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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Motel auction canceled after property sells

An auction of the former Days Inn Motel scheduled for this morning was canceled by the seller after the property was sold on Monday.

According to real estate agent Bill Londrey of Tranzon Fox, the seller got an offer that he couldn't refuse.

"The seller called on Monday and told me he had an offer that he just couldn't refuse and ask us to halt the sale," said Londrey.

Londrey said that the name of the buyer will be disclosed after the deal is closed, probably in a couple of weeks.

WHAT'S UP... TODAY

☐ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend. WEDNESDAY

☐ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

☐ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175 for information.

☐ Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

☐ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

☐ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-

☐ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo

building, 1607 E. Third. Friends of the Library meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

☐ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

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Property taxes due Wednesday to avoid stiff penalties

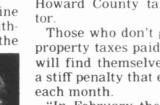
By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Wednesday is the deadline to pay property taxes without incurring a penalty, the

county tax assessor/colreminds.

"As long as they get their payment to office this Wednesday or it has a postmark no later



credited for a January payment," said Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax collec-

Those who don't get their property taxes paid on time will find themselves facing a stiff penalty that escalates

"In February the penalty is 7 percent," said Sayles. "It goes up to 9 percent in March, 11 percent in April, 13 percent May and in June the penalties and interest go to 15 percent."

18 percent penalty plus a 15 percent attorney's fee.

The fee schedule is set by the state legislature and not by the county tax office, Sayles noted. "We try to answer ques-

tions that anyone might have, but there is really nothing we can do about the fee structure," Sayles said.

"Anyone who has any questions or who perhaps did not received a bill, or if

property owner will face an call our office. We can give them the amount due over the phone and they can mail it to us," Sayles said.

Taxpayers older than 65 qualify for a senior citizen exemption and Sayles urges those who have not applied for that exemption to do so.

"Again, you need to come into the office," said Sayles. "The exemption is applied to your taxes.

Taxpayers who are not 65 or older may apply for a they received it but have homestead exemption if

If not paid until July, the since misplaced it, should their house is also their residence. Sayles said.

The nine different taxing entities are the cities of Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma as well as the school districts of each. Also included is Howard County, Howard College and the Permian Basin Water District.

The county tax office is located in the courthouse annex building, directly east of the Howard County Courthouse.

For more information, call

State Veterans Home now hiring

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

Looking for a career change or just looking for an opportunity to start out on a new job

the from ground floor? If so you may be interested knowing that the Texas Workforce

Center (TWC) taking **BELEW** applications to fill certain positions with

Care Inn Management Company. Care Inn Management is the new contractor that on Monday signed a contract to run the the Texas Veterans nursing home on North Highway 87 near the Big Spring State Hospital.

According to Virginia Belew, TWC director, top positions such as the director of nursing (DON) and nator will be filled first.

"We are currently in the process of taking applications to fill those positions," said Belew. "At the same time we are also seeking applicants for the position of dietary manager, coordinator, activity human resources director and director of housekeeping.'

Belew said that direct care positions such as registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

the administrative coordi- Trisha Sullenger, workforce specialist, assists Chris Gonzales, right, and Sam Gonzales as they fill out applications for one of the various positions offered with Care Inn Management, operator for the newly built State Veterans Home.

immediately after the other positions have been filled.

"We will be working with the company in trying to fill these positions as quickly as possible," said Belew. "They have already accepted several patients and the target date for opening is Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Belew said that the office hours at the TWC will be extended until 6 p.m. and (3.7), we will need to do Street.

initiated in order to help accommodate prospective applicants.

"We will adjust our schedemployed but interested in applying with Care Inn Management," said Belew. "With our unemployment rate being as low as it is

nurse aides will be filled other adjustments would be everything we can to ensure we get enough qualified applicants.

We are sending applications throughout the ule as need be in order to Permian Basin area workhelp accommodate those force centers as well as that may be already other centers such as Snyder, Sweetwater and Abilene," Belew said.

Interested applicants may fill out an application at the TWC, located at 310 Owens

Robber

Police looking for suspect in local robbery

HERALD Staff Report

A Big Spring resident taking his trash out late last Friday found himself a vic-

tim of an aggravated robbery according to Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department. 'The victim

reported that **SWEATT** he was in the

alley in the 400 block of Dallas and was about to dump his trash in the dumpster when he was struck real hard by someone in the alley," said Sweatt. "The suspect then took his wallet and fled the scene. The victim didn't realize he was stabbed until he went back into the house and noticed blood on his shirt.

The victim was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment of a stab wound. The injury was not believed to life threatening and he was released from the hospital.

The suspect is described as a hispanic or white male, about 6 feet tall with a medium build and short hair. He was last seen wear

See ROBBERY, Page 2

Removal of mail collection boxes matter of cost, Cox says

By CARL GRAHAM

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Staff Writer

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A few local residents have been complaining about something

just high gas and electricity bills. It seems that several collecmail tion boxes around town have been

removed by

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office, causing an inconve- it was so easy just to drop any unnecessary costs," nience to people who have been relying on the them to drop off their mail.

Denise Householder said it is causing a real inconvenience for her and her husband.

'We live in the area of the College Park Shopping Center and it just makes it very inconvenient for us to have to go all the way to the post office to drop off mail," said Householder "We both go in the oppo-

site direction of the post office to go to work. For us

the mail off at the collection box at the shopping center parking lot. I called the post office and they told me it was because they were not being utilized enough to warrant keeping them

Michael Cox, interim Big Spring postmaster, said the volume of mail that was being dropped off in the collection boxes just didn't justify keeping them.

"It's part of my job to evaluate the usage of these boxes and to try cutting out

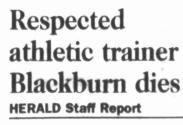
said Cox. "In the case of these particular collection boxes there was just not enough mail to justify keeping them, so in order to save the post office money we brought them in.

Cox said though these decisions are not always popular, they are necessary.

We realize that it makes things a little inconvenient for some people to have to go out of their way to drop off their mail but we are a non-profit organization and must look at every area we can to save money. We apologize to our customers for those inconveniences.

Cox said that he is working with officials from Wal-Mart in finding another spot for a mail collection box at that location. The one that was there happened to be in a no-parking zone and he hopes to have that worked out by the end of the week.

Others that have been removed were at 910 East 11th, 1700 Wasson Road, 2600 South Gregg Street, 510 North Highway 87 and at 1801 East FM 700



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Everett Blackburn, who earned national recognition during the past 22 years

working with high school and college students in Big Spring as an athletic trainer, died at his home this morning. He was 46.

had He BLACKBURN been recently diagnosed with cancer.

In 1993, Blackburn was inducted into the National Athletic See BLACKBURN, Page 2



Clem Jones, project chairman for the Boy Scouts annual food drive, and Angle Worley, Big Spring Herald circulation manager, prepare H.E.B. collection bags to be inserted in Thursday's paper. The "Good Turn Food Drive" will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Fonda

Funeral service and burial for Ruby Fonda, 73, of Hobbs, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be today at 3 p.m. in Mount Olive Memorial Park with minister Malcolm Pointon offici-

Mrs. Fonda died Friday, Jan. 26, 2001 in a Hobbs, N.M., hospital.

She was born Sept. 10, 1927, in Edmonson, Ky. She had attended the First Baptist Church in Big Spring and had lived in Hobbs, N.M., since 1996.

Survivors include: three sons, Otis Fonda Jr. of New Albany, Ind., Robert Edward Fonda of Sugar Grove, Va., and Larry Alan Fonda of Big Spring; two daughters, Peggy Goetz of Hobbs, N.M., and Alice Vargas of Big Spring; three sisters, Belle Mullinx of Phoenix, Ariz., Mary Peggy 'Harrod and Cunningham, both of St **B**ugustine, Fla.; 19 grandbildren and five great-

kandchildren. Arrangements are under he direction of Calvary Memorial Funeral Home in obbs, N.M.

Luther Bedwell

Funeral service for Luther G. Bedwell, 86, of nyder, is pending at this me with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Bedwell died Monday, **a**n, 29, 2001, in a Snyder fursing home.

Everett Blackburn

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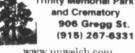
Mr. Blackburn died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001, at his residence.



ing a dark-colored coat. The suspect ran east in the alley toward Lancaster Street.

The incident is currently under investigation by the police department. Anyone with any information on this or any other crime is asked to call the Police Department Crimestoppers

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park**



www.npwelch.com Everett Blackburn, 46, died Tuesday. Services are

pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Luther G. Bedwell, 86, died Monday. Services are

& Welch Funeral Home **MYERS & SMITH**

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Joyce Sherwood, 76, died Saturday. Services are 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Thomas Vernon, 65, died Sunday. Services are 10:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The body will be in state at Fry Bartlett Funeral Home from 1:00 to 4:00 PM Tuesday. Graveside services are 4:00 PM at Tuscola Cemetery.

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BLACKBURN

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Trainers Association's Hall of Fame. In 1999, he was inducted into the Southwest Trainers Athletic Association's Hall of Fame

it's youngest member ever. This past summer, he was again recognized by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

He was also presented with the Eddie Wojicki Award in 1992 by his peers as the best athletic trainer in Texas and Oklahoma.

Kansas native, A Blackburn came to Big Spring from Emporia State University and spent 11 years with the Big Spring Independent School District before joining Howard College. He was in his 11th year at the college.

Blackburn was known for turning out top-notch, dedicated trainers. His students received hands-on training, working games at local and area schools.

"A lot of schools are only taking transfers now," Blackburn said in a 1999 interview. "I'd like to think that when I recommend someone, that (senior college) trainer knows they're going to work.

When a trainer successfully leaves my program, they understand the work ethic," he said.

month, Earlier this Howard College honored the longtime trainer by estabthe Everett lishing Blackburn Scholarship.

Funeral arrangements for Blackburn are pending Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

wishing to donate to the a mixture of snow and ice. Scholarship Fund may the ice, it could be a real obtain more information by mess," he said. calling Jan Foresyth at 264-

Plains states subdued after storm after brawl DILLEY (AP) Inmates rioted for more than 2-1/2 DILLEY (AP) of 206 Carey, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication

The Plains states dug out on Tuesday from as much as 18 inches of snow dumped by a huge storm that closed highways and schools, and grounded air line flights.

Seasoned truckers pulled over to wait for conditions to improve.

'You can't see marker lines, you don't know where the road is. It's not a good idea to be out there." said Perry Blaoun, who parked his rig overnight at Sioux Falls, S.D.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm as it swirled from the Southwest and Rockies across the Plains. One man died Monday in Nebraska when he slipped on ice and hit his head, a traffic death in Minnesota was blamed on heavy fog, and a weekend traffic death in Texas was

blamed on the storm. the storm had plowed eastward, spreading rain across the Great Lakes and along

the East Coast. In its wake, 18 inches of new snow sat on the ground at Mitchell and Huron, tion of the prison that holds S.D., and a foot had fallen at Loup City, Neb. Mitchell declared a snow emergency, banning all non-emergency vehicles from the streets.

South Dakota authorities about 1,300 inmates.

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closed about 130 miles of Interstate 90 from Sioux Falls to Chamberlain on

"The wind is making visibility bad, and blowing snow and drifting," said South Dakota Highway Patrol Capt. Warren Anderson.

During the weekend, the storm piled 14 inches of snow on the Oklahoma Panhandle. The National Weather Service estimated that 30 to 35 inches fell in some mountain canyons in north-central New Mexico with more than 40 inches in two days at Colorado's Wolf Creek Pass.

About 125 Nebraska schools canceled classes Tuesday or opened late because of the heavy snow accumulation and wind gusting up to 35 mph. Gusts to 52 mph whistled through Rapid City, S.D.

"Given the amount of snow that fell and the amount of winds we'll have. it'd be a real bad day to send kids to school," said Daniel Nietfeld, a National Weather Service meteorolo-

Schools also closed early Monday in parts of South Dakota. Minnesota. Wisconsin and Iowa, and the Iowa Legislature canceled Monday's sessions.

A Northwest Airlines spokesman said the airline canceled about 240 flights Monday, most of them traveling to and from Minneapolis-St. International Airport.

Blizzard and winter storm warnings remained in effect Tuesday in parts of South Dakota, and in Minnesota forecaster Chris Scott said freezing rain in Editor's note: Persons some areas would change to

"With the snow on top of

Prisoners

hours in a state prison cafe-tion. teria Tuesday morning before being subdued with. tear gas.

The breakfast brawl involving between 125 to 150 inmates broke out at 3:47 a.m. at the Dolph Briscoe Unit near Dilley. about 60 miles southwest of San Antonio.

About 50 prisoners took their fight from the eating area into the kitchen, where some threw metal dishes, said Larry Todd, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal

The cause of the disturbance had not been deter-

Several inmates suffered cuts and bruises; no prison

employees were injured, Todd said. The unit food service

manager locked himself in the kitchen office during the fighting and kept the By Tuesday, the bulk of warden informed by telephone. Guards wearing riot gear began to subdue the inmates around 6 a.m.

The inmates involved were considered mediumsecurity prisoners. A secabout 250 such inmates was locked down Tuesday

The Briscoe Unit is a medium-to minimum-security facility that holds

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Three agencies execute drug **bust Monday HERALD Staff Report**

A joint effort by the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office paid off Monday when officers recovered a large supply of narcotics at a local residence.

and a Midland resident were arrested at the 1603 Bluebird residence for various charges in connection with the raid. Tony Bernal, 35, of Big Spring, Tommy Bernal, 27, of Midland, and Marie Martinez, 29, of Big Spring, were charged with possession of a controlled substance in a.drug free zone (first degree felony) and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone, a class "A" misdemeanor.

According to Howard County Sheriff Tale Walker, the street value of the 13 grams of cocaine and five grams of marijuana recovered was approximately \$1,000. Also seized in the 7 p.m. raid was \$767

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. todav

 TELENA RODGERS. 18, of 1101 N. Kelly, was arrested and held for the

1603 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free • TOMMY BERNAL, 27. of Midland, was arrested on

a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free · GEORGE COKER, 49.

of 1506 Bluebird, was arrestd on a Brown County war-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT

was reported in the 1500 block of Wood

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Two Big Spring residents

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIOR citizens will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Cost is \$5 per participant for the classes, which take place from 3-4 p.m. and cover a variety of subjects including the basics of computing and surfing the

All senior citizens are welcome. Call the center at 267-1628 for more informa-

THE HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY BOOK CLUB will meet at 7 p.m., Feb. 5, in the Howard County Library. The book to be discussed will be "A Gracious

BEGINNING DANCE CLASS 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., starting Feb. 6, at the Dance Gallery. Free beginners. Margarita Durand-Hollis at 267-3977 for more informa-

BIG SPRING SENIOR CIRCLE will be having a Valentine's Day lunch at noon. Feb. 14. in the SMMC Classroom. For more information call Pam Stephens at 268-4721.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

•Gamblers Anonymous. 7 p.m.. St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-

·Alcoholics Anonymous. 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12

WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meet-•Al-Anon support group, 8

p.m., 615 Settles. FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Marris Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

RECORDS

Monday's high 54 Monday's low 34 Precip. Monday 0.18 Record high 81 in 1971 Record low 8 in 1918 Average high 58 Average low 29 Month to date 0.84 Year to date 0.84 Sunrise Wednesday 7:41a.m. Sunset Wednesday 6:18 p.m.

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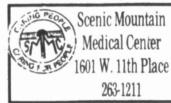
The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

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Simler, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical 1:44 p.m. - 1600 block of

Young, trauma call, service refused. 4:28 a.m. - 500 block of

Westover, structure fire, smoke scare.



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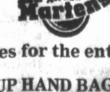




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Bush seeks to expand 'charitable choice'

Seeking to expand the role treatment and community of religious groups in social programs, President Bush has seized on a politically popular initiative that leaves opponents worried about breaching the wall between church and state.

The centerpiece of Bush's plan, which would allow religious groups to compete for billions of dollars in government grants, is modeled after similar efforts that previously have faced little opposition on Capitol Hill: The proposal also calls for a slew of tax breaks to encourage charitable giving.

But given the chance to involve religious groups in their welfare programs, most states have done little or nothing so far to steer contracts toward churches, synagogues and other religious organizations, proponents say.

Now Bush plans a major expansion of "charitable choice," which has been

limited to welfare, drug development programs. The proposal Bush was sending to Congress today would open all federal grant programs to religious groups.

"Government will never be replaced by charities and community groups," the president said Monday.

"Yet, when we see social needs in America, my administration will look first at faith-based programs and community groups, which have proven their power to save and change lives.

Bush, who was unveiling his legislative plan at a Washington-area school Tuesday, also would allow some 80 million taxpayers who do not itemize their taxes to claim a deduction for contributions to charitable organizations, meaning they wouldn't have to pay taxes on the money they contribute.

In addition, aides said his

-Create a new credit against state taxes for contributions to poverty-fighting organizations chosen by each state.

Allow Americans to contribute money from their Retirement Individual Accounts to charities without paying a tax penalty.

Increase the tax deduction for corporation contributions and limit corporate liability for in-kind donations.

On Monday, Bush signed a pair of executive orders creating a White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and counterpart offices in five Cabinet-level departments to promote the new competi-

Jr., a University of Pennsylvania political science professor, to head the White House office.

Under current law, religious groups must create through the House.

separate organizations that do not promote religion or discriminate in hiring to compete for grants.

So while a Catholic church is free to hire only Catholics for its staff, an affiliated, government-funded homeless shelter at the church may not consider religion when it hires its workers.

Critics complain that by breaking down these rules, Bush's plan amounts to government funding of discrim-

"I don't want Bob Jones University to be able to take federal dollars for an alcohol treatment program and put out a sign that says no Catholics or Jews need apply here for a federally funded job," Rep. Chet He named John J. DiIulio Edwards, D-Texas, said in an interview.

But Edwards is one of only a few vocal opponents in Congress, and he predicts the initiative will "fly

Meningitis woes grow across Southeast Texas

Beaumont teen-ager is the latest victim of a Houstonarea outbreak of a meningoccoccal infection that has stricken 39 and killed four.

Rebecca Carey, an 18year-old student at Ozen High School in Beaumont, died Sunday of meningococcemia.

A 77-year-old Pearland woman and an 8-month-old Humble girl Monday added to a growing list of those stricken with the deadly meningococcal bacterial infection. A 14-year-old New Caney

girl, a 13-year-old Magnolia boy and a 56-year-old Humble woman also have died from the disease this month.

The meningococcal bacteria can trigger meningitis, when it attacks the brain and spinal cord, or meningococcemia, if it

enters the bloodstream In San Antonio, officials tested more than 70

Clemens High School students for the bacteria Monday after a 17-year-old schoolmate contracted the infection.

The student was expected to be released soon from intensive care, said Lu Pochelski, principal at Clemens, in Tuesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Still the highest concentration seems to be centered in the Houston area, In recent weeks, the spread of the bacterial cases led to mass vaccinations in New Caney, Humble and Conroe schools. In Conroe 14,000 residents had been inoculated since Thursday and officials say as many as 40,000 could eventually be vaccinated, according to today's issues of the Houston Chronicle.

Commission advises Congress to create new farm subsidy system

policy advised Congress sidy system to shield farmers from drops in commoditv prices. The commission concluded that Republicanauthored programs enacted five years ago fall short.

The group's report proposes establishment of "supplemental income support" payments that would kick in when farm income nationwide falls below a set level. These would be on top of existing subsidies.

"The persistence of low commodity prices has rendered existing farm policy instruments inadequate to address the level of distress experienced over the last few years," the report says.

In 1996, Congress passed and then-President Clinton

commission studying farm production controls and scaling back crop subsidies. today to create a new sub- In turn, farmers were guaranteed a fixed annual "market transition" payment.

The money was supposed to be sufficient to help farmers wean themselves from government support. But commodity prices plummeted in the late 1990s, forcing Congress to pass billions of dollars in emergency aid over the past three years.

The 11-member commission, which was created by the 1996 farm law, recommends keeping both the market-transition payments and existing programs for subsidizing crop prices, while adding the proposed new income assistance.

The commission turned aside proposals for reducing U.S. farm production to signed a law ending a prop up commodity prices.

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The commission, which is dominated by farmers, also wants to remove all limits on payments to individual growers. Over the past two years, farmers have been allowed to receive up to \$150,000 in crop subsidies and \$80,000 in market-transition payments.

Getting farmers to agree on a new income-assistance program will be difficult. said Bob Stallman, a member of the commission and president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. the nation's largest farm organization. A payment system popular with one region or commodity may seem unfair to other producers.

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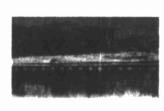
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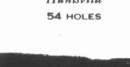
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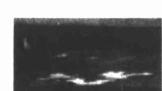




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OUR VIEWS

Let's support our symphony this Saturday

that better way to ring in the new year than a Big Spring Symphony concert? Even better: a concert featuring the familiar music from the movie, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Actually, the piece is Richard Strauss' Also Sprach Zarathustra, but it is more familiar to many from its move to the big screen in the 1967 movie. Symphony association members thought the music would be a perfect fit for the first concert of the new year.

And continuing in their effort to recognize some of our most talented young people, the symphony will include among its ranks on Saturday 10 musicians from the Big Spring **High School** band. Chosen by director Rocky Harris, these "cream of the crop" students will be performing on various instruments.

The students will be listed in the program, and they will be recognized during the concert.

Conducting the symphony will be Dr. Gary Lewis of Texas Tech University when the concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Municipal

Auditorium.

Also on the program at Saturday's concert will be guest soloist Dr. Mark Neumann — another import from Texas Tech University — who will perform with the symphony for a viola concer-

This is another one of those concerts that offers "something for everyone." Not only does it feature music made popular by a 30-year-old science-fiction movie, it also includes the performing talents of some of our local up-and-coming musicians.

Saturday is the first concert of 2001, but the second concert of our symphony season. The next installment of Big Spring Symphon Association programs will be on March 24, when Amarillo's Little Theatre will present "Love Always... Patsy Cline."

Then on May 4-5, the Harrington String Quartet and the Lone Star Brass will perform, first for elementary school children, then at a community concert.

Tickets for Saturday's concert are \$10 each for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. They are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's and First Bank of West Texas.

Support our symphony by buying your ticket. Then make your way to the auditorium on Saturday for a "look back" at 2001.

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Fresh breeze blowing after inauguration

he air smells sweeter. Food tastes better. There is once more a spring in my step. What happened? The inauguration of George W. Bush and the departure of Bill

Clinton and his sleazy band of incompetents.

I freely confess that watching the changeover made me a little weepy, to use Bush's word. I usually get that way when good tri-

umphs over evil. And that is certainly the ca

CHARLEY

REESE

Some folks will never get it, but I believe that more and more Americans will come to realize in retrospect what a corrupting influence the Clinton administration was. It conducted a campaign to dumb down people morally. It conditioned people to accept ever-lower standards of behavior. It was a sewer

of lies, immoral and unethical behavior, lack of patriotism, vicious character assassination, ever-present spinning, law-breaking and arrogance.

It was all driven by this sociopathic man from Arkansas with his lunatic grin, lack of conscience and giant ego. That some people continue to be taken in by this character is a bad

I don't wish to burden the new president with sainthood, but people will find that he is a good man with a good heart. They will find that he is honest. They will find that they count on his word

They will find that once more they will have a president who won't be an embarrassment and a terrible example for children and adults alike. They will find that they have a president who is genuinely patriotic, spiritual and moral.

As for Bush's intelligence, he's much smarter than his critics. People should bear in mind that, in the scheme of things, journalists and late-night comedians tend

to be people of lesser intelligence and few worthwhile accomplishments. It ill behooves people who are so far from matching Bush's educational credentials and record of accomplishments to look down their noses at the new president. Smallminded people of small accomplishments often like to throw mud at their betters, but it is a disgusting spectacle. Journalists and comedians made the same mistake with Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald

Reagan. I'm not suggesting that we will agree with all of Bush's policies and decisions. That isn't necessary. What is necessary is to have a leader with integrity. Bush will win the cooperation of some Democrats because they will learn that the new president is not a liar, not a man who will hog the credit and shift the blame, and not a man who will be playing gotcha games

I sincerely believe that our country has been given a second chance - a second chance to avoid the

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degradation and chaos toward which it was certainly heading.

The question is, are we, as a people, worthy of this second chance? Can we accept President Bush's challenge to put responsibility and compassion ahead of materialism and personal ambition? Can we indeed return to civility, courage and character?

Not if people continue to be addicts of the entertainment industry, which so warmly embraced Clinton and so accurately reflects his immorality, cynicism and nihilism.

And certainly the extreme left will not. It will continue its rule-or-ruin, lie-and-spin style of politics as befits the neo-totalitarians they really are.

What will be revealing is how clearly having an honest, decent man in the White House will force members of Congress in both parties to reveal their own true selves.

They will no longer be able to hide behind partisanship because Bush isn't going to play the partisan

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Ushering in those dreaded teen years

he old iron bed has a history, I'm certain. It might once have been for rent in a Natchez cathouse, so splendid, so

melodramatic are its curlicue lines.

This bed means business And this

bed has legs. It's been moved from Kentucky to Mississippi to Georgia and back to Kentucky again.

GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

RHETA

We sit on the majestic old bed, my niece and I, our heads nearly bumping the ceiling. Chelsey chose the basement cubbyhole for a bedroom at her new house in the Kentucky countryside. Privacy is premium.

The room is small, all right, but large enough to hold her Breyer horse collection, a computer, a letin board, a chest drawers and, of con great and ornate bea. It just fits and, in the modest room, looks like a diamond

tiara on the Little Match Girl.

It had to fit. This bed floats like a life raft through our lives, and we always swap our secrets and fears on top of it.

And my newest fear is that Chelsey no longer needs our amazing friendship. She is a teen-ager, 13 this week, as lovely and independent as they come. Her music is piped from a distant planet, and the telephone is cupped like a permanent muff over one ear. I suspect a boy is some-

times on the other end Now I wake her in the mornings instead of the other way around, and at night I am the first to sur-

render to sleep. All in all, her recent preoccupation is maddening and makes me lonely; I'm told it will last at least seven years.

At the end of the long drive to Louisville, I no longer find her with her nose pressed against the window watching for me to arrive. And when I leave, she won't be running after the car crying and calling out my name, as she did when she was 3. She'll scarcely notice I've left

town.

Somehow, though, I believe it's important still to make the effort, to crawl through the delays in Nashville and Bowling Green, just to watch Chelsey's newfound nonchalance at blowing out birthday candles. Someday she will remember - and

care - that I was here. When she is 50 and I am 85, we will get together and talk about the year she became a teen, about all the confusion it caused. We'll marvel together at the demarcation.

Even the gifts this year were divided between girlish desires and womanly ones. Chelsey got more of her ubiquitous horse statues - and a "Dirty Dancing" CD. She got a tool for clipping her horse's ears - and some serious clothes.

I gave Chelsey the book "The Great Gatsby, because it's time. Hers is a romantic soul. I expect the next time I see her we'll sit on the bed and talk about the green light at the end of Daisy's dock

And I had selfish motivations. I'll enjoy Chelsey enjoying Fitzgerald for the

first time.

Back home I can imagine Chelsey, sitting on top of the bed with her pandabear comforter, devouring the pages to see if Jay Gatsby gets one more dance with his beloved Daisy.

At least while she's reading, I can relate. On this visit, the official

ushering in of the dreaded teen years, we have our moments. She is on her horse when I arrive, a tall and dignified silhouette against a Kentucky sunset There is snow on the ground. It is beautiful. She is beautiful.

And after the cake, when she punches in the new CD, I discover the soundtrack is mostly songs older than I am. We dance the same silly dance we've always done.

Parents, or some of them, at least, watch their children grow and change on a daily basis. Long-distance aunts must brace themselves for more drama. When Chelsey leaves for

school, 30 pounds of pack strapped to her back, I wander about her room, then make the bed. Some things never

change.



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National LL to meet for officer selection

The National Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Allan's Furniture to select officers and coaches for the 2001 season.

For more information call Allan Johnson at 267-6278 or 263-1163.

Rhodes scores hole-in-one

Morris Rhodes fired a hole-in-one while playing at the Big Spring Country Club on Friday

Rhodes chalked up the second ace of his golfing career on the BSCC's 180yard, par 3 third hole.

Those who witnessed the shot were Dr. Jim Mathews, Ellis Britton, Jack Mueller and Bob

Baseball boosters to meet tonight

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center:

Members will begin making plans for the group's hotdog supper set for Saturday, Feb. 17.

For more information, call Jim Clements after 6 p.m. at 267-1069.

Lady Steers softball parents set work day

Parents of Big Spring Lady Steers softball players will have a work day starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The parents of all Big Spring softball players are urged to attend.

Laker Girls scheduled to appear at OC game

Odessa College officials have provided Howard College Hawks fans with added incentive to follow the Hawks and Lady Hawks on the road when they take on the Wranglers and Lady Wranglers on Thursday, Feb. 22.

In addition to top-flight WJCAC basketball, the Laker Girls — the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders — will perform during the games.

The Herald will be giving away 50 general admission tickets for the Feb. 22 games on a firstcome, first-served basis.

Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area baseball and softball 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 Kamilah Ward at 264-7205.

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- (VG, VB).
- · Forsan at Colorado City, (VG, VB).

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Toronto, TBS, Ch. 16. 9:30 p.m. - Dallas Stars at L.A. Kings, FSX, Ch. 29

Coahoma lifters have fare showing in weekend meet

HERALD Staff Report

Powerlifting teams from Coahoma fared well Saturday at meets in Shallowater Midland and Greenwood.

The Bulldog varsity squad posted a fifth-place finish in a field of 23 teams at the Greenwood meet, while the Bulldogettes had four girls finish in the top 10 in their divisions at the Shallowater meet.

Cory Hill led the way for the Bulldogs at Greenwood, winning the 220-pound class with lifts totaling 1,205 pounds. J.C. Watts added a second-place finish in the 165-pound class with a combined weight of

Bradon Wegner and Sammy Seven added third-place finishes in their classes, Wegner lifting a total of 760 pounds in the 132-pound division. while Seven lifted 975 pounds in the super heavyweight class. Stephen Binion added sixth-place points in the super heavyweight division.

Kasey Huckabee lifted 660 pounds to finish seventh in the 123-pound class, while Cody Hogan's 960pound total left him eighth in the 242-pound class. David Davis finished 11th in the 165-pound class with lifts of 905 pounds and Matthew Marlar rounded out the Bulldogs' finishes with 825 pounds

and 12th place in the 148-pound also took part in the Shallowater

In Shallowater, the Bulldogettes' best showing came from Kristy Kinard in the lightweight division and Christy LaRue in the heavyweight class. Kinard's three lifts gave her second-place in her classification with a total of 575 pounds, while LaRue was second among the

heavyweights with 715 pounds total. Tasha Mitchell was sixth in the lightweight division with 310 pounds in total lifts, while Jaime Hoover's combined lifts of 340 pounds gave her eighth place in the heavyweight class.

The Bulldog junior varsity squad class.

meet. Mitchell Gutierrez led the way for that squad with a fifth-place finish in the 114-pound class, while Nick Molina was ninth in the 123pound division, matching the finish of teammates Josh Noble in the 132pound class and Billy Bob Walker in the 165-pound class

Jacob Villa finished 13th in the 132-pound division, the same spot claimed by Nathan Sellars in the 220-pound class. Ray Valencia added a 15th-place finish in the 242 division, while Brandon Hart and Morgan Barron finished 18th and 19th, respectively, in the 165-pound

Lady Hawks roll over Lady Wranglers

By KAMILAH WARD

Sports Writer

Howard College's Lady Hawks continue to roll over teams in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) as they posted their third consecutive win with a 93-72 victory over Odessa's Lady Wranglers Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The contest stayed close in the first half of play with both teams swapping the lead in the early minutes.

With the Lady Hawks trailing 20-17 and 10-minutes remaining, Lindsey Smith fired a 3-pointer that would ignite her Lady Hawks teammates and set the tempo for the remainder of the night.

Smith, who finished the game with 20 points, fired three more 3-pointers before closing out the first 20 minutes with a 47-34 halftime lead.

"The great thing about basketball is you could win or lose, it all depends on who shows up that night," said Lady Hawks interim head coach Joey

In addition to Smith, Vanessa Lehrmann had a coming out party, scoring a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Lehrmann, mired in somewhat of a scoring slump in the past few games, chose an opportune time to showcase her inside and outside the showcase stroked as pointers of the closure than the closure that the closure than the closu

The Lady Hawks opened the second half with a 20-9 run to take a 68-45 lead with 11:22 remaining and never looked back.

The second half seemed a case of a deja vu from Thursday night's win over New Mexico Junior College, as the Lady Hawks were able to convert off of Odessa's 24 turnovers.

Misreads and bad passes by the Lady Wranglers led to fastbreak points on the other end for Howard.

The Lady Hawks took a commanding lead late in the first half and put together a number of runs in the final 20 minutes to finish off the Lady Wranglers.

In addition to the Lady Hawks' 13of-19 free throw shooting, they also added 27 assists to their credit.

The only item left to critique was Howard's defense.

For the most part, the Lady Hawks played well defensively. They utilized their quick feet in man-to-man pressure, only allowing Odessa to score 16 points throughout the first 12-minutes of the half.

The final eight minutes, however, was a different matter. The Lady Wranglers managed to go on a 19-5 run, but their efforts would be buried

Howard College's Hawks made an

effort to claim a share of the top spot

in the Western Junior College

Athletic Conference (WJCAC) as they

went head-to-head against Odessa

Unfortunately, Howard would not

emerge the victors from the contest,

as they suffered an 87-74 loss to the

This was not the first time that

Tommy Collins and his Hawks had

matched up against the Wranglers.

During preseason, the Hawks got

their first whiff of the Wranglers

when they met in a scrimmage. So

both teams knew they were in for a

In the opening 20 minutes, the

Hawks would take an 8-0 lead after a

couple of 3-pointers by Derrick

Tarver and Doug Whittler and a put

The Wranglers claimed their first

two points from the charity stripe

and pushed on to score half of their

It was evident early in the contest

that free throws would play an

The Hawks managed to carry their

lead until the 8:11 mark in the first

next eight points from the line.

important role for both teams.

College's Wranglers Monday night.

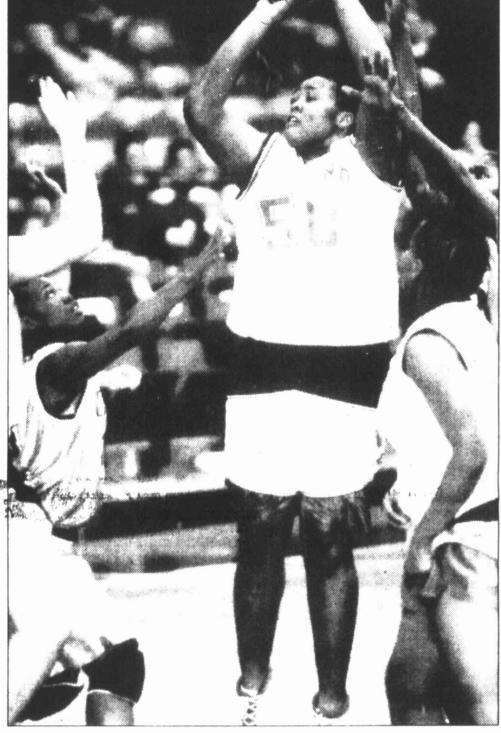
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top-seeded Wranglers.

back by Zacherie Moss.

battle.

Sports Writer



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Howard College's Shamieka Buckley (50) takes a jump shot over Odessa's players during the Lady Hawks 93-72 win over the Lady Wranglers Monday night. Buckley was one of four Howard players to score in double figures, finishing the game with 11 points.

in the Lady Hawks' aggressive play The game would end on a very sweet note for home fans with Smith hitting her sixth 3-pointer at the

"Defensively, we can play a lot better," said Wells. "When we can put two 20-minute halves together, we're going to be a real threat.

The Lady Hawks travel to Clarendon on Thursday with tip-off time set to begin at 6 p.m.

From that point on, the Hawks

up by by nine going into halftime, 41-

Missed opportunities at the free

throw line and early foul trouble for

Moss hurt the Hawks. That same

misfortune would follow the Hawks

Howard missed four freebies at the

line in the second half before getting

a quick basket from Darius Mattear

and a couple of free throws from

Joshua Francis to bring the score to

The Hawks trailed by as much as 11

close the margin to within three.

nts before going on a 16-6 run to

Howard scored another basket

before the Wranglers widened the

gap to eight on their 42nd trip to the

The Hawks pulled within four

points on two occasions but Odessa

managed to hold off the Hawks' surge

played like freshmen," said Hawks

head coach Tommy Collins. "Our

main concern going into this game

was to keep (Odessa) off of the offen-

sive rebounds and control them in

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4 3; Koretha Johnson 2 00 4; Grace Gantt 6 1:1 13; Latasha Mathiew 1 0-0 2; Shamieka Buckley 5 1:1 11; Chris Carmichael 1:2:2 4; Totals 36:13:19:93

Halftime score: Howard 47, Odessa 34

Three-point goals: Odessa 4 (Cook 2, Heath, Hodge), Howard 8 (Smith 6, Lehmann, Stewart), Turnovers: Odessa 24, Howard 13; Rebounds: Odessa 31, Howard 38; Total fouls: Odessa 15, Howard 25; Technical fouls: None: Fouled out: Odessa Cole, Howard Freeney, Records: Odessa 1:3, 7:15; Howard 11:10, 3-1.

Hawks suffer 13-point loss to Wranglers

half when a 3-pointer by Odessa's transition. We didn't do that." Free throws and foul trouble also Taron Barker put the Hawks behind made a difference.

Howard completed 25 of their 47 would trail and the Wranglers were attempts from the line, just 53 per-

Odessa finished the game with 67 percent shooting from the stripe, converting on 36 of 54 attempts.

In addition to missed free throws, both teams lost key players to foul trouble.

Howard lost three players including one starter, Whittler, while Odessa lost four, three of which were starters - Sylbrin Robinson, Barry Thompson and Maurice Turner.

The Hawks return to the WJCAC wars when they travel to Clarendon to face the Bulldogs at 8 p.m. Thursday.

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HOWARD — Derrick Tarver 6 12-16 25; Christopher Acker 0 0-0 0; Xavier Milligan 0 2-4 2; Shawn Williams 2 2-4 6; Joshua Francis 0 2-2 2; Artavius Davis 1 3-6 5; Doug Whittler 1 0-0 3; Zacherie Moss 5 1-8 11; Ander Pinedo 1 0-0 3; Darius Matteer 7 3-7 17, Totals 23 25-4 7-74

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Georgia returns to Top 25

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After beating three ranked teams while playing the toughest schedule in the country, Georgia finally earned a spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll.

Barely. The Bulldogs (13-7) entered the poll at No. 25 Monday, their first ranking

in more than three years. "We squeaked in," senior guard Adrian Jones said. 'Someone left the key in the door and we decided to come on in. We're not too far in. We're just looking in there, seeing if we can work

our way into the party." Stanford and Duke remained 1-2 at the top of the poll, but there were a number of other changes following a week in which half the Top 10 lost at least one game and six other ranked teams also lost.

champion Defending Michigan State, which lost to Ohio State on Saturday, dropped from third to fifth with Kansas and North Carolina each moving up one place to third and fourth.

Arizona and Wisconsin had the week's biggest jumps, five places to seventh and 10th, respectively, while Wake Forest, which lost to Duke and Cincinnati last week, fell seven places to 16th. For the Badgers, it's their first Top Ten ranking since they were seventh in

Three teams Mississippi, Texas and Connecticut — dropped out of the rankings, while No. 23 Notre Dame and No. 24 Oklahoma joined Georgia as the week's newcomers.

The Bulldogs have a sixgame winning streak after victories last week over Vanderbilt and then-No. 6 Tennessee, the latter in double overtime and the third triumph over a ranked team.

Georgia, which is atop the Southeastern Conference with a 6-1 record, was last in the Top 25 on Dec. 15, 1997, the first of two mediocre seasons under former coach Ron Jirsa.

Jim Harrick took over last season and the Bulldogs went 10-20, their worst record in 23 years. Suddenly, they're back among the nation's elite programs.

"This is such a big turnaround," senior center Robb Dryden said. "Last year, we were so down and out."

Georgia was not ranked in this week's USA Today/ESPN poll, even though the Bulldogs have played the toughest schedule in the country and are No. 7 in the latest RPI rating, which plays a major role in determining who gets invited to the NCAA tournament.

Stanford (19-0), still the lone unbeaten team in Division I after sweeping the Washington schools in the Pac-10 last week, received 65 first-place votes and 1.745 points.

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club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday fro Friday publication.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001:

Carefully consider what you want from your home life. Your emphasis will be on security and making more of what you want. Creativity will flourish if you relax and remain spontaneous. You might buy a new home or remodel the one you are in. Your needs in this area could be changing. If single, the next six months offer special opportunities. If attached, your relationship becomes even more intimate. You could also opt to concretely manifest your union with a child or a new addition of some sort. TAURUS anchors you.

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

**** Use your money sense with decisions. You have a sixth sense that comes through for you more often than not. Confusion surrounds a friendship or a meeting. Carefully sort through what is happening. Postpone a decision until you feel as if you have the facts you need. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May

Pay bills first.

**** Use your assets, both material and emotional You weed through problems like no one else. Sit back, especially with a workrelated matter. Confusion shrouds responsibilities and dealings with others. You, above many signs, can see the forest and the trees. Tonight: Whatever makes vou smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You act with clarity, but you still might need more information. Ask vital questions, and keep asking until you feel satisfied. You have a particularly inquisitive nature. Connecting with someone at a distance proves to be problematic. Tonight: Take the night off.

CANCER (June 21-July **** Seek out friends for 20) cially confused by a close toward you. Ask for what associate or loved one. It's possible that this person isn't expressing himself as clearly as you need him to. Be sensitive to this person.

Empathy reigns. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You see another's issues clearly, and you know why he muddles situations. Be the naturally strong leader you are, and take charge. Others are relieved to see some structure in plans or a project. Though you like to delegate, your timing might not be right. Tonight: Be the lead player

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You understand a lot more than others do. Strive to communicate the big picture and to help others get over trivial details. Your workload might seem to not have an end in sight. Trust your abilities here. You will gain in the long run as long as you are at peace with your work. Tonight: Movie time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Work with someone. Do a good job of listening to another's feedback. What you want to see might be fogging up reality. Take off your rose-colored glasses and listen to someone. You might not see the pros and cons of a situation. As a result, you could make a bad decision. Tonight: With your best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov

*** Let others display their true colors. As a result, you gain vital information. You could be incorrect about some fundamentals. Could you only be seeing what you want to see? You might think that someone is a wet blanket. This person actually wants to shed light on things. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Build on the unexpected. Excellent communication surrounds family and your home life. Speak your mind, especially with a dayto-day project. Think about what is happening with a loved one. Verify meetings and return calls. Your! instincts could be off. Tonight: Relax and put up your feet

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) ***** Your creativity and ingenuity emerge when dealing with a loved one. Think twice about what is on your mind. Though you might believe you have a handle on your finances. events could prove otherwise. Let your creativity surge. Tonight: Play the

night away AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

**** Priorities come first. Listen to your instincts about family. You might hit a conflict and not exactly be sure about what is appropriate. Review a situation carefully before making a decision. Think through an investment. Tonight: Put up your feet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

attice. You might be espe- ***** Your wit draws others you want. Exchange ideas. Others remain unusually responsive and direct. Honor strong feelings, and review an important decision. You actually might know more about a problem than you realize. Tonight: Munchies with a pal.

BORN TODAY Baseball legend Jackie Robinson (1919), baseball player Nolan Ryan (1947), actress Suzanne Pleshette (1937)

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Grandma's price to baby sit is a bargain

from "A Grandma or a Doormat?", whose daughter expects Grandma to babysit for free

reimbursed for the cost of snacks, prompts my own.

ago, I paid my mother \$23 per week to watch my two young children nine hours a five day,

She even washed their diapers for me. I knew I was getting a bargain and was

Today, I watch my two grandchildren five days a week for \$20 a day. I do the ironing and pick them up at school. My children let me know that they appreci-

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DEAR ABBY: The letter daughter who was reluctant to help pay for snacks is wrong to resist. The \$10 a week Gramma asked is too little. She has to be home. every day and cannot make other plans. It is a job. Finding a baby sitter who will provide the type of. child care that a grandmother gives is nearly impossible. Shame on that daughter.

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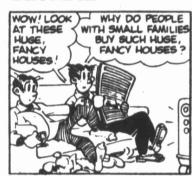


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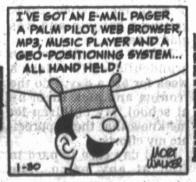


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