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## WEATHER

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## Spelling bee practice books to be available

Teachers who need practice books for the Howard County Spelling Bee need to contact the Herald with the amount they would like to order.

The books are \$1 each. The county spelling bee will be held in early March; the exact date has yet to be determined. Teachers who need books should call the Herald at 263-7331 during normal working hours.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Masonic Lodge NO. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

### FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.  
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.  
□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

### SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served.  
□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.  
□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.  
□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.

### MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third. Call 267-3068.  
□ Senior Circle 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics.

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## Big Spring group excited about attending presidential inauguration

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

More than a dozen Big Spring High School students, along with parents and other adults, will have a chance take part in history when they travel to Washington, D.C., for the Jan. 20 presidential inaugu-



BOWERMON

ration. "Last Spring I was contacted by a tour group offering a trip to Washington D.C. for the inauguration," said Kathie Bowermon, Big Spring High School government teacher. "They contacted me again in the fall and I threw it out to my students." Thirteen students and an equal number of adults will make the trip to see George W. Bush sworn in as the 43rd president of the United States. The group will leave

Friday morning, Jan. 19, from Midland International Airport and make their way to Washington for the festivities.

Each member of the group paid \$1,160 for the trip. The package includes lodging in a hotel for four days and three nights, two meals per day and transportation to and from events.

During the trip, Bowermon said they will visit Arlington National Cemetery, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, FDR Memorial, the Pentagon

Mall, the White House and the National Archives.

The group will see the inaugural parade and of course, go to a ball.

"The inaugural ball the kids are going to is in the Hard Rock Cafe," Bowermon said. "I am going to bring my ear plugs."

During the year, Bowermon's government and current events students discussed and learned about the electoral process while watching this presidential election.

"When the election began

we didn't have a clue who would be president," she said. "Our current events class would talk about the election and we would listen to CNN in class."

Now some of the students will have a chance be apart of the history they have studied.

"It will make it real for them, the realism of actually being there attending a historical event," she said.

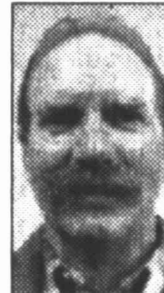
And for Bowermon, this is also chance for her to be

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## Howard County youth show their stuff

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Several months of work by area youth culminated Wednesday when the 2001 Howard County Junior Livestock Show opened at the fair barns.



TURNER

"I want to commend you youngsters on a good show," Charles Turner, judge of both the sheep and goat shows, announced to the participants. "Some of you who placed further down the line were the first to come and shake my hand."

Howard County youth showed more than 100 goats and 20 sheep during the shows, which capped months of feeding, training and exercising the animals.

Contestant Aubrey Foster, a 17-year-old from Sands Future Farmers of America (FFA) showing goats, said she purchases her show animals when they are about 2 months old.

Then she spends almost six months feeding the animal twice daily and exercising it almost like a long-distance runner.



HERALD photo/LynDel Moody

Seventeen-year-old Aubrey Foster of Sands Future Farmers of America prepares her boar goat for contest at the Howard County Livestock show on Wednesday. Foster has participated in the livestock show for the past two years.

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## HOWARD COUNTY SHOW SCHEDULE

### TODAY

6 p.m., Fryer rabbit show

### FRIDAY

8:30 a.m., Barrow show (pee wee pig show follows)  
3 p.m., Heifer show, followed by Steer show

### SATURDAY

11:30 a.m., Buyer appreciation luncheon  
1 p.m., Awards program  
1:30 p.m. Premium auction

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

8 a.m., Goats, Lambs to follow. Pee wee lambs and goats will follow if time allows.  
12 p.m., Steers

### SATURDAY

8 a.m., Hogs  
7 p.m., Banquet, Martin County Community Center.

## Martin County show to get under way Friday

HERALD Staff Report

The annual Martin County Livestock Show will start with a "baaaa" Friday as judging of goats begins promptly at 8 a.m.

The two-day show concludes Saturday with the traditional banquet at 7 p.m. in the Martin County

Community Center.

All of the stock show activities are at the fair-barns near downtown Stanton. The public is welcome to attend.

Immediately following the goat show will be judging of the lambs on Friday.

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## Area residents plan events to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Area residents will honor the birth of the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. with a program on Friday and a march down



HORTON

Martin Luther King

Boulevard on Monday. "This is a time to remember his fight for freedom, equality and dignity of all races of people," said Stephanie Horton, city council member. "A time to remember his message of change through non-violence."

On Friday, the Rev. Michael Willard, pastor of Mount Bethel Baptist Church, will speak on the theme "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!" at 11 a.m. in

Room 212 at the VA Medical Center.

Refreshments will be served after the program, Horton said.

During the program, Willard will encourage the public to be active on Monday, King's birthday, by performing community service or being active with their family, Horton said.

"We want Martin Luther King to be remembered by the public by doing something for someone else," she said.

At 6 p.m. Monday, King's birthday will be remembered by a candlelight march down Martin Luther King Boulevard.

According to Horton, participants will gather at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and march to FM 700 with candles or flashlights. Those who can not march will be able to drive behind those marching, she said.

Born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, King was a leader in the civil rights move-

ment to change the laws of the United States for the equality of all races during the 1950s and 60s.

King led the movement using non-violent methods. He began by leading a boycott of the Montgomery, Ala., bus lines after a Montgomery woman, Rosa Parks, was arrested for failing to give up her seat to a white person.

The boycott lasted 381 days, ending with a

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## Mother distraught over child who has been missing two days

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Stephanie Gonzales, 12, called her mother at work Tuesday afternoon to ask if she could walk to a friend's house to get her hair fixed.

Belinda Gonzales agreed, and that's the last contact she had with her daughter.

A few minutes after they spoke on the phone, Gonzales said she had second thoughts about allowing the Goliad Elementary student walk to the old base housing from her home on Harding.

Gonzales said she asked

Stephanie's stepbrother to go after the girl, bring her home and tell her to call her mother. He did, but the line was busy when she called back, and soon Stephanie was off again.

"There was no argument, no disagreement," Gonzales said. "She told him she already had permission to go."

"She has never done anything like this. I don't know what is going through her mind; I don't know if she ran away or what."

Stephanie is considered a run-

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Belinda Gonzales puts a flier inside the door at D's One Stop, located at 3000 W, Hwy. 80. Her 12-year-old daughter Stephanie Gonzales has not been home since 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Gonzales is asking for help in finding her.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

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OBITUARIES

Johnny Mack Payne

Johnny Mack Payne, 81, of Stanton, died on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, in a Midland hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12, at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. David Harp, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1919, in Clarksville and married Mary Workman on Sept. 10, 1943, in Childress. She preceded him in death on June 8, 1993.

He moved to Martin County in 1945 after his discharge from the Army. He had retired from farming 10 years ago.

He was a member of First Baptist Church. Mr. Payne served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 until his discharge in 1945, where he was a camouflage tech and received the American Theater Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal and a Victory Medal. He was also a member of The American Legion.

Survivors include: one daughter, Glenda Parum of Weatherford; three granddaughters, Debbie Gardner of Austin, Donna Johnson and Laura Parum both of Weatherford; and one grandson, Brandon Parum also of Weatherford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claud and Myrtle Payne; one brother, Leo Payne; and two sisters, Irma House and Mary Ruth Payne.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

Lockie Beach Schooling

Lockie Beach Schooling, of Big Spring, died at 1:05 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a nine-week illness.

She was preceded in death by both husbands, two children and seven brothers and sisters: Ofa, Willie, Orville, Ruth, Marie, Raymond and Hubert.

Lockie is survived by: her daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie Ruth and Jerry Easterling; a grandchild, David Wood; a grandson, Sammy Ben; two great-grandchildren, Casie and Brent Wood; several nieces and nephews and many close friends.

The family would like to mention and thank Carla Harold, who has been a special friend to Lockie and the family.

Pallbearers will be: David Wood, Brent Wood, Rocky Dyer, Gene Ekert, Ike Bailey and Cliff Howard.

The family will be at 2806 Clanton St. and suggests memorials to the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler, Big Spring 79720.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Chester Selman, 75, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 908 Gregg St. (915) 267-6251 www.npwlch.com

Lockie Beach Schooling, 92, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

James Whitcomb Haynes, 85, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Doris Wozencraft, 79, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Mrs. Wozencraft died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2001, in a Denver, Colo. nursing home.

Funeral service for Chester R. Selman, 75, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Colorado City officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Aug. 13, 1908, in Ebony to Frank and Elizabeth Dyer, she married Benjamin Franklin (Ben) Beach, on Nov. 5, 1929. During World War II Lockie worked as an inspector at an airplane factory in Fort Worth. In 1944 they moved to Big Spring where Lockie and Ben worked together in their own business, Beach Plumbing. They had three children: Tommie Sue, Bobbie Ruth and Sharon Ann, but lost 2-year-old Tommie Sue to illness and lost Sharon Ann at birth. Ben preceded Lockie in death in February 1973.

In August 1980, Lockie married R.A. (Skeet) Schooling and they resided in Big Spring, enjoying retirement and traveling until his death in May of 1996.

Lockie was an avid bowler for more than half her life. She successfully competed in local and regional tournaments and attended the annual state and national women's tournaments for about 50 years.

Lockie was recognized more than once as the Big Spring Women's Bowling Association Bowler of the Year, and bowled in two leagues until illness struck in November.

Lockie was a Baptist. She was active in the Mighty Oaks at East Fourth Baptist Church. She was also a "regular" at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center.

A very loving and supportive lady, Lockie was extremely devoted to her family.

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MARTIN CO.

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Saturday, the hogs will be judged at 8 a.m.

The show includes a silent auction both days. Concessions will be available.

LEADER

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Supreme Court ruling outlawing segregated public transportation in the city. King emerged from the boycott as a highly respected leader.

In 1964, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in the civil rights movement.

King continued to lead non-violent protests and demonstrations over the segregation of American society until his assassination on April 4, 1968.

STOCK SHOW

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one else has until you go to the show."

Learning responsibility and making a little money are a few of the things 12-year-old Grayson Wegner from Luther said he likes about the livestock show.

Wegner, who showed a fine wool cross sheep, said one thing he does not like to do is shear the animal.

"You have to hold them still and it takes a lot of time," he said. "Also sometimes I accidentally cut it."

Turner, a former agricultural teacher and farmer from Dublin, judges shows all over the state and said he was very impressed by this year's local livestock and the attitude of the participating youth.

"These kids in Howard County are super to work with," Turner said. "They are prepared, know what to do and their animals are very trained."

Turner said he looked for goats that were structurally correct, judging them by touch and how they walk.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

"I looked at the thickness in the back and in the leg," he said. "I also look at the balance and tie everything together."

Participating in livestock shows, Turner said, helps teach the youth both responsibility and citizenship.

"The main lesson for the exhibitors is to learn responsibility by caring for the animal," he said. "They learn a little about the meat goat industry like the appropriate weight for the goat."

"They also learn sportsmanship in the ring and citizenship," he continued. "They also learn the real intent of the animal is to be used for producing meat."

The event continues today at 6 p.m. with the fryer rabbit show and is open to the public.

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GUILTY

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away, and police, along with friends, family and school officials have spent hours searching for her, following up on leads and talking to children who knew her. Sgt. Roger Sweatt said the case is under investigation, but he can't give any information about it.

Gonzales said she has slept little since the ordeal began.

"I want her to call me and let me know she is all right," she said. "I don't know if she is eating or sleeping or what's going on."

Adding to her fears was the rain that fell Tuesday night. Stephanie has only the clothes she was wearing when she left Tuesday, her mother said.

The family has posted fliers at more than a dozen locations around Big Spring, and they have yielded some tips. Almost everyone says they saw the girl walking along a local street, most often in the area she was headed Tuesday.

"I have no idea what is going through her mind," Gonzales said. "This is not like her; she still sleeps with the light on and now she is just out on the street somewhere."

Gonzales said anyone who has information about Stephanie or thinks they have seen her can help by calling the police department.

"I can't believe this is happening," Gonzales said. "I just want her back home."

TRIP

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apart of something she has taught about for many years.

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TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 3,3,3

Lotto: 8,18,21,28,33-40 Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

"I have taught government for many years and now I will actually see something I talk about," she said.

Ironically, the group from the President-elect Bush's home state will be paired on the tour with a group from the state that held the election in the balance.

"They are pairing us up with another group because they need to have 35 people for a bus charter," she said. "The group they paired us up with is from Florida."

STOCK SHOW

Results of Wednesday's activities at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

LAMB Grand champion: Hall Tubb, Howard County 4-H. Reserve grand champion: Megan Kothmann, HC 4-H.

Southdown: 1. Kayla Holleman, HC 4-H (champion); 2. Lani Mow, Coahoma FFA (reserve champion); 3. Keisha Yarbar, HC 4-H.

Finewool: 1. Lani Mow, Coahoma FFA (champion); 2. Kyland Wegner, Big Spring FFA (reserve champion).

Finewool Cross Light weight: 1. Lani Mow, Coahoma FFA (reserve champion); 2. Justin Gard, Coahoma FFA; 3. Chris Beck, Coahoma FFA; 4. Chris Beck, Coahoma FFA; 5. Crystal Beck, Coahoma FFA.

Heavy weight: 1. Meagan Kothmann, HC 4-H (champion); 2. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA; 3. Grayson Wegner, HC 4-H; 4. Porsha Yarbar, HC 4-H.

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CORRECTION

A outline in Wednesday's Herald incorrectly identified Arvin "Pops" Hart as Howard Armstrong. The picture showed Hart helping make preparations for the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

"I can't believe this is happening," Gonzales said. "I just want her back home."

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# With less surplus, scramble begins for piece of state budget pie

AUSTIN (AP) — Faced with a slowing economy and a tighter budget than in recent years, lawmakers on Wednesday unveiled a \$108.2 billion state budget proposal that leaves little room for spending on new programs.

Public education and Medicaid would get most of the state money in the two-year budget plan, which leaves just about \$300 million for new spending.

The proposed budget does not call for major tax cuts or increases.

The spending plan includes \$42 million to pay for a previously-approved salary increase for prison guards. Pay raises for some state employees are included, but not the across-the-board increase state workers want.

"Unfortunately there are more bright ideas than there are dollars to pay for them," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat and chairman of the Senate

Finance Committee. Although state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has predicted a surplus of about \$2.9 billion, much of what's available for general spending will be used to pay for cost overruns in the current budget for Medicaid and the state prison system.

Rylander last week estimated \$106.8 billion would be available for the two-year budget cycle. The lawmakers' bills are based on a more current Legislative Budget Board revenue estimate of \$108.2 billion.

Unlike the previous two sessions, when lawmakers enjoyed large surpluses and approved about \$2.65 billion in tax cuts, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell said the Legislature this session could consider cutting some old programs to pay for new ones. In 1999, the surplus was about double what lawmakers have this year.

"People have new pro-

## BUDGET PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

**EDUCATION:**  
\$25.8 billion in total spending for public education and \$11.9 billion for higher education, including:  
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\$7.1 billion in total state spending, including:  
\$187 million to pay for new prisons and increased adult and juvenile offender populations  
\$42 million for previously-approved prison guard pay raises

**TRANSPORTATION:**  
\$960.8 million increase in federal highway funding  
\$4.5 million increase in state highway funding

grams and new ideas. Well, if that's the case we need to go back to some old programs and ideas that aren't

working and we need to cut those out," said Junell, D-San Angelo.

The budget proposed by

Ellis and Junell covers the 2002-2003 fiscal years and would take effect Sept. 1.

The state's revenue primarily comes from tax collections and things such as fees for state services, lottery and interest.

Of the total estimated \$108.2 billion to work with, \$60.8 billion will be available for general purpose spending while the rest of the money from federal and other sources is directed to specific programs.

Most of the general revenue budget will pay for public education — which would go up \$349.5 million, or 1.4 percent — and rising costs in the state's Medicaid program. Officials anticipate enrollment increases and higher payments to physicians and nursing homes that care for Medicaid patients.

Competition for the remaining \$300 million for new spending is already intense.

For example, top lawmak-

ers are focusing on simplifying a complicated Medicaid enrollment process that discourages needy people from applying, said Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, vice chairman of the public health committee and a member of the appropriations committee.

"If we do not deal with that, then we leave a lot of families knocking on the door," he said. "That's just how our barriers work."

The budget includes up to \$1 billion in additional property tax revenues, some of which could be used to help pay for health insurance for teachers, Junell said.

But the state cannot afford to fully pay for a proposed public school employees health insurance bill that would cost \$3.2 billion annually, he said.

"A teachers' health insurance bill, we need to pass one this session, and then as we have with new projects, we improve it and increase it" over time, Junell said.

## State pinpointing reasons for massive escape

AUSTIN (AP) — A seven-man escape from a maximum-security prison in South Texas comes under scrutiny today as state report details the notorious breakout.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice in its "serious incident" report is identifying who is to blame and how the escape was carried out Dec. 13 at the Connally Unit near Kenedy.

"We don't have any secrets, and we're not hiding anything. We want to be as candid as we possibly can," said TDCJ spokesman Larry Todd. "The report certainly points out some flaws that will be corrected, be it human error or a communications fault."

The gang broke out of prison by overpowering 10 civilian workers, a guard and a supervisor in the maintenance shop where they worked. They stole work clothing, a pickup truck and firearms.

"You haven't heard the last of us yet," warned one note left behind by one of the convicts.

Other letters left behind by three of the convicts complained of the "tyranny of the Texas prison system" and called for a revolution, law officers told The Dallas Morning News.

At least one of the notes left by Randy Halprin, Patrick Murphy and Donald Newbury reportedly stated, "Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose," quoting the song "Me and Bobby McGee."

The seven are charged in the Christmas Eve shooting death of police officer Aubrey Hawkins during a holdup at a sporting goods store in Irving at which the bandits dressed as security officers.

A gun taken from the store was found at the store, police said.

Since that robbery, alleged sightings of the

escaped convicts have been reported throughout Texas. "America Most Wanted" has featured the search on its program.

Although a \$200,000 bounty is now offered for the fugitives' capture and conviction, the Irving City Council wants to increase that reward to \$500,000 soon, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The fugitives could be getting help from organized prison gangs such as the Mexican Mafia or Texas Syndicate in avoiding capture, said Terry Pelz, a former prison warden who is now a Missouri City criminal justice consultant.

Security at state prisons has been stepped up since the breakout. Prison officials at the Huntsville Unit where executions are conducted have even been requiring prison employees to show photo identification.

But Todd, the prison sys-

tem spokesman, said events leading to the Connally Unit escape were unusual and would not be repeated at other prisons.

"We don't think this is a systemic problem," he said.

Thursday's report may not be the final examination of the escape. Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff has urged the Senate Criminal Justice Committee to investigate.

The breakout also has some lawmakers urging that prison guard pay be boosted.

Rep. Judy Hawley, D-Portland, who represents the district southeast of San Antonio where the prison is located, said ultimately the breakout occurred because legislators have not sufficiently funded prison security and guard training. She wants to increase guard pay.

"If we were where we need to be," she said, "something like that would not have happened."

## Lawsuit charges racism in Florida voting

MIAMI (AP) — Civil rights groups are suing Florida election officials on behalf of thousands of blacks, saying they were denied the right to vote in the presidential election because of institutionalized racism.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday asks a federal judge to overhaul how Florida's elections are run by getting rid of punch-card ballots used in 25 counties, fixing the system for purging voter lists and monitoring state elections for 10 years.

Today, a federal commission was to begin hearings in Tallahassee on voting problems in the presidential election. The panel was to hear accusations of harassment, voter registration irregularities, illegal voting-poll purges and accounts of a state patrol road block set up near a precinct.

"We do not know whether discrimination existed or exists but we're here because we have a duty to look at these allegations," said Mary Frances Berry, chairwoman of the U.S. commission on Civil Rights.

Gov. Jeb Bush, brother of the president-elect, was sub-

poenaed last week and was scheduled to testify Thursday. The governor formed a panel last month to recommend improvements, and both houses of the Republican-controlled Legislature are examining the disputed balloting.

The civil rights lawsuit does not attempt to overturn the results of the Nov. 7 presidential race in Florida, which provided the decisive margin for President-elect Bush.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, state elections chief Clay Roberts and county election supervisors are named in the suit. Roberts said he couldn't comment because he hadn't seen it.

Groups supporting the lawsuit said lawful voters were purged from registration lists and some voters were not given required language assistance.

The groups also claim thousands were turned away from Florida polls, some because applications from state motor vehicle offices weren't processed. About 17,000 letters were sent out informing people they couldn't vote because they were convicted felons,

even though many were not. "This thing is so massive," said Adora Obi Nweze, Florida president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "It's scary to think about what the numbers could be."

The plaintiffs include voters and others who say they were turned away from the

polls.

Earlier this week, a lawsuit was filed in state court in an attempt to block use of the punch-card "Votomatic" system. Plaintiffs claim the error-prone system caused thousands of votes to go uncounted and may have changed the results in a race that was decided in Bush's favor by 537 votes.

## Texas lawmakers review continued asbestos threats

AUSTIN (AP) — Gaps in laws intended to protect workers from asbestos exposure will be filled, either through legislation this session or changes in Texas Department of Health practices, according to key legislators.

Almost 90 percent of asbestos removal projects in Central Texas are being performed illegally, exposing thousands of construction workers to dangerous levels of the mineral, according to an Austin American-Statesman analysis of data published this week.

It said workers facing the greatest risk are mostly Hispanic day laborers who unknowingly rip out asbestos materials without respiratory protection. Violation rates the newspaper identified in Houston and Dallas suggest the problem extends statewide. "I don't know if the civil penalties the Health Department can impose for violations are a sufficient deterrent,"

said state Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, who was among several committee or caucus leaders who pledged this week to try to fix the problems.

Moncrief, chairman of the Senate committee that oversees the Health Department, said Wednesday he has instructed the committee's staff to examine the issue and identify solutions that would have a good chance of being enacted.

The House health committee's vice chairman, Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said he plans to introduce a bill that would direct Texas cities to follow building permit procedures similar to those in use in San Antonio.

The city, for the past 18 months, has required building owners to prove they've had a licensed asbestos consultant check their building for asbestos before the city will issue a building permit for commercial renovation or demolition work.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Lots to do right now in our area

It's another big weekend in the Crossroads area, with stock shows, a chili cookoff and a brief program honoring a national civil rights leader.

Already under way is the Howard County Junior Livestock Show at the county fairbarns. Sheep and goat shows were held Wednesday, the rabbits will be judged today and the barrows and heifers on Friday. Saturday features the buyer appreciation luncheon at 11:30 a.m., an awards program at 1 p.m. and the premium auction at 1:30.

Meanwhile, the Martin County Livestock Show starts Friday morning with goats and lambs, followed by the steers at noon. Hogs will be judged Saturday morning. There is no auction at the Martin County show, but a traditional banquet will wrap everything up that evening at 7 in the community center.

These stock shows are community events that give our youth an opportunity to show their skills. In raising the animals and working with instructors and fellow students, they learn teamwork, responsibility and other skills that will help them through life.

We encourage you to get out to one of these shows, and in particular to attend the auction in Big Spring on Saturday and support these youth by making a bid.

On Friday, a brief program will be held at the VA Medical Center honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The theme will be "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off!" The Rev. Michael Willard, pastor of Mount Bethel Baptist Church, will be the speaker for the program, which begins at 11 a.m. in Room 212. Everyone is invited.

Saturday's other event is the Harley Owners Group's annual Boss Hog Chili Cookoff, to be held at the Harley Shop on West Third Street. Funds raised go to support HOG's charitable projects throughout the year. Judging of the chili begins at 1 p.m. and as soon as it is over, you can grab a bowl of red and listen to The Marauders. They'll be performing until 5. It's all good fun and for a very worthy cause.

Take time this weekend to participate in some of these fun and important activities. We know you'll be glad you did.

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# A sleepy, sultry Savannah Monday night

The Lady wore red. Lady Chablis, the Grand Empress of Savannah, had been on the road for a couple of weeks, touring with a jazz show inspired by the famous John Berendt book, "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

The troupe had a few days off, so Chablis invited her new Northern musician friends to see one of her regular performances at Club One on Jefferson in Savannah. Chablis introduced the out-of-towners to an approving audience, and, for a few seconds, the spotlight fell across a table of men in suits.

"Now get that spotlight back on me, honey," Chablis fussed. "I don't glow in the dark."

The red-and-silver dress caught the light like nobody's business. It was glittery but tasteful, something an aspiring Miss

Georgia might wear. Chablis was amazingly small, with dainty legs and a waist Scarlett would have envied. She had a short, smart haircut, the better to dangle long earrings. Her high heels would have killed a lesser soul.

This show had been hastily arranged; fliers were left in restaurants and tourist haunts. But the small club was full. Tickets were \$25 a pop, though it seemed like lots of complimentary ones were floating about town.

"Thanks for coming to see Chablis on such short notice," the famous female impersonator drawled.

I didn't know exactly how I felt about watching a drag show in a town famous for its lush, native beauty and cultivated good manners. In the name of work I've sat through a Louisiana cockfight and an Alabama tractor pull. But I'd never watched a former Frank in a skin-tight dress talk nasty and lip-sync songs while customers stuck bills in her blouse.

(For the song "Memories," Chablis had changed into a downright demure, asparagus-green gown. She lip-synced the

syrupey song straight, without all the gyrating and provocative prancing of previous numbers. It really might have been the Talent Division of a regular beauty contest if the soundtrack hadn't started screeching. That caused Chablis to stop the show and fuss and cuss at the sound men in un ladylike language: "I've told you we can quit shopping at Wal-Mart," Chablis said, among other things. "We can afford Radio Shack now.")

My ambivalence was nothing next to how Savannah feels about what is referred to here as simply "The Book." Locals treat it like people do the Bible; they use the parts they can and ignore the rest. Those who were in the movie have lost the right to say much at all; they were accessories to the sin of putting Savannah on the international map.

One lady complained to me she had been forced to move from the historic district because property taxes have skyrocketed since the book and movie made this town and its characters hot. You hear about 100 percent tax increases and

houses not so long ago of modest value that have recently sold for millions.

The Book has had amazingly stout legs. It came out in 1994, and still they're giving "Midnight" tours and selling "Midnight" afghans, "Midnight" cookies and "Midnight" paintings at "The Book" book shop.

"John Berendt told me he thought it was clever how I painted Jim Williams' Christmas party from outside a window, peeking in, the way most of us would be," artist Trese Newman told me. She was waiting on customers in the book shop.

Longtime Savannah civil rights activist W.W. Law said he admired parts of The Book that hit a lick at white socialites who over the years had opposed his just causes.

Everybody has an opinion, and you can hear a lot of them if you listen.

Meanwhile, the Lady Chablis is running with an impressive crowd of show-business professionals, two of whom were serenaded with "Happy Birthday" on a sleepy, sultry Savannah Monday night.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



# Senate must quash war crimes court treaty

President Clinton signed a treaty that will create a permanent war-crimes court. To be fair, he signed it because of a deadline.

after which non-signing countries would have no input into structuring the court. The treaty still has to be ratified.

That said, the Senate should kill the treaty forthwith, as Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has said he wants to do. Helms is right and deserves the support of the American people.

Any international war-crimes court is illegitimate on its face. It is a kangaroo court in which the victors in a conflict seek vengeance on the losers. Such courts are a direct assault on the concept of national sovereignty. They politicize justice as well. They are patterned on the Soviet Union model

in which courts function to enforce government policy, not to dispense justice.

For example, Slobodan Milosevic, as president of Yugoslavia, tried to prevent the components of the Yugoslavian Federation from seceding. In that, where is he any different from Abe Lincoln? Milosevic used force. So did Lincoln. The difference is that Lincoln won and Milosevic lost.

I don't think even Confederate soldiers would have stood still a bunch of Europeans saying that they wanted to seize Lincoln, haul him off to a foreign country and try him as a war criminal. Billy Yank and Johnny Reb would have come together instantly and said to the Europeans: "Look here, pal. What we do in our own country to each other is our business, not yours. Butt out."

I don't blame the current president of Yugoslavia one bit for refusing to hand Milosevic over to the United Nations' kangaroo court. Milosevic is answerable to the people of his

own country, not to the people of the United States or France or Great Britain.

If this monstrosity is created, there will be chaos. Leaders of all sorts of countries will be charged with war crimes because, in fact, leaders of most any country that's fought a war are guilty of them. War itself, as Ernie Hemingway truthfully observed, is a crime against humanity. And once you politicize the law, then you've ended the rule of law and gotten into the realm of politics and propaganda.

Look what happened to Gen. Augusto Pinochet. While on a visit to Great Britain, he was arrested on the basis of a warrant issued by a leftist Spanish magistrate. What crimes, if any, Pinochet committed, he committed in Chile, and that is the only country that should hold him accountable. In this case, I have to say Chileans ought to build a monument to him because the general saved Chile from a communist coup and economic collapse. Killing communists trying to seize power is a

crime only in the eyes of other communists and their leftist dupes.

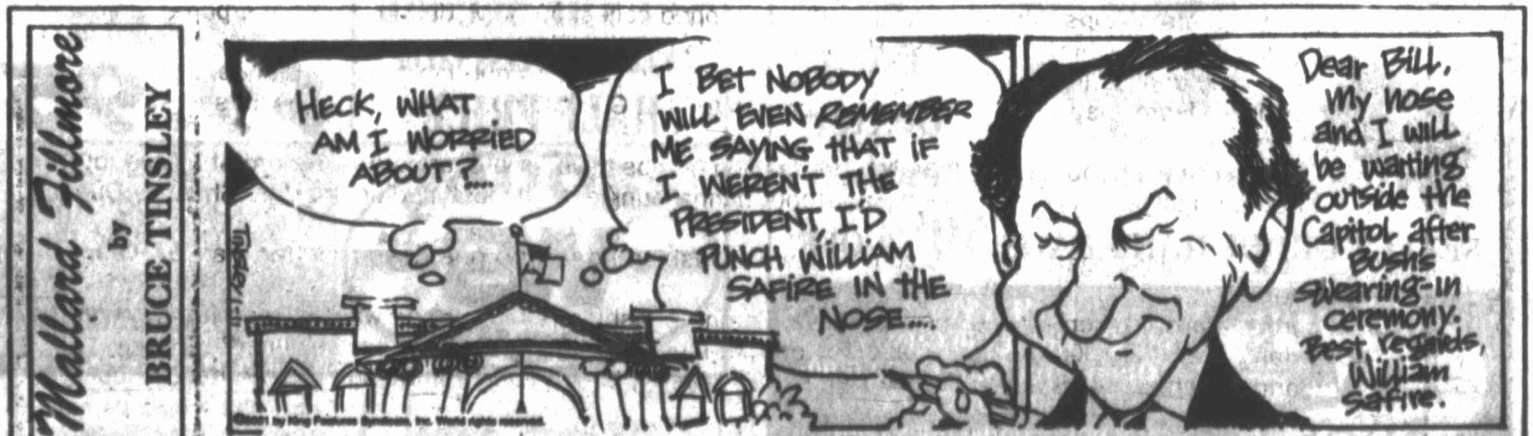
Those in favor of this court hope to be able to tinker with the details in order to exclude Americans from its jurisdiction. That would be wrong and would just provide one more example to the world of what hypocrites we are. It is better to oppose it on principle. If it is to be created, there can be no just reason to exclude Americans.

National sovereignty, which means Americans are answerable to no one but their own government and their own laws, should never be compromised. The creation of a permanent international war-crimes tribunal would certainly compromise the national sovereignty of every country on earth. That is the primary reason to block its formation.

Americans should always remember that the United Nations is an undemocratic organization. Not one delegate is elected. There is no public input into its deliberations.



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YMCA

By DEBBIE L. J.  
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New year's resolution weight loss aspirants are still in the "battle of the wills."

Now the Family YMCA week program Monday through Thursday weight management exercise. The people establishing routine and goals, said Andy's fitness coordinator.

"This program toward both women who want to trim down and those who won't see the difference in five weeks they stick to it, they will see the change. We hope to form a habit of continuing to work out."

Diaz said the most local fitness center has seen an increase in clients at the new year.

The Battle of the wills she added, is going on among those who want to lose weight.

School

WASHINGTON meals are getting nutritious. Unhealthy fats, cholesterol, and sodium are being cut out of school lunches and breakfasts. The new guidelines are being implemented in schools across the country.

A decade ago, elementary school lunches were full of fat. Now, schools are being encouraged to provide healthier options.

Schools have been releasing Wednesdays as "Meatless Mondays" to reduce the fat content of school lunches.

The report said the maximum level of fat in school lunches is down.

"School meal programs are providing children with the nutrition they need to learn and grow. These meals are a key part of the school's role in providing good nutrition for its students."

The report was conducted during the year and followed up on the progress of the program. The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to meeting minimum nutrition standards for school meals.

CBS

PASADENA CBS has named a new anchor for a third "Survivor" episode. The second edition of the Australian reality show is set to air on the network.

Locations for the South American tour have been scouted for the show, which will be filmed in several countries.

The network is offering an option for a second season. The show was looking for a new format.

"Certainly, we want to make him a star. Nancy Taylor is a great talent."

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### YMCA takes aim at the 'bulge'

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

New year's resolutions for weight loss aside, many people are still fighting the "battle of the bulge."

Now the Big Spring Family YMCA has a five-week program starting Monday that combines weight management and exercise. The goal is to help people establish a fitness routine and achieve their goals, said Angie Diaz, the Y's fitness coordinator.

"This program is geared toward both men and women who want to firm up and trim down," she said. "They won't see a huge difference in five weeks, but if they stick to their program, they will see changes. What we hope is that they will form a habit of fitness and continue to work on it."

Diaz said the YMCA, like most local fitness centers, has seen an increase in clients at the first of the new year.

The Battle of the Bulge, she added, is geared toward those who want to improve

#### DETAILS

- Battle of the Bulge begins at 6 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring Family YMCA.
- Register in advance or come a few minutes early Monday to register.
- Cost is \$20 for members, \$48 for non-members.
- The class will meet weekly for five sessions, with fitness and nutrition information plus workouts.
- Each participant will get a personal assessment and set goals.

their health and fitness but don't think they can do it alone.

For \$20 for members, \$48 for others, the program offers once weekly classes on various aspects of fitness. A complete assessment will be made on each participant, and goals set.

Everyone will get a list of foods that are recommended, as well as those that are

not, but fad diets won't be part of the plan, Diaz said.

"Our weight management program is one that utilizes all food groups that can be eaten on a daily basis for a lifetime," she said.

A nutritionist will speak at one session to discuss dietary changes and healthy eating habits.

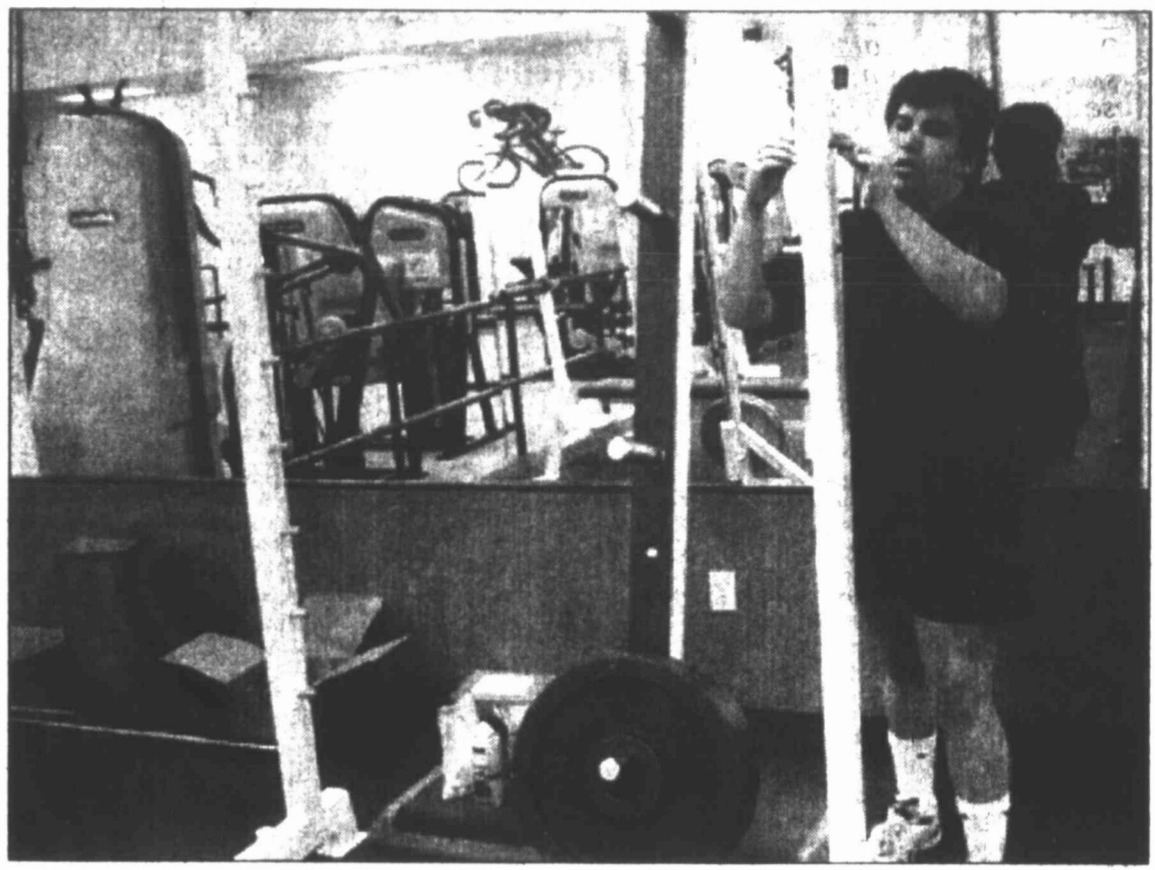
While some in the program will need to lose weight by taking in fewer calories, others will need only to increase their activity level, Diaz said.

"This program helps people do both. It delivers positive results that are seen on the tape when measurements are taken at the end," she said.

Diaz said many women hesitate to work out because they are afraid they will "bulk up," or gain weight.

But, she pointed out, muscle weighs more than fat so someone who is in shape may weigh more than someone of comparable size with more body fat.

"Think of it this way," she said, "it's not what you weigh, it's what you wear."



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen  
Angie Diaz, fitness coordinator for the Big Spring Family YMCA, assembles a new piece of exercise equipment at the facility. The Y will start a series of classes and workout sessions called the Battle of the Bulge on Monday.

Your clothing size will go down."

Everyone who joins the program will get a Battle of

the Bulge T-shirt at the end, and prizes are awarded for the biggest "losers." The battle begins Monday at 6

p.m. To register or get more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

### School meals more nutritious than ever

WASHINGTON (AP) — School meals are getting leaner and more nutritious. Under pressure from federal officials, schools have trimmed fat, cholesterol and sodium from lunches and breakfasts and are offering children more fruits and vegetables, the government says.

A decade ago, barely a third of elementary schools offered students low-fat lunches. Now, four of every five schools do, according to an Agriculture Department report being released Wednesday.

Schools have lowered the overall fat content of meals from 38 percent of calories to 34 percent of calories, the report said. Under USDA rules, the maximum fat supposed to be 30 percent. Levels of saturated fat also are down.

"School meals reach nearly 27 million children each day, sometimes providing the most nutritious meal a child receives," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"Fortunately, more than ever before, these meals are hitting the mark in providing good nutrition and healthy selections."

The report is based on a survey conducted during the 1998-99 school year and follows up a similar study done in 1991-92 that had alarmed federal officials. The Agriculture Department began requiring schools to meet minimum standards for nutrients and the 30 percent maxi-

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mum for fat content.

USDA, which also provides menu recommendations to schools, heavily subsidizes school lunch and breakfast programs but has not penalized schools that don't meet the standards.

Schools have altered their menus and food preparation. Turkey and chicken are now mixed with beef to lower the fat content. Cafeteria workers skim fat from brown sauce, making gravy. Schools offer a range of fresh fruit that are popular with kids, including strawberries, melons and even kiwis.

Over the objections of the beef industry, the government also has allowed schools to offer yogurt and soy products, such as veggie-burgers, as meat substitutes.

"What we've really been focusing on for the last six years is to enhance our school meals so that they do offer nutrient-dense foods that will benefit our children," said Marilyn Hurt, president of the American School Food Service Association.

offering healthy meals is one thing; getting kids to eat them is another.

"Kids choose what foods they know. If they are eating a lot of pizza at home, they're going to choose pizza at school. It's pretty hard to overcome what they have been learning at home," said Hurt, supervisor of nutrition programs for the schools in LaCrosse, Wis.

Some schools are even offering students more candy and other snacks than they used to, the USDA report says. Such snack items have become a funding tool for schools to pay for such things as band uniforms.

Thirty-one percent of secondary schools and 11 percent of elementary schools surveyed in 1998-99 said they had increased the snacks they offer.

The report also says secondary schools in particular need to improve the nutritional content of meals. Just 20 percent of lunches served in secondary schools provided at least one-third of the recommended daily allowances for vitamins and minerals while 70 percent of elementary school meals met the standard.

Teen-agers are a special challenge for schools, said Lynn Parker of the Food Research and Action Center, an advocacy group.

"As kids get older, they tend to drop out of the lunch program, and there's a concern about what they may be eating instead," she said.

### Report: Children's body image often unrealistic

CHICAGO (AP) — Influenced by their parents and the media, a disturbing number of children and teen-agers are worrying about their weight in hopes of looking model-thin or bodybuilder buff, a study says.

A second study linked being overweight with low self-esteem in girls as young as 5, while a third suggests that watching TV at mealtime may contribute to children's unhealthy eating habits. A fourth study found that fewer than one-third of U.S. programs that train pediatricians teach about the effect of negative media messages on children's health.

The reports, published in the January issue of the journal Pediatrics, come amid growing concern about the number of overweight youngsters — 25 percent and rising by some estimates.

The first study, from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, is based on questionnaires given to 12,057 children ages 9 to 14 in 1996 and 1997. Weight concerns were found in children who weren't overweight.

In the first year, 9 percent of the girls and 4 percent of the boys had extreme weight concerns, such as worries over gaining 2 pounds.

An additional 6 percent of girls and 2 percent of boys became highly weight-conscious during the study. Constant dieting was uncommon — reported initially by 2 percent of the girls and 1 percent of boys — but the numbers doubled in 1997.

Girls have been encouraged "to form unrealistically thin body ideals" by the mass media, said Alison E. Field, who led the study. A similar message about sculpted male bodies "is taking its toll on boys, making them more susceptible

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to being overly concerned about weight," she said.

The responses suggested that parents who were dieters or valued leanness strongly influenced their children. In addition, youngsters who reported spending lots of time trying to emulate popular media figures were more prone to chronic dieting and extreme weight concerns.

Another study suggests that even very young children are aware of society's fixation on thinness. The study of 197 5-year-old girls included 48 who were overweight. Those who were overweight reported significantly lower body self-esteem than those of normal weight.

Such girls may be prone to early dieting, which could impede their growth, said the study's authors Kirsten Krahnstoeber Davison and Leann Lippes Birch of Pennsylvania State University.

While parents should not ignore a child's weight problem, they should avoid negative messages and seek constructive solutions, the authors said.

One solution might be turning off the television during meals, suggests a third study, from the School of Nutrition, Science and Policy at Tufts University. It found that children whose families routinely watched TV at mealtime ate more salty snack foods and sodas, and fewer fruits and vegetables than those who turned the televisions off.

### CBS nails down deal for more 'Survivor'

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — CBS has nailed down a deal for a third and fourth "Survivor" even before the second edition — set in the Australian outback — has made its last on the air.

Locations in Africa and South America are being scouted for "Survivor III," which will be on the CBS fall schedule, network executives said Tuesday.

CBS disclosed few details of its agreement with producer Mark Burnett.

The network already had an option for several additional series, but Burnett was looking to sweeten his cut.

"Certainly this deal will make him richer," said Nancy Tellem, the net-

work's entertainment chief. She indicated CBS held firm on its refusal to give show producers a cut of advertising revenue.

The first "Survivor" was a ratings phenomenon last summer, and the already-filmed Australian edition will premiere on Jan. 28 after the Super Bowl. It will then be shown regularly on Thursday nights at 8 Eastern.

CBS also said that it was moving its freshman hit drama, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," into the coveted Thursday time slot directly after "Survivor" in February. "Diagnosis Murder" will move to Friday nights.

The shift is less an

attempt to weaken NBC's strong Thursday lineup than to shore up CBS' abysmal ratings that night, CBS President Leslie Moonves said. The hope is that "CSI," which has a younger audience than most CBS shows, will help earn the network a cut of the lucrative movie studio advertising market — which is big on Thursday nights.

Although the first "Survivor" captivated viewers during TV's summer lull, there was no thought of putting another edition on in the summer, Tellem said.

"When you have a valuable property like this, we can benefit more by putting it on in the fall than we

could in the summer," she said.

There's a good chance the reality series, "Big Brother," will be back next summer, although CBS executives all but admitted the first edition was a dog creatively. The house remains on a Hollywood soundstage, still wired for cameras and microphones.

A lot went wrong with the show last summer, Moonves said, from poor casting to poor decisions on which story lines to feature. But it still did better in the ratings than most summer fare, he said.

"If there is a 'Big Brother II,' we will be more actively involved in the creative process," he said.

SLICE of life

#### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

- LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mr. Blackwell named Britney Spears the top fashion flop of 2000 in his annual worst-dressed women list Tuesday. He called her two-piece outfits "Madonna rejects."
- His 41st annual list and comments:
1. Britney Spears: "Oops, she did it again. Her bra-topped collection of Madonna rejects are pure fashion overkill."
  2. Angelina Jolie: "Fashion interrupted. Hit by a Gen-X Gothic hex."
  3. Bjork: "She dances in the dark — and dresses there, too. ... Let's dub her 'Alice in Blunderland.'"
  4. Madonna: "From ghetto glam to rhinestone cowgirl to Mrs. Guy Ritchie. Any way you label it, she's still just kitschy, kitschy, kitschy."
  5. Elizabeth Hurley: "Poor Liz, her barely there fashion bombs have hit a sour note — a word of advice, buy a coat."
  6. Christina Aguilera: "Is she a boring and body-baring bungle — or just auditioning for 'Sheena, Queen of the Jungle?'"
  7. Dr. Laura Schlessinger: "When it comes down to fashion horror, no one does it better than Dr. Laura. A turtle-necked terror."
  8. Courtney Love: "When push comes to shove, no one's fashion is tackier and wackier than funky, punky Love!"
  9. Mariah Carey: "Her X-rated baby doll disasters are laughably low-rent. Who's her designer? Larry Flynt?"
  10. Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris: "The pretty, brassy lassie from Tallahassee needs cosmetic direction."

#### HEALTH NEWS

CHICAGO (AP) — Taking hormones during menopause increases breast density — which makes detecting cancer through mammograms more difficult. The changes may disappear when hormones are stopped, a study says.

Previous research has suggested that hormone supplements make breasts more dense, but the authors of the latest research said theirs is the largest study to examine the issue and show the changes are not permanent.

The research also found that the link was stronger in women who started taking hormones at or after age 70.

"This finding is important because the risk of breast cancer increases with age," the researchers wrote in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

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# How to fit in while you get fit

HOUSTON (AP) — The first time in a gym — or returning after a long layoff — can be frightening.

The weight room is filled with buff bodies lifting with perfect form. The aerobics area is clogged with veterans who know every step.

StairMasters and treadmills are humming. Barbells are clanking. Everyone seems to know what he or she is doing.

Except you. It's enough to force any person who has made a well-intentioned New Year's resolution to get in shape to turn around and high-tail it out the front door.

Not so fast. Follow this guide on how to act like a "gym rat" and you'll have everyone fooled in no time flat.

At the very least, you'll feel more comfortable in a fitness setting.

And that's an important first step in getting in shape.

**Dress the part** Most fitness centers have dress codes. Denim jeans, open-toed shoes, T-shirts laced with an obscenity or no shirt at all are strictly forbidden.

You probably can't go wrong with loose-fitting sweats or knee-length shorts and a T-shirt with athletic shoes.

Gym wear that is several sizes too tight, thongs on a woman, or a tank top that shows a guy's nipples aren't proper gym wear no matter what.

**Warm up first** Ernest Perez, owner of Ernest & Co. fitness center, says even many longtime regulars don't take time to warm up. They should.

At least six minutes on an exercise bike or treadmill and a few stretches are mandatory before lifting weights to warm up the body and prevent injury, Perez says.

To look like a real pro, don't lean on the StairMaster. You'll get a better cardiovascular workout if you stand straight and grasp the rails lightly while exercising on this machine.

**Head for the machines** If you're a beginner at lifting weights, skip the barbells and go to the machines.

There's less chance of getting injured, and it's easier to maintain proper form on a machine.

Whether it's free weights or machines, don't lift more than you can handle. Jerking the weight can lead to strain and injury, particularly for your back.

The American Council on Exercise says gradual, progressive resistance is a far more effective and safe way to increase muscle strength.

Wearing gloves while lifting weights may give others the idea that you know what you're doing. They also keep your hands from getting calloused.

**Re-rack your weights** If you lift free weights, remember to remove them from the bar and return them to their racks when you finish. It's common courtesy and an important part of proper gym etiquette.

"A lot of people use the leg presses, and they slap on a couple of hundred pounds. The big guys are too lazy to take it off. It happens, and the females complain," Kroll says.

**Bring a towel** If your gym doesn't furnish towels, bring your own to wipe down each machine after you use it. No one wants to work out in a pool of your sweat. Toweling your equipment is a sure sign that you're a gym pro.

**Let others work in** Sitting on the bench between sets is a mark of an amateur. Let others work in. Sometimes it's a great way to strike up a conversation and get workout tips.

Don't let others who hog the equipment intimidate you. Ask politely, "How many more sets do you have?" That will usually get them moving.

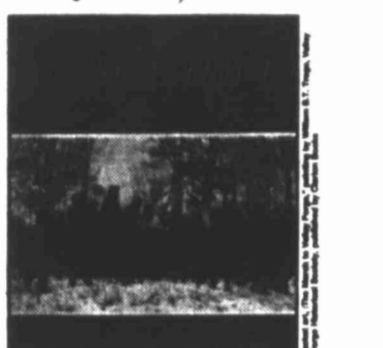
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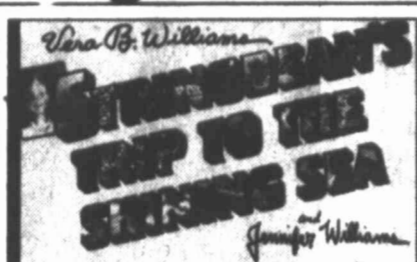
## Keeping a Journal



In this Mini Page, we have given you some suggestions for your own journals, and examples of books written in journal, diary or letter form. Put a check if you would like to use these journal ideas.



In "A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy," Jim Murphy tells the background. But most of this true story is told through the actual journal entries of a teen-age American soldier.



"Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea," by Vera B. Williams and Jennifer Williams, is a fictional journal. It is filled with postcards two brothers, Stringbean and Fred, send home during their vacation.

A journal can be in many forms, including:

- a diary, with accounts of what you did and felt.
- a collection of your own fiction, poetry, songs, artwork or photos. You might add special works by other people.
- a record of where you've been, with postcards of these places.

You can keep a journal in a special blank book, a regular school notebook or the computer.

Later, when you go back and read your journal, it will remind you of what you saw or heard or felt.

Here are some ideas to help get you started on your own journal. Find new ways to express yourself.

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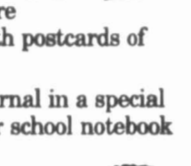
- fictional stories.
- a script for a new TV show.
- a song.
- a poem.
- Put in pictures of the same scene done in different ways. For example, put in a black-and-white photo, a colored photo, a crayon drawing, a pencil sketch and a watercolor painting, all of the same thing.

**About friends**

What are your friends like?

Write a letter telling private things you might want them to know. Don't mail the letter.

What fun things do you do with your friends? Include photos and drawings.



### Meet the Dixie Chicks



One of the hottest groups around is the Dixie Chicks. The members are Natalie Maines (guitar and lead vocals), and sisters Martie Seidel (fiddle) and Emily Robison (banjo and dobro). They are from Texas.

Martie and Emily began playing bluegrass music when they were very young. They also studied classical music. They formed the Dixie Chicks in 1989.

They started off by performing on street corners in Dallas. Soon they were performing at parties and clubs. Natalie, who studied music at a school in Boston, joined the group a few years later.

Natalie lives in Los Angeles with her actor husband. Emily and Martie live in Texas.

### A Kid's Guide to the White House



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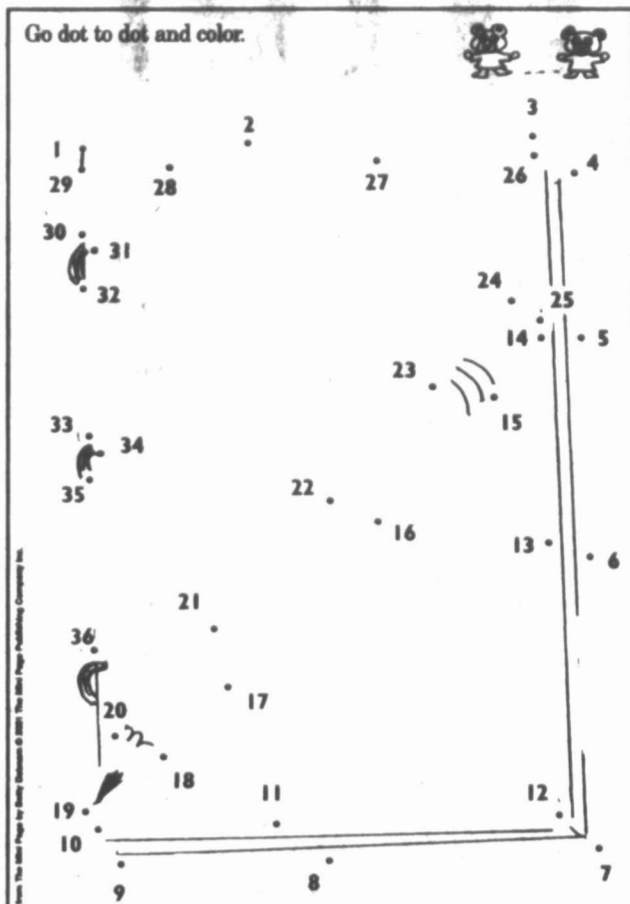
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Go dot to dot and color.

### MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the CK blend, as in the word clock.

Q: What do you call a very smart duck?  
A: A wise quacker!

Q: What happened when the boy fell on the ice?  
A: The ice made some terrible cracks!

Q: Why did the bald man throw away his keys?  
A: Because he had lost his locks!

Q: What kind of teeth can you buy for a dollar?  
A: Buck teeth!

Go on a CK word hunt. What other words can you find that use the CK blend? What sound do you hear?

### Goldie Goodsport's Report

**Supersport: Amy Van Dyken**  
Height: 5-11 Birthdate: 1-15-73  
College: Colorado State  
One of the proud winners of a gold medal at last summer's Olympics was swimmer Amy Van Dyken. She won a gold in the 400-meter freestyle relay. At the 1996 Olympics, she won the 50-meter freestyle and the 100-meter butterfly. She was also on the teams that won gold in the 400-meter freestyle relay and the 400-meter medley relay. She began swimming when she was 6 to help relieve asthma symptoms.

Amy knows sign language and would one day like to work with deaf children. Her hobbies include volleyball, basketball, and going to the mountains with her dog, Georgia. She works with several charities for children, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

### Rookie Cookies Recipe Crazy Carrots

- You'll need:
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1/4 cup orange juice
  - 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 4 carrots, cut into small chunks

- What to do:
1. Combine butter or margarine and sugar in a small saucepan. Cook 2 minutes over medium heat. Stir often.
  2. Add juice and cinnamon. Mix well.
  3. Add carrot pieces. Cook for 10 minutes or until carrots are soft. Stir often.
- Serves 4.

### JOURNALS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of journals are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: STORIES, ACTIVITIES, POSTCARDS, LETTERS, PHOTOS, DRAWINGS, POETRY, DIARY, WISHES, FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, DREAMS, FRIENDS, SONGS, HOPES, MAPS.

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is starting a journal of some of the special times she hopes to have this year. See if you can find:

- letter D
- sailboat
- book
- word MINI
- carrot
- key
- question mark
- bell
- letter Z
- tin can
- safety pin
- lima bean
- steak

### Keeping a Personal Record

**About the world**  
Clip out newspaper articles about interesting events.  
Find out about someplace you'd like to visit. Include points of interest and pictures. Include a map.  
List some of the world's problems. What steps can you take to help?  
Research an endangered species. Put in pictures of that plant or animal.

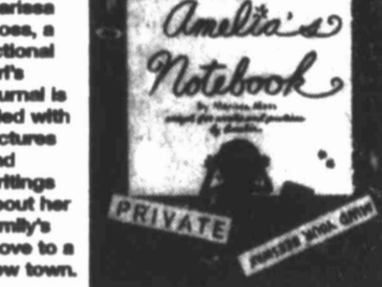


In "At Her Majesty's Request, An African Princess in Victorian England," a British sea captain rescues an African girl from being killed. Welter Dean Myers adds background to this true story. Read journal entries of the girl and her friend Queen Victoria tell the rest.

**About your school**  
What do you like or dislike the most about school?  
What are your favorite and least favorite subjects?  
Write about your trip to school.  
What do you see on the way? Draw a map from your home to your school.

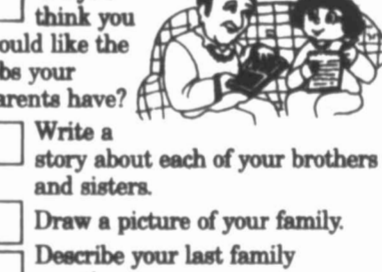


**About you**  
Discover how interesting you really are. Write about:  
your favorite things (foods, recipes, TV shows, things to do).  
your least favorite things.  
songs you love, including the words.  
things you are best at.  
what you do to stop being bored, sad or angry.  
the most fun thing you have ever done.  
acts you are especially proud of doing and why.



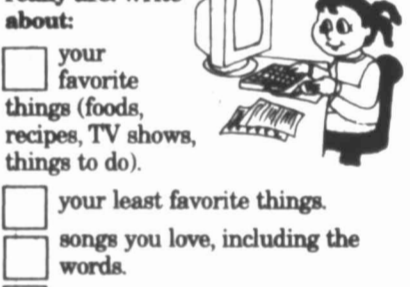
In "Amelia's Notebook" by Marissa Moss, a fictional girl's journal is filled with pictures and writings about her family's move to a new town.

**About your family**  
Ask your grandparents what your parents were like as kids.  
Do you think you would like the jobs your parents have?  
Write a story about each of your brothers and sisters.  
Draw a picture of your family.  
Describe your last family vacation.



"A Journey to the New World, The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple," by Kathryn Leaky, is a fictional story about real events. A 12-year-old girl sails on the Mayflower with her family to the New World.

**About your town**  
What do you like the best about where you live?  
What do you dislike the most?  
Research your town's history. Take photographs or draw pictures of favorite spots.  
Volunteer to help in your community. Write about your experiences.



"The Journal of Ben Uchida, Citizen 13086, Mirror Lake Internment Camp," by Barry Denenberg, is a fictional story about real events. A 12-year-old boy and his family are forced to go into a U.S. concentration camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II.

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Next week The Mini Page is about the inauguration of our president.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Black Attack event offers free admission

In an effort to encourage fans to come out to support the Steers and Lady Steers, the booster club has come up with the Steers Black Attack.

Anyone who wears black to Friday night's game will receive free admission to the game.

Big Spring plays host to Levelland with varsity girls' action starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

#### Lady Hawks suffer loss to Northeastern

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered a 75-71 loss Wednesday night to Northeastern Comm. College in Sterling, Colo.

The Lady Hawks were led by LaTasha Matthew who had 15 points and Vanessa Lehrman who had 14.

Head coach Joey Wells admitted, "Preseason didn't go as we planned, but we ended up on a high note, taking strides to make our team better. We are looking forward to conference."

The loss marks the end of preseason play for the Lady Hawks. Their next game will be Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. in their conference opener with Midland College.

#### Softball boosters to meet Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all Lady Steers players and others interested in the Big Spring softball program are invited to attend.

#### Quarterback Club still offers highlight video

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will continue taking orders for the 2000 Steers video highlight film through Jan. 15.

Each video is priced at \$15.

To order, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 5 p.m.

#### Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of John A. Moseley at 264-7205.

#### ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each. Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at [www.acs-tx.org](http://www.acs-tx.org)

### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men  
9:30 p.m. — Southern California at UCLA, FXS, Ch., 29.

11 p.m. — Long Beach St. at Utah St., ESPN, Ch., 30.

NBA  
7 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Milwaukee Bucks, FXS, Ch., 29.

Golf  
6 p.m. — PGA, Mercedes Champs, 1st rd., ESPN, Ch., 30.

## Vick's mark on Virginia Tech figures to be lasting

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Michael Vick came to Virginia Tech with little fanfare and big dreams.

On Thursday, he's expected to make the biggest of those dreams come true by leaving school to pursue a career in the NFL.

The redshirt sophomore quarterback scheduled a press conference at the Newport News Boys and Girls Club, not far from the tough neighborhood where he grew up, but miles from the football program he changed.

Vick has been unavailable since news came that he had decided to turn pro, but a teammate close to Vick said Wednesday that Vick told him earlier this week he is leaving.

A friend who has known Vick since he was 6 also said he'd been told the announcement would be bad news for Tech.

Since arriving in Blacksburg three seasons ago, the last two as a starter, Vick has led the Hokies to consecutive 11-1 records, a berth in last year's national championship and a Gator Bowl berth this season.

He's projected by many as the first pick overall in the draft, a consideration that might have convinced him it is time to go.

"He's going to be one of the great ones in the NFL," former NFL head coach and now TV analyst Mike Ditka said this year. "If I had any draft picks, I'd give them up for the

next couple of years to get him."

Even in defeat, Vick turned last year's Sugar Bowl into his personal showcase with his fleet feet, strong arm and escape-artist flair. He accounted for 322 total yards and left a wake of beaten, frustrated defenders.

This season produced more highlights, but Vick also struggled throwing the ball until a sprained ankle sidelined him for most of three games.

A healthy Vick returned for the Gator Bowl, throwing for 205 yards and a touchdown, rushing for another touchdown and earning team MVP honors as the Hokies manhandled Clemson 41-20 to finish

No. 6 in the nation.

If Vick had returned next season, when the Hokies also get back most of this year's starters and key players, Virginia Tech would have again been among the favorites to contend for the national championship.

After twice declaring his intentions to return to the Hokies next season, the last time during a news conference on Dec. 15, Vick learned he might be the No. 1 pick overall and began hedging.

During interviews before the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, he said the chance to be the first pick was a dream come true and hard to pass up.

## Bulldogettes, Lady Buffs prepared for showdown

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

Friday night's match up between Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Stanton's Lady Buffaloes may bring a whole new meaning to the terms transition game and defense.

It will be a test of true skill, endurance, defense and the all-important West Texas coaching savvy when the Lady Buffs, 11-4 overall and 2-0 in District 3-2A play, play host to the Bulldogettes (16-6, 2-0) in Stanton at 6:30 p.m.

Stanton is coming off of a big 49-48 road win over Colorado City on Tuesday night, while Coahoma is coming off an impressive 73-30 rout of Plains.

Both teams enter the game with perfect records in District 3-2A play and haven't faced one another since last season, but their style of play and defensive strategies almost mirror each other.

"Defense has been our forte all year long," Lady Buffs head coach Tim Van Hecke notes. "We rely on defense to win games."

By a like token, Coahoma also as defense to dominate its opponents, as evidenced by the 21 forced turnovers the Bulldogettes created in their 3-2A opener last Friday at Forsan.

While both teams use pressure defense and match up zones, the difference between the two teams' defensive styles is the use of the extended full court press.

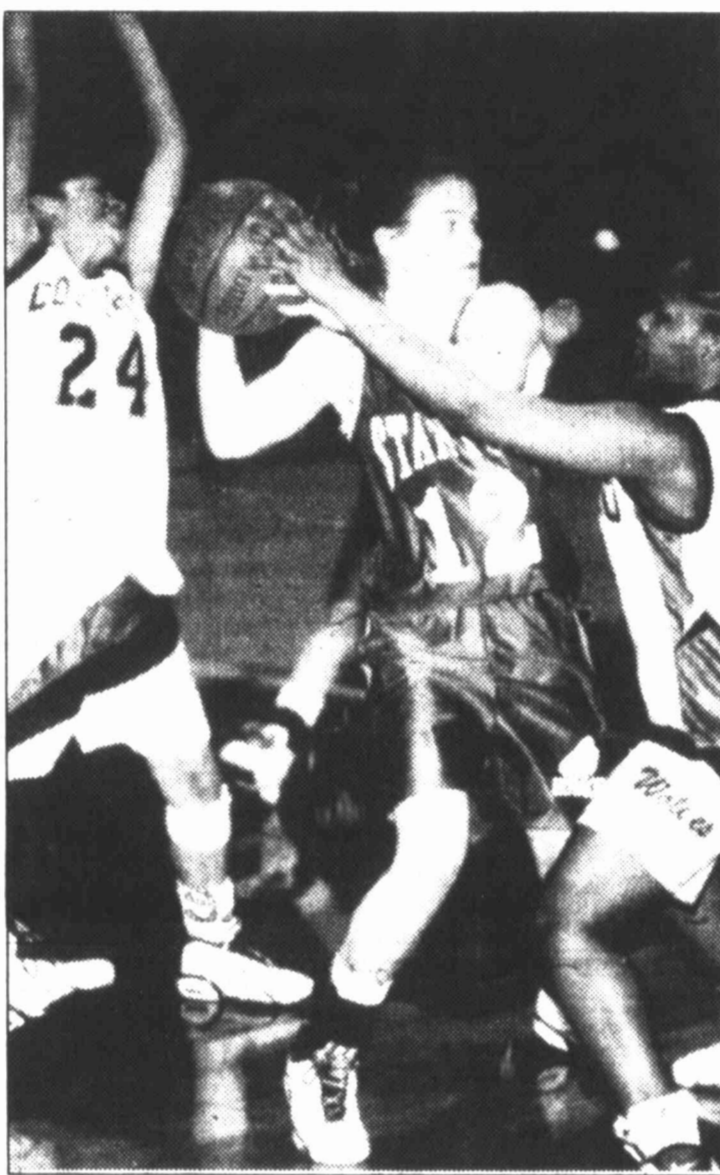
The Bulldogettes employ the press as a jump start, to get them going throughout the game, while Stanton uses the press more to keep its opponents off balance.

Although this is the first meeting this season, the players are not strangers.

Stanton returns 11 players from last year's team, but no longer have dominant post Stephanie Washington, who graduated with a school record 180 career blocked shots.

The Lady Buffs starting lineup has added guard Emily Benavidas, who even as a freshman has taken on the role of a leader. In Tuesday's win over Colorado City, Benavidas finished with 8 points and 6 assists.

Coahoma returns 10 players from the last year's District 3-2A championship team. The Bulldogettes also lost a starting 6-foot post in Jayci Roberts, who is currently a red-shirt freshman



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Stanton freshman guard Kristi Bridges (12) fights off Colorado City defenders Kotia Russel (44) and Vanessa Quintero (24) during the Lady Buffs' 49-48 victory Tuesday night. Bridges and her Lady Buffs teammates will need that same intensity when they match up Friday night against Coahoma's Bulldogettes. Both teams are undefeated in District 3-2A play.

on Howard College's Lady Hawks squad.

Friday's game will, however, be the first meeting between Stanton's Van Hecke and first-year Bulldogettes head coach Terri Hopkins.

"Coahoma's new head coach is doing an outstanding job," Van Hecke said Wednesday afternoon. "Their team is tremendous, they have great competitive spirit and athletic ability."

Hopkins expressed the similar respect for Van Hecke and his team. "They're a well coached team that always looks to attack when the opportunity presents itself," she said of the Lady Buffs. "We're hoping to split up the halves based on Stanton's play in the first half."

The Lady Buffs are becoming known for their ability to come from behind and pull out victories late in the game.

Van Hecke, however, recalls a Stanton-Coahoma match up from last season when the Lady Buffs were leading 23-8 at halftime, but lost to a surging Coahoma team in the final minutes of play.

Both teams recognize their strengths and have utilized them well thus far. "We would like to work on our transition game," Hopkins said in identifying where the Bulldogettes hope to have their best success.

Van Hecke admits being somewhat concerned. "Their (Coahoma's) offense is coming around," he said. "They've gotten better and better."

Both coaches say they can use this first meeting to measure offensive and defensive strengths and weaknesses. They can then take those assessments and concentrate on what they need to improve in order to again contend for 3-2A championship.

## Michigan State bounces back; BC loses first

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan State had no trouble rebounding from its first loss of the season. Boston College has to try to do the same.

With freshmen Zach Randolph and Marcus Taylor inserted into the starting lineup for the first time, the No. 3 Spartans beat Northwestern 84-53 Wednesday night.

"I thought it was a good way to bounce back even though we looked a little sluggish early," said coach Tom Izzo, whose team's 23-game winning streak was snapped Sunday at Indiana.

Elsewhere, previously unbeaten No. 23 Boston College, one of the biggest surprises early in the season, lost 73-71 to St. John's when the Eagles couldn't get a shot off on their final possession.

There are two remaining unbeaten teams: No. 12 Georgetown, which beat Morgan State 86-68, and No. 1 Stanford.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 2 Duke 84, North Carolina State 78; No. 9 North Carolina 86, No. 14 Maryland 83; No. 13 Connecticut 73, Pittsburgh 53; No. 8 Florida 81, Mississippi State 80; Purdue 73, No. 17 Wisconsin 67, No. 20 Mississippi 53, Arkansas 48; and No. 23 Texas 63, Kansas St. 41.

#### No. 3 Michigan State 84, Northwestern 53

The Spartans (13-1, 2-1 Big Ten) extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 37 by beating Northwestern (7-8, 0-3).

Andre Hutson had 19 points, nine rebounds and a career-high five assists, and Charlie Bell scored 15 points.

Randolph had 11 points and seven rebounds, and Taylor had four points and seven assists.

#### St. John's 73, No. 24 Boston College 71

At New York, Bell had 23 points as the Eagles (11-1, 2-1 Big East) fell victim to some late heroics by Red Storm freshman guard Omar Cook.

Cook, who had 19 points and 13 assists, broke the game's final tie with a 3-pointer with 34 seconds to play, giving St. John's (8-6, 2-1) a 72-69 lead.

Bell then scored on a put-back with 21 seconds left before Cook hit one free throw with 17 seconds to play.

#### No. 12 Georgetown 86, Morgan State 68

Ruben Boumtje Boumtje had 19 points, and host Georgetown scored the game's first 18 points against Morgan State (2-10).

The win improved Georgetown's record to 14-0, the second-best start in team history. It ties the mark set by the 1989-90 team and is second only to the 1984-85 Hoyas, who won their first 18 games.

#### No. 2 Duke 84, NC State 78

Shane Battier and Jason Williams scored 22 points apiece for Duke (14-1, 3-0 ACC), which extended its ACC record winning streak to 21 straight.

Duke beat N.C. State (8-5, 0-2) for the eighth straight time.

#### No. 8 Florida 81, Mississippi St. 80

Brett Nelson hit a jumper with five-tenths of a second left as Florida won at Mississippi State.

But in the midst of the celebration, Florida (11-2, 1-1 SEC) failed to realize that there was still time left on the clock. Players ran on the court from the sideline, and a one-shot technical foul was assessed.

Antonio Jackson made the free throw, but the Bulldogs (9-3, 1-1) couldn't convert a desperation heave.

#### No. 9 North Carolina 86, No. 14 Maryland 83

Joseph Forte scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half as visiting North Carolina held off a rally by Maryland.

It was the ninth straight win for the Tar Heels (12-2, 3-0 ACC), who let a 19-point lead dwindle to 80-77 with 27 seconds left.

#### No. 23 Texas 63, Kansas St. 41

Chris Owens had 14 points and 15 rebounds, and Texas recovered from poor first half of shooting to beat visiting Kansas State (7-6, 1-1 Big 12).

After shooting just 6-of-36 from the floor in the first half, Texas (12-2, 2-0 Big 12) broke it open in the second with a 12-0 run.

## Trail Blazers dominate and embarrass Philadelphia

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Portland Trail Blazers didn't care that the Philadelphia 76ers have the NBA's best record.

The Sixers (25-9) were manhandled by the Trail Blazers (26-10) in Portland's 93-75 victory Wednesday night that ended the Sixers' seven-game winning streak.

"The way we came into the locker room afterward, it was an empty feeling — like it was our last game of the season," Philadelphia's Aaron McKie said.

Damon Stoudamire thoroughly

outplayed Allen Iverson, Rasheed Wallace found a way to get his shot over Theo Ratliff, the league's leading shot-blocker, and the Trail Blazers extended their winning streak to nine.

In other NBA games, Boston beat Miami 88-76; Seattle edged Washington 104-101; Toronto routed Detroit 110-85; Dallas topped Minnesota 106-86; the Los Angeles Clippers defeated Denver 92-86; and Sacramento edged Cleveland 108-103.

Portland scored 16 of the first 19 points, easily fought off a pair of runs by Philadelphia and dealt the

Sixers a humbling defeat.

The Blazers never trailed, passed the ball splendidly in accumulating a season-high 34 assists and outscored the 76ers 23-10 in the fourth quarter to reverse a 13-point loss to the 76ers earlier this season. Stoudamire finished with 17 points, 11 assists and five rebounds and played great defense on Iverson, holding him to 12 points.

#### Mavericks 106, Timberwolves 86

Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and Michael Finley added 26 as Dallas won its franchise-record sev-

enth straight road game.

Dallas, which moved into a tie for first place in the Midwest Division with San Antonio, dominated the matchup of two of the league's top shooting teams, hitting 44 of 88 shots. All five starters for Dallas reached double figures in scoring.

#### Clippers 92, Nuggets 86

Cherokee Parks scored seven of his season-high 15 points in the fourth quarter, and Lamar Odom had 15 points, 13 rebounds and six assists as Los Angeles held off Denver.

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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)

\*\*\*\* Easy does it. Though you might be in the mood to tear through your lists of what to do, you might want to guard against carelessness. If you are to get anything done, screen your calls. Laugh as you revamp plans not once but perhaps several times. Tonight: Relax with favorite friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Your creativity points the way to making money and gains. You have an astute financial sense as it is. Now you have an opportunity to enhance your security. A child or loved one enjoys teasing you. Go with the flow. Proceed care-

fully with a flirtation. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* If you can avoid going to work, do so. Listen to your inner needs right now. Opportunities come to those who do this. Laughter surrounds you once you relax and let go. Share an invitation with those who are close to you. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* You might not always be sure about what to do or which way to go. Communication sets your mind adrift. Invite others to join you in your mental wanderings. Make calls and reach out for someone at a distance. Go for what you want. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* At some point, you might decide to curb frivolous spending that involves a friend or a longtime desire. Knowing when to say "Stop" can make all the difference. You will find many inexpensive ways to enjoy yourself. Tonight: Help others enjoy living as much as you enjoy it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Your smile wins friends. Your perspective changes considerably because of a boss or a respected personality in your life. Listen to what this person is saying. Avoid going overboard with your responses, if possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Step back and listen to what others say. You don't have to agree. Your vision of what is possible could change substantially as a result. Use care with a co-worker who clearly cares a lot. A gentle approach works when trying to draw others' good will. Tonight: Shhh. You don't have to tell.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want. Network and broaden your horizons in your professional and personal lives. Not everything is as it seems. You need to gain. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You might not exactly be sure of what another wants. In fact, there is so much action around you that you might not know what is what. Get into the jovial nature of the day. Tonight: Cheer in the week-end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Make an effort toward a friend or loved one at a distance. You might not have spoken to this person in a while. You enjoy catching up on news. Be extremely caring to a loved one who might be a bit fragile. You really don't realize how much your efforts mean. Tonight: How

HOROSCOPE

about some live music? AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Laughter marks a relationship. You also might add some of the old sizzle to your life. A loved one adores you and makes it clear just how much he likes being around you. Express your joyousness. Others like being with you. Tonight: Togetherness works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Others surround you and cannot get close enough to you. Your charisma and magnetism peak. Know what you want, as many offers come your way. Excitement marks your home life. A new home or a positive domestic change lingers on the horizon. Tonight: Let your popularity speak.

BORN TODAY

Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos (1962), radio personality Howard Stern (1954), boxer Joe Frazier (1943)

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Son gets mom's rings daughter feels hurt

DEAR ABBY: About four years ago, my dad bought my mother a beautiful set of diamond rings to upgrade the set he had given her many years ago when they first married. My mother gave her smaller rings to my brother, who then proposed to his girlfriend and later married her. I thought it was very nice of my mother, and I was happy for my brother.

Last month, my father died. While my brother and I were staying at her house, my mother gave my brother her new set of diamond rings and told him to give them to his wife.

My brother and I have often joked about how he is her favorite child. (For instance, one year my folks gave him a camcorder and I got a dozen pairs of stockings.) There is nothing in our history that would warrant this favoritism. We

both were always responsible, hard-working children and adults.

I am extremely hurt and do not know how to get past the pain. Have you any suggestions? — DESPERATELY NEEDS ADVICE, NEW ORLEANS

DEAR NEEDS ADVICE: Yes. Tell your mother exactly how you feel and why. Allowing this to fester will only make it worse. It does appear that your brother is the favored child — and it is not a joking matter. The answer you receive may not be to your liking, but it's better than not knowing. In fact, the truth may set you free.

P.S. Under the circumstances, I commend you for having such a good relationship with your brother.

DEAR ABBY: My best girlfriend recently informed me that her son and his girlfriend are engaged. They plan to be married in six weeks. Apparently, her future daughter-in-law is expecting in March. She told me that the wedding will be for immediate family members only — parents, grandparents and godpar-

ents.

They have already made arrangements to have a big wedding one year from the date of their marriage. I am unsure if I should send a wedding gift now (which would be a check), or wait until the "big" wedding. I would like to do something. What would you suggest?

We sent the couple an engagement gift as soon as we heard the news. I'd really appreciate your input, Abby. — UNSURE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR UNSURE: Since you have already given the young couple an engagement gift and you are not attending the "small" wedding, wait until you are invited to the "big" celebration before giving them anything more than your heartfelt good wishes.

P.S. Offering to host a baby shower would be a caring and supportive gesture.

DEAR ABBY: You said you thought it wouldn't be easy to top the story about the 50th anniversary reception collection basket. Allow me to try:

We were invited to a couple's home for a party to

celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. When we arrived, there was a prominently displayed money tree. Of course, all the guests ended up covering the branches with "leaves" of money. Several days later, we learned that the happy couple had been in the midst of getting a divorce before the party, but needed extra cash, so they decided "why not?"

We certainly hope the divorce was a friendly one, because I don't think they have any other friends left after that scam. — DUMB-FOUNDED IN CALIFORNIA

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Coyotes at the door in some suburban areas

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Once, Hamil said, he ran outside when he heard the howls, shining a flashlight into the darkness. He saw shadowy canines prowling outside his backyard fence and four pairs of gleaming blue eyes stalking him. They were coyotes.

Hamil's nocturnal visitors have become familiar guests during the past several weeks as recent frigid weather has driven coyotes closer to suburban areas in search of food.

"We've been hearing howling, and they get into fights about 2 a.m. or 3 a.m.," Hamil said. "They'll wake you up if you're (sleeping) in the back of the house."

Just 20 miles west of downtown Houston, the thick woods in and around Barker Reservoir, a 13,000-acre flood-control area team with raccoons, bobcats, deer and other wildlife — including coyotes.

Despite the occasional annoyances, some residents who live nearby delight in these reminders of the area's wild heritage. Hamil's fiancée, Pamela Lazo, even plans to put out

food at night, hoping to lure coyotes close enough to photograph.

But state wildlife and local animal-control authorities warn of the potential dangers of interacting too closely with nature. Wild animals may carry rabies and other diseases, they say, and people are cautioned to stay away from them.

The officials also warn pet owners to keep their animals inside early in the morning and late at night, when canine predators usually hunt.

Coyotes, who hunt in packs and weigh between 60 and 80 pounds each, will eagerly attack and eat household pets, said Derek Spitzer, a game warden in Harris County with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

In the winter months, coyotes prowl subdivisions near undeveloped woodlands because they need to eat a lot to keep their energy level high in cold weather, Spitzer said. Their nat-

ural prey — rodents, rabbits and birds such as quail — might not be enough to sustain them.

"If they get to a dog or cat, that's easy picking for them," Spitzer said.

Carol Ross, Hamil's mother, said stray cats once wandered through Briar Hills regularly, but she suspects the coyotes killed them all or the strays left for fear they would be killed.

Some Briar Hills residents say coyotes have even been killing neighborhood pets for the past few months, said Rosita Pasquet, a board member of the Briar Hills Property Owners Association. However, Spitzer said he has received no recent reports of pets in the area killed by coyotes.

Hamil's coyote sightings are byproducts of Houston's urban sprawl. Development is squeezing wild animals from their native sanctuaries and forcing them to live side by side with humans, said Kenneth McDonald, a

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"MATT JUST MOVED IN DOWN THE STREET. I TOLD HIM YOU'D SHOW HIM WHAT A GOOD COOK YOU ARE."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Jeffy, I ask the same thing in my mirror every morning."

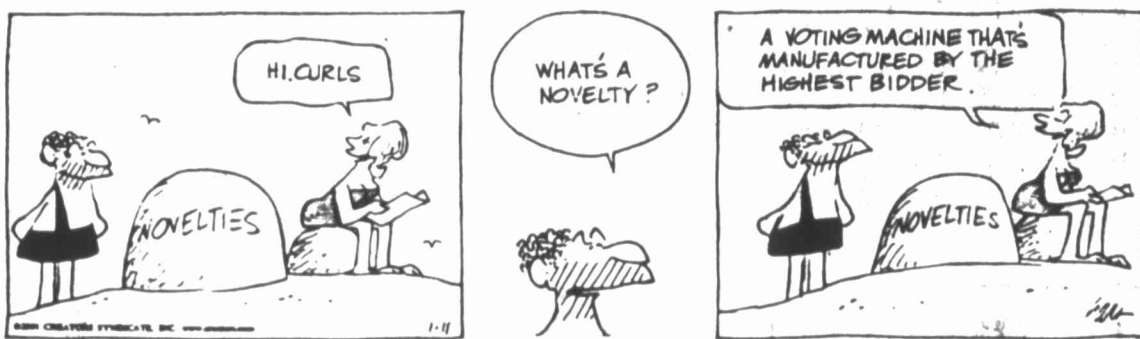
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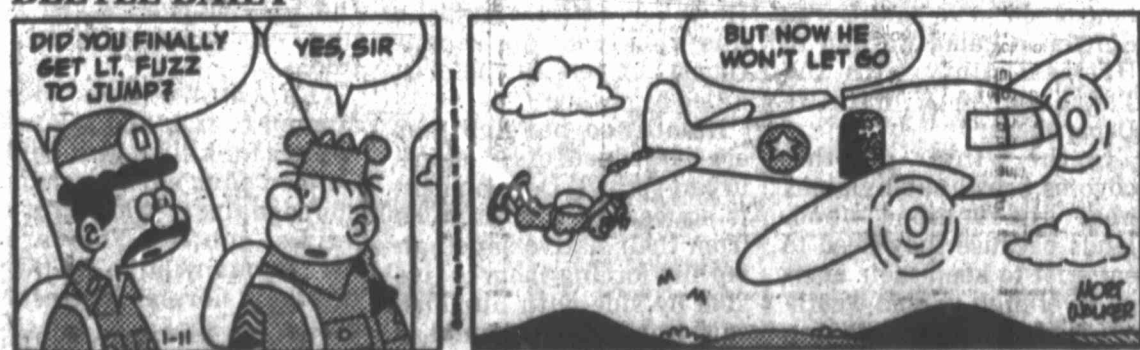
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2001. There are 354 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 11, 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean. On this date: In 1757, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born in the West Indies. In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created. In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was

born in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union. In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York. In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies. In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China. In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health. In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis. In 1978, two Soviet cosmo-

nauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut 6 orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked. Ten years ago: The United States and Iraq intensified their rhetoric, with Secretary of State James A. Baker III telling Air Force pilots in Saudi Arabia, "We pass the brink at midnight January 15," and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein boasting of his army's readiness. Five years ago: Addressing pointed questions about the first lady, President Clinton offered a rousing defense of his wife, Hillary, during a news conference. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off on a nine-day mission. Ryutaro Hashimoto was chosen the new prime minister of Japan.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

By Alan P. Olschweg Huntington Beach, CA 1/11/01

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

Solved crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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