TUESDAY

February 26, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 15°-17° 45°-50°

Prospector's Club to hold annual

show on weekend Big Spring Prospector's Club will hold its annual Gem and

Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Admission is free to the event, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be dealers, demonstrations, displays, a spinning wheel, prizes and a snack bar.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY Optimist Club meets

at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room. Senior Circle Sit and

Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

☐ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the **Howard** College Cactus Room.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m. Senior Citizens Center Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

☐ Coffee Club, 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe. ☐ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard

College Cactus Room. ☐ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219

Main. FRIDAY

☐ AMBUCS, noon at

the Brandin Iron. ☐ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

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By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Less than a month after Big Spring Care Center was taken over by a courtappointed trustee, a judge has ordered the relocation of its 39 residents.

Travis County District Court Judge Scott Jenkins on Monday approved a motion by trustee David O. Crowson to relocate the res-

"They are contacting families and residents today. It

Rosemary while," Patterson, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Human Services, said Monday. "I don't know how long it will take, but it needs to be an orderly

process.' According to a document filed with the court, all parties agreed to the order, pribecause marily Medicaid certification for the facility was terminated.

Patterson said the owners

amount of time to bring the facility into compliance before its Medicaid and Medicare certification were to be revoked.

Court orders relocation of Big Spring Care Center residents

"They apparently either would not do that or could not do that within the time limit. Therefore those certifications were terminated," Patterson said. "So the trustee petitioned the court to relocate the residents."

Crowson, who has been in long-term care since 1974,

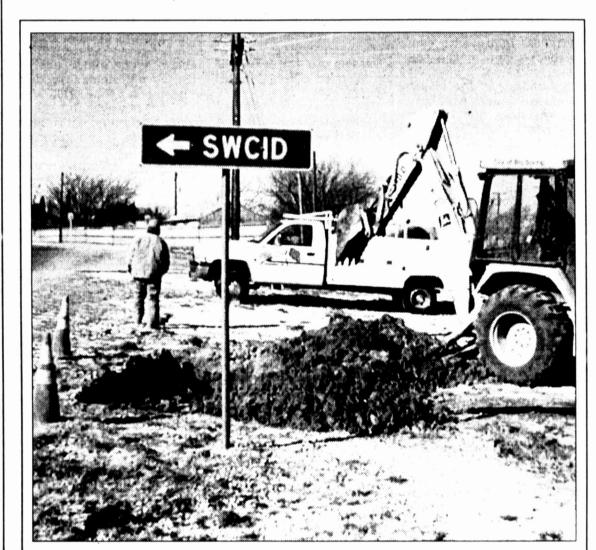
is a process that will take a were given a certain has served with the state as Goliad. a court-appointed trustee since 1992.

Travis County District Court Judge Jeanne Meurer had ordered Crowson to take control of the care center on Feb. 5 after Department of Human Services (DHS) investigators determined that the residents were being exposed to conditions that posed an "immediate threat to their health and safety". The care center is located at 901

Among the problems investigators found were failure to treat bed sores; serve physician-order diets; store, prepare and distribute food under sanitary conditions; and provide care and services to prevent significant weight loss.

"The most important thing is the well-being of the residents," said Patterson.

Big Spring Care Center is operated by Managed Care



City employees Shannon Hudgins, left, and Cody Ridge (in the backhoe) work to fix a water leak this morning at the intersection of Hudgett Memorial Drive and 16th Street.

Ex-Enron head Skilling says he never duped Lay and didn't lie to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) -Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling told senators today "I didn't lie to Congress or anyone else" in denying he was aware of the company's precarious finances or its use of complex partnerships to hide debt.

Addressing skeptical lawmakers, Skilling also said, "I never duped Ken Lay," disputing previous statements by Sherron Watkins, a company vice president who said Skilling had manipulated Enron's for-

mer chairman. "I heard Ms. Watkins testify as to her opinion," Skilling said. "I have no idea what the basis was for

this opinion." Watkins, who appeared with Skilling, told the Senate Commerce Committee she was "incredibly frustrated" with Lay's inaction after she warned him in August of potentially serious accounting proba brief window to salvage itself this past fall and we missed that opportunity because of Mr. Lay's failure to recognize or accept that the company had manipulated its financial statements," Watkins said.

Skilling said, "I relied on our accountants," when asked about Watkins' warnings that Enron stock was improperly being used as the foundation of the web of partnerships that eventually brought the company

"I have nothing to hide," Skilling said, explaining why he had decided to testify rather than take the Fifth Amendment like "other innocents" called before congressional committees.

At the same time, he cautioned the committee that "the framers of the Bill of Rights are watching.'

"The entire management and board of Enron has been labeled everything from hucksters to criminals

"I believe that Enron had with a complete disregard for facts and evidence assembled," he said. "These untruths shatter lives and they do nothing to advance the public understanding of what happened at Enron."

Skilling sat without expression, listening attentively, as members of the committee opened the hearing by denouncing Enron's conduct and citing huge losses to public pension funds in their states. At the witness table with their attorneys were Watkins, Skilling and McMahon, the current president and chief operating

"Mr. Skilling, if you plan to tell this committee that you did not understand Enron's true financial condition, then you will need to explain why, why you failed to understand things that any diligent chief executive officer would have under-stood," said Sen. Jean

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Education

Bachelor's degree program at Howard College could be in place by fall semester

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer A bachelor's degree pro-

gram for college juniors and seniors held on the Howard College cammay begin by the

fall semester. Howard County trustees Monday agreed enter into a partnership with Lubbock

SPARKS

Christian College to offer a general business degree program on the Howard College campus. "If this is something we

can offer that can help our community; I think we should do it," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

To qualify, students must be 25 years or older, meet the minimum grade point average and have 60 or more hours in transferable credit hours from an accredited college or post-secondary institution.

LCC instructors will come to the Howard College campus to teach the curriculum courses once a week for about four hours. Students will earn their bachelor of degree science Lubbock Christian in about 18 to 20 months.

Students of the program can also take advantage of the college services such as the library and student union building.

During a communication to the board, Aubrey Weaver Jr., local citizen, expressed concern over the age requirement and how it could be connected to age discrimination.

Weaver said Big Spring has experienced a large exodus in young people leaving the city and suggested the program could be an incentive towards the youth to stay in town instead of leaving to complete their degree somewhere else.

Work experience is taken

Trustees call for May 4 board election HERALD Staff Report

Howard College trustees called for the May 4 elections Monday as filing continues for three atlarge positions on the board. The positions currently

held by Dr. Charles Warren, John Freeman and Marie Ethridge are up for election. All three trustees have filed their intent to seek another term in office.

Joyce Crooker has also filed as a candidate.

Steve Smith, Howard College president's assistant, said filing packets will be available for the general public during the college's spring break.

"Since our spring break is March 11 through 17. filing packets will be available for people to pick up at the fitness center," Smith said. In case of any questions

in filing out the forms, Smith said a contact number for both he and Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president will be posted on the doors of the administration office, the president's office and the fitness center.

Filing to run for the position began on Feb. 18 and runs through March | 20. Howard County residents interested in running for an at-large position may file at the president's office in the Administration Building located on the Howard College campus.

into consideration when a student applies to the program, said Karen Kennedy, director for evening pro-

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New caretaker pact for lake, reenactment group request on council's agenda tonight

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

A new caretaker

Moss Creek Lake and an event Comanche Trail Park will be the focus of the Big Spring City Council tonight.

DARDEN

The meeting, to be held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St., will include items seeking approval to request proposals for a new caretaker and for a camping event planned by the medieval recreation group, the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Director of Public Works Todd Darden said he has terminated the city's contract with the current Moss caretaker Mary Creek Lewis

"She will be gone this week," Darden said. "That was my decision. We've had some problems, not with anything that she's doing personally. I've reviewed the expense and revenues

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The Big Spring chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism plans to hold its Ansteorran Spring Crown Tourney in this area of Comanche Trail Park just east of the Dora Roberts Community Center. The SCA will ask the Big Spring City Council for permission to camp in the area during the March 22-24 event at the city council meeting at 5:30 this

Myrtle Ruby McDurmon

Myrtle Ruby McDurmon, 94, a retired Presbyterian

Educator, died on Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, in Fort Worth.

Memorial service was held today at 1 p.m. at D a v

Chapel Presbyterian Church, Fort

Mrs. McDurmon was born on May 6, 1907, in Mexia. She graduated from Texas Christian University and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va. She served for 38 years as a Christian Educator in local churches in Texas. Arkansas and Oklahoma as well as at the Presbytery level.

She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. She was preceded in death by her sister, Hattie.

She is survived by a host of friend.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Greenwood Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

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Josefita "Fita" **Parras Rubio**

Josefita "Fita" Parras Rubio, 68, of Big Spring died on

Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at her p.m

residence. Vigil service will be tonight at the Nalley. Pickle

Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, at the Sacred Heart Church with the Rev. Felix Cubelo, pastor officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park

She was born on Aug. 27. 1933, in Big Spring and married Benito J. Rubio Sr. in June of 1951 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in Jan. 23, 1999.

Mrs. Rubio was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and had worked at Cowper Clinic for 15 years and at Big Spring Hardware for eight years.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Margie Johnson of Big Spring and Maria Belen Martinez of San Antonio; three sons, Bentio Rubio Jr. of Big Spring, Rudy Rubio of Memphis, Tenn., and Oscar Rubio of Plano; 11 grandchildren, Tammy Rubio, Brandy

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Ehrlich, Gabriel Rubio, Cody Rubio, Nicole Johnson, Randy Rubio, Zachery Johnson, Joshua Martinez, Jeremy Johnson, Brittany Martinez and Shelby Rubio; three greatgrandchildren, Bridgette Gutierrez, Breanna Gutierrez and Connor Ryan Rubio and two sisters. Emma Parras Olgin of Midland and Linda Parras Chavez of Austin.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Santos Parras in 1990 and Domitila Chavez Parras in 1993

Pallbearers will be Andy Gamboa, George Roman, Orlando Olague, Ruben Gamboa, Frank Rubio Jr., Ramon Lopez and Arthur Olague. Honorary pallbearers will

be Manuel Rubio, Frank Rubio Sr., Raul Rubio, Robert DeLeon Jr. and Manuel Rodriguez. The family suggests memorials be made to

Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

Janice Henson

Paid obituary

Funeral service for Janice Henson, 64, of Stanton is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Mrs. Henson died on Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at her residence.

COLLEGE

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grams at LCC. Kennedy said the curriculum is created for older students with enough work experience to pull from inclass discussion. Students learn from each other as well as from the instructor, she said.

This is an accelerated program that people have to be self-directed to do the work," said David C. Anderson, chairman for the department of organizational management for LCC. "We need people with reallife business experience."

The average student age is 38, Anderson added, and students spend about 16 hours of work a week outside of

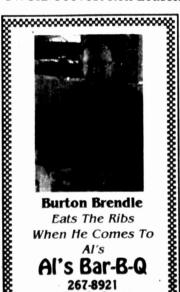
Anderson said of the 70 programs of this type nation-wide, all require an age limit of 25 years old and According Anderson, the program is based on 15 years of experi-

"Can a 24-year-old be more mature than a 40-year-old? You bet, but you have to draw a standard," Anderson said. "If you say 24 is the cutoff someone could make the argument for a 23-year-

Currently the nearest bachelor's programs for Howard County residents and the surrounding area are in the cities of San Angelo, Lubbock, Odessa, Abilene and Midland.

In other business, part of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus will receive a new look as trustees approved preliminary plans for a \$94,000 Pedestrian Plaza project and to bid the work out to a general contractor.

"We're excited about the possibility of tying our four buildings together and creating a central place," said SWCID Provost Ron Brasel.



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The project would create walkways connecting the dormitory, student union building, activities center and the academic and administration building.

The preliminary plans call landscaping areas, installing lights and flag poles, planting trees, building benches and a fountain area as a place for students to congregate.

While creating the plans, Sparks said several things were taken into consideration, including the natural flow of traffic to and from buildings, obstacles that may impede the deaf students from communicating with each other and problems in maintaining the landscaped area.

In another SWCID construction project, Phil Furgueron, local architect, told trustees the \$785,000 student union renovation project is in its beginning stages. Monies for both proiects are funded through legislative appropriations.

Trustees approved a condensed version of the college's mission statement and a change in the vision statement. Sparks said both the mission and vision statements are approved annually by trustees but about every five years a substantive look at both statements is held.

The mission statement is broken down to four main objectives: Provide dynamic centers of learning; provide service in the taxing district and designated service area; promote and support economic development; and foster community involvement, cultural appreciation and individual growth.

"The vision will take us five years in the future," Sparks said.

The vision statement says "The HCJCD is a beacon of education and learning, serving as a catalyst for change, a resourceful leader, a broker and a part-

Trustees agreed not to bid the district's insurance policy after learning the cost of renewal with the Texas Association of School Boards will increase by 31 Terry Hansen, executive

vice president, informed board members that part of the increase is a result of the organization correcting a misquoted price for the district's vehicle insurance last year. TASB's original estimate for the district's vehicle insurance was far lower than the cost but the organization upheld its original quote.

Hansen also said TASB has a history of having the lowest bid. The new insurance cost will increase from \$94,000 to about \$127,000. Included in that increase, Hansen added, will be the addition of three riders.

In other business trustees approved:

• a \$14,059 bid by TSA of Houston for a Hewlett Packard 1500 LPM Printer; ✓a \$1,035 per month bid by

Southwestern Bell of Midland for T-1 service. The bid covers service for four lines that connect the Howard College Big Spring campus mainframe to San Angelo main campus, the San Angelo training center, the Lamesa campus and the SCWID campus;

· the district's administrative officer contracts; · small class reports for

the Big Spring, Lamesa, San Angelo, SWCID campuses and Federál Correctional Instutition-Big







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for the past 10 years, and I

reviewed the contract that we currently have with the caretaker.' Darden said the current

contract involves the caretaker keeping all the proceeds from the lake and using part of that money to maintain the lake and pay utility bills. "I determined the contract

we have is not the best management for the lake property," he said. "This item is to send out (requests for proposals) to look at other alternatives for management of the lake property. I'm looking for an opportunity that would utilize the resources we have out there.'

Darden said the lake will remain open during the RFP process.

"We are going to have city personnel that will open and close the lake," he said. "We have a box out there in front of the lake house with envelopes. There will be a sign out there indicating what the charges are. It's going to be pretty much an honor system.'

If the council approves the RFP plan, Darden said he will post the RFP within a week and accept proposals for about two weeks, after which city staff will consider each proposal

Big Spring's chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, known as the Shire of Crossrode Keep, is planning an event at Comanche Trail Park March 22-24.

The event, the "Ansteorran Spring Crown Tourney," is expected to attract 300 to 350 out-of-town SCAers to Big Spring. The group is seeking permission to let between 150 and 200 people camp in the area directly east of the Dora Roberts Community. Center, an area where camping is not normally allowed.

In a letter to Darden, Robert V. Black, an official of the Shire of Crossrode Keep, said the event will bring tourism dollars to Big Spring.

"On Jan. 12 of this year, we hosted a Coronationthemed event in the city of Snyder, Texas," Black said in the letter. "This event brought in additional revenue of between \$25,000 to \$30,000 to that city according to some city officials that I have spoken to.'

A tentative contract drawn up by the city agrees to SCA requests for the camping site for up to 250 people, provision of four 55gallon trash drums and a dumpster in the parking lot and a rope barrier between the running trail and the camping area, with the understanding that the SCA will provide security, clean up after themselves and post a \$500,000 liability insurance policy for the event.

In other business, the council will:

· Hear final readings of ordinances placing a fourway stop at the intersection of Scott and Macauslan and a yield sign on Dartmouth yielding to Purdue.

· Hear the final reading of an ordinance approving plats of the Limestone Ridge Apartment subdivision.

· Hear a presentation of

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the city's annual audit for the last fiscal year. Consider again the

- installation of a new waste water line to the 2500 block of Seminole. Hear the first reading of
- an ordinance amending soft-
- · Consider approval of the double seal-coat program for

ENRON

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Carnahan, D-Mo. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., told Skilling there is a chess game going. "Our challenge is to find a way to check every single one of the moves you made on that Enron board," he said.

"I do, however, approach your testimony with some skepticism," Fitzgerald said.

Skilling, Watkins and McMahon testified, separately and under oath, this month before a House investigative panel. Other top Enron executives, including Lay, have invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination and refused to testify. "We're trying to search for

the truth here," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., whose Commerce subcommittee on consumer affairs is investigating the energytrading company's collapse, the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history. "I think it will be helpful ... to compare responses." Lay told Enron employees

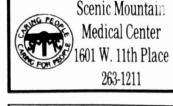
at a meeting Oct. 23 that the partnerships were a mistake, but he did not blame chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, who ran them, a videotape made public Monday by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Callf., shows. rants. The company had recently disclosed a third-quarter loss of more than \$600 million and federal regulators had opened an inquiry into its accounting.

"I and the board are also sure that Andy has operated in the most ethical and appropriate manner possible," Lay is seen saying on the tape. The next day, Fastow was fired. Watkins told the House

Energy and Commerce panel Feb. 14 that she believed Skilling and Fastow — along with Enron's auditing firm, Arthur Andersen LLP, and outside legal advisers — "did dupe Ken Lay and the board." The Justice Department

and the Securities and Exchange Commission are investigating Enron and the role of Andersen, which has admitted its employees destroyed massive numbers of documents related to

Watkins called Skilling "a very intense, hands-on manager" and said she "would find it hard to believe that he was not fully aware" that the partnerships run by Fastow were largely financed by Enron stock, contrary to normal accounting practices. A week earlier, before the



subcommittee, Skilling testified that he was assured by others at

were correct. According to McMahon's Feb. 7 testimony, he was transferred from his job as treasurer shortly after he complained to Skilling about the partnerships in a

Enron that the transactions

meeting on March 16, 2000. Skilling has said he couldn't recall details of key conversations that subordinates, including McMahon, testified they had with him.

BRIEFS

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD ETHAN Strickland has had surgery for a devasting neurological condition with more to come. He is home now and is receiving speech and physical therapy.

His family continues to need help defraying the costs their insurance doesn't cover as well as future travel expenses that will occur. An account has been set

up at Wells Fargo Bank to defray these costs and his family has asked for help and prayers for their son. To make a donation call

Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

POLICE

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

• GILBERT CHAVEZ, 29, of 609 25th St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and assault class C/family violence and for three Ector County war-

• DANI LYNN LUSK, 19, of 705 Highland was arrested for four local warrants.

DANIEL RAY HECK-

LER, 47, of 2904 Stonehaven was arrested on a U.S. Marshal Service warrant. • THEFT of items worth \$250 was reported at

Howard College in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2300 block of Alabama Street. Someone reportedly

entered the vehicle through an unlocked door and stole items worth \$80. · An incident of FAIL-URE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER was

Big Spring Police Station. DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 2200 block of South Monticello, the 3300 block of West Highway 80 and the 1500 block of South Scurry.

reported in person at the

 LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of South Scurry and twice in the 200 block of West FM 700.

 DISTURBANCE or FIGHT was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway

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Governors ask Bush to restore highway money

WASHINGTON (AP) -Governors have demanded more federal money during the first three days of their winter meeting, especially for Medicaid and highway construction, but they moderated their tone when they arrived at the White House.

Visiting President Bush on Monday, they accorded him the deference due a former fellow governor basking in huge national popularity as a wartime presi-

They politely asked the president to restore \$8.5 billion in highway construction money they would lose next year under his proposed budget. The tone was a far cry from the fiery speeches they've made at the J.W. Marriott Hotel during the National Governors Association winter meeting.

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The delicate job of personally popping the question fell to Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, Democratic vice

chairman of the association. Chairman John Engler, Republican governor of Michigan, made a passing mention of the highway money problems in opening comments, which focused mostly on the governors' gratitude to the president for his efforts in the war against terror.

'We share your vision and remain steadfast in support of our commander in chief," Engler said. He said he is confident the governors and the administration can find answers to their problems involving transportation and other issues, such as Medicaid. Governors say they're generally pleased with what they've heard

about the president's pro- unusual and unanticipated posals on welfare.

Earlier, Engler commented on a proposal before Congress to increase highway construction money by \$4.4 billion above the administration's request, roughly half the amount the governors want. "That's a very good first step," Engler told governors at the hotel. "We'd like to go all the rest of the way."

Patton opened his White House comments by complimenting the president's budget proposal.

"My impression is that in general your administration is very state-friendly and governor-friendly," verv Patton said, but he noted governors' disappointment about Medicaid and transportation money.

Patton said "due to some

circumstances," the amount of money provided by the law now would result in a 27 percent cut for state transportation programs in the next fiscal year.

Bush's budget plan for the year beginning Oct. 1 provides \$22.6 billion for the Federal Highway

Administration, the agency in charge of road construction, down sharply from \$32.1 billion this year.

The drop is a consequence of a 1998 law on highway and transit programs that in part linked highway spending to money raised from gasoline taxes, which go into the highway trust fund.

"We would suggest that about \$8 billion be used for one year to maintain expenditures at the current level,' Patton said.

Improved treatment pushes HIV-infected up to 1 million

SEATTLE (AP) — After a this figure was nearly offdecade of holding steady, the number of Americans infected with HIV has begun to increase. But the news is better than it

Experts say the total is growing because fewer people are dying of AIDS. Doctors' spectacular success in treating the disease over the past six years is paying off in an unexpected way.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in their most recent calculations for 1999 and 2000, the number of people infected by HIV increased by about 50,000.

This means between 850,000 950,000 and Americans were infected with HIV, the most ever.

"The assumption is the increased survival of people with AIDS is driving this, and that's good news. It shows the benefits of therapy," said the CDC's Dr. Patricia Fleming, who presented the latest estimates Monday in Seattle at Ninth Annual Retrovirus Conference.

The government esti-40,000 that mates Americans catch HIV each year, a figure that has remained roughly stable for over a decade. However, until the turnaround in AIDS therapy, set each year by AIDS deaths, so the total number of Americans carrying the virus stayed level.

Now. AIDS deaths have plunged from around 40,000 annually to about 15,000. As a result, new infections are outstripping deaths.

During the 1980s, the government believed that as many as 1.5 million Americans had HIV, but it later revised that figure downward. According to the latest estimates, between 400,000 and 450,000 were infected in 1984. This grew to 550,000 to 650,000 in 1986. By 1992, the figure was 650,000 to 900,000.

Survival increased almost overnight when drug combinations that included medicines called protease inhibitors became standard in 1996. They transformed HIV from a death sentence to a chronic treatable illness.

By the late '90s, many doctors feared these gains would evaporate as the treatments lost their pt ch. Doctors noticed that after initial success that seemed to eliminate HIV, many patients developed viruses that were resistant to all the major classes of medicines. Their virus levels crept back to the point where they that could be measured on standard tests.

Too much processed meat may increase diabetes risk WASHINGTON (AP) - A type 2 diabetes than men that eating pattern." said the results were adjust-

diet packed with hot dogs, bologna and bacon can increase the risk of type 2 diabetes by about 50 percent in men, researchers report-

ed Tuesday. In a study appearing in the journal Diabetes Care, a group of Harvard School of Public Health researchers analyzed the dietary habits of thousands of men and found that those who frequently ate processed meats had a 46 percent greater probability of developing

who ate less of the food.

"We not proposing to ban hot dogs. It is just a matter of moderation," said Dr. Frank Hu, the study's senior author. "People should reduce the frequency of eating processed meats."

Hu said the big increase in risk for diabetes 2 came among those who ate processed meats five times or more per week. For some, it was every day.

"That's too much," Hu said. "We should change

The data in the research came from the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study, a project that began in 1986 by collecting dietary information from 42,504 men, aged 40 to 75, who were healthy, free of diabetes, heart disease or cancer.

The men in the study were followed for 12 years, and the researchers compared the dietary patterns of those who developed type 2 diabetes with eating habits of those who did not. Hu

ed for known effects of activities such as smoking, obesity, fat intake and physical activity. After these adjustments, he said, it was clear that eating abundant hot dogs and other processed meats was an independent risk factor for diabetes.

"Eating processed meats five times or more per week is where we saw the major difference," said Hu. "The effect is dose-related: The more you eat of these foods, the higher the risk."

Bush outlining welfare plans, opening door to education and training

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bush wants to put more welfare recipients into education and training programs, boost the percentage of participants who are working and spend more to encourage single mothers in the program to get married.

Bush was offering a package of proposals Tuesday at a church in Washington. As lawmakers prepare to revisit a landmark 1996 welfare and broken, too many

bound to please conservatives, others would make Democrats happy and still others are appealing to governors.

"We are encouraged by the initial result of welfare reform, but we are not content," Bush said in prepared remarks. "Child poverty is still too high, too many families are strained and fragile

work and the purpose it Under current law, a wel-

fare recipient must be engaged in "work activity" to be counted as "working." States are required to have 50 percent of their caseloads working, and recipients are required to work 30 hours a

law, some of his ideas were Americans have not found per week from 30 to 40, but it would allow states to put welfare recipients in education, training and other programs for up to two days a week, or 16 hours, an

> administration official said. Bush also would boost the requirement that states have 50 percent of their caseloads working to 70 percent by 2007. However, the The Bush plan would 50 percent minimum has increase the required hours been almost meaningless in

the past, because states have largely met the requirement through total caseload reductions instead of moving recipients into jobs.

Federal law discourages states from offering education and training, pushing recipients to find any job. The tough rules, combined with a hot economy in the late 1990s, helped cut welfare rolls by more than half

But while most former welfare recipients are now working, most of them also don't earn enough to escape poverty. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has said the next step in welfare reform is helping them move up the economic ladder.

Earlier efforts to change the welfare system relied on education and training, and did not make much impact.

Jury convicts man accused of feeding 10-year-old boy to neighbors of sexual assault

man accused of butchering a 10-year-old boy and feeding the remains to his neighbors has been convicted of molesting a teenager and assaulting his 8year-old cousin.

convicted jury Bar-Jonah Nathaniel Monday night of kidnapping and sexually assaulting the 14-year-old in 1999 and assaulting the boy's cousin with a weapon - a rope and pulley by which he raised the boy off the floor to watch him choke.

The jury found Bar-Jonah, 45, innocent of sexually assaulting the oldest boy's 5-year-old brother and deadlocked on whether he sexually assaulted the 8year-old.

Bar-Jonah showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. Bar-Jonah has a record of assaults against young boys in Massachusetts dating back to when he was a teen-ager. He spent 11 years in a mental hospital there after one attack and assaulted another boy shortly after his release.

Then he was sent to Montana to live with his mother.

He was set to go on trial in May for the 1996 killing of 10-year-old Zachary

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) - A Ramsay. Authorities say Bar-Jonah butchered the boy's body, then cooked the child's flesh into stews and other meals he served to unsuspecting neighbors.

> Prosecutor Brant Light said Monday night's verdicts may cause him to reconsider whether to go ahead with the murder trial.

Defense lawyers Don Vernay and Greg Jackson said they will appeal.

"He still maintains his innocence," Vernay said. The defense claims news coverage of the gruesome allegations in the murder case made it impossible to find an impartial jury.

After jury selection began last week, defense lawyers asked the Montana Supreme Court to abort the trial because many of the prospective jurors knew about the Ramsay case The court refused.

"I have never seen a jury with so much foreknowledge," Vernay said.

Light said he will pull out all stops for sentencing, which District Judge Kenneth Neill set for April

"We have to prepare for the sentencing almost like another trial," Light said. "We can bring in his whole

Witness prepared to testify to Andrea Yates' insanity

HOUSTON (AP) — The of Andrea Yates depends on whether jurors believe she was insane when her five children were submerged in the family bathtub, one after another, until they no longer could breathe.

An expert witness for the defense will attempt to convince jurors of that notion when he retakes the stand Tuesday. The day will also mark what would have been the eighth birthday of Yates' first-born son, Noah.

Dr. George Ringholz, a neuropsychologist from Baylor College of Medicine, told prosecutors outside the jury's presence Monday that he is prepared to testify that Yates was insane when she admitted drowning her children last June.

Yates suffers from schizophrenia that began during childhood and surfaced initially when she considered grabbing a knife and stabbing Noah, Ringholz testi-

Ringholz said he made his determination based on Texas' legal standard, Yates' medical and family history and a battery of tests he conducted on the 37-year-old former nurse turned stay-athome mother.

Ringholtz said during tests he conducted, Yates' score was well within the range of those who test positive for schizophrenia. Jurors were told the mental illness is characterized by a significant impairment in functioning and symptoms like delusions, hallucinations, incoherence and isolation.

Defense attorney Wendell Odom asked Ringholz if Yates had ever been diagnosed with schizophernia before.

"Not that I'm aware of," Ringholz testified.

Ringholz said Andrea Yates might not have previously been diagnosed with schizophrenia because her doctors only saw her for a brief period.

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OTHER VIEWS

Bush right to encourage stable marriages

ncouraging strong marriages is a worthy goal of all nations that are based on democratic principles and a free-market economy. Simply stated, stable marriages promote emotional and physical health, economic security, strong democracies.

In the United States, children in single-parent homes are at higher risk for poverty, illness and crime.

That is why we applaud President Bush's proposal to earmark \$100 million in next year's budget for programs aimed at strengthening and encouraging marriage among the poor.

Taxpayers spend billions tackling the turmoil caused by homes in chaos. Why not get the government involved in prevention? The government should eliminate regulations that penalize people for marrying and fund programs that encourage family stability.

We urge both Congress and Indiana officials to think creatively and say "I do" to Bush's marriage proposal.

THE NEWS-SUN, KENDALLVILLE, IND.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

It is both inconsistent and disrespectful for the United States to ask Muslim (or any other) countries to get involved in the war on terrorism, and then not let them get the credit for their efforts. Mr. David Pearl's murder occurred in Pakistan. His murderers are Pakistanis. The Pakistani police captured his abductors and mastermind in an astoundingly short period of time, and they worked very closely and cooperatively with the U.S. intelligence community in the process. There will not be legal

delays, prolonged appeals, or the possibility of a reversal of a guilty verdict in an Islamic country. Let them take their stand against terrorism. Our Secretary of State should tell the world how proud we are that the Pakistani police acted so quickly. I am certain that the

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immediate family members of the terrorists in Pakistan were interrogated in ways that are illegal in the U.S. If the abductors were to be extradited to the U.S., this fact could be the basis of an appeal for confessions obtained under duress.

If we don't support Pakistan's efforts to deal with these terrorists as an internal matter, other Islamic states will take notice of this fact. I am quite certain that they would see this action as offensive. This is not in the best interest of the United States.

The U.S. Departments of State, Justice, and Defense probably have differing views on the extradition of the mastermind of the abduction and killing of Mr. Pearl.

Let Pakistan try and execute this man.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM HARRISON

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The return of the house call - sort of same-day appointments and Association has yet to take

neighbor's eye doctor when I slid the Ford into a convenient parking space next to a little pasta restaurant.

With a short time to kill, we craved something fast, filling and close to the doctor's office. Inside, I

realized my

mistake. I

RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

was the one who needed an eye doctor. This was no fast-food Italian where two out-of-towners could order quick noodles or a pepperoni sandwich. It was a classy, expensive, slow, dark-at-noontime, bona fide city restaurant

We ordered. The fish of the day had never been near a hush puppy.

Our fellow diners wore

business suits and relaxed expressions. They ordered wine. They talked furtively on their

cell phones.

to linger over a colleague's birthday lunch or celebrate a promotion. This was not a place to grab a bite before getting your eyes dilated.

In the doctor's waiting room, finally, we were with our own kind. Everyone looked vaguely nervous, the way people always do in doctor's offices. First-time patients were scratching their heads over forms that had to be filled out before the doctor ever took a look. Veteran patients were slumped in their chairs, watching a TV judge berate

domestic disputes There was an almost palpable impatience in the air; everyone was eager to be done with the business of health care.

plaintiffs in depressing

Soon enough a nurse called out my neighbor's name. I wished her luck and tried to settle in with a 2-year-old magazine about art collecting. There's a law or something. Magazines in doctors' offices have to be at least 2 years old.

But I was fidgety and couldn't concentrate on gallery happenings. I kept remembering the news stories I'd been reading recently about so-called "boutique" doctors, the ones

other personalized care even monogrammed robes

— in exchange for big bucks. It's pampered care for those wealthy enough to afford it, provided by doctors who want to see far fewer patients each year but also want to keep the Mercedes.

"If you have a substantial portion of America's doctors doing this, who's going to take care of everybody else?" Dr. Richard Roberts has remarked.

Roberts is a Wisconsin family practitioner and board chairman of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"We've got 40-plus million people in this country without health insurance, another 20 million who are underinsured. What's wrong with this picture?"

Well, even those of us in the eye doctor's office could see what's wrong with this picture. It's yet another way for doctors to abandon general practices and specialize.

And this time they are specializing in the rich. You can rent your very own Marcus Welby and take him home for the day - if you can pay the fee.

a position on the growing trend. It's not illegal experts say. Just galling.

Just imagine. The doctors are as tired of us as we are of them. They want fewer patients and less of a work load, and they don't want to take a pay cut to get there.

My neighbor soon came out with a brochure on floaters and flashers and a date for another appointment. She'll somehow make the 220-mile round trip to keep it. There will be no house call, no monogrammed robe, just another trip to a specialist's office where, if she's lucky, the care will be adequate.

The day may come when you'll choose a doctor the same way you do a restaurant.

If you have money and time on your hands, you will make the obvious choice, a place with fine wines and soft music.

If you're a Regular Joe, you'll get in line at the medical equivalent of fast food and just be glad something's there for you at all.

The waiter won't ask you if you want fresh pepper; the doctor won't come to your house as soon as you

You get what you pay for.

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We need to drop standardized testing

have come to agree with those teachers who are rebelling against and protesting the imposition of standard-

ized testing. These mandatory tests are a political fad that accomplish nothing good and cause actual harm

Well, how can we tell how the schools are performing?

That's what

report cards are for. You can look at your children's report cards and tell how they are progressing. How other kids are doing is

none of your business.

REESE

A standardized academic test will inevitably reflect two things that have nothing to do with the quality of the school's instruction. One is IQ, and the other is family background. All else being equal, a kid with a below-average IQ will score lower than a kid with an above-average IQ. But even a kid with an above-average IQ will score low if he comes from a family environment that hinders rather than nurtures learning. There is no way you can look at standardized test scores and tell how much is due to the quality of instruction and how much is attributable to non-school factors such as IQ, family environment and health.

Thus, the stated purpose of the tests — to measure the quality of instruction can never be accomplished.

What happens is an imposed institutional deception. Teachers are pressured to teach to the test, which amounts mainly to rote learning. But they cannot teach to the test and also teach in the normal manner. By teaching to the test, the scores will go up, but it will be a false indicator, and the real education of the children will suffer.

All education is necessarily individual because children are individuals with different physical, psychological, emotional and family characteristics. The best system is to have one curriculum for all, one standard of performance for all, and allow the children to distribute themselves along the famous bell-shaped curve by their grades. Some kids will be A students, some B students, a majority C students and so

on. It doesn't matter what their grades are as long as they are working at full capacity and doing their very best.

Children are not standardized, and we should not attempt to force standardization on them. They should not be compared with other students. Not even in a class should one student know what another student's grade is. Nor do I believe they should be tested for IQ except in a rare medical instance. All that children need to know about IQ is that no one fully utilizes his or her gifts, and therefore the job of all is to work to full capacity. And for heaven's sakes, children should not be segregated "according to ability." That amounts to labeling, and that will be psychologically damaging to the child. The main problem with

government education is that it is, of course, a political system. Politicians, however, should be limited in their role. They should set the curriculum, lest nut cases in colleges of education impose their nonsensical or ideological ideas on children. Then politicians should fund the schools properly. Everybody knows

class size is important, and everybody knows that class size is a product of ade-

quate funding. As for how one school compares with another. that's not important. Schools will generally reflect their environment. and correcting the flaws in an environment is not the job of the school system. If politicians want to raise the academic achievement levels of children from poor neighborhoods, then they should do something to make the neighborhoods less poor by, for example, imposing living wage scales on businesses and by beefing up public health services.

Standardized testing is an attempt to scapegoat teachers and make them responsible for societal ills they cannot cure. Some teachers are beginning to rebel. Some refuse to administer the tests. Some have refused to teach to the test and have told their students not to pay any attention to the test or how well they do on it. More power to them.

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The "Pre-Si for Cash Me Tournament" scheduled for in Stanton. Fees are \$11

The deadline is Feb. 28. For more i call Michael 4361 or call ,

IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks' softball games postponed

Howard College's Lady Hawks have been forced to postpone their Western Junior College Athletic Conference games with Odessa College due to incoment weather.

Those games were scheduled for today and Wednesday. They will be rescheduled.

That means the Lady Hawks' conference opener will come Friday when they play host to Midland College's Lady Chaparrals in a dolubleheader at 1 p.m. Two more games will be played starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Steers golfers post third-place finish

Big Spring's Steers golf team finished third at the Tall City Invitational tournament in Midland over the weekend.

Jerrod Simmons paced the Steers with a two-day total of 150, finishing third in the individual medalist standings.

Nick Reed followed with a 160 total, while Ryan Rodriguez posted a 164 total, Will Conley finished at 170 and Clayton Weaver carded a 173 total.

Little League sign-up scheduled

All boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 interested in playing on a Big Spring Little League team can sign up from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today through Friday through at Big Spring

The final registration session will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Players must bring their birth certificate.

Planning meeting slated for tonight

Parents of youth attending Elbow or Forsan School interested in getting baseball/softball for the district are encouraged to attend a planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at the Brandin Iron. For more information, contact Mike and Brenda Parker at 263-4528 or Bobby and Ronda Doe at 263-8813.

Lady Steers Boosters set Monday meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Parents of all Lady Steers athletes encouraged to attend. For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538 or Penny Phillips at 263-4847.

Industrial softball league sets meeting

The Big Spring Men's Industrial Softball League will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at John

Wesley's. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

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. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

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

Aikman heads latest Texas Sports Hall of Fame class

back Troy Aikman, who led the Dallas Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles, heads the newest list of Texas Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

Aikman, who won more NFL games than any other quarterback in the 90s, will be honored with a reception and banquet on Tuesday evening. Both events are sold out.

There, Aikman will be one of seven athletes inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Joining Aikman in this year's class are former Houston Oiler linemen Mike Munchak and Bruce Matthews and NASCAR champions Bobby and Terry Labonte.

NFL Hall of Famer Dick "Night Train" Lane from Austin and former Detroit Tigers slugger Norm Cash from Post, Texas, will be hon-

still active with the Tennessee

Aikman retired after the 2000 season after setting club records for passing yards (32,942) and touchdowns (165). He is also the Cowboys' all-time leader in completions and attempts.

Head and back injuries helped lead to the end of Aikman's career. Last month, Aikman said it was"extremely doubtful" he would end his retirement and play in the next season. A broadcast report had said that Aikman would be interested in returning to the NFL next season but only if he could work with Norv Turner, who was with Aikman in Dallas.

Turner was Aikman's offensive coordinator with the Cowboys and

WACO (AP) - Former quarter- ored posthumously. Matthews is now holds the same job with the San Diego Chargers.

> A native of Justiceburg, Texas, Cash played football and baseball at Sul Ross before starting his baseball career. In 17 seasons as a first baseman with Chicago White Sox (1958-59) and Detroit Tigers (1960-74), he had a career average of .271 with 377 career homers.

In 1961, Cash led the American League with a .361 batting avg. and

193 hits An Austin native, Lane played cornerback and receiver in the NFL with the Los Angeles Rams (1952-53), Chicago Cardinals (1954-59) and Detroit Lions (1960-65). Lane, who had 68 career interceptions, set NFL records for most interceptions in a season and most by a rookie

Lane was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1974.

A Corpus Christi native, Bobby Labonte has 15 wins, 73 top 5's and 129 top 10's in 10 years of racing. He was the 2000 Winston Cup Champion. Terry Labonte, also a native of Corpus Christi, won the 1984 and 1996 Winston Cup Champion. In 24 years, he has 21 wins, 175 top 5's and 339 top 10's.

Only three players in NFL history have more Pro Bowl appearances than Matthews' 11. He holds club records for games played (348), consecutive games played (184) and started (181).

A guard for 12 seasons with the Houston Oilers, Munchak was the first offensive lineman selected in the 1982 draft and the eighth pick overall for the Oilers.

Hawks stay alive, upsetting Texans

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Howard College's Hawks knocked off fifth-ranked and Western Junior College Athletic Conference leader South Plains College Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 76-63, denying the Texans the chance to clinch the conference championship on the second-to-last night of conference play.

The Texans must now wait for their final game with seventh-place Frank Phillips College.

The Hawks (19-10, 7-6) kept their playoff hopes alive as they head into the Thursday regular season finale with New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. Howard must win in New Mexico and Midland College must lose at Clarendon for the Hawks to earn the league's fourth playoff spot in the Region V Tournament in Lubbock.

The top four teams earn a trip to the regional tourney — South Plains and Odessa College have locked up berths. NMMI's record was 8-4 before last night's contest with New Mexico Junior College.

Midland is knotted with Howard

Howard looked like a team on a mission, fighting for that coveted playoff berth, outplaying the ranked Texans.

First, I think our kids played well, with desire and urgency, which was our theme," Hawks head coach Chris Jans said. "Our theme was we were treating this like a playoff game. Secondly, the kids didn't want South Plains College to clinch a conference championship on our home floor.

"Our kids just played hard."

Howard never trailed but South Plains was always within striking distance. The Hawks ran out to a 21-11 lead when guard Tyrone Payne fed Jared Fears for a three-pointer. Artavius Davis got the putback for a 23-13 advantage.

South Plains got three conventional three-point plays in the final 10 minutes of the first half. That run brought the Texans to 31-26 and eventually to within one, 33-32, as the half ended.

"We were tired, and we had some guys in foul problems," Jans said. "It really hurt us right there at the end of the half."

Sophomore Rodney Blackstock and freshman Dominique Brown hit three-pointers off dishes from Zach Moss and Brandon Haughton to push the lead to 41-35. South Plains got within 41-40 off a free throw from Jermaine Washington, who scored 16 points.

The Texans stayed on Howard's heels, but when Fears got one of his team-high five steals and fed Payne for a dunk, it sparked Howard down the stretch.

Payne got another dunk and Van Jamison, who had three assists, found Haughton whose shot from the top of the key hit nothing but net. Howard held onto the 58-51 advantage before South Plains' Washington responded with a dunk.

Moss, who finished with a teamhigh 12 rebounds, got the putback off a Brown miss and Howard



HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

Howard College's Dominique Brown (32) drives to the hoop and completes a layup for two points, as South Plains' Jonathan Woods (24) can do little more than look on. The Hawks kept their hopes of qualifying for the Region V tournament alive Monday night with a 76-63 win over the league-leading

basket for a 10-point lead with 1:38.

The next time down the floor, Texans head coach Steve Green, frustrated by what he believed should have been a goaltending call, chucked his water behind the Texans' bench and followed it with a shove of his chair.

Green was whistled for the technical and Jamison made the two freebies to put the game out of reach.

Howard forced South Plains to turn the ball over 21 times. Howard handled the ball well, letting loose of it less than half of that. The Hawks stole the ball 14 times.

The Hawks also held the conference's sixth leading scorer, Renaldo Major, to eight points. He had been averaging 16.5 per contest.Payne sparked Howard in the second half, coming off the bench to grab three boards, block a shot and make two stretched its lead to eight. big dunks. The Hawks got 35 points

Blackstock's leaning shot found the from their bench, compared to South Plains' 23.

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Halftime score: Howard 3-3, South Plains 3-2.

These point feals: SPC 4-17 (Major 2-4, Woods 1-4)

Halftine score: Howard 33, South Plains 32.

Three-point goals: SPC 4-17 (Major 2-4, Woods, 1-4, Globys 1-2, Teichmann 0-1, Haynes 0-3, Merieux 0-2, Washington 0-1), HC 4-18 (Brown 2-7, Fears 1-2, Blackstock 1-3, Davis 0-2, Byles 0-4). Rebounds: SPC 58 (Merieux 1-1, Woods 9, Washington 7, A. Jackson 6, Major 5, M. Jackson 3, Teichmann, Haynes 2), HC 49 (Moss 12, Davis 6, Jamison, Blackstock 4, Payne, Brown 3, Haughton 2). Assists: SPC 6 (Merieux 2, Globys, Major, Woods, M. Jackson 1), HC 10 Haughton, Davis 2, Fears, Moss, Jamison, Blackstock Payne Haughton, Davis 2, Fears, Moss, Jamison, Blackstock Payne Haughton: Davis 2; Fears, Moss, Jamison, Blackstock Payne Brown 1), Turnovers: SPC 21 (Major 6, Smith, Woods 3, Haynes, M. Jackson 2), HC 10 (Payne 3, Blackstock, Davis, Brown 2, Fishenden 1), Blocked shots: SPC 5 (Woods 3, Washington, Jackson 1), HC 3 (Moss 2, Payne), Steals: SPC 6 (Woods 3, Teichmann, Merieux, Washington), HC 14 (Fears 5, Jamison, Brown, Byles 2), Personal fouls: SPC 21 (Teichmann, M. Jackson 4, Merieux 3, Smith, Major, Woods, (Teichmann, M. Jackson 4, Merieux 3, Smith, Major, Woods Washington, Jackson 2), HC 21 (Moss, Haughton 4, Fears, Jamison, Fishenden 3, Blackstock 2). Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: SPC bench. Records: SPC is 26:3, 11:2, HC

Lady Hawks find second half run too tough to stop By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Howard College's Lady Hawks saved the tallest test of the season for last, facing No. 3-ranked South Plains College as the Lady Texans begin their quest for a national championship.

South Plains (27-1, 10-1) broke open a tight game with 3:35 left in the first half en route to a 75-45 win. Howard fell to 8-19 and 2-10 in league play.

"This is one of the best teams (Coach) Lyndon Hardin's had in a long time, and there are a lot of people who expect them to go a long way and maybe win a national championship," Lady Hawks head coach Joey Wells said. "They are just a great team."

Howard kept it interesting for most of the second half leading 9-3 off of baskets by sophomore Shamieka Buckley of Fort Worth. SPC went ahead for the first time at the 12:38 mark with a steal and a layup by freshman Melissa DeGrate, who scored a team-high 21

Chris Carmicheal hit a bucket for Howard's last lead of the game 13-12 with 11:03 remaining. The Lady Texans outscored Howard 24-9 before halftime taking a 36-22 advantage into intermission.

Buckley finished with six points before half, while Vangela Menter made five, going 3-for-4 from the free throw line. Shanekqua Campbell made four and LaTasha Mathiew had three.

Unfortunately, South Plains was not finished as it increased the lead to 52-29 with 10 minutes left. Hardin used his bench effectively as 10 of his 11 players scored. D'Nae Wilson of Levelland made four field goals and a free throw.

But Howard still had some life left as Carmicheal fed Buckley. Menter and Campbell also found the 6-0 post under the basket for two more_ field goals. Buckley returned the favor by finding Mathiew behind the three-point line to cut into a 67-40 lead near the conclusion of the contest

Howard turned the ball over 27 times but forced trouble for the usually sure-handed Lady Texans on the floor making them lose the ball 22 times. The Lady Hawks stole the ball 10 times to the Lady Texans' 17.

South Plains also outrebounded Howard, 49-38. Freshman post Carla Sintra, a 6-foot-1 product of Brazil, grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds. 6-2 freshman post Natalja Tsurbakova of Kohtla-Jarve, Estonia grabbed eight rebounds, and DeGrate had nine.

The biggest difference in the game was SPC's 29 points off of the bench: Howard got seven. The Lady Hawks shot 30 percent. SPC shot 41.2 percent and 33.3 per-

cent from three-point range.

Howard finishes the year 8-19 and 2-10 in league play.

Gonzalez finally reports to training camp

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) -Juan Gonzalez is finally back with the Texas Rangers.

The slugger, who rejoined the Rangers as a free agent during the offseason, reported to training camp Monday. He had gotten permission from the team to report four days late so that he could tend to person-

al business at home in Puerto Rico. "It feels good to come back home again," Gonzalez said. "I'm the same player with more experience. The game's coming a lot easier now.

I'm happy to come back to Texas." Gonzalez went through stretching drills and took batting practice Monday. He spent additional time on hitting drills after the scheduled

workout. Gonzalez, a two-time AL MVP while with the Rangers from 1989-99, signed a \$24 million, two-year contract with the Rangers last month. He played the last two sea-

sons in Detroit and Cleveland. "I don't know if we fully appreciated him until he was gone," said Rangers manager Jerry Narron. "I don't now how many times I can say

this, but it's good to see him." Even after two years away,

Gonzalez is still the Rangers' career leader in home runs (340), RBIs (1,075), total bases (2,761) and extrabase hits (641).

The Rangers won three AL West titles in the four seasons before Gonzalez was traded, but finished last in the division in both seasons since he left.

Gonzalez had an off-year in 2000 with the Tigers (.289, 22 homers, 67 RBIs), then signed a \$10 million, one-year contract with Cleveland and general manager John Hart last season. He hit .325 with 35 homers and a team-high 140 RBIs.

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4-11 1-2 10, Crins Carmicheai 2-3 0-0 4, Shamleka Buckley 10-25 0-0 20, Totals: 18-16 8-12 45. Halftime score: South Plains 36, Howard 22. Three-point goals: SPC 2 (DeGrate 2-5, Dawson 0-1), HC 1 (Mathiew 1-3, Buckley 0-2, Risby 0-4, Stowers 0-1), Rebounds: SPC 49 (Sintra 10, DeGrate 9, Tsurbakova 8, Paixao 5, Brown 4, Wilson, Butler, Graves, Seljak, Dawson 2).
HC 38 (Buckley, Menter 8, Carmicheal 5, Campbell 4,
Mathiew 3). Assists: SPC 10 (Paixao 3, Butler, Sintra 2), HC 7 (Carmicheal, Risby 2), Turnovers: SPC 22 (Paixao 5, Sintra, Butler 4, DeGrate 3), HC 27 (Campbell 6, Menter 4, Stowers, Risby, Carmicheal, Buckley 3), Blocked shots: SPC 6 (Tsurbakova 5), HC 4 (Buckley 2, Campbell, Kemper, 1) Steals: SPC 17 (Paixao 5, Dawson 4, DeGrate 3), (Buckley 4, Stowers 2). Personal fouls: SPC 14 (Tsur Collins, DeGrate, Butler, Paixao 2), HC 17 (Mathiew. 4. Menter, Campbell 3). Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Records: SPC is 28-1 and 10-1. HC finishes 8-19 and

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and any and all other unknown and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien equitable interest in or lien upon the following described upon the following described property delinquent Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-

ONE (1), STRIPLING ADDI TION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUN TY, TEXAS. Which said property is delin

quent to Plaintiffs for taxes in quent to Plaintiffs for taxes in following amount \$1.210.07, exclusive of inter est, penalties, and costs, and \$4,593.67, exclusive of inter there is included in this suit in est, penalties, and costs, and addition to the taxes all said there is included in this suit in interest, penalties, and costs addition to the taxes all said thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judg thereon, allowed by law up to You are hereby notified that ment herein

HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL suit has been brought by as Plaintiffs, against ANTO-NIO CORREA ARISPE, ET HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against J. L. HANKE, DECEASED, as AL, as Defendant(s), by pe ion filed on the 25th day of Defendant(s), by petition filed MARCH, 1993, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUN the 25th day of MARCH, 1993, in a certain suit styled TY, ET AL VS. ANTONIO HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. J. L. HANKE for collectio ARISPE, ET AL for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pendand that said suit is now pend ng in the District Court of ing in the District Court o Howard County, Texas 118th Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is **T-93-03-**Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-93-03-4055 that the names of all tax-4066 that the names of all tax ing units which assess and ng units which assess and ollect taxes on the property ollect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not hereinabove described, not

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ties herein, and all of those

taxing units above named who

may intervene herein and set

up their respective tax claims

You are hereby commanded

to appear and defend such

suit on the first Monday after

the expiration of forty-two (42)

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being the 26th day of March

2002 before the Honorable

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HOROSCOPE

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002:

Insights occur when you relax. Frequently, you even surprise yourself with what you see and visualize. You take strong actions around funds, making money and spending your hard-earned buck. You might want to rethink your patterns some. Avoid taking risks through July. A potential job promotion and/or pay raise could occur after early summer.

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) **** Mobilize your high energy and overcome a snafu. Your creative and dynamic approach helps someone get past a negative attitude. Just don't you catch it! Stay optimistic when dealing with familyand work-related matters. You've got what it takes. Tonight: Get physical.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Your instincts guide you through a problem. Trust yourself more. Negativity or uptightness around money won't help you make money! Relax and focus. Use your strong interpersonal style, and you make waves. Tonight: Let fun happen.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Speak your mind but don't allow a difference of opinion to develop into an especially argument, around finances. You might not feel up to snuff as of late. Pull back and assess your situation. Schedule a checkup if you are dragging. Tonight: Happy to be

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Deal with finances and a partner, protecting your own interests. No one else will! Don't allow negativity to permeate your thinking. You could, as a adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or result, misjudge a situation or person. Put your best property delinquent to foot forward. Tonight: Join Ptatntffs herein, for taxes. a friend for dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Think about what you need to do in order to resolve a problem involving a key person in your life. Understanding, as well as patience, might be paramount. Let this person express his or her real concerns and feelings. You don't need to take someone's comments personally. Tonight: Treat yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Sit back at first if some-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for one challenges you. Later, this same person makes an important gesture, creating peace. Remember, you don't need to carry the weight of a problem on your shoulders. Network later in the day. You accomplish a lot Tonight: Keep on smiling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Aim for what you want this morning. Someone could be unusually touchy, especially as you focus on your needs and not what he or she wants. Take an overall perspective. You might want to say little and listen more this afternoon. Tonight: Just for you!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov 21) **** Take charge when others wither away and decide that they cannot handle a problem. Your abilities could dim someone's need for you, in that he or she could be jealous. Stay on target, knowing what you want and where you're heading. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Once more, a knee-jerk reaction draws the type of results you desire. Still, someone who might be in a deep funk could test your patience. Schedule special time for this person, because he or she isn't going away. Tonight: Be willing to put in extra hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Deal with someone now before you need to take an unusually hard or tough stand. If you have had enough, let someone know. Fast action could prevent a problem on the home front. Make calls later in the day when you've chilled out. Tonight: Rent a movie.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** What starts as a fracas ends well. You say the right words at the right moment. Thank goodness! Be careful with risk-taking and your finances. A child could push very hard to have something his or her way. Talk to your partner before making any decisions. Tonight: A cozy

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You could be upset by a personal matter early on. You might not be able to handle this issue right now. Step back and concentrate on your job or another matter where you feel empowered. Later, you hear more from someone. Tonight: Go along with someone's request

What to do with husband who wants to be babied?

Landers "Frank" and I been have married for four years, and I have known his family since I was a child. I

get along OK with his mother, but lately, she has really been bothering me.

My mother-in-law does everything for Frank, and he expects me to do the same. I refuse to baby him. Frank will call me at work and ask me to make a doctor's appointment for him When I tell him to make his own appointment, he calls Mama and she does it for him. When we eat dinner at her house, Frank asks me

mother to do it, and believe me, she is delighted. Don't you think it's time he learned to do things for himself? Obviously, his mother never finished raising him, but I don't see why it's my job to raise a grown man. I have two sons, and it bothers me that they may grow up to be like their father.

to serve him. If I say, "I

can't. I'm busy with the

Tell me, Ann, are all men like this, or did I just get lucky? - Short Straw in Florida

Dear Short Straw: No. all men are NOT like this.

Frank's mother has encouraged him to be dependent on her, and now, you are paying the price. When Frank is with you, insist that he act like a responsible adult. If Mama wants to wait on him hand and foot, let her, but there is no rea-ANN

LANDERS

son for you to fall into that Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Feeling Hurt in Florida," whose husband refuses to wear his wedding

I had been married for one month when my husband removed his wedding band, saying he "didn't want to risk losing it." I never saw it again. After 25 years, I decided I would take mine off, too. When he asked. "Where's your wedding ring?" I used one of his favorite quotes and replied, "We are just as married without a ring."

of matching bands for our next anniversary. We were married 50 years last July Figured It Out in Texas Dear Texas: Glad you "figured it out" - and it took

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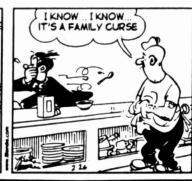
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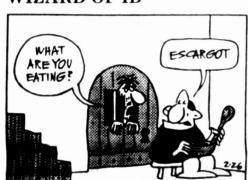




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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2002. There are 308 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on Feb. 26, 1802, French literary giant Victor Hugo was born in Besancon.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the Island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France. In 1848, the Second French

Republic was proclaimed. In 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon

National Park in Arizona. 1929, In President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton

National Park. In 1940, the United States Air Defense Command was created.

1951, the 22nd In Amendment to Constitution, limiting a

president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1962, after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, John Glenn told a joint meeting of Congress, "Exploration and the pursuit of knowledge have always paid dividends in the long run."

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1993, a bomb built by a group of Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that sexually harassed students may sue to collect monetary damages the from their schools and school officials.

Supreme Court of Ireland cleared the way for a 14year-old girl to leave the country for an abortion.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mason Adams is 83. Actor Tony Randall is 82. Actress Betty Hutton is 81. Singer Fats Domino is 74. Political columnist Robert Novak is 71. Singer Johnny Cash is 70. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 59. Actor-director Bill Duke is 59. Singer Mitch Ryder is 57. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 52. Singer Michael Bolton is 49. Actor Greg Germann ("Ally McBeal") is 44. Bandleader John McDaniel ("The Rosie O'Donnell Show") is 41. Actress Jennifer Grant is



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