John Walker Lindh, if he can receive a fair trial — and that's a huge if — will probably be acquitted of all charges.

Maybe it is because we haven't found the leadership of al-Qaida, or the Taliban, or the man who sent the anthrax letters, but the Justice Department seems to be almost hysterically determined to make a scapegoat out of an American kid who is guilty, it seems to me, of nothing but bad judgment and even worse luck.

Let's try to calmly review the facts as we know them:

This kid converted to Islam. That's not a crime. Thousands of people do that every day around the world. It's one of the faster-growing religions.

He went to Yemen to improve his Arabic. That's not a crime.

He went to Pakistan for further study of Islam. That's not a crime.

He went to Afghanistan, became enamored of the Taliban and signed up in its army. That's not a crime.

Because he could not

speak the language of the Afghans but was fluent in Arabic, the Taliban (according to his lawyer) sent him to al-Qaida for military training. That's not a crime.

After he completed his training, which is the same training we provide our own soldiers (though probably not as thorough), al-Qaida tried to recruit him for a terrorist mission, either in the United States or Israel. Young Walker said "No" and returned to the Taliban as a common soldier. That's not a crime, and it's to his credit.

At this time, the Taliban was fighting the Northern Alliance, which, far from being an American ally at that time, was on our "dirty guys" list, so that was not a crime. The mission that resulted in the Sept. 11 attacks had been put into operation long before this kid even arrived in Pakistan. There is no way he would have had any advanced knowledge of it. He was Taliban, not al-Qaida, and the Taliban, however bad we think it is, was the legitimate government of Afghanistan and not a terrorist organization.

At what point he knew, if he ever knew, that the United States had decided to attack the Taliban and make itself an ally of the Northern Alliance, I don't know. I suppose that will

come out in the trial. Bear in mind that this kid was a lowly soldier in a country with virtually no televisions or radios and very little contact with the outside world. And having been a private in our own Army, I can tell you that neither the brass nor the political bosses make it a habit to tell you what their plans are.

Perhaps when we started bombing the hell out of the Taliban, he realized what was going on. What was he supposed to do? Report to his commanding officer and say, "Sir, now that the United States is assisting our enemy, the Northern Alliance, I'm going to have to desert"? He would have been shot.

More to the point, men who fight together form a bond, so it's no surprise that this idealistic kid chose to stay with his comrades, with whom he had shared dangers and hardships. But to say that a lowly soldier fighting in the trenches is conspiring to kill Americans is absurd on its face. At the time he joined the Taliban, we were not at war, and there was no reason for him to think we ever would be.

Part of this kid's problem is the notoriously sloppy use of language by politicians and journalists. We call these training camps "terrorist training camps,"

but the training is the same, as I said, as the type our own soldiers receive. There is no such thing as terrorist training. There is only training in military skills. It's how you use the training, not the training itself, that determines if you are a terrorist.

I have on my desk two manuals that explain in great detail, complete with diagrams, how to make letter bombs, package bombs, booby traps and explosives from commonly available chemicals, along with all sorts of other unconventional ways to maim and kill. Who published them? The U.S. government. They are training manuals used by our special-ops people and have been commercially available since 1977. Does possession of this knowledge make me a terrorist? No. A Chinese firecracker is all the explosive stuff I want to deal with. I bought the manuals when I was thinking about writing a spy novel.

It is no credit to our government to try to make a monster out of a kid who found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time and has done no harm to any American.

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Enron and contributions to Texas politicians

LANSING, Mich. — Here in the home of the Lansing Lugnuts, the local baseball team named after the town's premier product, is also to be found a unique work of art — a statue of a lugnut on a tall column.

Just further evidence of America's greatness. Speaking of Americana, you can't have a scandal in this country without some special input from Texas, that famous *je ne sais quoi* for which we are so noted. We offer the following delicious details for your delectation.

Last June, Gov. Rick "Goodhair" Perry (he has very good hair) appointed an Enron executive to be chairman of the state Public Utilities Commission, because this is Texas and whom else would you put on the commission that regulates energy companies but an energy company executive?

The next day, Perry got a \$25,000 donation from Ken Lay. We might have worried about this, but Perry has cleared up the whole thing. The timing, he said, was "totally coincidental." We were all greatly relieved to learn this, since some with dirty minds might have thought there was a connection. We are also pleased with the fresh nuances in "totally coincidental." Just the other day, my dog got into the garbage and ate chicken bones then, totally coincidentally, she barfed on the living-room rug.

In the further adventures of Gov. Goodhair (now also known as "Old Coincidence"), his Enron appointee, Max Yzaguirre, turned out to have a blot on his record. Democrats demanded the public records about the background of the new chair of the PUC, and the records include any brushes with the law, no matter how minor.

In addition to a couple of youthful driving incidents, Commissioner Yzaguirre turns out to have shot a whooping crane in 1989, apparently under the impression that it was a goose. He had to pay a \$15,000 fine under the

Endangered Species Act, a thing that could happen to practically anybody (in 1994, when President George W. was running for governor, he shot a protected killdeer on the theory that it was a dove). But the Goodhair administration was embarrassed about the dead whooper, so they whitened out this interesting information before releasing the commissioner's forms.

Well, it was some cover-up and probably would have worked, except alert citizens noticed the blank and raised questions and the whole sad story came out. Yzaguirre recently saw fit to resign, thus ending what we all thought was a really fun episode.

Meanwhile, the attorney general of Texas, John Cornyn, announced firmly that he would investigate Enron and all its nefarious doings, which caused the citizenry to rejoice, except for those picky people at the public interest groups who pointed out that Cornyn has received \$193,000 in campaign contributions from Enron officials since 1997. Cornyn was prepared to ignore the pesky watchdogs and announced firmly he would

so investigate, but, totally coincidentally, he recused himself the next day.

You might think some public officeholder in Texas could investigate Enron without questions being raised over campaign contributions — after all, many members of Congress who have received generous contributions from Enron are now investigating it. But even if we could investigate and prosecute, the cases would likely wind up in the state supreme court and — surprise! — seven out of nine judges on the Supreme Court seem to be Enron beneficiaries, as well. It's hard to think how we could be having a better time in Texas.

Some Texas pols have taken the unusual step of donating their Enron contributions to the fund to help the fired Enron employees. Most notably Sen. Kaye Bailey Hutchison, who got \$99,500, has given \$100,000 to the fund, and that's a big chunk to turn over. Now if President Bush were to return his Enron contributions, over \$2 million all told, we could be talking some real progress on health care insurance for the busted employees.



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IN BRIEF

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Howard Co. Hawks managed a win over Clarendon Bulldogs on Monday night, while the Hawks suffered a loss.

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Lady Steers JV
win over Green

Big Spring's Steers junior V opened the 2002 season Monday with a win over Greenwood Rangerettes.

Greenwood scored its runs in the bottom first inning, but Lady Steers answered with three runs in the fourth, and Big Spring's Chelsea Abner shut the Rangerettes to up the win, allowing hits while striking out Samantha Newton. Crystal Clark pitched the key offense.

Four-person scr
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A four-person soccer has been scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24, at the Spring Country Club. Entry fees are \$10 per player, plus cart rental. The fee includes golf bags and barbecue course both days. Play will begin at 8 p.m. shotgun starts on days and the field will be lighted based on round scores. For more info, call pro shop at 267-5331.

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KBST-AM 1490.

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6 p.m. — Illinois at Michigan State, ESP
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8 p.m. — Florida Georgia, ESPN.

PRO BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Orlando Magic, TBS.

9:30 p.m. — Was Wizards at Los Angeles Lakers, TBS.

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IN BRIEF

Howard teams split against Clarendon

Howard College's Hawks managed an 86-73 win over Clarendon's Bulldogs on Monday night, while the Lady Hawks suffered a 75-70 loss.

The Lady Hawks dropped to 7-16 on the season, despite getting 17 points from Sherice Risby and 13 more from Latasha Matthew.

With the win, the Hawks improved to 16-9 on the year and 4-5 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

Lady Steers JV posts win over Greenwood

Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity opened the 2002 softball season Monday with a 4-2 win over Greenwood's Rangerettes.

Greenwood scored all of its runs in the bottom of the first inning, but the Lady Steers answered with three runs in the fourth, and Big Spring's Chelsea Abner shut down the Rangerettes to chalk up the win, allowing five hits while striking out 10.

Samantha Newton and Crystal Clark provided the key offense.

Four-person scramble scheduled at BSCC

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus cart rental.

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Play will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days and the field will be flighted based on first-round scores.

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7 p.m. — Figure skating, men's short program; Freestyle skiing, men's moguls final; Luge, women's singles final; Speedskating, men's 500; Ski jumping, K120 individual, NBC.

Attorney for Newton requests testimony from ex-teammates

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Nate Newton is calling on his old teammates and owner Jerry Jones to help him get released from federal custody.

Since his Dec. 12 arrest, Newton has been held without bail at a detention center in Seagoville, a southeast Dallas suburb.

Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Jones are among those who would have co-signed for Newton's bail and been character witnesses had

they been called at his first detention hearing, his attorney said in Tuesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

At the time of his arrest, Newton, 40, was free on bail from a Louisiana drug bust that occurred a month earlier.

During Newton's Dec. 15 detention hearing, U.S. Magistrate Paul Stickney said he would need "very, very strong assurances" that he would stay out of trouble if freed again.

However, his attorney at the time, Howard Shapiro, said no one from the Cowboys offered to co-sign a bond or testify as a character witness.

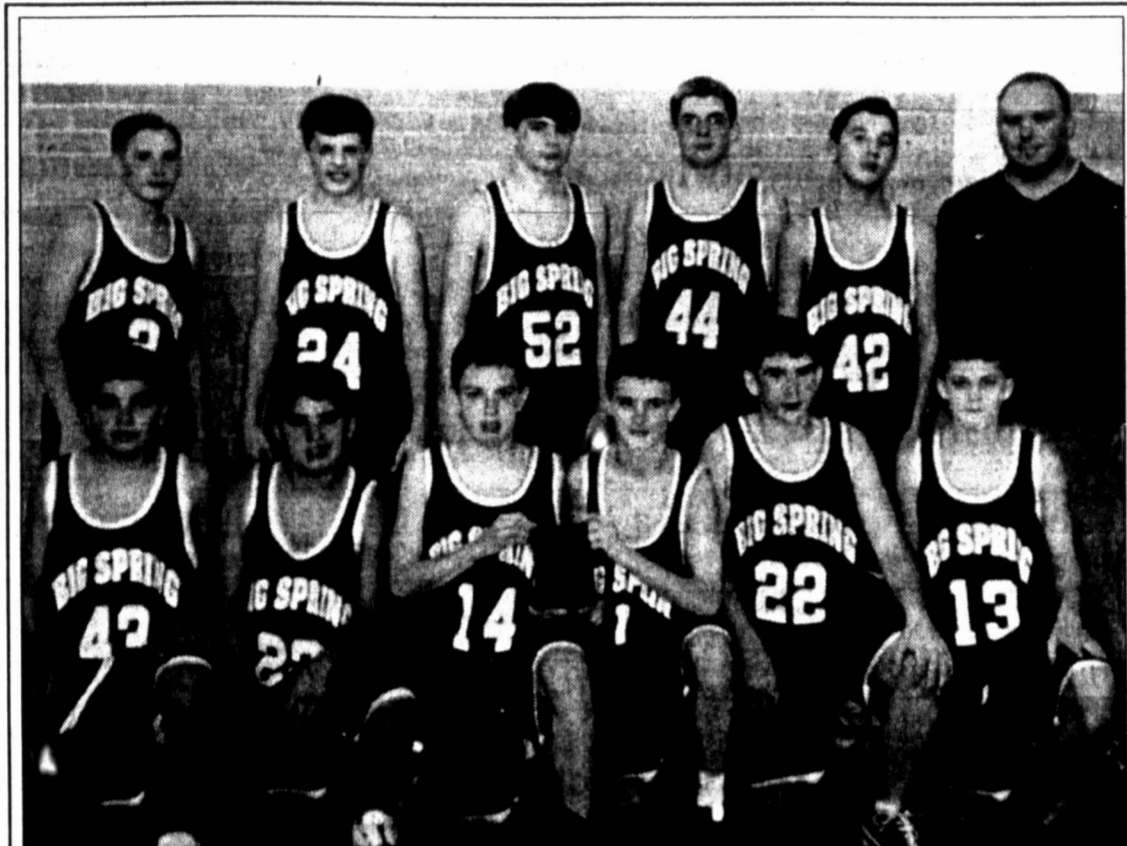
But his new lawyer, Steven Jay Rozan, has now filed a motion requesting that Jones, Aikman, Smith and former Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin appear as character witnesses.

During the bust, authorities said they found \$10,000 cash in Newton's red pickup, as well as 175 pounds of

marijuana in the trunk of an accompanying Monte Carlo driven by Charles Deandra Howard, 25, of Garland. The marijuana was worth an estimated \$700,000.

Howard and another suspect, Billy Crenshaw, have pleaded guilty. Bruce Freeman-Canady, a passenger in Newton's truck has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial with Newton, whose trial is set for March 11.

All three of those men were freed on bail.



Here are the Big Spring Junior High School eighth-grade Steers "B" team which finished second at the Snyder Basketball Tournament over the weekend. Front row, from left, are: Tommy Bilalba, Chris Garcia, Gabriel Ortiz, Jacob Nichols, Chance Cain and Justin McCullough. Back row: Logan Wright, Mitchell Lowery, Alan Michael Sheedy, Paul Nieto, Robert Finn and coach Chad Fouts. The Steers "B" defeated Snyder's "C" team and Sweetwater's "B" and "C" teams before losing to Snyder's "B" team in the championship game.

U.S. men sweep made-in-America event of halfpipe

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For all the scripted ways organizers have tried making the Winter Games truly American, three snowboarders have pulled off the equivalent of spray painting "USA" on the white spires of the Mormon temple.

Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas took gold, silver and bronze in the men's halfpipe Monday, thrusting themselves and their radical sport to the forefront of the Salt Lake City Olympics.

Elsewhere Monday, the men's luge single changed champions for the first time in a decade and Russia extended its record reign in pairs figure skating — at least in the eyes of judges, if not the fans.

The full sweep in the halfpipe marked the first time Americans took all three medals in an event since men's figure skating in 1956.

Their haul doubled the U.S. medal count to six, with two golds — the other in women's halfpipe.

Germany and Austria are tied with the United States for overall medals. The power of their sweep was best illustrated at the medals ceremony late Monday, when three U.S. flags were raised side-by-side.

"It was pretty cool," said Kass, the 19-year-old poster boy for this X-Games crossover sport. "Everybody was psyched."

The trio left the medals podium to chants of "USA!" then stirred up the crowd by tossing out their baseball

caps. And what about their bouquets of yellow roses?

"I saved them for my mom," said Powers, smiling.

Picabo Street's bid to become the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals was pushed from Monday to Tuesday because of high winds.

Other events Tuesday included the women's 10 km and men's 15-km classical cross-country events, men's moguls and men's 500-meter speedskating.

Later in the day, the U.S. women will face Germany in their first hockey game and athletes will compete in the 120-kilometer ski jump, women's luge and men's short program figure skating.

FIGURE SKATING
Russia's 11th straight pairs title started with a collision and ended with a controversy — both involving the Canadian duo.

Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze were crowned the champions, although many observers felt the best duo was Jamie Sale and David Pelletier of Canada.

Fans serenaded the Canadians with chants of "Six! Six!" when they finished — begging the judges to give them a perfect score. Pelletier even kissed the ice before leaving to celebrate.

Instead they got four 5s for artistry. Russia got seven, with the 5.9 from the Chinese judge making the difference.

Top three in men's poll same, but three fall from rankings

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke, Kansas and Maryland were the top three teams in the AP college basketball poll Monday, the fourth straight week they have held those spots.

For the sixth straight week there were plenty of changes throughout the rest of the Top 25, though, including two teams that had been ranked in the Top Ten during the season falling out.

Duke (22-1) was a unanimous No. 1 for the fourth straight week and the ninth time this season. The Blue Devils, who beat Florida State — the only team to beat them this season — and Georgia Tech last week, received all 71 first-place votes from the national media panel.

Kansas (21-2) beat Kansas State and Texas Tech to hold on to second, while No. 3 Maryland (19-3) beat North Carolina in its only game last week.

Duke is at Maryland on Sunday in a rematch of the Blue Devils' 99-78 victory in January. Duke and Maryland played four times last season with the Blue Devils winning three, including the national semifinal game, as they went on to the national championship.

Fourteen ranked teams lost a total of 17 games last week, the sixth consecutive week at least 14 members of the Top 25 lost at least once.

This week's newcomers were Pittsburgh, Indiana and North Carolina State, while Missouri, Syracuse and Texas Tech dropped out.

Missouri was ranked as high as No. 2 this season, while Syracuse reached eighth earlier in the year. Three other teams which cracked the Top Ten this season — Saint Joseph's, Boston College and Iowa — have also fallen out of the rankings.

Missouri became the third team since the poll expanded to 25 teams in 1989-90 to fall out of the poll after reaching No. 2. The others both happened in 1999-2000 when North Carolina and Auburn did it, although Auburn did return to the rankings for the final poll of the season.

Oklahoma was fourth for a second straight week and was followed in the Top Ten by Cincinnati, Florida, Alabama, Gonzaga, Arizona and Kentucky.

Marquette, which beat East Carolina and Southern Mississippi last week, jumped from 18th to No. 11, a move bettered this week only by Stanford, which moved from No. 20 to 12th after wins over Oregon and Oregon State.

Miami was 13th and was followed by Pittsburgh, Virginia, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Illinois, Wake Forest and UCLA.

The last five ranked teams were Georgia, Indiana, Ohio State, North Carolina State and Southern California.

Pittsburgh (21-4) was ranked for two weeks earlier in the season and returned after winning six of seven games, including a victory at Syracuse.

Indiana (16-7) also returned after having been ranked for three weeks earlier in the season. The Hoosiers, who lead the Big Ten, beat Iowa and Louisville last week to extend their home winning streak to 10 games.

North Carolina State was last ranked in the 1999-2000 season, cracking the Top 25 for two weeks. The Wolfpack (18-6) beat Virginia and Florida State on the road last week and have seven wins in the Atlantic Coast Conference, two more than last season.

Missouri dropped out from 22nd following Saturday's loss to Baylor. Syracuse (18-7) was 23rd but the loss to Pittsburgh was the Orangemen's fifth in seven games.

Texas Tech (16-6) was ranked for two weeks but fell from 24th after losing to Oklahoma State and Kansas last week.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You could be uncomfortable with someone's maudlin display, yet know this person expresses heartfelt emotions. Use the morning to advance a project before you discover you're on emotional tightrope. Use care with new acquaintances. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Making decisions

about your career direction might be a wise thing to do. Not everyone sees with your insight. Lighten up about a surprise that could feel more like a jolt. Listen to the hidden message. Network. Make calls. Tonight: Find a favorite friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Handle calls and research as soon as you can in the morning. Clear out work. Get answers on a project, or at the boss's request. Someone lets you know just how important you are to him or her. Grin at needed feedback. Tonight: Smiling, fulfill someone's request.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** A partner puts a proposition on the table that could cause you to shake your head for a substantial while. You know what you want. Please don't settle. Detach from the immediate. Look for a solution that could make everyone happy. Tonight: Do something you love.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Someone's needs erupt and take you in an unforeseen direction. You could be uncomfortable with what is happening and the dent it makes in your day. Take a deep breath. Review priorities. Make decisions accordingly. Tonight: Play away.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** A message involving your funds could jolt you and take you in a new direction. Though you know what you want, you

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Dear Ann Landers: Two years ago, my brother, "Andy," married "Camilla," who was pregnant at the time. Camilla was never particularly nice to our family, and my brother loved her, and we tried to accept her.



ANN LANDERS

The night before the wedding, Camilla had several drinks too many and told me the baby was not Andy's. She said she had slept with another man I know. (He is married and has two children.) Because she was drunk, I ignored her ramblings. When she gave birth, we all adored the new baby girl. Andy and Camilla got a divorce two months ago. Since then, she has been making constant demands for more child support. She refuses to get a job, and Andy is paying for all her living expenses. Meanwhile, Andy's financial situation has deteriorated, and he has been forced to move in with my husband and me.

parentage, and your brother loves the little girl. If he harbors any doubts about being the father, he will take matters into his own hands. You should not be involved.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter about a man who offered marijuana to his 15-year-old sister-in-law. You said he was irresponsible and should be confronted. I agree. However, there is one factor you may have overlooked.

This man offered pot to the girl, but not her brother. I was also offered marijuana by a married man when I was in my teens. He was hoping I would get high and be amenable to his sexual advances. I am convinced this "irresponsible" brother-in-law was trying the same tactic on the 15-year-old girl.

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This jerk should not be protected by his victim's silence. She needs to be reassured that she is not causing a family problem by speaking up. It is not her fault, it is HIS. Tell her, Ann. — Another Victim in Wilmette, Ill.

Dear Victim: Thank you for pointing out that the offer of a joint may have been an attempt at seduction. Regardless of the underlying reason, I hope that mother reads him the riot act.

Dear Ann Landers: I read with interest the letter from "Still Shocked in Vancouver," whose relative took photographs of a funeral.

Andy loves his baby daughter and is going through hell to keep things together for her sake. However, as the baby gets older, I can't help but notice she bears a strong resemblance to the married lover's other children. I am reluctant to say anything to Andy, since he adores the child, but I cannot stand the way Camilla is taking advantage of him. If Andy takes a DNA test and discovers he is not the father, he will no longer have to support the baby and her mother. The married lover is not likely to help out either, because he is irresponsible and no good.

Should I keep quiet for the sake of the little girl? I am truly torn between letting Andy know the truth and leaving things alone. Please help me decide. — His Sister in Washington State

Please tell her that photography was invented by Daguerre in 1839, and within the next 12 years, there were daguerreotypes of deceased individuals, mostly children. Special plastic cases were produced with angels on them, specifically to hold and protect these post-mortem images. It was not considered distasteful. People used to treasure these mementos of their loved ones. — H.F. in Washington, D.C.

Dear Sister: Please stay out of this, not only for the sake of the child, but for your entire family's emotional well-being. A drunk confession is hardly evidence. You cannot be certain about the child's

Dear H.F.: Thanks for the history lesson. Apparently, I needed it.
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7:PM	The Chair (CC)	70s Show Undeclared	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Movie: Three Days (CC)	JAG (CC)	The Chair (CC)	Olympic Winter Games (CC)	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Orlando	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	(40) Movie: Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: The Con	Movie: Dead Women Want	Movie: What Women Want	Movie: Sweet November	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC)	Daring Robbenes
8:PM	Whose Line? 24 (CC)	Whose Line? 24 (CC)	Navy SEALs	Guardian (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Games (CC)	York Knicks at Orlando	Derecho de Nacer (SS)	Just Like Dad (CC)	Movie: The Con	Movie: Dead Women Want	Chris Isaak (CC)	Movie: Sweet November	Light of the Southwest	Law & Order (CC)	New Detectives (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Unmasked!
9:PM	Be a Millionaire	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Secret Life of the Brain	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Judging Amy (CC)	Be a Millionaire		Magic NBA	Aqui y Ahora	(35) Movie: Nightjohn (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Menace II	Queer as Folk (CC)	Sex and-City Greenlight	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Witchblade (CC)	Daring Robbenes
10:PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News	Basketball Wizards at Lakers	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ	Movie: Menace II	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Menace II	Queer as Folk (CC)	Sex and-City Greenlight	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Witchblade (CC)	Daring Robbenes
11:PM	Politically Inc Cheers	Suddenly Mad Abt. You	Nautilus	Wonder Years Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(05) Olympic Winter	Lakers	En las Mejores Familias	Jett Jackson	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	Society (45) Movie: Jett Jackson	Movie: Fidel (CC)	(10) Oz (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	New Detectives	Movie: One Good Cop	Unmasked!
12:AM	Cowboy Paid Program	Spin City (CC) Paid Program	Nautilus	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(35) Olympic	Inside NBA Movie: Bowling	Maria la del Barrio	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	Judge Dredd (CC)	Dennis Miller (40) Movie:	Faith Pleases God	Law & Order (CC)	New Detectives (CC)			Seeing Is Believing

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2002. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky.

On this date: In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe founded Savannah, Ga. In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote. In 1892, President Lincoln's birthday was declared a national holiday. In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded. In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C. In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York.

In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted on the Mutual network with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

In 1942, painter Grant Wood, creator of "American Gothic," died in Iowa City, Iowa, a day before his 51st birthday.

In 1973, the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

In 1999, the Senate voted to acquit President Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton released a letter he'd written as a student in 1969 in which he said he had decided to give up a draft deferment in order to "maintain my political viability." President Bush formally announced his bid for re-election.

Five years ago: The highest-ranking official to flee communist North Korea, Hwang Jang Yop, asked for political asylum at South Korea's consulate in Beijing. The Clinton administration gave permission to 10 U.S. news organizations

to open bureaus in Cuba.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 79. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 76. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is 72. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 68. Actor Joe Don Baker is 66. Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 63. Author Judy Blume is 64. Country singer Moe Bandy is 58. Actress Maud Adams is 57. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 57. Actor Michael Ironside is 52. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 52. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 50. Actress Joanna Kerns is 49. Actor-former talk show host Arsenio Hall is 47. Actress Christine Elise is 37. Actor Josh Brolin is 34.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

AS YOU LIKE IT by S.N.
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Army "lights out" tune
 - 5 Arsenal contents
 - 9 Considerably
 - 13 Move quickly
 - 14 Milker's container
 - 15 Theater level
 - 16 Emphatic "You're welcome!"
 - 19 Engine
 - 20 Ponce de ...
 - 21 Bear's home
 - 22 Paper repairer
 - 24 Pig's home
 - 26 Qty.
 - 29 Singing syllables
 - 31 African desert
 - 36 Be inconsistent
 - 38 Letterman rival
 - 40 Highway divisions
 - 41 Hot-dog toppings
 - 44 ___ of (very impressed by)
 - 45 Supposedly popular dog name
 - 46 Diminutive suffix
 - 47 Texas city
 - 49 Supply-and-demand sci.
 - 51 Donkey
 - 52 Highest level
 - 54 Leave out
 - 56 Tot's frequent question
 - 59 Honolulu's island
 - 61 Misplaces
 - 65 Pre-meal wish
 - 68 ___ la Douce
- DOWN**
- 1 Barbering job
 - 2 Sedan or coupe
 - 3 Attention-getting sound
 - 4 Take a photo
 - 5 Spring mo.
 - 6 Canadian flag symbol
 - 7 Eight furlongs
 - 8 Margarine substitutes
 - 9 Pacino et al.
 - 10 Noisy
 - 11 Folklore beast
 - 12 Adolescent
 - 17 River of Russia
 - 18 Colonizing insects
 - 23 Buddies
 - 25 New Haven school
 - 26 Steer clear of heaven
 - 27 Food from Perry Mason scene
 - 28 Frequent scene
 - 30 Daddy Warbucks' kid
 - 32 Patriot Nathan
 - 33 Singer Baker
 - 34 Takes it easy
 - 35 Fireplace residue
 - 37 Cry of distress
 - 39 Felix and Oscar, notably
 - 42 Like Felix
 - 43 Kitchen, e.g.
 - 48 Flue dirt
 - 50 River of Egypt
 - 53 Settle one's account
 - 55 Lugs around
 - 56 Flashy expert
 - 57 Roll-call response
 - 58 Sweet potatoes
 - 60 Mata ___
 - 62 Grain-storage building
 - 63 Greek letters
 - 64 Actress Ward
 - 66 Pied Piper follower
 - 67 Letter addenda: Abbr.

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