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Briefly
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public input on the proposed truck relief route west of Big
Spring. The meeting will The meeting will
held at the Dora held at the Dira
Roberts Civic Center. 100 Whipkey Drive. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at p.m.

Safetr semmur
Safety is the major theme of a program
and dinner scheduled Thursday in Big Spring.
The Pipeline Group's annual Public
Education--
Contractor Awareness
Crogram, is set for $6: 30$ p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn. Big John's Feed Lot will cater the dinner. which is free to any.
one involved in exca. one involved in exca-
vation-related activi. ties in Howard, Borden, Glasscock Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties Following the dinner, a program stressing
the importance of act dent prevention will be held.
To RSVP or for more ${ }_{982}$ information, call 800

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## Tune: 9-1-1 hoard off key

Calls for resignations, thorough investigation
By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor
In a scathipg half-hour address Tuesday hour Board members immenewest member of the diately denied the allegaHoward County 9.1-1 "He made us sound like Communication District we are all crooks," said board called for the resig. board chairman Melinda nation of its managers Hernandez. "We have

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ather ments show hat the board is guilty of Sullivan and excessive spending. Bogard signed a deed of unwise businesses prac- trust on the proposed new tices and violating both $\quad 9.1 \cdot 1$ building at 610 Main law. "When these things hap- legally sign the document pen, it doesn't matter if until Feb. 25. "I asked the it's by intent or igfor board why they chose fo rance, from negligence or ignore state law and close incompetence; there are on the property. They said. "One thing is cer- tract was soon to expire fiscal irregularieies pre. See 9-1.1 Board, Page 5

## City to consider 'designated' private property parking

By ROgER CUNE Staff Writer While it won't keep Big Spring residents from parking on their lawns. sidered by the City Council by the city that residents whequire park only in a designated area of their property "Basically what we tried to do, without unduly burdening anybody, we tried to set up where you
can't park all over your can't park all over your Jean Shotts, who drafted the proposed ordinance.
where you don't even
have to park on pavehave to park on pave- The ordinance would
ment, but you do need to designate an area where allow property owners you will park, and once you designate it. stay The ordinance would allow property owners without paved parking areas to designate an their property area on their property 22 feet wide and 70 feet deep.
Records of the designaRecords of the designa-
tions would be kept at city hall.
The ordinance calls for warning in the case of warning in the case of without paved parking areas to designate an unpaved parking area on their property 22 feet wide and 70 feet deep. have not yet designated a
parking area and for fines parking area and for fines up to $\$ 200$ per day for vioSeveral citizens at the
meeting
voiced their

The ordinance would ordinance. allow property owners "What is the city coun- way or on the street."
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { ordinance. } & \text { ever, park in the drive. } \\ \text { "What is the city coun- way or on the street." }\end{array}$ cil's right to tell me that I $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other concerns, such as } \\ & \text { can't let my mother out }\end{aligned}$ whether recreational by the porch so that she whether ver trucks would doesn't have to walk so be allowed to park on
far?" said resident Wesley lawns, or what to do in Taylor. "If she decides to the case of a home with
stay a little longer. I get a curb-and-gutter streets ticket so the city gets and no curb cut. were disrich."
Resident Alton Hall pre-- cussed.
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our committee meet again sented the council with our committee meet again
photographs of his neigh- next week." Shotts said bors parking on their "We're going to discuss "The only thing that things like RVs to what hey use the drivew fo
is access to the yar

Tommy Tune, right, asks questions of fellow Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District managers during the board's meeting Tuesday. Also pictured are District Director Tommy

## Council will seek removal of city-appointed manager

By ROGER CUNE Staff Writer
Citing a "crisis" in the
Howard
"The concern for the council members is that we have a 9-1-1 District that appears to be headed towards a time Big Spring Mayor Russ
McEwen and the Big when they are insolvent if they are not insolvent right now."

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 B Spring City Council said Tuesday they would seethe removal of Don Nel Luce from the board. the $9 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$ District. removal of Don Nell headed towards a time Mecwen sitt.
Removalof Removal'of Luce will be appointee a couple of right now."
considered at the next council meeting next years ago, or a year and a McEwen said he will be II was instructed to put the council members is in the near future with on the agenda for next that we have a 9.1.1
time consideration of the council. Page 3

Big Spring girls have special connection to shuttle Columbia permon mooor The Columbia Spac Shuttle will live in the hearts of five Big Spring
teen-agers, not because of its historical because of its historica
significance, but also because of a special connection to a girl their own age. The news of the shut tie's crash left 13 -year olds Sophia Gonzalez,
Nadia Garica, Randye Phillippe, Danielle Jeter and Samantha Boehriner with one thought Laura Husband, the Husband, commander of Space Shuttle Columbia,
"My mom woke me up," Garica recalled of first hearing the news. "She told me to turn on the TV every channel and then were just call me and we phone listening to it My mom asked me if It knew it was the Columbia that Laura's dad was on ship, Last summer her." Last summer, the Big a the Children's Honor Choir with Laura, who was also a member of the group. Gonzalez really sweet," meetiez recalled of See shutrie, ${ }^{\text {S }}$
and at top Fandye Phillippe sang wth Laura Husband, the deuphter Samantha Boehriner commander of Space Shuttio Columbla, In the 2002 TCDA Canlidren's Honor Cholr. The


## A Big SPRING <br> ROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

## John Wells

James Wells, 70, died Monday morning at Midland James Wells, 70, died Monday morning at Midland
Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Mriday at Hollenbeck-Cahill Main Street Chapel with
entombment at Oakhill Cemetery Mausoleum. entombment at Oakhill Cemetery Mausoleum.
Survivors include one soñ, Stevé Wells of Big Spring. Survivors include one son, Steve Wells of Big Spring.
Big Spring arrangements are under the direction of Big Spring arrangements are und
Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Support groups

TUESDAY
TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.
WEDNESDAY
$\lrcorner$ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meet

THURSDAY
A Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.; Women's meeting: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
」Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

## FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 Meeting. 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

」Open Discussion Meeting. 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at
$8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to Inoon at 615 Settles. Open meeting $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to 6 p.m

S Surviving Pregnancy Loss meetstio secturt Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430

## MONDAY

p.m. Atcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 15 Settles p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth
at VA Medical Center from $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
$\lrcorner$ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weigh in at $5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and meeting at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at Third.

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## Take note

- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright Distribution is sche area needy
Distribution is
] THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which deliv ers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.
If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.
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## Lottery

The winning Texas Two ${ }^{\text {Step nu }}$ nu
Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
7-8-16-35 Bonus number 26
Estimated jackpot: $\mathbf{8 2 0 0 , 0 0 0}$
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by The Texas Lottery: 2-21-27-33-35

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-4-7
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday after noon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-7

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activiy from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

- ASSAULT CLASS C
was reported in the 1100 block of East 11th Street and in the 500 block of Westover of East
Road.
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GEHICLE was ARREST OR DETENTION IN A VEHICLE was reported in the 2200 block of South
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Circle Drive, the 2700 block of Central Drive and the 1000 block of North Main Street. - DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported at WalMart.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird Street. $\$ 704$ cash was report ed stolen.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700. Reported stolen from a ental or storage facility was electronic equipmen - THEFT was reported in the 4200 block of Dixon Electronic equipment worth $\$ 350$ was reported stolen. - CRIMIINAL TRESPASSING AT A HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 500 block of South Bell Street. $\$ 200$
inflicted on the structure.


## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriffs Office reported the following recent activity

- GINA RENE NORRED, 45, of 1313 Harding was aken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Big Spring Police Saturday on charges of thef \$50 $\$ 500$ and criminal trespassing
- ADAM ANTHONY STARR, 18 , of 710 Douglas was by Big Spring Police Monday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 27, of 1409 E. Sixth St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on a - DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of South Anderson.
- THEFT was reported in Luther


## VITA Volunteers

e preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.
Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.
lot of the Senior Center
Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.
Anyone who cannot come in on Monday mornings or ho is handicapped and needs at-home assistance or, anyone needing further information - should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens

## Citizen's Police Academy to hold a spring session

The Big Spring Police Department and Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association have annou a spring session of the Citizen's Police Academy. until $9: 30$ for 13 weeks, beginning Feb. 27. During the academy, participants will get an up close look at the daily activities of local law enforce ment.
Participants will be exposed to a variety of topics, ncluding department organization, state and federa sive tactics and firearms. There are role-playing exer cises where academy students are placed in potential ly dangerous situations - simulated, of course. And
students are also given the opportunity to ride with a students are also given the opportunity to ride with Participation is open
Poward County who are qualified residents of Enrollment is limited and based least 18 years old applications are received.
Graduates of the program become members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, which The academy was of activities in Big Spring.
Applications are available at the Big Spring Police Department, 400 E . Fourth St. For more information. contact Leubner at 264-2595.

## Herald classifieds <br> get results! Call 263-7331

## Bulletin board

Werive Foentumes Doek at 283-7331, oxt. 238 or omall WEDNESPDAY. Optimist Club, 7
1001 Birdwell Lare.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.
Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactue
Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City
Industrial Park, $267-6966$ or 267-1628.
Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club Diver Road

THURSDAY
Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m
Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267 .
Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club Driver Road.

FRIDAY
noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87
Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC
Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance 7:30 p.m. $10: 30$ p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industria
Park All area Park. All area seniors are invited.
saturday
Hertage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Hangar 25
a.m. to $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$
Potton House, 200 Gregg. a restored historical home is open from $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Admission is $\$ 2$ for aduits and $\$ 1$ for children and senior citizens.
Dance. Eagles Lodge, 793 W . Third, 8:30-12:30.
Members
Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.
American Legion Post, $\$ 96$ will have a fish fry beginning avalabie from 11 am. to $1 \mathrm{pm} . \mathrm{m} ., 3203 \mathrm{~W}$ Hwy 80.263
and 2084. Everyone welcome
sunday
Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1 :30

## MONDAY

Howard County Archaeology Society meets the secon Monday of each month, 7 p.m.. Howard County Libran

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 47 will hold regularty scheduled meeting on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter House located at Seventh and Abrams.
The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Assocaiton will meet Feb. 17 in the Cactus
Howard College. Lunch will be served at $11: 30$.

## Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. Lows in the mid 50 s. South winds to 15 mph .

Thursday.Cloudy. A chance of showers in the morning then showers Likely in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 60 s . South winds 10 to 20 Mph . Chance of rain 60 percent..Thursday night...Cloudy with a chance of cent.

Friday.Becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s..Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s
Highs in the upper 50s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s..Washingtons birthday...Mostly clear Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in The lower 60s.

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## TASB outlines preferred superintendent traits

By Lrwoel moody Staff Writer
Effective communicator, creative and innovative and the ability to the board of trustees just a few of the desired characteristics the community wants in the next Big Spring Independent tendent.
After meeting with individual groups and the public last week, Kathee Lupton, Texas Association of School
Boards search consultant. presented an overall report to BSISD trustees Tuesday of what the community expects and/or wants from the new superintendent. gathered, TASB compiled a Hist of qualifications and characteristics that will be printed in a brochure

## COUNCIL

## Continued from Page 1

 Coahoma Mayor Bill Readand Forsan Mayor James and Forsan Mayor James
Buse. Ms. Luce from the board. one of the other communities would also have to move in that direction,"
McEwen said. "This is Just a courtesy to them to let them know this is where we are heading and
let them know that we would like to see it placed on their agenda to at least consider the same type of action."
Luce and Big Spring
City Councilman City Councilman Tommy Tune are the two $9-1 \cdot 1$
Board members appoint ed jointly by the three cities of Howard County. Howard County is responsible for appoint-
ing two members to the board. Currently those two are Chairperson Stanley Bogard. The fift board member is Zack Johnson, appointed by the county fire marshal. Luce dechined to comdecision this morning. The city had requested that 9-1-1 District Director Tommy Sullivan attend the council meeting to explain items in the statements.
Hernandez responded with a letter saying "Mr. Sullivan will not be
attending the Feb. 11, attending the Feb. 11,
2003, City Council meeting." The letter gave no rion not to attend the meeting.
This morning, Sullivan cited a committee meeting to hear presentations
on a new fire truck for on a new fire truck for
the Howard County the Howard County
Volunteer Department. Sullivan is the chief of the HCVFD. "I already had some business for Tuesday night," Sullivan said this
morning. "My truck commorning. My truck comgrants, we had some reps coming in to do some presentations on their trucks and stuff."
McEwen said the counfrom the 9-1-1 District to understand the district's financial situation.
"I think that maybe this is broad enough and seneral enough and expresses the desires of the commur-
inty and the board and the students and teachers and faculty."
applicants.
"Its pretty general but
we have to be general so we have to be general so that we'l get a good pool
of
applicants," said Trustee Terry Wegman. II-don't feel we need to get real specific in certain
things because we might things because we might
exclude somebody whose great in one area and has a. weakness in maybe another area.
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judge. After all, NASA says it really, really wants to get to the bo And just look at ho NASA behaved last time seven astronauts were incinerated. On Jan. 28, 1986, the Challenger space shuttle developed a problem in
its propulsion system. The right rocket booster sprang a leak in the frigid air. and, 73 seconds after takeoff. the shuttle explode
board.
A company called
Morton Thiokol made

That explosion was investigated by something called the Rogers Commission, named for Rogers, former attorn Rogers, former attorney
general under Dwight Eeneral under Dwight secretary of state under Richard Nixon.
The Rogers found that the seven were not killed by divine intervention or by the inherent dangers of spac flight. No, it found the astronauts were killed by
massive human foul-ups. This is the way The New York Times put it: "In a low-key but stern indictment, the comm sion's 256 -page final
report chronicled a long history of engineering and managerial mistakes of refusing to recognize the serious problems with the solid-fuel boostdown in quality control programs and of repeated failures to pass vital safe ty information along from lower levels to key decision-makers. that Morton Thiokol Inc. had designed a faulty rocket joint, had taken no appropriate action to

NASA engineers in the ate 1970s that the joint Not that the Rogers Not that the Rogers Thiokol for anything. No the commission was very careful not to blame anybody. As Rogers said in a Rose Garden ceremony, assess blame, and we have not assessed blame."
Rogers sald that in a bense" "a lot of us are to blame "for the accident
including the Ronald Reagan administration Congress and the media, all of whom made the optimistic assumption hat the space shuttle instead of remaining a risky developmental pro gram."
Got that? Anyone who was bamboozled into
believing that the space believing that the space
shuttle was safe was just as guilty as the people who falled to make sure it was safe.
Me, I don't quite buy that argument. But in December 1986 and Morton Thiokol agreed to pay more than $\$ 10$ million to the fami les of the Challenger astronauts.

That sounds like a lot out to only about $\$ 1.4$ million per family. That same year, a judge in milition to a baby who was treated negligently at birth. In Florida, a couple got $\$ 7.2$ million because their insurance In Maryland, a 17 - year. old boy was awarded $\$ 4$. million in a diving acci

## dent.

What happened to Morton Thiokol? In the months following the which admitted no wrongdoing in the Challenger explosion was paid \$34.1 million in "sonus incentives" for its And in 1992, the George M . Low Trophy, which is NASA's annual "quality and excellence" award, was bestowed on
Operations division So don't expect a whole lot from the current investigations into the Columbia disaster and nto the private contrac tors that currenty run Because when it gets right down to it, NASA believes in letting bygones be bygones.

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Texas 85th District P.O. Box 2910 Austin, 78768 (512) 4630604 HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS "Cliche or not, I could still go for a pic-a-nic basket right about now."

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## A scientific approach to kissing <br> ing. We call that Eskimo kissing


issing is a wonderful thing. The season of
excessive kissing takes excessive kissin
place between
hanksiving and Valentine's Day Some human cultures didn't kiss naturally. They had to learn it. he people who live Mangia in the South Pacific knew nothing about kissing until
Europeans arrived in Europeans arrived in the 1700's and showe
them how to do it. Cultures that don't kiss are a joyless group.
One scientific jour nal says kissing star ed millions of years ago when women food and passed them directly from their lips to their bables' mouths. This could have led to kissing as a sign of affection between mother and child, then The practice may have started India, where around 1500 BC the custom of rubbing and pressine
noses was a precursor for lip ikise.
today because it was practiced by the Inuit people who inhale the of the other person. The resulting olfactory cocktail tells a lot about We person being sniffed. We like kissing because it feels good, especially by people who are and tongue are two of the most sensitive areas of the body, packed with nerve endings. Feelings of passion cause a surge of chemica in the brain similar to those brought on by parachuting, bungee jumping or other such activities. The chemicals are attach themselves to pleasure receptors in the brain, resulting in euphoria and elation. When feelings of passionate love are absent, kissing lacks that extra chemical spark that makes it an eight year old is forced to kise Aunt Gertrude.
Science calls kiseing philematology and says it has ail linds of physiologicat effects. Your pulse rate goes up, your blood pressure
rises, the puptis in your eyes
bigger and you breathe deeper.
Matrimonial studies prove that Matrimonial studies prove that a
man who kisses his wife good-by when he leaves for work every morning averages a higher income that does the fellow who doesn't kiss his wife good-bye. In medieval Italy kissing wasn't taken lightly. If a man and woman were seen embracing in public the
It is estimated the average per son will spend nearly two weeks kissing.
The first kiss in a movie was in 1896. The movie was THE KISS The 1927 movie DON JUAN had the most kisses. Mary Astor and John Barrymore. The longest movie kiss was three minutes, five seconds between Jane Wyman and Regis Tommey in the 1941 movie, YOURE IN THE ARMY NOW. The longest kiss on record took and Dror Otpan kiesed for 30 hours and 46 seconds during kiseing contest in Tel Aviv. Kisestrs ly good exerciee. You

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A Small Prayer

Dear Lord, may we be generous receivers of
your love and joy

## 9-1-1 BOARD

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$\begin{array}{cc}\text { Volunteer } & \text { SULLVAN } \\ \text { Fire }\end{array}$ Department. Sullivan is chief of the department.
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of $\$ 37,909$ for fiscal year of
2001-2002, and a projected loss of $\$ 77,308$ for the present fiscal year.
"The projected loss of "The projected loss of in just two fiscal years is in just two fiscal years is
stunning," said Tune. "What do we do in five years when the balloon
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indeed; we're going broke fast. This board is a complete failure in managing
the budgetary affairs of the budgetary affairs of
the Howard County $9.1-1$ the Howard County $9.1 \cdot 1$

District."
Hernandez disagreed, saying the board has acted properly in all its dealings and made a wis choice in purchasing the
building. She noted that the 9-1-1 District rents out a portion of the building for $\$ 1,000$ a month, leav ing \$457 a month for the district to have to pay. have faith in us," said Hernandez. "We owe the public some answers and we will do that as soon as we can.
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any.
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"We were not pely get or this." who ads, said Hernandez, who added that she has no intention of resigning. Other board members "I've done nothing wrong. This board has done nothing wrong," Ternandez said.
"They did a bad job There should be resigna tions. There should be investigations, though not necessarily "criminal,"

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really do the talking. They tell it all."
in other action, the oard agreed to suspend hotice of a 90-day clause it discontinued 9-1-1 call tak. ing for the city of Big Spring and to negotiate a new clause with the city. They also approved the
2001-2002 outside audit prepared by Don McKee.

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do say to them when you lose a dad," Phillyppe "I'd probably just hug her and cry," Jeter said.
"Lots of crying." Boehriner added.
 ext. 234, or by e-mall at Heard a presentation of a racial profliling report by Police Chief Lonnie
Smith

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263.7331 Roger Cline at 263.7331 ext. 232 or by e-mall at
newsdesk@crom.net

Sullivan said the boar complies with the law and makes use of a certified public accountant, audi tors and an attorney
which it keeps on retain er.
"We are doing every.
thing the law says we have to do," said Sullivan, who added "My job is
technological. I work for technological. I work fo
the board and do what they say.
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## No new taxes, says Perry

## Governor wants to cut government programs


last month
was criti-
cized in some circles for zero be spent in every budget category, said in his speech more specifically where he thought
some cuts could be made. Once again he emphasized his opposition to new taxes.
set priorities, not to raise the price of government. the State address He proposed saving $\$ 3.8$
billion in the next two year budget cycle by reducing current state
agency spending levels by agency spending levelsent although he proposed increasing public education spending by $\$ 500 \mathrm{mil}$ -
The Legislature has the power to cut, spend and
tax. Perry can only make suggestions. He does have veto power over bills.
Some Democratic makers called on Perry t go further in explaining "We hope the governo to explicitly spell out his funding priorities, illus
trate his cost savings an do what the people lead." sold Rep. Pete Gallego said if the state sis

## Lammatrors illiate

AUSTIN (AP) - A bill that would require public pray, meditate or lawmakers and others Tuesday.
The legislation by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, would replace current law. that gives school districts the option of holding a period of silence, during which students may reflect or med itate.
four decades, at looking at our society over the las of society, I would call it There is more violence in the schools," Wentworth said
However, he repeated during a Senate Education Committee hearing that the bill is a not a prayer
bill. This a reflection, meditation or prayer" bill, he said. "In fact, as I have said before, we won't know if (the students) are doing any of those three things They may be doing something else because it


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sef from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Monday. March 3 . at the
Region 18 Educatio
Service Center. 281 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { LaForce } & \text { Blvd.. } \\ \text { Midland } \\ \text { An }\end{array}$ be held on Thursday,
March 27, from 7 p.m. to 9 University in Alpine. That workshop will be Center in Room 210 . The workshops are iden. interested community members and individuals thinking about running for a school board with
 whool board members will explain board mem
bers' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective
service.
Topics to be covered
include what it's like to

## Monday, March 3,

 Region 18 Education Service Center in Midland be a trustee, key responsi-bilities of the board, divi. sion of authority with constructively campaign to find more information Participants will also view A Call to Service, a
Texas Association of School Boards' video
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The workshop is open to anyone and admission is free. For more information
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DOHA, Qatar (AP) - A man believed to be Osama bin Laden calls on all Muslims to support Iraq in any stage suicide attacks and lure American troops into bloody urban battles to inflict "big casualties.
He also suggests Saddam Hussein is an infidel, but says Muslims should back him nonetheless in the war gainst "the Crusaders.
U.S. officials said they believe the voice on the tape Colin Powell said the Lamments, broadcast on Tuesday, bolstered U.S. allegations that Iraq is haroring al-Qaida operatives.
The raspy voice was broadcast by the Al-Jazeera satelite television station on the first day of the major
Islamic holiday Eid al-Adha as millions of Muslim pilgrims were performing the hajj, or pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.
"We stress the importance of martyrdom operations (suicide attacks) against the enemy, these attacks that the man identified as bin Laden said.

## Lawmaters say allies hetray U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Angry lawmakers say U.S. allies have betrayed the United States and the NATO Iraq.
Some lawmakers suggested the survival of the alliance may be at stake - a concern voiced by Secretary of State Colin Powell. He told senators Tuesday that NATO and U.N. alliances could fall apart because of a reluctance to provide military suppor Powell was returning to Capitol Hill on Wednesday to appear before the House International Relations Committee, whose leaders have strongly backed President Bush's tough line on Iraq.
The panel's top Democrat, Rep. Tom Lantos of California, said in remarks prepared for the hearing intransigence and utter ingratitude" of France Germany and Belgium, which have blocked a U.S.: backed plan to improve Turkey's defenses against any attack from neighboring Iraq. The three countries, which favor giving U.N. weapons inspectors more time in Iraq. see the plan as making war more likely itary. France, Germany and Belgium today would be Soviet socialist republics," Lantos said. "The failure of these three states to honor their commitments is
beneath contempt.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Raising the stakes in the nuclear standoff with North Korea, the U.N. nuclear agency is turning to its last and most solemn option passing the dispute to the Security Council for poss
ble sanctions on the reclusive regime. The International Atomic Energy A
The International Atomic Energy Agency's 35 -nation standoff to the council in an emergency closed-door session set for Wednesday afternoon at the nuclear agency's headquarters in Vienna.
An agency official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that a resolution
declaring North Korea in noncompliance of its obliga tions under international accords was prepared week ago and would be adopted today.
The U.N. nuclear agency's director-general, Mohamed ElBaradei, who gave the board a report las
month saying North Korea is not keeping its promis month saying North Korea is not keeping its promis-
es, has suggested that the U.N. nuclear watchdog has little choice after having been backed into a corner by months of intransigence on the part of the North. The crisis began in October, when U.S. officials said orth Korea had admitted having a nuclear weapon program in violation of a 1994 agreement.

## Shutute delobris headded for Florita

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Thousands of pieces from space shuttle Columbia have been loaded Florida, where the investigation into the disaster will be conducted.
The first deliveries of debris that had been scattered across Texas and Louisiana - which offer the bes clues to the cause of the shuttle's breakup - were expected to arrive today. The investigative panel look-
ing into the Feb. 1 disaster also was scheduled to arrive at the center Wednesday
The initial loads of debris left Barksdale Air Force
Base in Louisiana on two 18-wheelers Tuesday The Base in Louisiana on two 18 -wheelers Tuesday. The debris will be laid out in a 50,000 -square-foot hangar on a grid marked by yellow and blue tape. The nine-mem
ber inquiry board will have offices in the sam hergar.

## Mighmart charved with fraud

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Justice Department ing millions of dollars in false'Medicare claims and demoting an executive who sought to stop the practice In a civil complaint unsealed Tuesday Philadelphia. prosecutors said that for almost decade. Pittsburgh-based Highmark intentionally mis applied Medicare rules to avoid paying insurance claims and instead passed the costs on to the govern
ment.
The lawsuit seeks triple damages against Highmark

The suit also alleges the company harassed and then an effort to reform the company's billing practices. At one point Drescher told her superiors that company could owe the government as much as $\$ 20$ million for mishandled claims.
Drescher initially filed the suit in 2000, but it was kept under seal while the government investigated her suit, and plans to file its own complaint against the company.
Highmark's chief attorney, Anne Shearon, denied Highmark's chief attorney, Anne Shearon, denied
hat the firm intentionally filed false Medicare claims and said Drescher had never been punished for her and sa
work.

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From the classroom to Congress

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Steers close out seasion with loss to Levelland

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor
The Levelland Loboes closed out the Big Spring Steers' 2002
2003 basketball season on note Tuesday night. Lévellarid had five players reach double fig. ures offensively and rolled to a
$105-62$ victory in front of a large crowd in the Levelland gymnasicrow
um.
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With the loss. Big Spring closed out its first District 4-4A march
under first-year head coach Jim Kinnear with an 0.10 record Levelland improved to 6-4 and
garnered the third-place playoff

The Steers, despite a 20 -point itself throughout the contest ' became the second 4-4A team to effort from Jordan Cobb, held with turnovers, found its game reach 100 points against the
their own for much of the first in the third. The Steers pushed quarter. Big Spring, which also benefitted from a double-digit performance from Alvin Russell,
poured in 14 points in the first quarter. 14 points in the first a late surge in the first and took a $24-14$ lead into the second peri-
The wheels came off the Big Spring wagon in the second. run in the the frame and took a half: advantage into the first
in the third. The Steers pushed
in 16 points in the frame and went into the fourth quarter trailing 78-41
Overall, th
Overall, the Steers committed 30 turnovers in the game.
Levelland didn't do much better against a hustling BSHS defense urning the ball over 22 times. The Loboes, who finished behind Lubbock Estacado and
Frenship in the District renship in the District $4-4 \mathrm{~A}$
tandings, cemented the win standings, cemented the win
with a strong offensive effort in the final eight minutes of the regular season. Levelland pushed in ular season. Levelland pushed in
mark earlier this year. Big Spring also played well down the stretch. The Steers in the fourth quarter
Cobb, who went a perfect 5 -of- 5 from the free throw line, finished the game as the Steers' top scorer, netting 22 points. Clayton Weaver, Wes Smith and Josh
Pedigo also turned in strong outings as well, scoring eight points apiece. Nathan Teeters and Kyle Flenniken added six and five. Overall, Big Spring finished
the season with a 2.30 record

## Watkins

 tosses2-hitter in debut
By TOMMY WELS
Sports Editor
Alex Watkins kave the Big Spring Lady Steer
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After Whitney Hufford Alter Whitney Hufford
had drawn a walk, Lara
Olague lined a single into the outfield. Hufford
advanced to third on the play, drawing a throw that enabled Olague to
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Watkins
Olague's single followed
with a two-run infield hit that the GHS third baseman
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## Buffs wrap up 3-2A title

Forsan returns to playoffs after 6 year hiatus


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The Big Spring Youth Boskethall Association Saturday with a fin stite of rames

## T'wolves dump Mavs on final shot



3ig Spring Youth Basketball Aseoclation action is eched Nouthe continue thls weekend. More than 400 area youths are particlpating in the league this year.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - said Szczerbiak, who had The Mavericks, who Wally Szczerbiak is try- 21 points, nailing his shot trailed by as many as 19 $\begin{array}{lll}\text { ng to ease back into } & \text { from } 17 \text { feet to give the in the first half, led } 98-95 \\ \text { things after missing } 30 & \text { Wolves their 10th straight } \\ \text { on a basket by Nowitzki }\end{array}$ games in the first half home victory. with a toe injury. On an inbounds play Garnett - who had 26 $\begin{array}{cl}\text { At the end of Tuesday } & \text { with } 1.6 \text { seconds left, points, } 12 \text { rebounds and } \\ \text { night's game, he looked } & \text { Szczerbiak set a jarring } \\ \text { seven assists - converted }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { night's game, he looked } & \text { Szczerbiak set a jarring } & \text { seven assists - converted } \\ \text { like he rediscovered his } & \text { screen on Eduardo Najera } & \text { a three-point play to tie it }\end{array}$ Tike he rediscovered his screen on Eduardo Najera
shooting touch.
Scczerbiak's shooting touch. from the corner as the "That's the corner. final buzzer sounded gave "That's the shot Wally final buzzer sounded gave always makes, wolves a $100-98$ victory Peeler said. Anthony after they squandered a Dirk Nowitzki had 34 17-point third-quarter points and Michael Finley lead against the Dallas had all 21 of his points in Mavericks.
"I'm just trying to take the second half for Dallits, good shots and make good shots and make road
shots when I get them," stopped
with $1: 17$ left.
Dallas had thre chances to thad three and Minnesota had lead, of its own finally seizing it on Szczerbiak's shot Finsey, for all his suc cess in the second half, Mads' last possession the Mavs' last possession by
rushing 'a 3 -pointer that rushing a s-pointer that
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See Dalus, Page $9 A$ shots when I get them, stopped.



## DALLAS

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 and over the bickboa "It was a stupid play Finley said. ${ }^{1} 1$ wasn't Said a Szezerbiak: "Oh, boy. I couldn't imagine what our coaches would say If we took that shot." Adsod "Iallas coach Don Nelson: "r headset to communicate with them during the game, but you can't. Finley feels bad about the situation. You just have to deal with it and go on."Garnett, the MVP of Sunday's All-Star game after scoring 37 points in 41 minutes, received a hearty ovation during the ine Wolves surge ahead with 11 points in the first

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chipped in 14.
Wes Longorio and Trey Kuykendall also hit double figures, scoring 12 and 10 , respectively. Tullie Louder led
Stanton offensively. He Stanton offensively. He
finished the game with 16 points.
Forsan's first playoff appearance in six years will take place either Feb.
21 or Feb. 22, depending on the outcome of the on the outcome of the
Alpine-Ozona race.

After carrying his team Gor much of the game, the final play.
"They al swamped toward me and left Wally open. I'm happy for Wally," said Garnett, who was hugged hard by tion on the court. "He felt like my little. "Wephew," Garnett said. "Wally's been through a lot. If his toe hadn't been a problem, he would have
been beside me in been beside me in
Atlanta" at the All-Star came.
After battling the team with the league's best Wolves. Travel thes to Cleveland on Wednesday for a matchup with the NBA's worst.
Just as the Mavericks $112-109$ win in Dallas on
Jan. 30 was Jan. 30 was, this game
was playoff-like in its intensity. Six technical fouls were called.
The Wolves used an aggressive fast break and tough play in the paint ented Mavericks.
"That's how you've got
to play against Dallas," Szczerbiak said.
The Mavericks, who went into All-Star week record ( $38-10$ ), came out of the break looking rusty in the first half. They trailed by as many as 19 .

Ginobili helps carry San Antonio to $116-111$ victory over Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Emmanuel Ginobili hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with time - his only field goal of the game - as the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Portland Trail Blazer 116-111 Tuesday night. Ginobili's shot came on during that possession. San Antonio was able to grab two offensive rebounds to keep the pos-
session alive session alive, even
though Portland contended Tim Duncan committed an over-the-back foul on one of them.
Duncan had 36 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists to lead the Spurs,
who won their sixth in a row. Malik Rose had 21 points and 15 rebounds and Tony Parker had 22 points and eight assists.
${ }_{25}$ Rasheed Wallace scored
25 points to lead the
Blazers, who had a four-
game winning streak snapped. Dale Davis had a strong game with 15 points and eight $\begin{array}{ll}\text { rebounds. Scottie Pippen } \\ \text { had } & 19 \\ \text { points, } & \text { six }\end{array}$ had 19 points, six
rebounds and six assists. rebounds and six assists.
The end of regulation was filled with drama and controversy.
Tim Duncan sank a pair
of free throws with 2.0
econds left to give the Spurs a $102-100$ lead Duncan was fouled by Pippen while going for a rebound after a miss from Wallace. corner by Wallace. That Wallace even had a chance to
shoot was controversial. Pippen rebounded a miss along the baseline with bout 20 seconds left and was granted a timeout in the air, even though landed out of bounds.
Following a timeout fter Duncan's free throws, Pippen was couled on the inbounds pass and hit two free left to tie it up.
A 20 -footer by Stephen ackson rimmed out at he buzzer, forcing over-
Portland guard Bosi Wells was guard Bonzi 25.8 seconds left in the econd quarter for argung with referee James Wells was tossed after a oose ball foul was called An the Spurs' Rose. After Capers called the continued to col, Wells Capers made it clear he had heard enough, but
Wells continued and
quickly picked up his sec ejection. $\qquad$ Several Blazers players Cheeks complained throughout the quarter about. the officiating. mallace played just 11 minutes in the firs
due to foul trouble. The exchange came in the middle of a $13-3$ Spurs run that gave San Antonio a $51-44$ halftime With Wallace on the bench with three fouls, Duncan and Rose dominated, combining for 10 points and nine rebounds ment
Lady Buffs to face Wall Friday The Stanton Lady Hawks in the Dorothy Buffaloes will begin their Garrett Coliseum. The against the Wall Lady at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## COAHOMA

Continued from Page 9 Cory Mulkey led al They Page $9 \quad \begin{gathered}\text { Cory Mulkey led al } \\ \text { Coahoma scorers. nettin }\end{gathered}$ Wolves outscored the 19. Kelby Kemper added over the first $7: 53$ of the fourth quarter, pulling to within $61-60 \quad \begin{gathered}\text { before }\end{gathered}$ Jackson came up with his Jacksonning shot. Jackson finished th
game with 13 points.

But Portland regrouped at the break and got back into the game with an 11 From there it was see saw, intense game. San Antonio played horthanded, missing centers David Robinson, who returned home prior in his right hip, an Mengke Bateer, who was not with the team due to ersonal reasons. Robinson, who is in his nissed NBA season, als issed the Spurs' last ame before the All-Star with the same ail 19.

Russell led all scorers
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| you will just plain enjoy | what will make you happy. | important, and find that | PISCES (Feb. 19-March |
| yourselves together, | Laughter surrounds inter- | information. You have | 20) ***** You understand |
| matter where you are. CAd | actions, especially tho | unusual sources. Use the | much more than you realize |
| Cer chips in. | with associates and people | to the max. You come up | about a loved one or a |
| The Stars Show the Kind | in your day to day life. | with a most appealing id | Think through a decision |
| of Day You'll Have: 5- | Don't push when charm | that others can back. Lea | more carefully that sur. |
| Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3 - | might work. Tonight: Keep | to keep a secret just that | rounds a long-term love |
| Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult | smiling. | a secret. Tonight: Follow | relationship. Feelings are |
| ARIES (March 21-April | LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** | your friends | abundant. Sort them out |
| 19) *** Opportunity knocks | Step behind a situation. A | SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22. | before you make a major |
| on your door. You might | co-worker lets you know | Dec. 21) ${ }^{* * * * *}$ Listen to a | decision. Tonight: Play |
| feel as if you would like to | just how much he or s | frlend. This person might |  |
| take off and head in a new | cares about you. Carefully | have good intentions, but | BORN TODA |
| direction. The question is: | review a heartfelt, personal | he or she is also a source of | Country singer and actor |
| Why not? Allow more plea- | matter that involves your | general wildness. You | Tennessee Ernie Ford |
| sure, laughter and interac- | work. Through sensitivity. | might want to think twice | (1919). French painter. |
| tion into your work situa- | you can make your work. | before jumping on this | graphic artist Zao Wou-Ki |
| tion: As a result, you will | place all the better. Take | bandwagon because of the | (1921). entrepreneur |
| notice that others respond | your time with a decision. | end results to your life. Jus | Bean (1873) |
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| In the limelight. | yourself | withstand Tonight: Allow | Internet at http. |
| TAURUS (April $20-\mathrm{May}$ | VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) | the good times to roll | jacquelinebigar com |
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| conversations rolling | involves a child or loved | their best foot forward. why | ndicate Inc. |

Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need
Dear Annie: I'm a police dispatcher in Vermont and
have attended a great deal
of training regarding
domestic violence. The lef.
ter from . Winnipeg.
ternada., set off alarms in
Cay head. She said her hus.
band had moved her to a
new city and wanted to
sever all ties with her fami.
ly I hope she will read the
following precautions from
the National Coalition
Against Domestic, Violence.
Predictors of Domestic
violence

1. Did he grow up in a vio-
lent family? People who
grow up in families where
they have been abused as
children, or where one par.
ent beats the other, have
grown up learning that vio-
lence is normal behavior.
2. Does he tend to use
force or violene to his problems? A young man
who has a criminal record who has a criminal record
for violence, who gets into fights. or who likes to act
tough is likely to act the same way with his wife and
children. Does he have a children. Does he have a
quick temper? Does he overreact to little problems and
frustration? is he cruel to animals? Does he punch walls or throw things when
he's upset? Any of these
behaviors may be a sign of bad feelings with violence.
3. Does he abuse alcohol trong link between lence and problems with
drugs and alcohol. Be alert
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at home, take care of her
husband, and follow his
4. Is he jealous of
other relationships
just with other men
you may
with your women friend
and your family? Does
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keep tabs on you? Does
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more likely than not they more likely than not they panic as couples every where scramble to find he perfect romantic gift The present doesn't nec essarily have to be expen sive, but it should be per
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