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**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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**VITA offers free tax return help**

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

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

Those interested are asked to bring their 2000 tax return, W2s and 1099 forms along with their tax booklet and other documents showing their 2001 income.

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

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

□ Friends of the Library, noon at the Howard County Library.

□ Big Spring Main Street, noon at the Railroad Museum, Second and Main.

□ Christmas in April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Wood work.

□ Masonic lodge 597 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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

□ American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m., 3203 W. Hwy 80.

**FRIDAY**

□ Soul Food luncheon at the VA Medical Center. Mt. Bethel choir will present a program in room 212 and lunch will be served in the VAMC rec hall.

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**ACS volunteer of year cited for her enthusiasm, passion**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

"She is like the Energizer bunny; she keeps going on and on and on," is how JoAnne Forrest, president of the American Cancer Society of the Howard-Glasscock unit, characterized the ACS volunteer of the year.

Diane Wood may not be banging a drum literally for the ACS, but she was recognized as the volunteer of the year Tuesday at the organization's annual

meeting for her tireless dedication to help with finding a cure for cancer.

"The passion she has just for her community is very heartwarming," Leslie Latuda Kitto, ACS executive director of Region 5 said.

"She is the poster girl for the American Cancer Society," Forrest said. "She is the absolute epitome of what an ACS volunteer should be."

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JoAnne Forrest, left, American Cancer Society president of the Howard-Glasscock unit, stands next to the ACS volunteer of the year Diane Wood. Also pictured is Leslie Latuda Kitto, ACS executive director of Region 5. Wood was awarded the honor at the organization's annual meeting Tuesday. HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Curtiss handed controls at airpark**

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

The new McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park manager made his first public appearance Tuesday night at the Big Spring City Council meeting.

Jim Curtiss, formerly of Florida, started work at the air park Monday.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think it's an exciting opportunity. There's only one place to go and that's straight up. (Previous air park management has) done an incredibly good job when you think about it. They've got a new terminal, new lighting coming in, they've got tenants out there. They've done some neat things, and for me to step in at this point, I'm honored."

Curtiss said the new air park has potential.

"We've got a tremendous amount of potential out there," he said. "There's a lot of land mass out there and there's a lot of buildings. The first challenge we've got is to get our ducks in a row, to get our contracts under control and to set up the airport so that we can manage what we've got. Before we come out with any grandiose programs or any incredible things to do, that's the first step. We've got to get these things in order."

Curtiss said he's impressed with the city staff.



New McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park Manager Jim Curtiss, left, talks with Big Spring realtors Bobby and Gloria McDonald, center, and Air Park Development Board Chairman Col. Jim Little, right, at the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening. Curtiss, who started work at the air park Monday, was formally introduced to the council and the public at the meeting.

"That's one of the reasons I came here, to be honest," he said. "The staff here, I feel welcome. In fact, I feel a little bit like family. The staff at the airport has been

incredible. We've got a team out there. I think we're going to have a good crew."

Most recently an employee at Walt Disney Institute

in Florida, Curtiss has a bachelor's degree in aeronautics and was a pilot for 16 years, said City Manager

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**Council ponders sewer woes, looks at cost**

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

A request for the city of Big Spring to provide sewer service for four families on Seminole Road was debated at the city council meeting Tuesday



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evening. The four are among more than 90 families inside the Big Spring city limits who are not connected to the city's sewer system and have septic tanks instead, said Director of Public Works Todd Darden.

The issue was on the agenda as a discussion item, so the council decided to look at it more closely at its Feb. 26 meeting and have city staff research a possible solution to the problem in

the meantime. Council members seemed split on the issue, with Councilman Chuck Cawthon in favor and Mayor Russ McEwen opposed to spending in excess of \$70,000 to correct the problem, possibly opening the door to requests from other citizens in similar straits.

"Looking at numbers that are \$50,000 to \$75,000 with our current budget, it doesn't fit. That's my difficulty

with this whole situation," McEwen said. "Plus, we have 96 other people total that are on septic systems, and if we provide sewer for these people, then are we obligating ourselves to those other people that are on septic systems? I think there's a real precedent that we'd be setting."

Cawthon argued for the measure, saying that he feels the city has a "moral

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**Stanton**

*Energas crews work all night to restore service to county seat*

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Energas employees have been working around the clock since Tuesday night to restore natural gas service to about 800 homes in Stanton.

The company pulled in crews around West Texas to shut off gas meters in the town after Energas officials decided problems in the system could cause possible unsafe conditions.

"Basically we had some equipment failure," Dan Alderson, manager of public affairs for Energas in Midland said. "A valve went bad and lowered the pressure system in Stanton."

The drop in pressure may have extinguished the pilot lights in appliances using gas, such as space heaters or water boilers, Alderson said. Once pressure was restored, gas could flow freely in the home or business because of the unlit pilot lights.

"Safety first is the highest priority whether it is our employees or our customers," Alderson said.

After the problem was fixed, crews began the task of restoring service to all the meters about 9 p.m., Alderson said. They worked through the night.

"About 7:30 this morning we had about 300 homes that still did not have the gas service restored," he said. "We expect to be back to normal about midday or this afternoon."

The city's nursing home, hospital and restaurants were top priority to restore service, Alderson said. Residents not at home when the crews arrived were left a note with a contact num-

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**Goliad fifth grade class gets into the spirit of Mardi Gras**

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

"Laissez les bon temps roulez, ya'll!"

Tuesday was Mardi Gras, the annual "Fat Tuesday" celebration.

A group of fifth graders at Goliad Elementary got a lesson Tuesday on the meaning of Mardi Gras. Catholics recognize the day as a last chance for fun before the religious season of Lent, an annual 40 days of fasting or other self-imposed deprivation before Easter.

In New Orleans, the whole period between Jan. 6 and Fat Tuesday is a non-stop party.

Pat DeAnda, the students' teacher, decided to use the event as a focal point for learning after a student asked questions about colorful masks pictured in a book.

"The reason we started this was

because a little girl brought a book of masks and asked me what Mardi Gras is. I thought it was an opportunity to learn what it is and the significance of it."

DeAnda said although the wild parades and parties of Mardi Gras might be far away, the day still plays a part in the lives of area Catholics.

"It has been moving inland and they have been doing it in other places (other than New Orleans)," she said. "It has significance in the religious populations. I think they understand that while it's a celebration it's also the start of something that's very important in many peoples' lives."

Several of the students were happy to show off some of their new knowledge of Mardi Gras.

"It's the day before Lent," said

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Goliad Elementary fifth-graders Deshay Watson, left, and Roy Garcia, right, both 10, work on construction paper Mardi Gras masks. Their teacher, Pat DeAnda, center, used the holiday Tuesday as a learning focus for writing, math and social studies.

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OBITUARIES

Mozelle A. Riddle

Funeral service for Mozelle A. Riddle, 84, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Tucker died today, Feb. 13, 2002, at a local hospital.

Mary Tucker

Funeral service for Mary Tucker, 53, of Stanton is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home. Mrs. Tucker died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at a Midland hospital.

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Wood was humbled by the award. "I fell like this should be going to the group," Wood said. "The entire group makes Relay for Life a success."

John Kyger, vice president of Income Development for the American Cancer Society, spoke to the crowd of about 50, recalling the accomplishments of the Howard-Glasscock unit and praising the volunteers for an outstanding job.

"In general this is what I call back-patting," Kyger said. "Too many times you may not hear from Austin, on the outstanding job that you do. So I want you to take your right hand and put it behind your back and pat yourself. This is from Austin, Texas and from Atlanta, Georgia (the national headquarters)."

Kyger said he wished he could clone the Howard-Glasscock unit volunteers. "I would love to take a number of your volunteers on the board and transplant you all over Texas," Kyger said.

Almost \$500,000 has been raised in the two counties from the annual Relay for Life event since its beginning seven years ago, Kyger said.

Money raised from events like Relay for Life goes toward research to find a cure for all types of cancer, Kyger said, and reminded the audience of the cure for hairy-cell leukemia found at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston. The research for the cure was sponsored by ACS money.

People diagnosed with hairy-cell leukemia — mostly found in children — had a survival rate of zero, Kyger said, until doctors found a vaccine that combats the disease. Now recurrence of the cancer is practically nonexistent, he said.

During the meeting, Kitto recognized the 2002-2003 board of directors including Forrest; Kay Clark, secretary; Simona Juarez and Marcie Lykken, volunteer involvement; Sherry Hodnett, patient services; Barbara Morris, tobacco control; Nancy Vassar, breast cancer awareness; Bill Birrell, prostate cancer

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awareness; Andre Clark, comprehensive school health; Katie Grimes, colorectal cancer awareness; and Wood, income development.

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Gary Fuqua. Fuqua said Curtiss was selected by a three member committee including himself, now-retired City Secretary and Finance Director Tom Ferguson and Air Park Development Board Chairman Colonel Jim Little.

"After meeting Jim Curtiss and spending the day with him, it was the unanimous decision of Tom, the colonel and I that this was the man we wanted to come in and help us with our air park," Fuqua said.

Fuqua added that there will be a reception for Curtiss sponsored by Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. at the Air Park terminal building at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

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ber to reschedule a time, he said.

"They are doing all they can do but because of the situation they have to take the safety precautions," Danny Fryar, Stanton city manager said.

Fryar said the town is coping with problem.

"You don't realize how big a problem it is until you don't have any gas in the whole town," he said.

"It did not get as cold as I thought it would but it is pretty miserable."

COUNCIL

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obligation" to provide sewer service to people inside its borders.

"I just feel like the city kind of goofed up. Not this council but the one that issued this permit to start with," he said. "We have a moral obligation. We've got a fund balance and we do budget amendments all the time. I'd like to put this on the next agenda as an action item and let each member vote his conscience."

McEwen suggested instead putting the item off until the annual summer budget revision.

As the issue was being debated, Big Spring real estate agent Bobby McDonald stood and told the council that an unused sewer line already exists in the vicinity of Seminole Street.

McDonald put the line in himself, he said, with the idea of developing an apartment complex in the area. The complex was never built, but the line is still in place, he said.

Darden said he could find no record of the line, which McDonald said crosses Wasson Road from east to west and abuts Thorpe Street near Seminole.

McDonald said he would assist city staff in locating the line and determining whether it would make a feasible sewer line for the families on Seminole.

GOLIAD

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Ashley Castillo, 11. "People wear the colors of Mardi Gras and put on beads."

Ten-year-old Pete Covarrubias was quick to expound on the colors of Mardi Gras.

"The colors are gold, purple and green," he said. "Gold represents power and wealth, purple represents justice and green represents faith."

DeAnda's bead-swathed students were hard at work making construction paper and glitter Mardi Gras masks Tuesday afternoon.

"We've written stories and drawn pictures about how our necklaces first started out," Laura Garcia, 10, said.

DeAnda explained: "They had math, where they had to do measurements and incorporate different shapes," she said.

"They discovered that anything they look at started out as a basic shape."

The lesson was taught using the Mardi Gras beads, which may be spherical or faceted in many different shapes, DeAnda said.

Mardi Gras ended at midnight Tuesday, and today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

FDA probes whether anti-anxiety herb is dangerous

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 45-year-old woman became jaundiced and then, in just months, became so ill she needed a liver transplant. Her doctor suspects the popular herbal supplement kava.

European health officials report 25 similar cases of liver toxicity, and some countries are banning kava sales. Now the Food and Drug Administration is investigating whether the herbal sedative — promoted to relieve anxiety, stress and insomnia — poses a danger.

Under review are 38 Americans, including the transplant recipient, with medical problems possibly associated with kava use. FDA scientists cannot yet say if the blockbuster seller is to blame.

"The jury's still out on kava," agrees Mark Blumenthal of the American Botanical Council, which joined industry groups in hiring a toxicologist to investigate.

Already Canada has urged consumers not to take kava until the question of its safety is settled; sales have halted in Switzerland and are suspended in Britain; Germany is acting to make kava a prescription drug. Here, the National Institutes of Health has suspended two kava studies.

And the FDA's inquiry has made some startling findings on how Americans use largely unregulated supplements. FDA records show that:

—Two 13-year-olds had to be hospitalized after using kava, one when the sleep-inducing herb apparently interacted with an anesthetic her dentist used on her and the other whose doctor reported she took a deliberate overdose.

—A woman suffering kidney and liver problems used more than 20 supplements and other over-the-counter remedies, handfuls of pills a day.

—Another woman popped up to 15 kava pills every day, more than three times the maximum recommended dose, in addition to Prozac and other prescription drugs.

Aside from the difficulty of teasing out kava's role, no one knows how dangerous it is to mix all these pills willy-nilly and take such high doses, says FDA dietary supplement chief Dr. Christine Taylor.

Worse, "kids who are still developing — their use of this is of particular concern. They're vulnerable," she warns.

It's the latest bad news for the \$16 billion supplement industry, which reports sharp sales declines last year. Since summer, the FDA has issued repeated warnings about supplements tainted with drugs and chemicals illegally posing as supplements and asked makers of the liver-

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

damaging herb comfrey to top selling it for internal use.

Under federal law, no one has to prove dietary supplements are safe or work as advertised before they begin selling. The FDA's \$9 million supplement division instead investigates problems and tries to curb use of products it can prove dangerous.

While kava is sold as a natural alternative to prescription anxiety relievers, little is known about how it works, says Dr. Jonathan Davidson of Duke University, who hopes his NIH-suspended study will resume to answer those questions.

BRIEFS

VFW POST 2013 WILL be having a chili supper March 2, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Post, 500 Driver Road.

There will be chili and all the fixings at \$5 per plate with dessert and drinks included. For more information call 267-5290.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING 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 1-800-233-2405.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 506, located at 3203 West Hwy 80, will have a fish fry Feb. 16, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Plates are \$6. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carry out is also available.

Call 263-2084 for more information.

Everyone is welcome.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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CASH 5: 12,17,31,26,18

block of West Highway 80. A building in the area reportedly received \$500 damage.

• THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street. Items worth \$11.89 were reported stolen.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT: 1
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY: 1
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 4
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 1
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 1
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 2
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 3
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 6
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION: 1
- FRAUD: 1
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: 1
- RESISTING ARREST: 1
- THEFT: 8

Convenience Store

Thefts: 7

Gasoline Drive-Offs: 7

INCIDENT REPORTS: 6

ACCIDENTS: 6

Major: 2

Minor: 4

ARRESTS: 16

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• SHANNA PIERCE-FIELD, 21, address unknown, was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• GERARD STEPHENS, 19, of 1406 Sycamore was arrested on charges of failure to identify/fugitive from justice and for 13 local warrants.

• BOBBY FRANK SHAW, 74, of Parker Heights was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOSEPH GARZA JR., 20, of 5706 E. Midway Road was arrested on charges of evading arrest and driving while intoxicated.

• LUIS O. SOSA, 50, of 519 Selman St. in Hobbs, N.M., was arrested to hold for Glasscock County.

• MANUELA SILVA RIVAS, 43, of 1208 Mesa was arrested on a Martin County warrant.

• ERIC WAYNE OLIVARRI, 23, of 3224 Cornell was arrested on four local warrants.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of South Birdwell Lane, the 700 block of West FM 700, the 2000 block of South Gregg, the 1600 block of South Gregg and the 1500 block of South Gregg.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of South Owens Street and the 400 block of FM 700.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road, the 1900 block of South Scurry Street, the 2900 block of West Highway 80

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF and ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. About \$400 damage to a building was reported.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 4600

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity

9:42 a.m. — 700 block of E. 11th, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:18 p.m. — 1300 block of Rice, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:33 p.m. — 1800 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:04 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, one patient transported to the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

11:52 p.m. — 1000 block of N. Birdwell Lane, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:34 p.m. — 3400 block of W. Seventh, structure fire, false call.

12:18 p.m. — 1300 block of Rice, structure fire, extinguished.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 55  
Tuesday's low 30  
Record high 85 in 1962  
Record low 14 in 1963  
Average high 63  
Average low 31  
Precip. Tuesday 0.00  
Month to date 1.42  
Year to date 1.42  
Sunrise Thursday 7:30 a.m.  
Sunset Thursday 8:31 p.m.

Inter

AUSTIN (AP) medical license peddling prescriber the Internet is suspension lifter

Dr. David L. B. who said he writes prescriptions on a San Antonio two-year period Tuesday before judge Tom Walls

Bryson was Wednesday, but woman Jill Wig might not rule February Texas state Board Examiners halt sales of Pill Box Antonio and license.

A board lawyer judge that Bryson

Most

GRAPEVINE government has most serious against a pilot using a false pass his job.

American Eagle Garmendia, 42, Venezuela, could sentenced to 1 prison if conviction of fraud sessions and statements. They were dropped Monday

Instead, his case handled in a segregation court, maximum punishment, Ligon, spokesman U.S. Immigrant Naturalization Service Garmendia was Saturday after flight at Dallas International

School about

McALLEN (AI) graders at a high school had been stopped during police, who was detecting wand contraband — which had been the school's principal

The event Mission Junior was part of a activities designed to take them on a between civil liberties national security Carmen Legge's Officers seized — like metal needles sharp edges games. One student had a boxcutter him by the pr detained. Some students had their shoes at police could check and soles.

At the end of students wrote experiences as the Texas Academic Skills coming up on Tuesday

"We wanted stable to experience issue," Legge Monitor of McAl

Three individuals in East Texas man's death

BEAUMONT Three Jasper County accused of running man who accepted offer for a ride indicted by a grand jury on charges.

The Jan. 19 death of Bimbo Tillery, some comparison 1998 case of James black man dragged to his three white men case, the victim was white and accused of killing black.

A Sabine County jury Monday Darrell Eugene Blake Tyrone L. Anthony Jerome

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# Internet doctor fights to get his medical license back

AUSTIN (AP) — A doctor whose medical license was suspended for peddling prescription drugs over the Internet is fighting to get the suspension lifted.

Dr. David L. Bryson of Kerrville, who said he wrote at least 20,000 prescriptions over the Internet for a San Antonio pharmacy over a two-year period, appeared Tuesday before administrative law judge Tom Walston.

Bryson was to return on Wednesday, but board spokeswoman Jill Wiggins said Walston might not rule for several months.

In February of last year, the Texas state Board of Medical Examiners halted the cyber drug sales of Pill Box Pharmacy of San Antonio and suspended Bryson's license.

A board lawyer told a hearing judge that Bryson's conduct was

"unethical and dangerous" and below the standard of care for Texas doctors.

Bryson said he advanced the idea to Pill Box Pharmacy owner William Stallknecht in January 1999.

Bryson said he made as much as \$9,000 a week from January 1999 until February 2001 consulting with patients by phone from his Kerrville home and writing prescriptions for the San Antonio pharmacy to fill by mail. He said the job also initially involved writing prescriptions based on patients' answers to online questionnaires.

"I was very good at it," Bryson, 64, said. "I was very successful."

Pill Box paid a \$15,000 penalty to Missouri in 1999 and agreed to cease drug deliveries there after being sued by the state.

Stallknecht said last year that he still provides online services in 49 states, but declined further comment.

Enforcement action by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy is pending against the Pill Box Pharmacy of San Antonio, and a decision could be announced at any time, a spokeswoman for the board said Tuesday.

State officials say only three Texas doctors have been disciplined for their work prescribing pills via the Internet, and that two of them worked for Stallknecht. Bryson was offered work by Pill Box after losing his job at Kerrville State Hospital, being sued and filing for bankruptcy, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Bryson, Pill Box's consulting physician, described to Walston

and state board lawyer Jean DeLoach how prescription drugs - including painkillers, muscle relaxants and Viagra - were peddled over the Internet, beginning in January 1999.

Customers would log on to the Pill Box Web site, order the drug, provide a credit card number, fill out a questionnaire, which would be perused by Bryson at his home office in Kerrville and, if approved, the medication would be sent via United Parcel Service.

In late 1999, Bryson said, he began to diagnose customers through telephone interviews.

DeLoach said Bryson prescribed "controlled substances and dangerous drugs" without testing, examining or monitoring patients and with no consultation with the patients' primary-care physicians. The State Board of Pharmacy

last year adopted a policy barring druggists from dispensing medications "if the pharmacist knows or should have known that the prescription was issued based on an Internet or telephonic consultation without a valid patient-practitioner relationship."

"It is unprofessional conduct for a physician to initially prescribe any dangerous drugs or controlled substances without first establishing a proper physician-patient relationship," says the board's Internet prescribing policy, adopted in December 1999.

The policy says a "proper" relationship requires, at a minimum, verifying a patient's identity, obtaining a patient's medical history and ensuring access to follow-up care. Such policies are being adopted across the nation by regulators.

## Most serious charges dropped against pilot

GRAPEVINE (AP) — The government has dropped the most serious charges against a pilot accused of using a false passport to get his job.

American Eagle pilot Luis Garmendia, 42, a native of Venezuela, could have been sentenced to 10 years in prison if convicted of possession of fraudulent documents and making false statements. Those charges were dropped Monday.

Instead, his case will be handled in a special immigration court, where the maximum punishment is deportation, said Lynn Ligon, spokesman for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Garmendia was arrested Saturday after landing a flight at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. He

was among seven pilots and two ramp workers charged with immigration-related offenses, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Miami.

The others were arrested in Florida and are being held in Miami. Ligon said there was no indication they were involved in any kind of terrorism.

Garmendia, who lives in an apartment in Grapevine, has a valid pilot's license, and public documents show he has a good flying record. American Eagle officials said he has been put on unpaid leave.

Garmendia paid \$25,000 for a counterfeit stamp in his passport indicating he had applied for a green card, according to the U.S. attorney's office. The passport stamp allows an immi-

grant to work and live in the United States while waiting for a green card.

Garmendia was released from jail Tuesday after his family paid \$10,000 bond. He told Dallas-Fort Worth television station KDFW that he hopes the INS can help him find the person who got him in legal trouble. He said that more than a year ago he learned the stamp was counterfeit and reported it to INS officers in Miami.

"They kept all my papers," he told the television station Tuesday. "They kept my original passport and everything saying they would look into it. There was a case opened on everything and they told me they would get back to me."

He said he gave investigators the name of the lawyer who put the stamp in his

passport.

Garmendia, who says American Eagle has not yet contacted him, is to go before an immigration judge in two weeks.

Garmendia apparently obtained the stamp before he got his job with American Eagle. Airline officials said they knew about the investigation before Garmendia was arrested Saturday.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Miami said the case is being reviewed by the INS and declined further comment.

Immigration lawyers said such violations have come under tougher scrutiny since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Everyone is being looked at," Fort Worth lawyer Richard Alley said.

## Pampa residents hope to convert old store to Woody Guthrie center

PAMPA (AP) — As the story goes, Woody Guthrie found his first guitar and began writing music in a Pampa drug store where he worked decades ago.

Some in this Panhandle town are now working to turn the abandoned Harris Drug Store into a tribute to Guthrie, who wrote "This Land Is Your Land" and went on to become a folk music hero.

"We really want it to be an active music center because we want to display talent," said Paulette Kirksey, president of the nonprofit group that works to keep Guthrie's legacy in Pampa alive. "We want people to be involved. It's more than just memorabilia."

Pampa residents looking

to promote tourism said they believe the center will attract visitors.

The center will include a display section, which will have memorabilia and music from various stages of Guthrie's career. There will also be a performance area for visiting musicians.

John Forister, co-chairman of the tourism committee of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, said there's no set timetable, but the center should be open within a year.

Forister put together plans to renovate the old store, said Thelma Bray, a longtime Pampa resident who wrote "Reflections: The Life and Times of Woody Guthrie."

## School students in Mission learn about civil liberties, security issues

McALLEN (AP) — Eighth-graders at a Mission junior high school had mixed feelings about being randomly stopped during class by police, who waved a metal-detecting wand to discover contraband — some of which had been planted by the school's principal.

The event Tuesday at Mission Junior High School was part of a full day of activities designed to educate them on the trade off between civil liberties and national security, principal Carmen Legge said.

Officers seized contraband — like metal necklaces with sharp edges and video games. One student who had a boxcutter planted on him by the principal was detained. Some confused students had to remove their shoes and belts so police could check buckles and soles.

At the end of the day, the students wrote about their experiences as practice for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills writing test coming up on Tuesday.

"We wanted students to be able to experience an issue," Legge told The Monitor of McAllen. "And lately, this has been on

everyone's mind."

Most of the educational sessions were in the classroom, where students learned about current events issues like the national identification cards and searches at airports and the border, Legge said.

Teachers used television news stories, newspaper articles and movies to highlight fears of an increasing invasion of privacy by the government.

"We wanted this to be very balanced," teacher Ana Lisa Santana said. "That way, students can write a paper forming their opinion based on facts and the first-hand experience."

Students took the information and performed skits, had discussions and wrote journal entries about if and

how much their rights should be denied to keep America safe.

After being subjected to metal detectors before going into an afternoon dance, some students said it really brought the issues home.

Daniel Crook, 13, said that while liberties were important, he would prefer greater security.

"It's more important to be safe," Crook said. "If you're not doing anything wrong, then you have nothing to worry about."

Fellow eighth-grader Samatha Salinas, 13, said she felt it was unfair to be searched at school.

"I didn't like it," she said. "It's not like we have gangs here or something. Rights are important, and people shouldn't search you without a reason."

## Three indicted in East Texas man's death

BEAUMONT (AP) — Three Jasper County men accused of running over a man who accepted their offer for a ride have been indicted by an East Texas grand jury on capital murder charges.

The Jan. 19 death of Ken Bimbo Tillery, 44, drew some comparisons to the 1998 case of James Byrd, the black man in Jasper dragged to his death by three white men. In this case, the victim, Tillery, was white and the three accused of killing him are black.

A Sabine County grand jury Monday indicted Darrell Eugene Gilbert, 32; Blake Tyrone Little, 34; and Anthony Jerome Holmes, 19.

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Retiring the flags of September

It's time. As much as we love the patriotic sentiment an unfettered flag represents, it's time to take down those torn and tattered star-spangled banners and give them a proper rest.

Many of us who felt powerless following the Sept. 11 attacks began displaying the flag as a show of solidarity. Flags of all shapes and sizes graced cars, trucks, freeway overpasses and lapels. Red, white and blue replaced autumn colors as the fall fashion statement.

However, we need to remember that the hallmark of winter is dirty grime. ... Fabric flags suspended from car antennas, pickup trucks and semis have taken a beating and are looking pretty sad and sorry — especially those whipped along at 60 mph on the freeway. These colors may not run, but they do unravel.

Out of respect, it's time to take them down. This, of course, begs the question — what should one do with a damaged flag? Turning for advice to the American Legion web site at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) we discover the answer:

"Question: How are unserviceable flags destroyed?"

"Answer: The Flag Code suggests that, 'when a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed, preferably by burning.' For individual citizens, this should be done discreetly so the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration. Many American Legion Posts conduct Disposal of Unserviceable Flag Ceremonies on June 14, Flag Day. This ceremony creates a particularly dignified and solemn occasion for the retirement of unserviceable flags."

... Of course, there's nothing stopping someone from going out to purchase a new all-weather flag to replace the damaged one.

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The promise of snow in the Deep South

FISHTRAP HOLLOW, Miss. — One of the joys of Southern living is being incapable of that blasé attitude about snow that so many in the North and West possess.

An inch fell here last night, and I stayed up too late watching, judging the potential of each falling flake against the porch light. Would this be the precipitation that finally smoothed my home's rough edges and finished the folk art masterpiece only I can see?

Turns out that would require two inches, not just the one. The brush piles and odd lumber stacked next to the barn, the briars in the uncut hayfield, exposed pipes beneath my office — all of those messes shook off the flattering frosting by 10 a.m. and were ugly as ever, snow or no snow. Another inch might have done the job.

It was hard to know what to expect, even in this age of advanced communications — possibly because of

this age of advanced communications. The dish that catches my TV doesn't snag a Memphis or Nashville channel, which might help a little. Instead, I can follow closely weather and politics and general mayhem in New York, but haven't the slightest idea what to expect in the front yard.

There is also a full-time weather channel, which half of this household is sold on, and I find confusing. But because snow was in the air — and some said soon to be on the ground — I tried to watch. A woman announcer in winter garb was explaining a makeup that would give you the same rosy cheeks as a morning on the ski slopes. She never predicted where those ski slopes were likely to be.

When the channel finally turned its attention to the actual forecast, it gave details about Dallas, then Atlanta, and dismissed those of us strung between the two metropolises as "the rest of the Deep South." Our best bet was to buy the makeup for rosy cheeks in case the storm leapfrogged.

I resorted to radio, which I often do. Enron officials were being subpoenaed by Congress, they were still wrangling with restricting down in Jackson, and

the temperature was 38 in Memphis. A Fred's store in Athens, Ala., had a giant clock sale going on.

Still, no definitive forecast for the closest town to me, which isn't all that close.

I made preparations just in case, probably because down deep in me burn the embers of a youthful desire I've never gotten over to spend a winter snowbound in Stanley, Idaho. I even know the cabin I'd rent. Probably I'd last about two days before beginning to babble about tropical islands.

This was not Idaho, but Mississippi. Still, snow was on the way. I just knew it. The cats sensed it. There had been long lines in town at the Piggly Wiggly.

I laid old newspapers on the kitchen floor, then brought in my stack of firewood. I put my camera and a spare roll of film out where I could grab them on the fly. I let the dogs out of the fence for a final romp, and made sure the lamp was lit in their plastic igloo.

By the time I'd finished all of that, a soft snow was falling, fat flakes you could feel on your eyelashes and the back of your neck. I turned off the professional forecasters and watched for myself.

If I could see a sight more

beautiful, I've never seen it. And because significant snowfall is so rare Down Here, I'm capable of full-tilt appreciation.

By the time I went to bed, the deck was tucked beneath a white down comforter. The flying frog that hangs from the arbor had snow on its wings.

The gazing globe in the garden wore a white beret. The red swing in the tree was striped like a candy cane.

Morning wasn't quite as magical. We really did need another inch to transform the workaday world.

My own boot tracks looked like staples punched through a white envelope, and the muddy road was an orange smear across the landscape. The trees were just a little snow in their armpits.

When you're Southern, you learn to play the snow hand you're dealt; wait around for the perfect snowfall and, before you know it, you're 90. So I rushed outside with my camera, careful to edit out boot tracks and exposed dirt and pipes as I framed and shot next year's Christmas cards.

This inch of Southern snow might not have inspired a Robert Frost, but it got me up and out and creating. Give me an inch, and I'll make mileage.



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Browsing in the Alto Library

A couple of old buildings in downtown Alto have been remodeled and transformed into a substantial library.

"We have 13,000 volumes," says librarian Virginia Singletary. "We think that's pretty good for a town of this size."

Virginia volunteered for the library job 30 years ago and she still has it. She has never taken a penny in salary.

"We used to be pretty crowded when our library was in a residential area, but now we have 4,000 square feet of floor space. People have meetings here. We can display things and have our books, tapes and videos where people can get to them conveniently."

The library is located right next door to a dollar store and gets plenty of traffic. The Gates foundation donated two computers to the Alto library.

"The kids really use those things."

The library is open three

afternoons a week and Saturday mornings. It was started by a women's group called the Thursday Study Club and is still maintained by those women.

"The city provides the utilities and the insurance. All the other support comes from these 16 women. They've done all kinds of fund-raising activities. They've been successful enough in the past that they bought CD's and are now providing funds from the interest."

The library has some unique displays. An old rope counter sits in the front of the building. Various types of ropes were sold on it years ago.

"We have a big collection of historic photographs. We started during the sesqui-centennial year of 1986 and made photographs our main project. We had people from all over the area bring in photographs of their families, the town, industries, buildings, anything they had that was 50 years old or older."

The library copied the photos and returned them to their owners, then developed an elaborate filing system to store them. The collection has 2,500 photographs from Alto and the surrounding area.

"If somebody's house

burned and they lost their pictures, they could come here and get copies of them."

The library also has some items from a German prisoner of war camp that was on the edge of Alto during World War II.

"The prisoners were hired out to work in the woods. The camp didn't last very long, less than a year. Whenever they closed down the camp, they took away all the buildings. There's nothing left there. Not many people know about this camp. There's a book out called Nazis in the Piney Woods that talks about other camps in the area, but this one is not mentioned. We know it was there."

A local doctor went to the camp regularly to treat the prisoners when they became ill. One of them gave the doctor a beautiful carving which has been donated to the library.

"We also have a copy of a prisoner of war newsletter that was published at the big camp in Tyler and circulated to all the smaller camps around. It's written in German and English. I suppose they had to translate it into English so the officers at the camp would know what was being said."



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# Congress hearing challenges of Enron CEO Skilling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress wants to hear from an Enron Corp. official who warned then-Chairman Kenneth Lay of serious financial problems just months before the company's collapse.

Lay invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination at a Senate hearing Tuesday and refused to answer questions about the dealings that led to Enron's collapse, which financially wiped out thousands of Enron workers and numerous investors nationwide and rattled Wall Street.

William Powers, the University of Texas law school dean who headed Enron's internal investigation into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history, reached highly critical conclusions about the financial structure of the Houston-based energy trading company and the conduct of its top officials. His group's report dissected a series of complex partnerships that

## Former Enron Chairman Lay, wife get \$10 million for cottage

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay and his wife have sold a cottage for \$10 million, fetching the highest price per square foot that real estate agents can remember in this haven for the rich and famous.

The Lays, who have three other Aspen properties for sale, paid \$1.9 million in 1991 for the 3,015-square-foot house on a three-acre lot, part of

which fronts the Roaring Fork River. The new owners, who have remained anonymous, paid Lay and his wife, Linda, the equivalent of \$3,330 a square foot, according to the warranty deed made public Tuesday.

"The highest price any home has ever sold here before is around \$1,260 a square foot," real estate broker Heidi Houston said.

The Lays sold the secluded home

last week without formally listing it with broker, Joshua Saslove. The deal was bittersweet, Saslove said.

"It was their personal family retreat, and they were very apprehensive about having to sell it because they have spent so much time there," Saslove said. "They had children baptized there. They held weddings there. They buried their pets in the backyard."

investigators say led to Enron's downfall.

Powers, whose assessment has been well received by lawmakers, testified at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing Tuesday that Lay clearly approved of the partnership arrangements and knew they were being used to keep hundreds of millions of dollars of debt off Enron's balance sheet.

Powers also said Lay approved Andrew Fastow's serving a dual role as head of a partnership while still Enron's chief financial officer,

contrary to Enron's code of ethics, and that he sat in on at least one meeting in which a partnership transaction was discussed.

Meanwhile, Rep. Jim Greenwood, R-Pa., chairman of a House investigation subcommittee, said he hoped to question Enron executive Sherron Watkins — who warned Lay and others — on Wednesday and that his panel would issue a "friendly subpoena" for her appearance on Thursday.

Watkins sent Lay a detailed memo in August

and subsequently met with him. Her lawyer, Philip Hilder, has said she had additional meetings with Lay in October.

Powers said Lay "bears significant responsibility ... for Enron's failure to implement sufficiently rigorous procedural controls to prevent the abuses." In one instance, he noted, "Mr. Lay had signed off on a deal approval sheet" for a transaction related to the partnerships.

Powers said Lay, in interviews with the Enron inves-

tigators, had said he thought the partnerships and transactions involving them "were OK because Andersen (Enron's auditing firm) signed off on them."

Lay's wife, Linda, has publicly defended him and said he was largely misled by underlings.

Powers also disputed congressional testimony last week by Jeffrey Skilling, Enron's former chief executive officer, that he did not know details of certain transactions between Enron and one of the partnerships

allegedly used by the company to hide debt and disguise losses.

Skilling's assertion was met with disbelief from lawmakers, and senators had wanted to ask Lay on Tuesday what Skilling may have told him.

"I think there's substantial evidence that Mr. Skilling was involved," Powers said in response to senators' questions.

Lay, before he asserted his constitutional protection, had to sit through an hour-long browbeating by senators who vilified him as a con man who betrayed Americans' trust. He expressed "profound sadness" over the reverberating impact of Enron's failure but rejected pleas to testify about it. Lay conceded his silence may cause some to believe "I have something to hide."

Lay joined five other men who have cited the Fifth Amendment and declined to testify.

# Innocent plea expected from Lindh; both sides seek to delay trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — An American who fought with the Taliban in Afghanistan is expected to plead innocent to a 10-count indictment, as prosecutors and defense lawyers agree the trial should start no earlier than mid-November.

With John Walker Lindh's lawyers vigorously fighting the charges, the former California resident was being arraigned today before U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III. He was moved from the Alexandria jail to the federal courthouse two hours before his scheduled appearance.

Lindh's parents arrived together at the courthouse

in the morning in the same vehicle as one of his lawyers, saying nothing to reporters as they entered the building.

Also present at the trial are Johnny and Gail Spann, the parents of CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann, who was killed in a prison uprising in Mazar e-Sharif in November shortly after questioning Lindh. His widow, Shannon Spann, also plans to watch the trial.

Before months of legal squabbling is to begin, the defense and federal prosecu-

tors filed a rare, joint motion Tuesday agreeing to put off the trial for at least nine months.

The defense said it would need time to conduct overseas investigations, handle classified information, argue for suppression of evidence and allow the effects of prejudicial publicity to fade.

Federal prosecutors said they disagreed with a delay due to publicity, but accepted the other reasons for a November date.

Until now the two sides

have agreed on little, with prosecutors portraying Lindh as a cold-blooded killer who hated America, and the defense contending he signed up to fight the anti-Taliban northern alliance, not the United States.

Lindh, who just turned 21, could face life imprison-

ment if convicted of the major charges.

The defense said in the motion that "due to the high level of prejudicial publicity, passage of time will be necessary in order that the defendant receive a fair and impartial trial."

The federal courthouse in Alexandria is just a few

miles from the Pentagon, where suicide hijackers crashed one of the four airliners they commandeered on Sept. 11.

Pointing out that the indictment describes Lindh's conduct in Yemen, Pakistan and Afghanistan, the defense said it would conduct interviews abroad.

## Officials suspect al-Qaida links to latest terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft urged Americans to adopt "the highest state of alert" in the search for 17 men possibly linked to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network and believed to have planned an attack against the United States or its people in Yemen.

The FBI said Tuesday it based an unusually detailed public warning on information from interviews by U.S. officials with detainees in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in Afghanistan. Three earlier alerts were vague as to the date of any potential attack.

The latest, listing names of possible terrorists and warning of an attack "on or around" Tuesday, did not specify any possible targets.

The warning identified the possible ringleader as Fawaz Yahya al-Rabeei, a Yemeni citizen born in 1979 in Saudi Arabia. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said al-Rabeei is believed to have links to al-Qaida but is not believed to have been involved in the attack against the USS Cole in the Yemeni port of Aden in 2000.

Ashcroft, in San Antonio for a speech, described al-Rabeei and the 16 others in the warning as "individuals who may be associated with Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida network." He did not elaborate.

The FBI published photos of al-Rabeei and 12 of the others on its Web site, www.fbi.gov. The FBI asked police "to stop and detain" any of those in the alert and said they should be considered extremely dangerous.

Officials acknowledged they did not know whether al-Rabeei was in the United States and could not be sure even that he was alive. A hurried review of immigration records showed no indication he had ever been in the United States, a Justice Department official said.

Internationally, allies were trying to determine where al-Rabeei and his associates had traveled recently.

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Former student releases hostages taken in classroom, surrenders

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (AP) — A legally blind college graduate, described by a former roommate as a paranoid "hermit," was in police custody Wednesday after taking 28 people hostage in a university classroom and claiming to have a bomb.

Authorities said additional charges were pending. The hostages, including an associate professor and students, were released gradually over the course of the seven-hour standoff at Fairfield University. No one was injured.

Arbello remained in the classroom for about an hour after he released the last hostage, Fairfield First Selectman Kenneth Flatto said. Arbello "came out and gave himself up peacefully," university spokeswoman Nancy Habetz said.

The 2001 graduate of the Roman Catholic university was held on a \$500,000 bond. Police said Arbello did not have a real bomb. Stephen Kriso, of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., roomed with Arbello during the 1996-97 school year. He said Arbello did everything before sundown because he was legally blind, and then would spend all night in the dorm room.

Arbello usually ate dinner when the cafeteria opened at 4 p.m. to avoid crowds, Kriso said. "He was basically a hermit," he said. Kriso said Arbello had never exhibited any violent behavior. The religious studies class Arbello interrupted, "Voices of Medieval Women," is taught by Elizabeth A. Dreyer, the associate profes-

sor who was among the hostages. Senior Ripton Marini of Rochester, N.Y., the last hostage to be freed, said the class had been proceeding normally when Arbello walked in. "He told us he had a bomb and he wanted to get his views across," he said. Arbello released students who said they were sick or too scared to stay.

DEA chief faces protests after agents bust medical marijuana club

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In the latest tussle between local and federal officials over medical marijuana, the head of the Drug Enforcement Agency was jeered by city leaders hours after his agents raided a club that provides pot to sick people. DEA Administrator Asa Hutchinson was denounced Tuesday while delivering a speech at the Commonwealth Club of California. Audience members shouted "Liar!" when he said "science has told us so far there is no medical benefit for smoking marijuana."

Earlier, federal agents seized more than 600 pot plants from the Harm Reduction Center and arrested the group's executive director. Three other men also were arrested. The raid coincided with President Bush's announcement of a stepped-up war on drugs, with a goal of cutting drug abuse by 25 percent in five years, in part through improved law enforcement. California, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Maine, Oregon and Washington state allow the infirm to receive, possess, grow or smoke marijuana for medical purposes without fear of state prosecution.

The U.S. Supreme Court said last year it is illegal to distribute marijuana for medical reasons. During the raid, the Harm Reduction Center's executive director, Richard Watts, was arrested and two other men were charged with growing more than 100 pot plants. In a separate case, a fourth man was charged with growing more than 1,000 marijuana plants. "They all are connected with marijuana smuggling," DEA spokesman Richard Meyer said. "We've said all along the cultivation and distribution of marijuana is illegal regardless of state or local law."

The center serves about 200 patients a day, all with doctors' recommendations to get the drug. Many suffer chronic pain from AIDS and cancer, said David Witty, the marijuana club's chief of security. San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan has been outspoken in his support of such clubs, and Police Chief Fred Lau has said his officers wouldn't take part in any raids. City leaders declared San Francisco a sanctuary for medical cannabis use last year. "This is a decision to be made by the voters of California and the people of the city and county of San Francisco," Hallinan said through a bullhorn outside the building where Hutchinson spoke. Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano went one step further, call-

ing the DEA an "obnoxious, grandstanding" agency. "I don't want somebody in my house that's not invited!" Ammiano shouted. In his speech, Hutchinson said "science has told us so far there is no medical benefit for smoking marijuana."

He also defended the arrests, saying "We have to enforce the law." Tuesday's raid is just one in a series of recent federal crackdowns in California. Agents shut down a West Hollywood cannabis club in October.

Nation's third-largest cable company says it records Web browsing of its 1 million Internet subscribers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Comcast Corp., the nation's third-largest cable company, has started recording the Web browsing activities of each of its 1 million high-speed Internet subscribers without notifying them of the change.

Comcast acknowledged Tuesday that it is recording which Web pages each customer visits as part of a technology overhaul that it hopes will save money and speed up its network, but which was not intended to infringe on privacy.

Outside experts — including the vendor whose powerful software Comcast is using — said Comcast is recording more information about the online activities of customers than is necessary for the technology enhancements. "It's not needed," said Steve Russell, a vice president for Inktomi Corp. Russell said Inktomi's software also records other information from Comcast subscribers, which can include passwords for Web sites and credit-card numbers under limited circumstances.

"I'm furious. They're monitoring and logging everybody's activities." Imburgia compared the monitoring to the surveillance software the FBI uses. "It's an evil, Carnivore-type thing," he said. Fitzpatrick acknowledged that customers weren't individually notified of any change in what's recorded behind the scenes. But he said Comcast's subscriber and privacy agreements, available on its Web site, tell customers that the company collects information "about where you go on the service or on the Web."

Comcast spokesman Tim Fitzpatrick, said Web browsing was already being recorded for its subscribers in Detroit and in parts of Delaware and Virginia, and would be extended across the nation by the end of this week. "I'm furious," said George Imburgia, an Internet security expert in Dover, Del., and a Comcast customer.

Russell discounted privacy concerns, saying engineers are using some of the information to improve Comcast performance and that many other Internet devices record data racing across computer networks. But two of the nation's largest Internet providers, America Online and Earthlink, said they purposely do not collect details about the Web browsing of their combined 35 million subscribers. "We definitely would have no interest in doing that at all," Earthlink's chief privacy officer, Les Seagraves, said. "We don't want to have customer records about where they've visited."

AOL spokesman Nicholas Graham said: "We do not track the personal Web activity of our members for privacy reasons." Comcast Executive Vice President Dave Watson said

the company records no more information about its customers than is common in the industry and no more than needed to optimize its network. He said that while the company records details about customer Web browsing, it does not use the information to build profiles of online consumer behavior. "Comcast absolutely does not share personal information about our customers, and we have the utmost respect for our customers' privacy," Watson said.

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High-profile anti-tax crusader removed as head of organization

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A tax-revolt proponent has been removed as chief spokesman for his anti-tax organization after confessing to a scheme to divert more than \$200,000 in campaign contributions to himself, his co-chairmen say.

Tim Eyman revealed in an interview with The Associated Press last week that he diverted \$45,000 in campaign contributions made to the group, Permanent Offense. He said he took the money at the end of 2000 and had planned to take another \$157,000 later this year.

Eyman has said he regrets lying, but didn't do anything illegal. The state Public Disclosure Commission has filed a formal complaint against him. Eyman remains a board member and strategist and is welcome to return in a lower-profile role later this year, said his successor as chief spokesman, Monte Benham.

The remaining co-chairs, Benham and Jack and Mike Fagan, said they will leave it to Eyman to decide what to do with the \$157,000 and whether to return the \$45,000. They have advised him to give the money back, but said the choice is Eyman's alone. Eyman released a statement downplaying his front-line role. "We have always been and

always will be a team," he said, adding, "The press and our opponents have never understood that our thousands of supporters were always the leaders of this movement and Monte, Jack, Mike and I were the followers."

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StarTek SPOTLIGHT. Janet Black is the new Call Center manager in our Big Spring facility. She is one of over 350 employees in our inbound call center. Below, Janet shares her story. "I am excited about coming to Big Spring and am putting forth a lot of effort and energy into making the call center an even more enjoyable workplace for our employees. I have spent the last six months here on an interim basis and have been impressed with the warm reception that StarTek has received throughout all of Howard County." But Janet didn't always work in Big Spring, how did she begin her career with this international publicly traded company? It all began four years ago in Laramie, WY. Janet was hired as a Team Manager and went to StarTek's corporate headquarters in Denver, CO for management development. Upon completion, she returned to Laramie and began managing employees. She did so with a lot of solid communication, empathy, goal setting, and flexibility. In fact, she was so successful, that she was promoted to Assistant Operations Manager. Janet says, "One of the very best things about working at StarTek is the fact that we promote from within. You don't have to be a computer expert to succeed here. Instead you need to have a positive attitude, desire to learn, and good customer service skills." Janet wants to make sure that all of Big Spring knows how happy StarTek is to be a part of the community. She also would like everyone to know what a great place StarTek is for full-time work. "Most of our benefits are based off of only 30 hours unlike most companies that require 40. In addition we have an Open Door policy where every employee's voice carries equal weight. StarTek also helps all employees pay for their childcare and holds monthly employee appreciation events. It really is a great place to be! I look forward to strengthening our partnership and am excited about my personal relocation." If you'd like to see the great things that are happening at StarTek, come check us out! NOW HIRING FULL AND PART-TIME StarTek • 501 Birdwell Lane Suite 30 • Big Spring • (915) 264-2700

New la now at Howard

Howard County Library has just received over twenty-five Large Print books. They are pretty well even-ly split between Mystery Westerns; but a few general fiction is a quick run-down what we got. I did a quick search our Online Catalog Max Brand (with Westerns) and found fifty different titles large print, west audio books. Did you know? Brand is the pen name of Frederick Faust created Dr. Kildare, Destry, and many fictional characters his website: http://maxbrand-and you can find more about him. We have received his westerns - Oath of Office, McTee, Tales of West and "Valk Jewels."

Brand writes a believable book and readers enjoy his Eighty motion picture have been made his work along with countless radio and television programs. Other Large Print Westerns are "Big Texas" and "Gun Razor Edge" by V. Robert Cox; Laur Paine's "Six-Gun Atonement"; "The Bloodrock Valley" by Ray Hogan; "Breath of Lee Hoffman"; "Smoky Trail" by Holmes.

As a quilter, I read Earlene books. The title of the book is the name of the quilt block and with Fowler's character Harper is a quilter and each book has a minor theme. Most of the books are located in the Mystery section and we have added two Large versions of "Fool and Irish Chain". Other books are "Goose in the Pot", "Seven Sisters", "Arkansas Trave", "Arkansas Trouble".

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## New large print books now available at Howard County Library

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between Mysteries and Westerns; but there are a few general fiction. Here is a quick rundown of what we got.

I did a quick search in our Online Catalog for Max Brand (writer of Westerns) and found over fifty different items in large print, westerns and audio books.

Did you know that Max Brand is the pen name of Frederick Faust and he created Dr. Kildare, Destry, and many other fictional characters? Go to his website:

<http://maxbrand-faust.com> and you can find out even more about him.

We have received four of his westerns — "The Oath of Office," "Safety McTee," "Tales of the Wild West" and "Valley of the Jewels."

Brand writes a taut, believable book and many readers enjoy his books. Eighty motion pictures have been made based on his work along with countless radio and television programs.

Other Large Print Westerns are "Bigger than Texas" and "Gunfight at Razor Edge" by William Robert Cox; Luran Paine's "Six-Gun Atonement;" "The Bloodrock Valley War" by Ray Hogan; "Bred to Kill" by Lee Hoffman and "The Smoky Trail" by L.P. Holmes.

As a quilter, I enjoy reading Earlene Fowler's books. The title of each book is the name of a quilt block and while Fowler's character Benni Harper is a quilter herself and each book has quilting as a minor theme. Most of the books are located in the Mystery section and we have added two Large Print versions of "Fool's Puzzle" and "Irish Chain."

Other books are — "Goose in the Pond," "Seven Sisters,"

"Arkansas Traveler" and "Kansas Troubles." Each of these books is delightful to read.

Another great mystery writer is Anne George. Her "Southern Sisters" series is an absolute hoot.

There are two sisters; Patricia Ann (aka "Mouse") and Mary Alice ("Sister") aged 60'ish (true Southern lady never reveals her age).

Her books take place in Birmingham, Alabama and some how, some way, they always get involved

in murder and mayhem.

We have two in the Mystery section — "Murder Boogies with Elvis" and "Murder Carries a Torch;" and in the Large Print section, we have: "Murder on a Bad Hair Day," "Murder on a Girl's Night Out" and "Murder Runs in the Family."

Each book can stand on its own; you don't have to read them in order.

Other mysteries are — Marian Babson's "The Company of Cats," Nancy Pickard's "Generous Death," "The Poysen Brew" by Karen Harper — this book is an Elizabethan mystery, dealing with Princess Elizabeth and her sister Queen Mary, "Dance for the Dead" by Thomas Perry, and Nancy Atherton's "Aunt Dimity's Christmas."

We do have more; I have just run out of space!

General fiction — we have Jan Karon's Mitford series! "At Home in Mitford," "A Light in the Window," "These High Green Hills," and "Out to Canaan." Other books are "For Love of the Game" by Michael Shaara, "The Best Revenge" by Stella Cameron, and "The Blessing of the Animals" by Philip Gonzales.

This is a neat little book — true stories about a dog, Ginny, who rescues cats!

New history books that we have received are — "A People's History of the United States, 1492-Present" written by Howard Zin and "The African-American Century — How Black Americans Have Shaped Our Country" by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Cornel West.

Dr. Gates is the W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of Humanities at Harvard University.

Dr. West is the author of "Race Matters." A copy of this book is on display in the case in honor of Black History Month. Our copy is available for checkout.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Story-time is Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Area. The Library is located at 500 Main St., our phone number is 264-2260.

Howard County Library has received a new supply of IRS booklets for the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ forms. Copies of forms are also available at the usual 10 cents per copy. Because of the limited supply of booklets, patrons are restricted to only One booklet per taxpayer.

Hollis McCright is the Library Director at the Howard County Library and writes a weekly column for the Herald.

## Mother of blind preschooler makes Braille heart pendants

DENTON, Texas (AP) — For Leslie Anne Ligon, the silver heart-shaped pendant adorning her necklace is part fashion statement, part awareness campaign.

She designed the jewelry, in which "love" is engraved in Braille script on one side and printed in Braille on the other.

Her son Ethan was just 2 months old when doctors discovered he had bilaterally detached retinas and could not see.

"It was overwhelming. With the first child, you want to do everything right, so we read all the books," said Ligon, a former dancer. "Then I wondered, 'What did I do that may have caused this? What did I eat when I was pregnant?'"

Ligon and her husband, Eric, a communication design professor at the University of North Texas in Denton, were devastated, but hoped surgery could restore Ethan's sight.

It didn't. Then, after developing glaucoma at age 2 and suffering so much pain he couldn't sleep for months, Ethan's eyes were removed just before he turned 3.

Surgeons also inserted implants that enable Ethan, now 4, to wear lenses resembling eyes in movement and appearance.

Doctors told the Ligon's their son's condition was not caused by their genetics or anything they did. The couple's 3-year-old son, Spencer, is not disabled.

Ligon decided to stay home full time and raise Ethan to be "normal," she said. She struggled with fear and sadness, but she got help from teachers through a community outreach group and from other parents of visually impaired children.

Ligon and her husband agreed that Ethan should learn Braille as early as possible, but they were surprised at the shortage of qualified teachers.

Last fall Ligon, who made jewelry in the 1970s, decided to make pendants in hopes of generating more widespread interest in Braille. She envisioned something "fun and funky" and different from other, more expensive Braille jewelry. She had enough money for one design and chose a heart.

"I wanted sighted people to buy it as well," she said.

"That's the impetus for getting Braille out there."

Ligon could not find a local company to manufacture the pendants based solely on her drawings, but in December she happened to meet two Shanghai jewelry makers. The men agreed to work with Ligon.

After weeks of stumbling over translations and a last-minute trip to China, Ligon received 2,000 silver-plated hearts last month. They are available alone or attached to necklaces and beaded, stretch bracelets.

She hopes to sell them in stores, but is starting with jewelry shows. Ligon said she will donate part of the proceeds to the American Printing House for the Blind.

Ligon's jewelry is a good way to raise awareness of Braille, said Frances Mary D'Andrea, director of the American Foundation for the Blind's National Literacy Center, based in Atlanta.

"I think it's lovely," D'Andrea said. "It certainly attracts attention. People want to know what it says."

Only about 10 percent of people who are legally blind can read Braille, according to the Braille

Institute.

Many people lose their vision after age 65 and think learning Braille is too difficult, and they rely on audio technology, according to the AFB center that provides teacher training and other resources.

"Braille is important for blind people the same reasons why print is important for sighted people," D'Andrea said. "It's for education, employment, independence — things all tied to quality of life."

Ethan, who turns 5 in April, already knows the Braille alphabet.


He also plays piano, rides a bicycle, skates and sometimes wrestles playfully with his brother.

Ligon supervises him the way any mother would a sighted preschooler, although she fights the urge to be overprotective and carry him around.

Ethan uses a cane when walking outside his house.

"I don't know when he'll fully realize he's blind," she said. "When I'm driving, he'll hear an airplane and say, 'Roll down the window, Mommy, so I can see the plane.'"

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**IN BRIEF**

**Hawks post over McMurry**

Howard Hawks swept doubleheader McMurry University junior varsity afternoon at Jack Field. The Hawks opener 6-5 beating the Indians the nightcap. Now 5-3 on the Hawks Abilene Sunday bleader with Hardin-Simmons University JV 7 p.m. start.

**Lady Steers in extra innings**

Big Spring Steers took a 1-0 Midland Grangerettes innings Tuesday thrilling way to softball season teams.

Both teams had tunitids to celebrations, but clutch didn't arrive extra inning.

Jamie Long the bench to Laura Olague international went into effect.

After a Lein strikeout, Alex singled to left Long to third base.

Bridget Cain gled to drive in winning run.

Watkins challenge win, going to inning distance eight hits, while out six.

The Lady Steers to Fort Worth end for tournament.

**Four-person scheduled at**

A four-person has been scheduled Saturday and Feb. 23-24, at Spring Country.

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**Softball tournament scheduled in**

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#### Hawks post sweep over McMurry JV

Howard College's Hawks swept a baseball doubleheader from McMurry University's junior varsity Tuesday afternoon at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks won the opener 6-5 before dominating the Indians, 7-1, in the nightcap.

Now 5-3 on the season, the Hawks travel to Abilene Sunday for a doubleheader with the Hardin-Simmons University JV set for a 3 p.m. start.

#### Lady Steers win 1-0 in extra innings

Big Spring's Lady Steers took a 1-0 win over Midland Greenwood's Rangerettes in eight innings Tuesday, a thrilling way to start the softball season for both teams.

Both teams had opportunities to score in regulations, but clutch hitting didn't arrive until the extra inning.

Jamie Long came off the bench to run for Laura Olague, as an international tiebreaker went into effect.

After a Leina Braxton strikeout, Alex Watkins singled to left, moving Long to third base.

Bridget Cain then singled to drive in the game-winning run.

Watkins chalked up the win, going the eight-inning distance allowing eight hits, while striking out six.

The Lady Steers travel to Fort Worth this weekend for tournament play.

#### 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.

The fee includes mulligans and barbecue on the course both days.

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

For more info, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

#### Softball tournament scheduled in Stanton

The "Pre-Spring Bash for Cash Men's Softball Tournament" has been scheduled for March 2-3 in Stanton.

Fees are \$110 per team and a 6-home run format will be used for the tournament. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

For more info, call Michael Paul at 631-4361 or Jose at 631-2846.

### ON THE AIR

**Radio**  
**PRO BASKETBALL**  
8:30 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Portland Trail Blazers, KBST-AM 1490.

**Television**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Men**  
6:30 p.m. — Georgia Tech at Maryland, ESPN2.  
8:30 p.m. — Memphis at Charlotte, ESPN2.

**PRO BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m. — Phoenix Suns at Minnesota Timberwolves, TNT.

**HOCKEY**  
7 p.m. — St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche, ESPN.

**OLYMPICS**  
7 p.m. — Alpine skiing, men's combined; Ski jumping, K-120 individual; Speedskating, women's 500; Short track speedskating, women's 1,500 final; Luge, women's singles final, NBC.

## Lady Longhorns take surprise win over No. 3 Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Texas coach Jody Conradt wanted to compare her team to one of the nation's best.

The No. 18 Longhorns, however, ended up teaching No. 3 Tennessee a thing or two.

Heather Schreiber scored 12 points, including a 3-pointer that gave Texas (16-7) the lead for good in a 69-66 win over Tennessee (20-3) Tuesday night.

Freshman Kala Bowers added 22 points, and Stacy Stephens had 12 rebounds for Texas, which had lost 13 straight games to the Lady Vols.

"I kept insisting that this is the best way at this point to measure ourselves. Tennessee and Connecticut, they are the standard right now. How do you know how

you stack up unless you play them?" Conradt said.

Tennessee coach Pat Summitt, who lost seven of her first nine games against Conradt's Longhorns and trails Conradt's all-time leading victories in women's basketball by three games, admired Texas' style in the early days of their rivalry.

The Lady Vols prefer that up-tempo pace but have bogged down in the half-court game recently. The Longhorns could do both Tuesday night.

"We were playing the kind of team that coach wants us to be," Tennessee's Michelle Snow said. "They just gave us a taste of what we should be."

It was a close game the whole way.

Neither team could stretch its lead until Schreiber hit a 3 with 4:43 left to put Texas ahead 65-63. She scored again with 3:03 left to extend the lead back to three after Snow made a free throw.

Loree Moore's minute later, but that was as close as the Lady Vols could get.

Tennessee missed two more shots before finally fouling Texas' Kenya Larkin with 30.1 seconds left. She made one free throw, and Tennessee called a timeout.

She missed the second, Kara Lawson got the rebound for the Lady Vols but she missed a shot and then Shyra Ely missed the putback.

Texas got the ball back and called another timeout with 15.7 seconds

left, and LaToya Davis came up with a steal for Tennessee. But Lawson missed a jumper with 10 seconds remaining.

Tennessee inbounded the ball for a final shot, but Brittany Jackson missed a 3 and Tasha Butts missed the putback as the buzzer sounded.

The Texas benches erupted into cheers and the players gathered at midcourt to celebrate as the Lady Vols hung their heads and filed off the court.

"They pushed tempo and ran their offense. They made big shots," Summitt said. "They came out very inspired and took it to us."

Snow led the Lady Vols with 16 points and had 10 rebounds while Ely had 14 points and Lawson and Moore each added 11.

## 'Dogs win to share 3-2A title

HERALD Staff Reports

PLAINS — Coahoma's Bulldogs made the most of an opportunity to claim a share of the District 3-2A boys' basketball championship Tuesday night, traveling to Plains where they posted a resounding 66-49 win on the Cowboys' home court.

With the win, the Bulldogs finish the regular season deadlocked atop the 4-2A standings and the two teams will now square off to determine the league's top playoff seeds on Friday. A time and site for that game has not yet been determined.

Chase Ward and Chase Davis led the way for the Bulldogs, scoring 16 points apiece, while Kelby Kemper added 11 more.

After jumping out to a 33-24 halftime lead, Coahoma saw Plains attempt a bit of a comeback, but held on to take control in the final minutes of play.

The Dogs, already assured of their first playoff appearance since 1999, decided to lay claim to a championship, however, and outscored Plains 16-7 down the stretch.

Moises Gonzales led the way for the Cowboys with 13 points, while Tanner Hamm had 11 and Jarod Newland chipped in 10.

The victory improved Coahoma's record to 15-8 on the season, while Plains dropped to 16-10 with the loss. Both teams finished 3-2A play with 8-2 records.

In junior varsity action Tuesday night, Coahoma took a 55-50 win to finish 16-7 on the year.

#### Forsan wins, but fails to qualify for playoffs

FORSAN — Needing to close out the regular season to have any chance of reaching the Class 2A basketball playoffs, Forsan's Buffaloes did what they had to do Tuesday night, taking a 70-56 win over Seagraves' Eagles.

Unfortunately, the Buffs needed a little help from Stanton, which had to defeat Colorado City in order for Forsan to tie for the third-place playoff spot in District 3-2A.

Colorado City defeated Stanton, however, leaving



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro  
Big Spring's Arthur Belvin (24) drives to the basket for a layup, as teammate Allen Jackson (12) looks on during the first quarter of the Steers final game of the 2001-2002 basketball season Tuesday night. The Steers suffered a 77-46 loss to Lubbock Estacado's Matadors.

the Buffs to look back on an 18-11 overall season record and a 5-5 finish in 3-2A play.

Zach Johnson led the way for the Buffs in Tuesday's win, scoring a game-high 27 points, while Wes Longorio added 15 more.

The Buff junior varsity also finished on a winning note, rolling past the young Eagles with a 20-point margin of victory, 44-24.

**Lady 'Kats roll to bi-district win**  
FORT STOCKTON — Garden City's Lady

Bearkats made sure there would be no bi-district playoff upset Tuesday night, as they jumped on top of Fort Hancock early and rolled to a 47-26 win.

Megan Niehues led the way for the Lady 'Kats, scoring a game-high 14 points and Jessica Hoch had nine more.

But it was the Garden City defense that sealed the deal, allowing the Lady 'Kats to advance to the area playoff round on Tuesday when they'll take on Roby at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

That area game is slated for an 8 p.m. tip.

#### Lady Buffs fall short in bi-district playoff

GAIL — Stanton's Lady Buffaloes found their stay in the Class 2A girls' basketball playoffs a brief one Tuesday night, as they suffered a 35-29 loss to Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs in a bi-district playoff doubleheader at the Borden County High School gymnasium.

No other details on the Lady Buffs' loss were available.

## Howard teams ready to entertain arch-rival Midland

### Hawks stressing 'whatever it takes to win'

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
The Hawks' motto Monday at Clarendon College was "whatever it takes for a win."

What they didn't gamble on was an 18-foot hole dug by the sharp shovels of a proficient Bulldog squad whose players made eight three-pointers in the first 8:00 of the contest.

"The way they were shooting, they could've beaten Duke," Howard College head coach Chris Jans said after the game.

The barrage of treys gave Clarendon a 34-16 jump-start and Jans and his staff were forced to play armchair psychologist to his young squad. "We called a time-out and told them to stay calm, and stay patient and just realize that it's a 40-minute game," the first-year head coach said.

"We had to go to a zone and try

and slow them down a little bit. We were thinking there was no way they could keep us this blistering pace."

A confident Clarendon squad (6-17, 0-9) fed its tenacious pace and 17-point lead but the Hawks continued to chip away — knotting the score with 15:18 remaining and taking the lead with 14:08 in the contest.

The Bulldogs regained the lead several times in the last 8:00 but went 3:00 without scoring with 7:00 left and Howard never relinquished the lead.

Howard's win put a screeching halt to a three-game losing skid and improving their league record to 4-5 behind South Plains College (23-2, 8-1), Odessa College (18-5, 7-2), New Mexico Military Institute (17-7, 6-3) and Midland College (14-10, 7-2).

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### Lady Hawks face No. 23 Lady Chaparrals

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
Midland College's Lady Chaps moved up a notch in the NJCAA polls released Tuesday from No. 24 to No. 23, way behind WJACAC-rival South Plains College, who remains at No. 3.

The two match up next week in an important contest to decide first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

But first Midland must face Howard College Thursday at 5:50 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Lady Hawks head coach Joey Wells hopes that Howard catches them as the Lady Chaps look beyond their game, concentrating only on the match-up at hand next week.

"I definitely think they're over-looking us," Wells said. "They feel like they've got better things going

than the game they've got Thursday (with Howard College). It's always a big game when we play Midland College."

The Lady Hawks will have teams from the Big Spring Youth Basketball League supporting Howard College as the girls' team members and players from the coed divisions will be introduced at half-time of their contest.

When Howard traveled to the Chap Center Jan. 21, the Lady Chaps crushed Howard 93-56. On Monday, they skated by New Mexico Junior College, 86-43.

"Last time, we didn't even compete, so I'm hoping the step we took (Monday) night and the fact that they embarrassed us the first time will be enough for us to give them a run," Wells said.

The step Wells is referring to is a

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SPORTS EXTRA

NBA

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists teams like New Jersey, Boston, Washington, Orlando, Philadelphia, New York, Miami.

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Central Division, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists teams like Milwaukee, Toronto, Detroit, Indiana, Charlotte, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago.

Table with columns: Western Conference, Midwest Division, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists teams like Dallas, Minnesota, San Antonio, Utah, Houston, Denver, Memphis.

Table with columns: Western Conference, Pacific Division, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists teams like Sacramento, L.A. Lakers, Portland, Phoenix, Seattle, L.A. Clippers, Golden State.

Table with columns: Today's Games, Tomorrow's Games, Thursday's Games, Friday's Games. Lists game times and matchups.

NHL

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like Philadelphia, N.Y. Islanders, New Jersey, N.Y. Rangers, Pittsburgh.

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Northeast Division, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like Boston, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Buffalo.

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Southeast Division, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like Carolina, Washington, Tampa Bay, Florida, Atlanta.

Table with columns: Western Conference, Central Division, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville, Columbus.

Table with columns: Western Conference, Northwest Division, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like Colorado, Edmonton, Vancouver, Calgary, Minnesota.

Table with columns: Western Conference, Pacific Division, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like San Jose, Los Angeles, Dallas, Phoenix, Anaheim.

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and over time loss.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shane Harns. LHP Matt Miller and C Mike Rivera on one-year contracts. Added INF Oscar Salazar and OF Craig Monroe to the 40-man roster.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with DH David Ortiz on a one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Paul Abbott on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Named Jim Sundberg minor league catching instructor.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Pete Harns on a one-year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Jeff Torborg manager, David Samson president, Larry Benifert senior vice president and general manager, Fred Ferreira senior vice president/director of international operations, Jim Fleming vice president of player development and scouting/assistant general manager, Brad Arnsberg pitching coach, Jeff Cox bullpen coach, Ozzie Guillen third base coach, Perry Hill first base-infield coach, Rick Renick bench coach, Bill Robinson hitting coach, and Pierre Arsenault bullpen coordinator.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Lincecum on a minor league contract.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Announced the resignations of David Samson, executive vice president, Larry Benifert, interim general manager, Jeff Torborg, manager, Fred Ferreira, vice president/director of international operations, Jim Fleming, director of scouting, Brad Arnsberg, pitching coach, Jeff Cox, bullpen coach, Ozzie Guillen, third base coach, Perry Hill, first base-infield coach, Rick Renick, bench coach, Bill Robinson, hitting coach, and Pierre Arsenault, bullpen coordinator. Named Tony Tavares president, Omar Minaya vice president and general manager, and Frank Robinson manager. Promoted Claude Delorme, vice president-development and stadium operations, to executive vice president, business affairs.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Fired Mickey White and Brannon Bonifay, scouts, and Ken Parker and George Zuraw, special assistants. Named Aaron Knutson trainer for Atlanta of the Eastern League. Agreed to terms with LHP Ron Villone on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed F Ira Newble for the remainder of the season.

DETROIT PISTONS—Activated F Rodney White and C Rikio Valde from the injured list. Placed F Brian Cardinal and F Victor Alexander on the injured list.

INDIANA PACERS—Placed F Carlos Rogers on the suspended list.

ORLANDO MAGIC—Activated C Patrick Ewing from the injured list. Placed G Jeryl Sasser on the injured list.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Placed F Vince Carter and F Jerome Williams on the injured list. Activated C Mamadou N'diaye and F Morris Peterson from the injured list.

proved inconclusive.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Buddy Morris strength and conditioning coach.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed DE Dorian Booze, WR Enc Chew, LB Troy Evans, S Toya Jones and C Mike Newell.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed OT Chris Zorn.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Named Lenny Corsentino sales manager, and Rodneil Workman marketing manager.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed LB Dax Strohmeier and T Kendrick Rogers to two-year contracts.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed FB Joey Gostspeed to a one-year contract.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned F Nikita Alexeev, F Martin Cibak and D Kristian Kudro to Springfield of the AHL, and F Dmitri Afanasev to Grand Rapids of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned D Nathan Dempsey and RW Jeff Farkas to St. John's of the AHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned G Sebastian Carpentier and D Jean-Francois Fortin to Portland of the AHL.

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

The final high school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Records reflect games played through Thursday.

BOYS

CLASS A

Division 1

1. Kountze 25.4

2. Wortham 24.1

3. Lapan 25.6

4. O'Donnell 25.1

5. Tenaha 25.4

6. Crosbyton 23.8

7. Brock 29.6

8. Farwell 29.6

9. Charlotte 29.5

10. Snook 29.5

CLASS A

Division 2

1. Goshwin 28.2

2. Utopia 26.1

3. Round Top-Carmine 27.5

4. Sattilo 28.0

5. Nazareth 27.3

6. Huckabay 26.5

7. Ira 22.3

8. New Home 22.2

9. Calvert 13.2

10. Balmorhea 20.1

CLASS 2A

1. Krum 29.1

2. Edgewood 29.1

3. Bigfoot 23.5

4. Abernathy 24.3

5. Peasler 24.6

6. Pilot Point 22.7

7. West Rusk 22.5

8. Little River Academy 29.3

9. Kerens 18.2

10. Sundown 23.5

CLASS 3A

1. Kountze 28.3

2. Gainesville 19.6

3. Clarksville 26.2

4. Lufkin-Hudson 28.3

5. Pittsburg 28.0

6. Hardin-Jefferson 24.5

7. Everman 21.8

8. Newton 17.3

9. Wimberley 27.5

10. Waco Lavaca 26.2

CLASS 4A

1. Beaumont-Ozen 26.2

2. Dallas Lincoln 32.0

3. North Crowley 28.3

4. Fort Worth Dunbar 27.2

5. Austin (LBI) 26.3

6. Texas City 24.3

7. San Antonio Sam Houston 30.2

8. Kernville Tivy 29.4

9. Belton 26.5

10. Angleton 27.3

CLASS 5A

1. Cedar Hill 29.1

2. The Colony 26.2

3. Fort Bend Hightower 27.3

4. San Antonio Reagan 27.3

5. A&M Consolidated 25.5

6. Victoria Memorial 25.5

7. Phrugenville 24.5

8. Bryan 27.3

9. Converse Judson 24.5

10. Arlington Sam Houston 25.6

GIRLS

CLASS A

Division 1

1. Brock 30.2

2. LaRue LaPoyner 26.2

3. Sudan 25.5

4. Kennard 25.4

5. Smyer 24.4

6. Moulton 28.2

7. Quinlan Boles 28.5

8. Baird 27.2

9. Chireno 26.1

10. Lovelady 26.4

Division 2

1. Nazareth 28.2

2. Whithairal 28.2

3. Sattilo 26.1

4. Priddy 28.2

5. Hedley 26.2

6. Borden County 24.5

7. Strawn 24.6

8. Gordon 27.1

9. Martinsville 26.4

10. Linglenville 24.6

CLASS 2A

1. Gunter 30.1

2. Cisco 30.1

3. Buffalo 26.6

4. Wall 25.2

5. Port Aransas 30.2

6. Boyd 27.3

7. Seagraves 28.1

8. Franston 29.5

9. Mt. Pleasant Chapel Hill 26.2

10. Kerens 28.5

CLASS 3A

1. Wrensboro 27.5

2. Perryton 29.2

3. Liberty-Eylau 24.5

4. Llano 26.4

5. Mulvane 26.4

6. Shallowater 27.4

7. Groesbeck 27.3

8. Canton 23.3

9. Brownsboro 26.4

10. Willis Point 25.4

CLASS 4A

1. Plainview 28.1

2. Canyon 27.1

3. Dallas Lincoln 18.5

4. Brenham 28.4

5. Medina Valley 28.2

6. Granbury 30.4

7. Angleton 27.3

8. Port Arthur Jefferson 20.3

9. Levelland 26.6

10. Southlake Carroll 24.6

CLASS 5A

1. Mansfield 29.3

2. Duncanville 29.4

3. Spring Westfield 30.1

4. Fort Bend Hightower 30.1

5. Amarillo 28.2

6. Eules Trinity 29.4

7. Weatherford 28.2

8. Tyler John Tyler 30.3

9. Houston Madison 25.2

10. Victoria Memorial 30.3

TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 10.

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record. Lists teams like Duke (71), Kansas, Maryland, Oklahoma, Cincinnati, Florida, Alabama, Gonzaga, Arizona, Kentucky, Marquette, Stanford, Miami, Pittsburgh, Virginia, Oklahoma St., Oregon, Illinois, Wake Forest, UCLA, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio St., N.C. State, Southern Cal.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Feb. 10.

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record. Lists teams like Connecticut (44), Stanford.

TENNIS

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upsets, finishing second and fourth in the consolation bracket.

Mindy Partee and Megan Roffers lost their first match to Andrews' DeVaza and Pollard in a three-set match 4-6, 7-5, 2-6. They won their second and third matches with El Paso's Romoro-Flores and Odessa High's Melendez-McPherson. The Big Spring duo then lost its finals match in third set tiebreaker [6-3, 5-7, 7-6(8)] to Andrews' Lawrence-Neighbors duo.

Lauren Chesworth and Jessica Rodriguez lost their first round match against Plainview's Bain and Webb. They defeated Elkins and Franco of Carlsbad and then were defeated by the Andrews' Lawrence-Neighbors duo, and finally by Melendez and McPherson of Odessa High in a three-set match. Jay Shroff finished second in boys' singles. He won his first two matches easily, defeating Brady Frazier of Andrews and Sean McKillip of El Paso. He defeated Jonathan Webb of Midland

High in a tough three-set match 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 and then was defeated by Midland's Marcos Valdez in the championship showdown.

Justin Ferrell stepped in to fill the second boys' singles slot and finished second in the consolation bracket. After losing his first-round match against Aaron Howard of Permian, he rebounded to win his second- and third-round matches against Jared Andersen of Carlsbad and Tyler Guthrie of Andrews before falling in the consolation final to Dimitri Andrews of Permian.

Brian Wingert and Alex Edgemon paired in boys' doubles to finish sixth. They won their first- and third-round matches against El Paso and Odessa High, but dropped their second- and final-round matches against Permian and Midland High, taking the final match to three sets before losing 5-7, 7-5, 7-5.

Michael Williamson and Ryan Vela stepped up to play second team boys' doubles and won the consolation championship.

After losing the opener to Permian's Kiser and Morgan, Williamson and Vela were dominant by winning their last three matches in two sets each against Andrews and Plainview tandems.

"I'm really excited about our tournament this weekend," Course said. "Big Spring has a real chance to be in the running for a trophy, something we've never done at our own tournament."

"We're building in skill and confidence toward district competition," she added. "We have more depth than we have had in many years and we are definitely a contender to reach regionals this spring."

Steers captain Alex Edgemon said a number of this weekend's matches promise to be exciting grudge matches, since some of these teams and individuals will be meeting each other for the third time this season.

The tournament will get under way at 8 a.m. Friday and finals will be staged Saturday morning.

LADY HAWKS

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75-70 loss Monday night at the hands of Clarendon College.

Howard trailed 37-40 at halftime, despite being down by 15 points early in the contest.

Led by sophomore Sherice Risby's 27 points, including seven three-pointers the Lady Hawks pulled ahead with 4:00 in the contest. Howard missed their free throws (11-of-22), while Clarendon shot 40 attempts.

"If we had made our free

throws down the stretch, it would have been a different game," Wells said. "They also got six extra shot attempts in the last four minutes because of offensive rebounds."

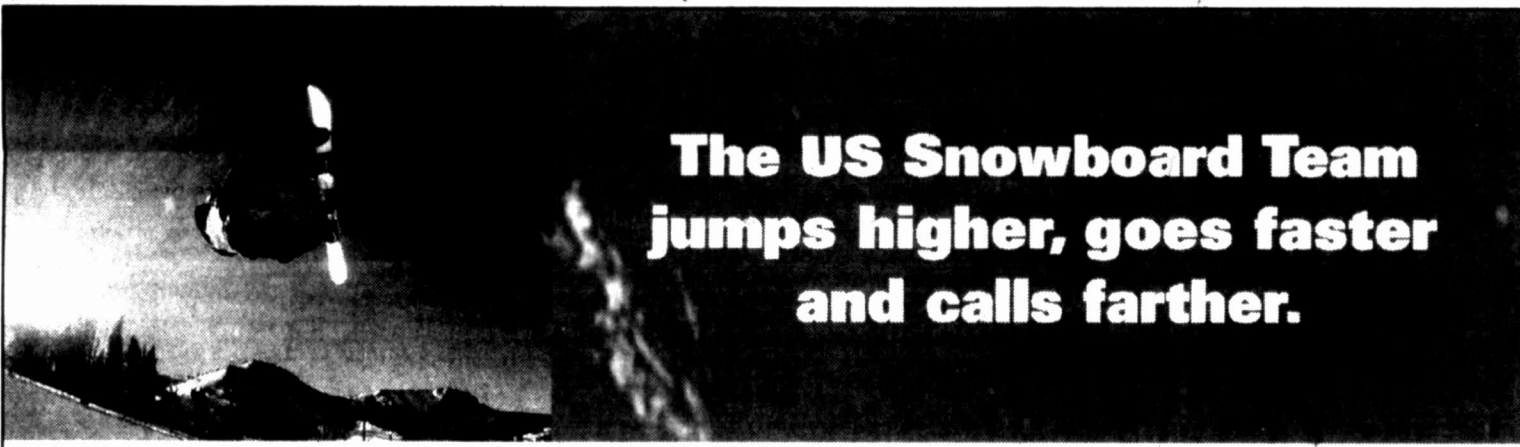
"I was happy at the effort. Obviously, I was not happy that we didn't win. But we have been struggling all year, and it was a step in the right direction. It definitely takes a lot of character. Basically, all we're playing for is pride."

Howard's roster has decreased with the weekend

dismissal of Alexis Burton, a 5-8 freshman guard from Arcola; Shenja Sturdivant, a 5-8 sophomore forward from Detroit; and Markeeta Hearn, a 6-0 sophomore post from Detroit.

The three were released for disciplinary reasons, Howard College Sports Information Director Stan Feaster said.

"We're down to eight players, and they played hard," Wells said of his team. "They could have folded, but they didn't."



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# With nine medals, U.S. on record Winter Olympics pace

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — At first, the idea that Americans could win 20 medals at the Winter Olympics seemed farfetched.

Now it appears conservative. Heck, the way things are going, the hosts might wind up with 30.

Nine medals have been draped around the necks of U.S. athletes through four days of competition, with Tuesday's haul including three: gold for Casey FitzRandolph and bronze for Kip Carpenter in the men's 500-meter speedskating, and silver for Travis Mayer in moguls.

So, even with skiers Jonny Moseley and Picabo Street unable to add to their medal collection Tuesday, the United States is still rapidly closing in on its record of 13 and could shatter the goal of 20 set in April by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Figure skater Todd Eldredge, a six-time national champion, isn't likely to add to the count after falling on his triple axel and botching the quadruple jump in the short program.

American Tim Goebel has a better chance as his mistake-free program left him third. Russia's Alexei Yagudin came out of the first round on top, followed by Japan's Takeshi Honda.

The action on the ice was overshadowed by the controversy over the pairs title won by Russia even though most observers felt the Canadians were better.

Canada's Olympic delegation demanded an investigation and the International Skating Union said Tuesday it would conduct a rare "internal assessment" of the way the two performances were judged.

The United States leads the overall medals count with three gold, four silver and two bronze. Austria is second with seven medals while Norway is the only country with as many gold as the Americans.

There are six chances to add to the total Wednesday, starting with 120-kilometer ski jumping. Also to be decided around midday are men's 10-kilometer biathlon

sprint, the women's 7.5-kilometer biathlon sprint and men's combined slalom.

Wednesday night events include finals in the 1,500-meter women's short track speedskating and women's luge singles.

**MEN'S SPEEDSKATING:** FitzRandolph's path to a gold medal was supposed to be super-fast laps. Nobody said anything about dodging orange cones.

Carpenter accidentally booted one into FitzRandolph's lane. It knocked off his right clapskate, causing him to wobble. He briefly dragged his left hand along the ice to steady himself, yet still crossed the finish 0.03 seconds ahead of defending Olympic gold medalist Hiroyasu Shimizu of Japan.

"To do it here in America, before so many friends and family and in these times, makes it perfect," said FitzRandolph, America's first 500 champion since Eric Heiden won all five events in 1980.

Carpenter grabbed third by 0.02.

"I just looked up and saw the number '3' and knew I'd won a bronze," he said.

**FIGURE SKATING:** Yagudin did his part. World champion Evgeny Plushenko didn't, meaning there's not likely to be a Russian rivalry in the long program Thursday.

Plushenko missed his quadruple toe loop, then blew off his combination jump. Yagudin charmed the crowd and judges by scooping up and releasing ice shavings at the start, then getting more exciting as he went along.

American Michael Weiss was eighth, just ahead of Eldredge.

The skating world, meanwhile, was still buzzing about the pairs judging dilemma.

"You really need to analyze the entire sport from top to bottom and see how something like this could happen," said Scott Hamilton, the 1984 gold medalist who was an NBC commentator at Monday night's event.

**WOMEN'S DOWNHILL:** Street's

performance Tuesday was a going-away present to herself and her fans. She kissed the ground before she started, then finished 16th in the final run of her career.

The throng waiting below didn't care, applauding her courage in returning from devastating injuries to both legs and trying to become the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals.

"This is the best day in my ski racing career and it's because of you," she told the crowd.

France's Carole Montillet, who had never won a World Cup downhill, won the gold with an almost flawless run.

**MEN'S MOGULS:** Jonny Moseley was the star of the show, drawing raves for his perfectly executed Dinner Roll move. Yet all it got him was fourth place.

Janne Lahtela of Finland, who prefers a more traditional style, won the gold and Mayer was the surprise silver medalist. Richard Gay of France won bronze.

## HAWKS

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The Chaps visit to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is particularly important as Howard heads into the final stretch of WJCAC play looking for one of four post-season spots.

Howard tips off at 7:50 p.m. following the women's contest.

The Hawks (16-9, 4-5) split with Midland College this year — winning at home during a preconference game and losing on the road.

When Howard traveled to the Chap Center on Jan. 21, Midland College walked away with a tough

59-50 win. MC possessed a 17-point lead in the contest, but Howard shrunk it to three late in the game. The first time they met in preconference, the Hawks earned a 76-67 victory.

"There's no question whether we can play with them," Jans said. "The question is whether we can execute for a full 40 minutes. We will have our hands full. We will have to play our best in order to win the game."

Midland is paced by Jeremiah Coleman, who is second in the league in scoring with 17.9 points and fourth in rebounding with 7.8

boards, and Shallowater product D' Hudson with 12 points per game.

But Jans said Midland's huge advantage is the efficiency of its program due in large part to head coach Scott Raines. "Everyone on their team knows what shot they have to shoot. They are very efficient offensively and defensively."

"It's not a situation where our guys should feel overmatched. Midland is just playing more efficiently than we are, and they just understand how they have to play to succeed. We've understand how we have to play; we just don't ex-

ecute the way we have to."

Howard will look at the two game films they have on Midland and try to develop a plan about ways they can be successful offensively. Jans said it will be important to pound the ball inside to leading scorer Zach Moss and big man Brandon Haughton.

They'll also have to depend on a slew of quick-shooting three-point specialists Maushae Byles, Jared Fears, Dominique Brown and Rodney Blackstock and asking their posts to pick up the offensive rebounds for second and third chances at the basket.

"Midland is a force inside with Bob Kaladokubo, (who was 6-for-8 from the field during Monday's contest with NMJC)," Jans said. "We have got to attack and put some pressure on them defensively."

All Big Spring Youth Basketball League players and their parents and grandparents will be admitted free during Thursday's contest. The girls' and the co-ed divisions will be introduced at halftime of the women's game. The boys' teams will take the court at half-time of the men's game.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Thursday, Feb. 14:**  
Deal with finances as if you were an accountant this year. Consider taking a class in taxes or some other facet of budgeting. Seek out experts, not friends! Your immediate circle changes and transforms. Pull away from those who are intent on power plays. Avoid mixing your personal and professional lives. You will gain wisdom this year, if you step back. If you are single, the love temperature will soar in your neighborhood at the end of this year! Cupid's arrow strikes! If you are attached, you and your sweetie will choose to view money matters quite differently. You can learn from each other. Listen and respect each other's views. PISCES has a totally different approach to living. Observe.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* Absorbing information could be difficult, as you could naturally put up mental and emotional barriers. Take your time if you're fighting news or a process. Simply step back and ask questions. Hold calls and quietly focus on each issue. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Even though others might have good intentions, communication takes interesting twists and turns. You don't have to agree with someone, though you might want to analyze the math behind a decision. You cannot be too careful! Tonight: Swap war stories with your pals.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Work needs to be your highest priority. At a certain point, you could turn on someone who keeps bothering you. Knowing what you want could be primary to making solid decisions. Use diplomacy. Handle responsibilities. Tonight: Work late.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Deal with someone carefully, especially if it involves your work or daily life. Someone might not agree with you, or he or she

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might not make decisions that you're comfortable with. Build on what you want. Take it slow and easy. Detach. Tonight: Rent a movie.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Your strong reaction might overwhelm even you. Hold on tight, as the unexpected plays a significant role in your actions. Use your discretion with your temper and any type of risk. Before you realize it, you could wind up in plenty of trouble. Tonight: Opt for calm.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Let others speak. You won't have much of a choice in any case. Your sense of humor will help you out, especially if you're feeling pressured by someone close to you. You might need to check out your investments carefully. Tonight: Go along with someone's desires.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Dig into work. If you have the chance, screen your calls, because an uproar seems to come through the airwaves. Keep your concentration and clear out your work. Do as much as you can by yourself right now. Pace yourself. Tonight: Incorporate some exercise into your plans.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Dance away and do whatever you need to do to stop a destructive pattern that could be upsetting your finances. You could be heading into trouble if you continue to take risks. Ask for advice from someone else who is in the know. Tonight: Curb the wild playing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\* You could be the source of your own problems, especially those involving a domestic or personal matter. Stop what you are doing if you're getting twisted up in a problem rather than getting out of it. Tonight: Listen to someone's perceptions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* You could jinx yourself by saying the wrong thing or possibly over-reacting to what you hear. Recognize if you're out of sorts and perhaps experiencing the winter

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doldrums. Stepping back could help your mood and your communication skills. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Don't count on a friend or loved one to come through in a special way. You could be misreading a situation and not seeing someone's transformation. Use care with money and investments. The person you're dealing with will resort to whatever he or she needs to get what he or she wants. Tonight: Make a special dinner.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Watch an authority figure plunge off the deep end. Know that you don't always have to rescue this person, as you frequently choose to do. Perhaps standing back and letting

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this person find his or her own way out might be best. You also might want to make a change as a result. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

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**Second love often aids in healing after loss of spouse**

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from "California Question Mark," whose newly widowed father became romantically involved with "Jane," one of his late wife's caregivers. She didn't want Dad to bring Jane to a family event. Thank you for saying that some people heal faster than others.

My first wife died after a long bout with cancer. She was only 35 years old. I remarried six months later, to her best friend, and we have been happily married for almost 30 years. The truth is, my mourning began when I found out my wife's illness was terminal. By the time she died, I had finished my grieving.

I understand that children may feel differently about how much time is needed to mourn, but they are not in the same position as a spouse who is living through it. Marrying again so soon did not diminish my feelings for my first wife. It only underscored what a wonderful marriage I had and how much I wanted the opportunity to experience that love again. — St. Peters, Mo.

Dear St. Peters: I'm glad you found happiness a second time. Here's another letter with a different viewpoint:

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "California Question Mark." It didn't surprise me in the least that the man had hooked up with his wife's caregiver. The caregiver may even have been after him while his wife was dying.

My husband left me eight years ago for a "friend" he'd been having an affair with, and I found myself single again at the age of 45. Most of the widowers I encountered had already met their next wife within two months of the first wife's death. Most remarried within a year.

Divorced, widowed and single women chase after widowers because they are the "prime catches" of available men. These predatory women read the death notices and take food to the widower's home in the first week after the death. One widower I dated informed me that he was a "hot commodity" and intended to make the rounds of all the women while still in his glory. — Available in Rockland County, N.Y.

Dear Rockland County: Such behavior is appalling, but not surprising. Some women are so desperate for a mate, they will do whatever it takes. Of course, it helps that the men are so eager to be taken. Thanks for cluing me in.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have lived next door to my in-laws for 18 years. I adore my mother-in-law. She is my best friend and a wonderful

Ten years ago, my husband's oldest sister moved back into town and bought a house two doors away. This woman has taken it upon herself to give me unwanted advice, reprimand my children, check out my possessions and compare them to hers, criticize my clothing, my hair, my furniture, you name it. Her children are worse. They come into my house when no one is home, eat my food and use our things. They are rude and inconsiderate, and they drive me absolutely crazy.

For the sake of family harmony, I have put up with my sister-in-law for 10 years, but I can't take it for one more second. My mother-in-law knows her daughter is a royal pain, but she loves her anyway. I have tried to be nice to my sister-in-law, but the situation never improves. Do you have any advice for me? — End of the Rope in Utah

Dear End of the Rope: Are you willing to move to another part of town? That is the only way you can keep your sister-in-law at a distance while staying close to your mother-in-law. Meanwhile, try not to take the woman so seriously. And for heaven's sake, keep your doors locked when you're not at home.

Dear Ann Landers: May I please respond to "Stepmother in California"? She said that divorced mothers should make sure the father receives notices from school about bake sales, athletic events, and so on. So tell me, Ann, why is it the mother's responsibility to do this? Is there any reason Dad cannot contact the school himself and ask to be put on the mailing list?

Most schools have plenty of experience with divorced families and will be happy to send Dad the field trip information and sports team schedules if he requests notification. There is no reason an ex-wife should have to take care of these things for him. Taking charge of the information he receives will show his children that he cares. It also means when he misses an important event, Mom won't get the blame. It's hard enough to be a single parent. Please don't make the workload twice as heavy. — Divorced Mom in Wisconsin

Dear Mom: You are absolutely right. Divorced parents should not expect the custodial parent to contact their children's schools on their behalf. This ought to be a do-it-yourself project.

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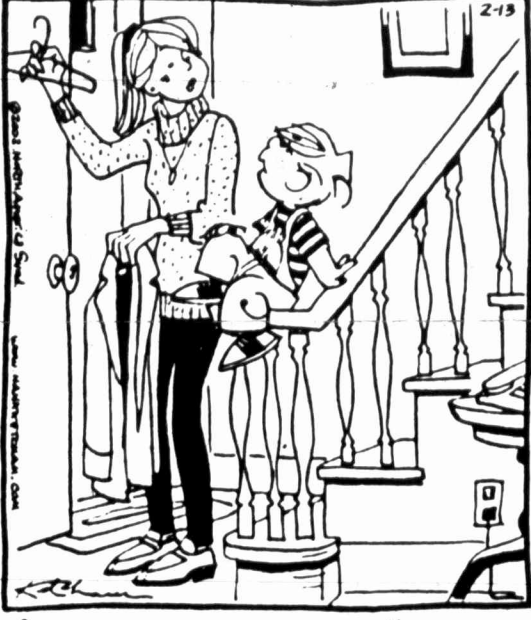


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7 PM	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	That '80s Grounded-Life	American Family (CC)	Borrowed Farts A	60 Minutes II (CC)	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Olympic Writer	Pipley's Be- lieve It or Not!	Amigos y Rivales (SS)	(7:50) Movie: Spaced In- vaders (CC)	Movie: The Bridge	Movie: Snow Day (CC)	Kings of Comedy (CC)	Sex and-City Greenlight	Light of the Southwest	American Justice (CC)	Secrets of the Colosseum	Phoenix Suns at Minnesota	Super Structures
8 PM	Drew Carey The Job (CC)	Bernie Mac Titus (CC)	Dean Martin Romance	Holiday Romance	Movie: Guilty Hearts (CC)	Drew Carey The Job (CC)	Games (CC)	Movie: Stakeout	Derecho de Nacer (SS)	(4:5) Movie: vaders (CC)	Movie: Short	Soul Food (CC)	(:05) St. Feet Under (CC)	(:05) St. Feet Under (CC)	City Confi- dential (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Movie: Father Hood	Super Structures
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Today is Wednesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2002. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Ash Wednesday. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was later executed. On this date: In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery. In 1635, America's oldest public school, the Boston Public Latin School, was founded. In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York. In 1920, the League of

Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland. In 1945, during World War II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans. In 1945, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb. In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics. In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov. In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Ten years ago: Donna Weinbrecht of the United States won the gold medal in women's freestyle skiing moguls at the Olympic games in Albertville, France. Five years ago: Discovery's astronauts hauled the Hubble Space Telescope aboard the shuttle for a

one-billion-mile tuneup to allow it to peer even deeper into the far reaches of the universe. Today's Birthdays: Actor Lyle Bettger is 87. Singer Eileen Farrell is 82. Former test pilot Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager is 79. Actress Kim Novak is 69. Actor George Segal is 68. Actor Bo Svenson is 61. Actress Carol Lynley is 60. Singer-musician Peter Turk (The Monkees) is 60. Actress Stockard Channing is 58. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 58. Singer Peter Gabriel is 52. Actor David Naughton is 51. Rock musician Peter Hook is 46. Actor Matt Salinger is 42. Singer Henry Rollins is 41. Singer Freedom Williams is 36.

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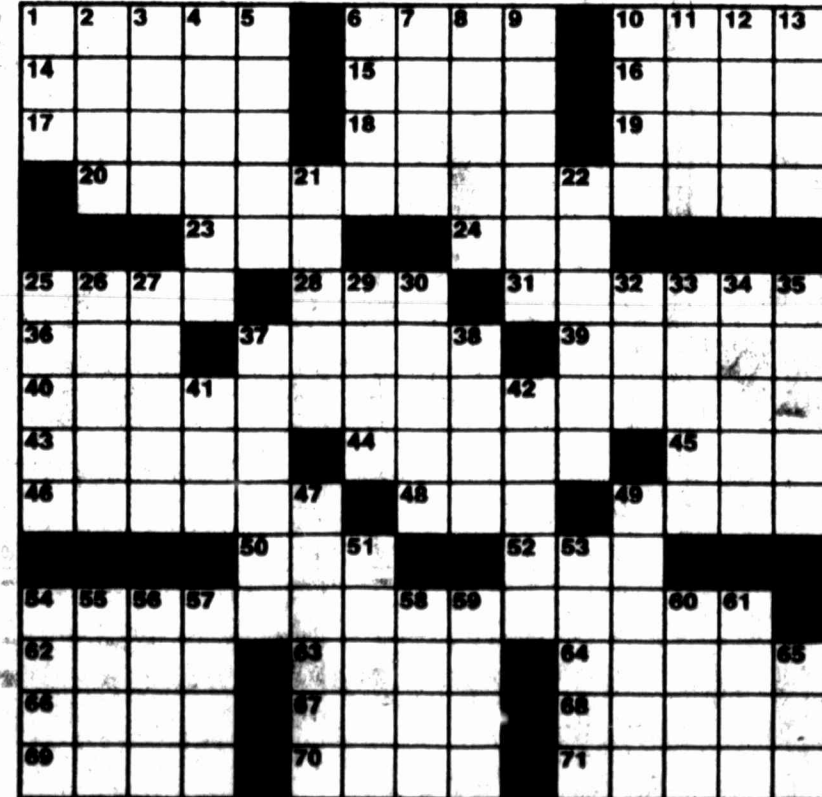
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- ACROSS**  
1 Harness racer  
6 Flows back  
10 Libation with sushi  
14 Like Crusoe before Friday  
15 Letters on a TV knob  
16 Large green moth  
17 Hippie's greeting  
18 Toledo's lake  
19 Cut and paste  
20 End of a movie  
23 Thieves' hangout  
24 Mauna  
25 Stag or stallion  
28 Statesman Hammarskjöld  
31 Trying time  
36 Shale extract  
37 Sired, Biblically  
39 "Oh, dear!"  
40 End of a postgraduate course  
43 Tea addition  
44 Fix, as a pool cue  
45 Jersey chew  
46 A Musketeer  
48 Boston team, for short  
49 Fill to the brim  
50 President pro  
52 "Alley"  
54 End of a broadcasting day  
62 He was terrible  
63 Sci-fi film of '82  
64 Pavlov's  
66 Shaving mishap

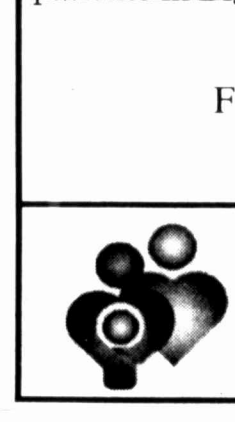
- 67 Item to click on  
68 Wear away  
69 White as a ghost  
70 Taboo thing  
71 Revert to 12:00, say  
**DOWN**  
1 Mushy stuff  
2 Sir Guinness  
3 Frosty's eyes  
4 Make hard to read  
5 Rizzuto contemporary  
6 All tied up  
7 Titanic's undoing  
8 Building block  
9 Word on an LP  
10 Husky's tow

- 11 BMW competitor  
12 Make booties  
13 Gobbles down  
21 Book end, often  
22 Cap flap  
25 Simoleons  
26 Broadcaster  
27 Alpaca kin  
29 Petri-dish stuff  
30 Arcade attractions  
32 Half an umlaut  
33 Author Jong  
34 Point after deuce, sometimes  
35 Hollywood Squares regular  
37 Juárez of Mexico  
38 Yugoslav notable

- 41 Pink Panther series actor  
Herbert  
42 Role for Anthony Hopkins  
47 Submitted by mail  
49 Orb  
51 Polo  
53 Furry swimmer  
54 Ricci or Foch  
55 Rara  
56 RPM measurer  
57 Pitch-black  
58 Golden Pond bird  
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65 Abbr. for a professor emeritus



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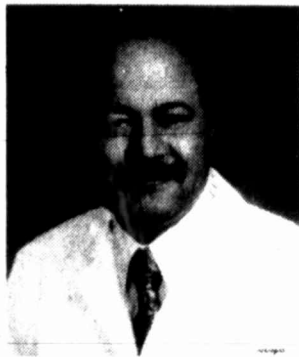
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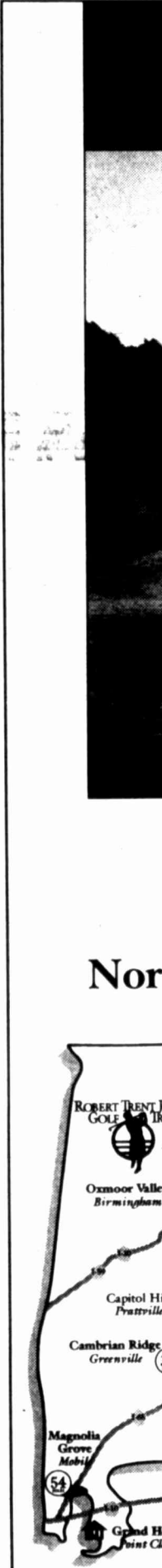
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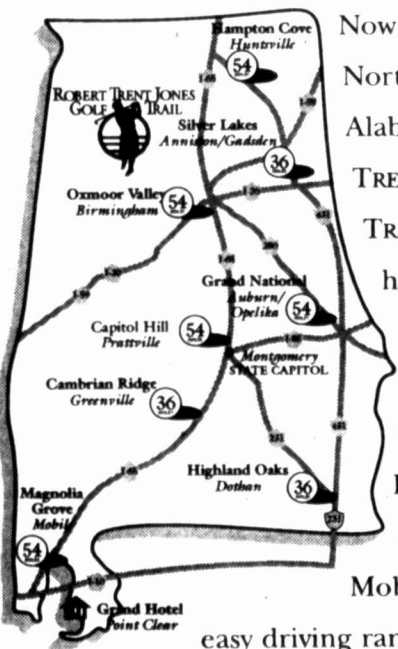
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