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## WEATHER

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## St. Mary's sets book fair

St. Mary's Episcopal School will have a Scholastic book fair open to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at 118 Cedar. Coffee and refreshments will be served to anyone who wants to come and browse or buy.

The school is aiming for a goal of \$3,600 in sales this year, which will allow it to keep 65 percent of the total sales from the week-long fair. The fair has a large selection of books for all ages, from preschoolers to adults.

## Water line repairs slated

The city of Big Spring plans a major water valve replacement in the area of Second and Owens Street.

Customers residing along Owens Street from South 10th to North Eighth Street and North Sixth Street from State Highway 350 to North Goliad Street will experience no water pressure or low water pressure beginning Saturday at 1 p.m. until repairs are completed.

City crews will be on-site until customers' water is restored.

## 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, 8 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster.

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## Risk Management Academy schedules safety program

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

A year has now passed since Howard College opened a Risk Management Academy as a pilot program for the Texas Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund, a first in the state at



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that time. The program, which offers classes for employers in a wide range of work issues from back safety to crop duster safety, has been successful. In its first year, according to Stacy DeArmond, the academy's director.

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 7-8, the Risk Management Academy will be offering a 1-1/2-day course entitled "Occupational Safety Health and Administration (OSHA) Construction."

"We are really excited about the OSHA Construction class," said DeArmond. "We have received numerous calls requesting a course of this nature and we have obtained some highly qualified instructors from a variety of fields who are employed by the Texas Fund or are contracted out to teach the course. Most of them come from the Austin office."

The course will be held in the Howard College Library

beginning at 8 a.m. and will last until 5 p.m. on Wednesday. The session on Thursday will be from 8 a.m. until noon. Cost for the course will be \$15.

Some of the items that will be covered include introduction to OSHA, general duty clause, general safety and health provisions workplace H2S, fall protection, electrical hazards, hazard abatement, personal protective equipment, machine guarding, accident investigation and accident reporting.

Though it is preferred that participants be registered for the class at least one week prior to the start date, students will still be afforded the opportunity to attend as long as they are registered prior to class start date.

Last January, Howard College signed a contract with the Texas Worker's Compensation Insurance Fund to get the pilot program off the ground and received \$100,000 to help in that endeavor.

## High utility bills force many to seek help

Northside CC is swamped by requests for assistance

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

A local charitable organization is requesting funds from the community to help needy residents in danger of losing the ability to heat their homes.

The Northside Community Center is appealing to businesses, churches and residents of the community to give to the Emergency Energas Crisis Fund c/o North Side Community Center, P.O. Box 1974, Big Spring, 79721.

With a monthly budget of \$2,500, the center provides financial assistance in the areas of rent, utilities, gasoline and prescription drugs, among other needs.

Max Webb, the center's executive director, said he has received an average of 12 to 15 calls per day from people requesting help in paying their Energas bills. Energas is the local natural gas provider.

"These are families in real crisis," Webb said.



Max Webb, Northside Community Center executive director, writes a check to pay a utility bill for a needy resident while board member Larry Steward answers the phone. Webb has received numerous calls from residents requesting help to pay their Energas bill.

"Some are unemployed, some are on a fixed income and some are single parents. I had one elderly person who called and said he cannot live without heat."

The cost of natural gas across the country has increased more than 100 percent since last winter. Company officials also note that consumption is higher because this winter had

## TO HELP

Send donations to:  
Emergency Energas Crisis Fund c/o North Side Community Center, P.O. Box 1974, Big Spring, 79721.

been on the average 30 to 40 percent colder than recent winters.

Since residents received their Energas bills, Webb said he has received at least 100 calls from people asking for help. From the people who have contacted him, Webb said the average bill ranges from \$198 to \$330.

In order to find a solution, Webb contacted the Energas Company.

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## Railroad Commission sets new regulations

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Concerned with the hardships many citizens are facing as the result of an increase in natural gas prices, the Texas Railroad Commission



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has adopted some new rules designed to protect consumers.

The new regulations

apply to gas utilities and to owners, operators and managers of master meter systems.

"Our action protects disadvantaged Texans, especially children and the elderly, when winter temperatures drop toward freezing," said Michael L. Williams, commission chairman. "We do not want Texans to be forced to choose between home heat and other needs."

The rules state that:

- Natural gas utility companies cannot disconnect a customer on a day when the previous day's tempera-

ture fell below 40 degrees and the National Weather Service predicts that the temperature will fall below that level during the next 24 hours.

- Companies may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer for a billing period in which the utility receives a pledge, letter of intent, purchase order, or other notification from an energy assistance provider that it is forwarding sufficient payment to continue service.
- Providers may not disconnect service to a delin-

quent residential customer on a day, or on a day immediately preceding a day, when company employees are not available to receive payments, make collections or reconnect service.

In addition, the Railroad Commission is encouraging providers to offer customers a deferred payment plan or a level of average payment plan.

Kevin Larpenner, operations supervisor at the Big Spring Energas office, said his office at 2002 East FM 700 is ready to help anyone

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## White takes time to accept TABC Employee of Year Award

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

It's business as usual this week for James L. White, an agent in the enforcement division of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Though he has just returned from Austin where he was selected by his peers as the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission (TABC) Employee of the Year for 2000, White doesn't slow down long enough to pat himself on the back. He is much too busy for any of that.

"I really feel quite humbled by being selected for this award," said White. "Considering the competition from places like Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and all the other much larger towns, I feel it was quite an honor."

He was nominated by his supervisor, Sgt. Terry Parsons of Odessa. Last

year he was nominated by Lt. Dyer Lightfoot of the Odessa office.

White has a nine-county area to cover and though he has an office on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse on the third floor, he's seldom there.

Besides his every day duties, White is involved in several projects such as the Project SAVE Program, Shattered Dreams, law enforcement cases and is kept busy speaking at different schools and clubs throughout the area he covers.

"I cover Howard, Borden, Dawson, Scurry, Mitchell, Glasscock, Reagan, Crockett and Sterling counties," said White. "Though the job does keep you busy at times I certainly enjoy my work. It's very rewarding."

The Shattered Dreams Program is a program that is put on in various cities. It involves a mock accident with live actors from area



James L. White, local agent with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Control, has received the top award given to agents, the 2000 TABC Employee of the Year Award.

schools. It involves a teenager who has been involved in an alcohol-related acci-

dent, thus the shattered dreams theme. "We get everyone

involved together and we try to make it as realistic as we possibly can," said White. "We want the kids that see it to go away with something to really think about before they have that drink. I want them to realize that is just not worth the cost."

White said the program has been presented in Snyder and Colorado City and will be presented in May in Big Spring.

Though busy as he is, White still finds time to spend with his family and is involved in the community with youth programs and youth sporting activities. He also finds time to serve on the Coahoma Independent School District board.

White said his wife, Monica, an adult probation officer, knew before they married what his work entailed.

"We dated for about three

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## OBITUARIES

### Alfred L. Cluck

Memorial graveside service for Alfred L. Cluck, 74, of Emerald Hills, Calif., will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001, at the Ackerly Cemetery with the Rev. Derrick Looney, pastor of Ackerly Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Cluck di 1 Monday, Jan. 29, in Emerald Hills, Calif.

He was born on March 11, 1926, in Rule and has lived in California for the past 40 years. He was a school teacher for 36 years and entered the landscaping business after retiring.

He was a Baptist. Survivors include: one sister, Norlyne Gray of Fort Worth and one sister-in-law, Opal Cluck of Ackerly. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### Valdomero E. Jordan Sr.

Vigil service for Valdomero E. Jordan Sr., 76, Big Spring, will be at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with A.G. Martinez officiating. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park with military honors provided by the Army detachment at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo.

Mr. Jordan died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001, at Dearing's Nursing Home in Odessa following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1924, in Marfa and had lived most of his life in Big Spring. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. He was a veteran of World War II in two

Jima while serving in the United States Army. He had worked for the city of Big Spring in the Water Department and at General Tire in Odessa.

Survivors include: one son, Valdomero Jordan Jr., of Odessa; three daughters, Bertie Chavez, Sylvia Jordan and Lisa Jordan all of Fort Worth, two sisters, Inez Garza and Petra Franco both of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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## RULES

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having a problem with their payment.

"We always consider and continue to take those factors into consideration," said Larperter. "We want to stress that we want to work with people in helping them to make payment arrangements or deferred payment plans. That is why we have re-opened our local office and why I am working the counter to help with any problems our customers may have."

Health professionals say that without adequate heat, many people, especially the elderly, are in danger long before the temperature drops to freezing.

At least 21 people died from hypothermia in Texas in 1999. Of those at least 17 were age 60 or older and many of them died unexpectedly in their own homes.

## WHITE

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years before we were married," said White. "That was enough time for her to know what my work was all about. She understands its not your average 8 to 5 job. Our work requires a lot of travel and a lot of overtime work."

Besides his wife, White also has a 9-year-old daughter, Hilari, who attends Coahoma Elementary School and a 21-year-old son, Jeremy James, from a previous marriage. Jeremy resides in Sand Springs.

## HELP

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"They told me if a customer has a good payment history and they pay half the bill, their gas will not be turned off," Webb said. "Those with a bad credit history, their bill will be due on notice."

Energas operations manager John Pudliner said the company does encourage customers to pay half their bill, but will make other payment arrangements. "We understand that customers are unique and have different situations," said Kevin Larperter, Energas operations supervisor.

Many of the people who request help from the community center on an almost monthly basis have trouble paying their bills on time, Webb said, because they have limited funds.

Webb said he has also contacted two agencies in Midland that have set aside funds to help communities with Energas bills.

Unfortunately, both the Permian Basin Foundation and the Abel Hangar Foundation have depleted their funds for that pro-

gram, Webb said.

Webb began the interview process for the center's monthly assistance today. More than 30 people applied for money from the center early this morning with the majority asking for help in paying natural gas bills.

Webb said he can only give recipients \$50 for utilities.

Juan Juarez, who owns a three-bedroom home, lives on a fixed income of \$500 a month and faces the prospect of having to pay a gas bill of \$400. His bill last month was \$251.41.

"I still have to pay water and electric," Juarez said, making it clear he sees the current cost of natural gas service overwhelming.

"My gas bill was \$320 and I live in a two-bedroom house," said Emma Leeson, who also applied for help from the community center. Another person said she was using electric blankets to help her cope with the cold and reduce her bill.

"If you can find an electric blanket," Leeson interjected.

Others voiced concerns on how they will pay for doctor visits, medicine and other bills.

"People are frustrated," Webb said. "They have a bill to pay and no money to pay it with."

Larperter encourages customers having trouble paying their bill to visit the Energas building located at 2002 East FM 700, across from the Big Spring Mall, and speak to an Energas employee about their situation.

## VETERANS

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Jewish rabbi and two Protestant ministers who were aboard a troop ship crossing the Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1943, when it was struck by torpedoes from a German U-boat.

There were not enough life vests on board, so the four gave theirs away. As the ship sank, the chaplains were seen, arm in arm, praying.

Besides the annual service, Thomas said there is a chapel in Pennsylvania named to honor the four chaplains' sacrifice.

Those present at Saturday's service will hear the service hymns for each branch of service, and be asked to stand or otherwise indicate which their loved one represented.

"This is open to anyone," Thomas said. "We think they will find it meaningful."

## BRIEFS

**AARP DRIVERS SAFETY PROGRAM**, taught by trained instructors, Feb. 13 and 14. Insurance rate deductions held at the Senior Citizen Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Both sessions must be attended. Cost is \$10. To sign up call 267-1628.

**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 Internet.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
263-1211

# BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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

**HAWK FLIGHT BOOSTER CLUB** luncheon, Monday, Feb. 5, Howard College Cactus Room, \$5.25 per person. RSVP to Betty Reed at 264-5040.

**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 Plenty."

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

**BIGSPRING 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.

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL** will have a Scholastic book fair open to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. noon at 118 Cedar. Coffee and refreshments will be served to anyone who wants to come and browse or buy.

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**VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

## TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 9,7,1

Lotto: 7,21,25,44,46,54

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**TODAY**

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

**FRIDAY**

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's 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 no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

**SATURDAY**

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

**SUNDAY**

•AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

## MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	23.98 -01
Archer-Daniels	14.68 -25
Atmos Energy	23.69 -78
BP AMOCO	51.74 +24
Chevron Corp	81.90 -1.38
Compaq	23.35 -36
Cornell	6.95 +20
Dell	25.11 -01
Du Pont	43.72 +01
Exxon Mobil	83.15 -1
Halliburton	39.98 -1.21
IFCO Systems	5.11 -01
IBM	113.40 +1.40
Intel Corp	36.11 -01
NUV	9.30 +04
Patterson Ener	36.11 -01
Pepsico Inc	42.92 -1.15
Phillips Petro	57.83 -80
SBC Comms	49.48 +1.13
Sears Roebuck	38.95 +20
Texaco Inc	60.88 -52
Texas Instrument	43.35 -45
TXU	37.50 -23
Total Fina	73.15 -35
Unocal Corp	33.92 -60
Wal-Mart	55.26 -1.54
Wal-Mart/Mexico	22.23 +01
AMCAP	18.43 -06
Europacific	32.24 +13
Prime Rate	8.5 %
Gold	265.90 -288.20
Silver	4.75 -4.81

## FIRE/EMS

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

1:21 a.m. - 2600 block of East 25th, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:39 a.m. - 2000 block of Virginia, medical call, one

patient transported to SMMC.

2:23 p.m. - 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, transferred one patient to SMMC.

4:23 p.m. - 1800 block of Benton, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:06 p.m. - 500 block of NW 7th, medical call, service refused.

6:11 p.m. - 1600 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:11 p.m. - 500 block of Birdwell, structure fire, smoke scare.

## SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

**DEBORAH KAY DARNELL**, 28, of 102 Broken Bow, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation. (HCSO)

**JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported in the 500 block of Richie Road.

**THREATS** were reported in the 2600 block of S. Anderson Road.

## POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

**MELVIN LEON JONES**, 50, of 609 Brian, was arrested on local warrants.

**RONNIE FREEMAN**, 43, of 1302 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

**JAMES BERNET COYLE**, 69, of 1309 E. 6th, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/exposing.

**ISMAEL MICKIE JUAREZ**, 40, of 1609 Young, was arrested on a charge of a parole violation.

**AUSTIN LATHE MAY**, 19, of 1001 Birdwell, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

**THEFT** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg, in the 1600 block of Owens and in the 1200 block of E. 11th.

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of 11th Place.

## RECORDS

Wednesday's high 53  
Wednesday's low 28  
Precip. Tuesday 0.00  
Record high 82 in 1997  
Record low -11 in 1985  
Average high 56  
Average low 29  
Month to date 0.00  
Year to date 0.84  
Sunrise Friday 7:40 a.m.  
Sunset Friday 6:20 p.m.

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
2406 & Johnson 267-4238  
Marcos Garcia Gonzales, 70 died Tuesday. Funeral services are 10:00 AM Thursday at Iglesia Bautista La Fe. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Valdomero E. Jordan Sr., 76, died Wednesday. A vigil will be 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10:30 AM Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331  
www.npwelch.com  
Everett Blackburn, 46, died Tuesday. Funeral mass will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Funeral services will be 4:00 PM Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Luther G. Bedwell, 86, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Alfred L. Cluck, 74, died Monday. Memorial graveside services will be at 11:30 AM Saturday at Ackerly Cemetery.

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Saturday, February 3 • 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
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**BIG SPRING HERALD Thursday, Feb**

**State**

AUSTIN (AP) union on Wednesday pay raises which would cost billion. Lawmakers they did not have "I think that it appropriate goal on it might be able can bear this Finance Chairn Houston.

The call for Texas Public Employees came a few hours state workers' discuss pay raises Senate finance Melody Nelson prison in Hunt salary is driving away.

Nelson said they cers do not get a "people are going saying 'look, if raise, we're gone" Leslie Harper, degrees and work lab for the Texas says she chooses sector but is d \$23,000 a year pa "I'm not a high I'm not a big-buc to live comfortab State agency h told state budget

**Counts from in**

AUSTIN (AP) lawmaker said he will file legislation to stop the water and sewer from implementing unprecedented water rate increase 35,000 customers Texas counties. Rep. David Coman of the Houston Resource Commission the bill to be next week will Natural Conservation officials from the new rate Houston-based to break up regions. "Where's the this issue?" Co company off Wednesday's Natural Committee me have to have w to live. If you water gets to y expensive you c you increase h lems galore, y ty problems gal Counts, D-Kn other lawmakers AquaSource o hours about the

**Five of six escaped already ar**

DICKSON, Ter Five escaped com an Alabama security prison v ed early today. Interstate gas sta they stopped to wiches, officials Captured w Gamble, 24; Stev 45; O.C. Border Allred, 43; an McClain, 35, sp Dana Keeto Authorities see the sixth inm Scott, 31. Scott, M Borden were s sentences for mu The inmates Tuesday by beneath an ele and two razor w Alabama's S Correctional Fac guards noticed gone. The five we about 165 miles prison near an l exit about 50 m Nashville, Keeto

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**5-10 DISCOUNT PIZZA, DRINK**

**FOR PIZZA Q&A, IT'S B**

**1702 Gregg**

# State employee union calls for pay increase

AUSTIN (AP) — A state employee union on Wednesday called for an 8.25 percent pay raise for all state workers, which would cost the state about \$1 billion. Lawmakers immediately said they did not have that much money.

"I think that it certainly would be an appropriate goal, but the dollar figure on it might be more than the budget can bear this session," said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

The call for the pay raises by the Texas Public Employees Association came a few hours before about 200 state workers filed into the Capitol to discuss pay raises during a special Senate finance hearing.

Melodye Nelson, a lieutenant at the prison in Huntsville, said the low salary is driving correctional officers away.

Nelson said that if correctional officers do not get a significant pay raise, "people are going to quit. People are saying 'look, if we don't get a pay raise, we're gone.'"

Leslie Harper, who has two masters degrees and works in the tuberculosis lab for the Texas Department of Health says she chooses to work in the public sector but is disenchanted by her \$23,000 a year pay.

"I'm not a high-maintenance person. I'm not a big-bucks person, but I want to live comfortably," Harper said.

State agency heads repeatedly have told state budget writers this legisla-

*"I'm not a big-bucks person, but I want to live comfortably."*

— Leslie Harper, Texas Department of Health employee

tive session that their employee turnover rates are too high and that they are losing skilled workers to businesses that can pay better wages.

A state audit released in December showed the turnover rate for state employees was nearly 19 percent, up from 17.6 percent in 1999.

Some agencies, such as the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Texas Department of Economic Development and the Board of Dental Examiners had turnover rates higher than 30 percent, the audit said.

"TPEA does not believe the public sector should lead the market in establishing pay scales, but we do believe that it is critical to maintain a salary structure that promotes stability within the workforce," said TPEA Executive Director Gary Anderson.

Lawmakers, however, have warned that the budget is tight this year. The base budget unveiled by lawmakers at the start of the session left the state with about \$300 million for new spend-

ing. If \$1 billion is appropriated for state employee raises, other programs would go unfunded, said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell.

"When you've got a finite amount of money, you've got to apportion those requests," said Junell, D-San Angelo.

Ellis said he believes a consensus has emerged among lawmakers that a pay raise will be approved for state employees, but he is not sure how much or whether all employees will be affected. He has appointed a working group of the Senate Finance Committee to study the issue.

Ellis supports an across-the-board pay raise as well as a targeted increase for specific groups.

But Anderson said his group does not support targeted pay raises because they have failed in the past.

"Unfortunately this practice exacerbates an already serious problem," Anderson said. "It further demoralizes the overwhelming percentage of employees who did not get adequate consideration even though they are working just as hard and having just as much difficulty in making ends meet."

The Legislature approved a \$100 a month pay raise for all state employees during the 1999 Legislative session, costing the state about \$430 million, Ellis said.

# Texas lawmakers making push for Medicaid waiver

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers urged the Texas Department of Health on Wednesday to expedite a federal Medicaid waiver application that could bring hundreds of millions of federal dollars to the state for women's health programs.

A waiver would allow Texas to provide health services, including birth control, to more women than are currently eligible. Routine exams and screening for early detection of diseases such as diabetes, cervical and breast cancer and anemia also would be included.

An estimated 1 million of the state's 1.5 million uninsured women would be eligible.

The waiver came up for discussion while Texas Health Commissioner Charles Bell was testifying before the House Appropriations subcommittee on public health.

"The state of Texas, we are absolutely crazy, out of our minds, if we do not go

forward expeditiously with this waiver," said Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin.

"Maybe we could get some of those savings in our budget and spend that money elsewhere," said Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Dickinson.

Only an estimated \$300 million is expected to be available for new spending out of the proposed two-year \$108.2 billion budget.

Financial help from the federal government would help the state, where Medicaid accounts for 82 percent, or \$10.8 billion, of the \$13.2 billion in total state money allocated to the Health and Human Service Commission.

If granted, the waiver would allow the state to get \$9 in federal money for every \$1 in state money spent on women's health care. An exact total amount was not immediately known, but it would be several million dollars.

Such applications have already been approved for 12 states.

# Counts to file bill stopping company from implementing uniform water rate

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker said Wednesday he will file legislation to stop the state's largest water and sewer company from implementing an unprecedented uniform water rate increase for its 35,000 customers in 45 Texas counties.

Rep. David Counts, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, said the bill to be filed early next week will keep Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission officials from approving the new rate and force Houston-based AquaSource to break up rates by regions.

"Where's the fairness of this issue?" Counts asked company officials in Wednesday's House Natural Resources Committee meeting. "We have to have water and air to live. If your source of water gets to where it's so expensive you can't have it, you increase health problems galore, you have safety problems galore."

Counts, D-Knox City, and other lawmakers grilled AquaSource officials for hours about their concerns

that low income ratepayers, many of them in rural areas, can't afford steep rate increases. Lawmakers also argued that customers in one county should not be forced to pay for water system improvements in other counties.

AquaSource's statewide rate increases water bills 29 percent on average, and up to 200 percent in some areas. The company launched its rate increase in July without official approval, increasing the monthly water and sewer bills for people who use about 7,000 gallons to \$73.61. Another planned rate increase in July 2001 would raise average monthly bills about \$81.47.

The TNRCC is investigating. If it refuses to approve the uniform rate, AquaSource will have to refund customers who have already paid higher bills.

Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, argued during the meeting that anytime there are improvements to water facilities, like the ones AquaSource has made, customers should expect rate increases.

"We in this state have been spoiled for years with the low cost of water," Lewis said.

In the past several years, AquaSource bought 72 small Texas water systems, many of them struggling and in need of repairs and upgrades, say company officials, who have combined piecemeal systems into more stable regional systems.

Company officials say a uniform rate increase is needed to pay for millions in capital improvements, simplify customer service and ensure a fair profit. One rate, instead of the current 100 separate tariffs, would level out rate shocks in certain areas and eventually lead to a stable system of rates, said James Lahtinen, AquaSource's vice president for rates and regulatory affairs.

But more than 4,000 AquaSource customers have already complained to the TNRCC about the rate increase, said commission Executive Director Jeff Saitas. Concerned citizens in Kerr County and Houston have formed coalitions to protest it.

# AG targets child support evaders

EL PASO (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn is looking for Frank O. Martinez and he needs some help.

Martinez is one of about 30 people on Cornyn's "Most Wanted Child Support Evaders" list. He is the father of an 11-year-old boy living in El Paso with his mother, Norma Martinez, and owes \$40,676 in child support, Norma Martinez said. Martinez, whose last known address was Longview, hasn't made a payment and hasn't seen his son, Christopher, since 1996.

"I've always needed to work," said Norma Martinez, who spoke to reporters about the problem in her home Wednesday. "I try to give him

(Christopher) the basics, it is really hard."

Cornyn toured West Texas on Wednesday to visit the families of some of the people who owe the most in Texas and who can't be located. He also stopped in Amarillo, Lubbock and Midland to talk with custodial parents struggling to provide for their children and vowed to use "every legal means" to force the delinquents to pay up.

Martinez said she decided to allow Cornyn's office to publicize her plight after things got so bad financially that she had to move for a time to Colorado to live with her sister.

"I was searching for penies to buy milk," she said. But she points to another,

more daunting problem. She has to tell Christopher that it's not his fault his father is absent.

"He's seen him three or four times in his whole life," Martinez said. "He doesn't really remember him, I have to show him pictures."

According to the Attorney General's Office, collections have increased 36 percent since 1998 to \$1.029 billion for fiscal year 2000. Since 1994, the child support caseload has grown 65 percent from 665,000 cases to 1.1 million cases while staffing has increased 5 percent from 2,485 to 2,600 in 2000.

The missing parents are creating a financial burden for taxpayers, Cornyn said.

# Five of six escaped convicts already arrested

DICKSON, Tenn. (AP) — Five escaped convicts from an Alabama maximum security prison were arrested early today near an Interstate gas station where they stopped to buy sandwiches, officials said.

Captured were Billy Gamble, 24; Steve Murphy, 45; O.C. Borden, 33; Jack Allred, 43; and James McClain, 35, spokeswoman Dana Keeton said. Authorities searched for the sixth inmate, Gary Scott, 31. Scott, Murphy and Borden were serving life sentences for murder.

The inmates escaped Tuesday by slipping beneath an electric fence and two razor wire fences at Alabama's St. Clair Correctional Facility before guards noticed they were gone.

The five were caught about 165 miles from the prison near an Interstate 40 exit about 50 miles west of Nashville, Keeton said.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Let's help Scouts do a good deed

On Saturday, Howard County citizens have an opportunity to help the Boys Scouts do a good turn for those who are less fortunate. It's time again for the Good Turn Food Drive, in which the Scouts go door-to-door collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army and West Texas Food Bank.

If you have received this newspaper at your home or business or purchased it at a convenience store or rack, you've no doubt already noticed the H-E-B bag inside. Just place some canned goods or sacked dry food inside it and hang it on your front door or set it on the doorstep in plain sight late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

No one will be knocking on your door, so you won't have to be disturbed on a weekend morning if you want to sleep late. Nor is it necessary to stay around the house if you are wanting to get out.

If by some chance, you don't find a bag in this paper, a standard plastic food bag you receive with any grocery purchase will do.

Most of us have a few extra canned goods in the pantry or cupboard. Or perhaps you'd consider picking up an extra few cans of vegetables or boxes of dry rice or noodles when you go shopping.

The Scouts will collect them beginning at 9 a.m. and hope to be finished by 1 p.m.

If you plan to go grocery shopping Saturday morning, as many of us do, you can still make your donation by bring your selections to the Herald's north parking lot on Scurry Street. The white trailer that will be parked there is the dropoff point for your food donations.

Most years, the Scouts collect around 3,500 food items. This year, with up to 100 Scouts participating, the organization hopes to collect 5,000. That would be a big boost toward replenishing stocks at the Salvation Army and West Texas Food Bank, which normally dip very low after the holidays.

We hope you'll join area Boy Scouts in performing this good deed for our less fortunate citizens. It's an endeavor we can all be proud of.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

Here I go again, speaking for the animals.

As I drive around town going to the store and to visit friends, I see outside dogs with no dog houses! What is wrong with you people?!

Do you not have a conscience, don't care or what!

I don't care what people say, an outside dog needs a dog house, especially in this weather!

I applaud and commend you people who take care of your animal by having shelter for it.

For those people who don't, how would you like to be tied to a tree out in the cold with no shelter?

So, show your dog, your pet some love and care and get'em a dog house, he'll love you for it! He'll appreciate it too!

**SHARON OSBURN**  
BIG SPRING

David Crockett of Scenic Mountain Medical Center for serving the Wilderness Camp inmates their first quarterly meal of 2001.

On Jan. 12, 160 inmates and 24 guards and officers enjoyed a delightful meal and all were completely satisfied.

Mr. Crockett and his staff did a superb job of setting up and overseeing the meal served at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Members of Comanche Trail Festival of Lights assisted in serving the meal.

A video of the Festival of Lights was shown especially to the inmates that worked on the project.

Should any church, business, or organization be interested in serving the inmates that do such a tremendous job in and around our community a meal, please contact me at 263-4607. The meals are scheduled on a quarterly basis.

**PAT SIMMONS**  
BIG SPRING

### TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank

# 75 years of country roads: Paying the Price

It was his birthday, and he had a cold. Ray Price turned 75 while under the weather and on the road.

The night before, he played a Mississippi Gulf Coast casino, where Ray Price said, conditions were swell. "The food was good, and you stay in the same building where you perform."

No small thing when you're on tour 100 nights of the year. No small thing when your wife's back home on the Thoroughbred horse ranch in Texas, and you're far away with the boys in the band.

The billboards along I-10 in Mississippi constitute a Has-Been Hall of Fame. I don't mean that in a bad sense. On the signs are the faces of performers you haven't thought about in years but still wouldn't mind hearing. That's one positive thing you can say about the Deep South gambling palaces: Artists long off the charts get work, especially a lot of country stars. And so Ray Price plays the casinos along with county fairs, clubs, concert halls and, most

recently, a high-rollers' party in Washington for the Bush inaugural.

But this day, his birthday, Jan. 12, Price and his band left Biloxi and headed north to Montgomery, where Ray's old roommate, Hank Williams, is buried. Price and Williams shared bachelor quarters during the turbulent last year of Hank's life.

"Hank was top dog then, and he still is," Price said. "They haven't been able to hide that part of country music."

Who could have imagined that nearly five decades after his death, Hank Williams' reputation would still be growing?

Ray Price could imagine it, and did. In Montgomery the Cherokee Cowboys' bus took a wrong turn toward Birmingham instead of toward the site of that night's engagement — the Historic Langdale Theater on the Alabama-Georgia line.

The unintended detour added 100 miles, and they were late. But you wouldn't have known it to look at Ray Price. The band scurried about, setting up, dressing up, scrambling.

Ray Price presided. He was as unruffled and smooth as his music, looking a little like Walter Cronkite, except smaller, almost dainty in appearance.

So, there he stood, talking

to newspaper scribes in the wings of an old art-deco theater built by a textile-mill company, answering questions he's answered a million times before, prepared to sing songs he's sung a million times before.

"What advice," someone asked, "would you give to young singers starting out?"

"They better really want to do it ...," Price said. "Think about what you wish for. You might just get it."

It wasn't a bitter answer, just realistic, the way successful people talk when they've been doing the same thing for a long, long time and have had opportunity to get philosophical about it. Yet you had to wonder if he still found stardom worth the extraordinarily high cost. Maybe he was thinking he should have been a veterinarian, as he started out to be.

Price's first No. 1 hit came in 1956, with "Crazy Arms," a crossover smash that stayed on the charts for 45 weeks. In 1970, his rendition of Kris Kristofferson's "For the Good Times" sold 11 million copies.

After Hank's death, Ray Price fought to have his own distinctive sound, to divorce himself from the swelling army of Hank wannabes, even though the remnants of Hank's Drifting Cowboys formed

Ray's new band. Price added strings and polish to songs with the traditional country-western themes, not a move that thrilled hillbilly purists.

Critics said he was Perry Como with a cowlick, a turncoat to tradition. That he took gut-felt songs and put them through a Waring blender.

But Price's perfect pitch and ability to recognize extraordinary talent won out over the distance. The careers of many of country music's superstars began with the Cherokee Cowboys, Price's band. You've heard their names: Willie Nelson, Roger Miller, Johnny Paycheck, Johnny Bush.

And if Price left country, eventually it re-found him. Call him present, ahead of the curve or simply clever.

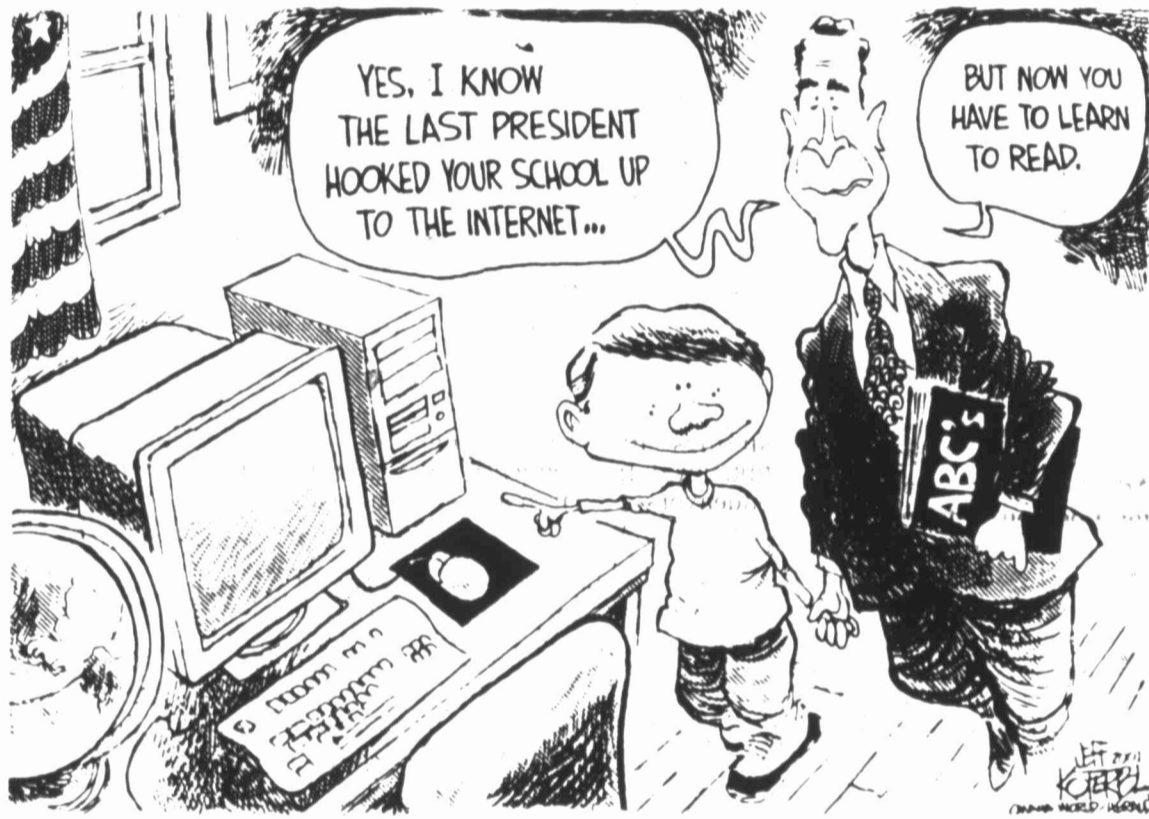
His "maverick" approach stood him in good stead over five decades.

And now that country and pop are almost indistinguishable, "Release Me" and "Heartaches by the Number" — with drums and strings and piano seem like poignant precursors to practically every new country song you hear.

Whatever you think of Ray Price's approach, you have to admire the voice. Strong, clear, the same with a cold, at 75, after a long day made longer by a wrong turn in Hank's hometown.



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# Ashcroft will enforce the nation's laws

I've had a big laugh this past week watching liberal and conservative commentators demonstrate how unperceptive and thoughtless they can be.

I've seen a liberal columnist proclaim that if John Ashcroft has told the truth to the Senate Judiciary Committee, why, he's going to be a liberal attorney general. I've seen conservatives castigate Ashcroft for betraying his conservative beliefs.

Hold on a minute. What exactly did Ashcroft say? He said simply that he understood the difference between being a legislator who can make laws and being an attorney general whose job is to enforce the laws as they exist. That's all. Did anyone in his or her right mind expect him

to say, "Of course, I'm not going to enforce any law I don't agree with?"

A better question: Does anyone wish that he had said that?

Ashcroft has not backed off any of his beliefs. He has just said that he will do the job of the attorney general, which is to enforce whatever federal laws are on the books. That's how it should work in a free society. If there is something wrong with the laws, it is up to the legislative branch to repeal or correct them. It is not the job of the attorney general to ignore their violation.

Of course, the Democrats went through the whole list of their favorite bad laws. Will you enforce this one? Yes, he said. And this one? Yes, right on down the list. A moral man of integrity has no choice. Trust me, it will be an enormous improvement to have an attorney general who will enforce all the laws.

You can expect him to enforce some laws that the Democrats didn't mention and which have been ignored by the Democratic

attorney general. Such laws include the existing gun-control laws, an action both the National Rifle Association and every honest gun owner has been demanding.

He will also enforce the laws against pornography that have been largely ignored by the Clinton administration. The attorneys who spoke to a national meeting of pornographers in New Orleans last summer urged their clients to support Al Gore. They made it quite plain that a Bush administration would come after them. And I think they were exactly right.

It really is puzzling to see how anyone could misconstrue Ashcroft's forthright statements that he would enforce the laws as either a change of his philosophy or a betrayal of his previous positions.

Democratic liberals were faced with a dilemma. They wanted to vote against him, not because of any of his beliefs, but simply to cater to the rabid and fanatic base of the Democratic Party that consists of howl-

ing baby killers and racist racketeers, to use a good phrase coined by a black man to describe Jesse Jackson.

Yet they didn't want to admit to the normal people in their states that they were pandering to extremists. Hence, they raised the red herring that Ashcroft would not enforce laws that he didn't agree with.

Ashcroft combated that tactic, and if some journalists are too unperceptive to see the game being played, well, that's not unusual.

Voters, however, can mark down every vote against Ashcroft as irrefutable evidence of political opportunism and pandering to extremism. They can then ask themselves if they wish to be represented by people who place pandering to the worst elements of society ahead of truth and the rule of law.

Now that Clinton is out, voters should zero in on removing his clones from the House and Senate. Nobody needs liars and opportunists in public office.

**Mallard Fillmore** by **BRUCE TINSLEY**

THE STUDY SAYS 60 PERCENT OF PARENTS SAY THEY DON'T HAVE TIME TO READ TO THEIR CHILDREN!

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### Local student wins Lions poster contest

HERALD Staff Report

Local seventh grader Vanessa Basurte has taken the first step to become an internationally-recognized artist.

The Big Spring Junior High School student won a local poster contest sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club. Now her entry is among more than 325,000 submitted worldwide in the 30th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Donna Groenke, president of the Evening Lions, said she was impressed by the quality of all 92 local entries.

"These young students have strong ideas of what peace means to them," she said. "We're proud we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions with us."

Basurte's poster, which depicts people of different cultural and racial backgrounds holding hands in a circle around the globe, has been entered in district competition in San Angelo. There it competed against

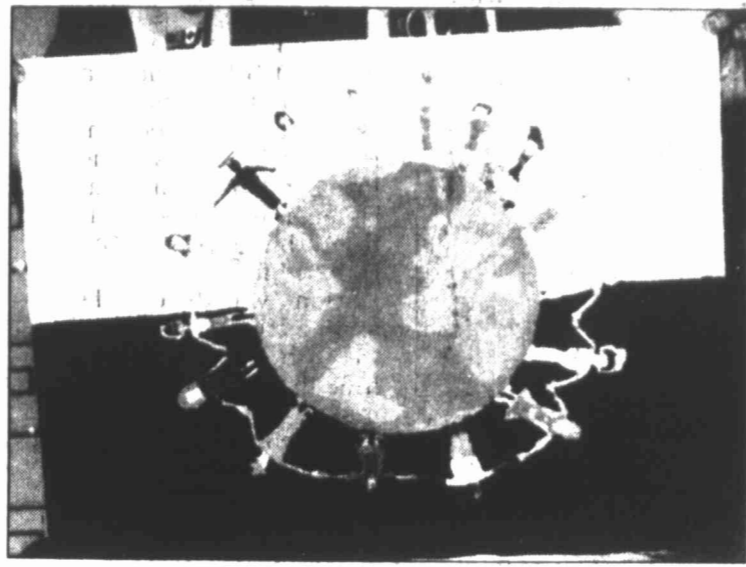
entries from 25 West Texas counties in two more rounds before the winners will be announced later this month.

The contest, sponsored by the Lions to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people, will end with one grand prize winner selected from 24 international finalists. That prize includes a \$2,500 cash award plus an all-expense-paid trip to the Lion International Convention awards ceremony in Indianapolis, Ind., in July.

"We're cheering for Vanessa as her poster advances in the competition," said Evening Lions Club contest chairman Paul Smith. "We hope her vision will ultimately be shared by others around the world."

Other local winners included Hayley Kepton, second place, and Cambrie Cook, honorable mention. All local winners were honored by the Evening Lions at a meeting Jan. 22.

Entries in the peace poster contest are on display at Big Spring Mall on the far west wall.



Top, the poster by local seventh grader Vanessa Basurte won the local Lions contest and is hoped to win district competition. Above, Vanessa is congratulated by Evening Lions member Paul Smith during the January meeting.

### Finding files

How to keep track of family history research documents

While collecting information on your family, you may eventually get a lot of documentation of various family members.

If this does happen to you, then it may become a problem to keep track of exactly what you want to find. It is very important to keep a file on each branch of the family, and in some cases, break it down to individual families.

In this way, you can keep some control over your records, and will be able to find the information you want when you want it.

I just recently found an address of someone I had found information for, but had misplaced her address. I am now sending her updates for her family, and she will in turn send me

updates. This is the best way, when several different family members are working together.

Sharing will help all concerned. Preserving our family records is our responsibility; we are the ones in a position to find and preserve this information and records for future generations, they for theirs, and so on. The way documents are being lost to various means, it is up to us to jump in and take the reins.

- Put information in photo albums or in folders labeled by the family name. If possible find a good genealogy program and put it on computer as well.

- Keep pictures of the same family together; don't scatter them through several photo albums. Label each folder or file clearly. If at all possible, add generations to identify their ancestors and relatives.

- Include friends as well. Some friends are like family and their pictures should be kept, too. Just be

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BOBBY RAWLS

### Disease's effect not limited to the victim

The human brain is like the universe infinitely powerful, complex and awe inspiring. It is capable of amazing feats from curing fatal diseases to building the most fearsome weapons.

However, the brain is also fragile and susceptible to damage and disease, including diseases that affect behavior and the ability to perform even the simplest of tasks.

Alzheimer's is one of the most devastating diseases, mentally, emotionally and physically. It not only wreaks havoc on the person who has it, but also can cause great emotional and financial strain on the family.

Loved ones are often faced with placing mom, dad, aunt or uncle in managed care when they are not able to leave that person alone or they just can't handle the overwhelming responsibility.

Part of coping with the ordeal of this disease is understanding what it is and how it works. Mosby's Medical Dictionary defines Alzheimer's as: Plaques, a protein substance, are formed on the brain's outer layer (cortex) which causes certain cells to gradually deteriorate. This kind of damage will cause confusion, memory failure, disorientation, restlessness, speech disturbances, inability to carry out purposeful movements and hallucinations.

### CAREGIVERS

A free caregiver seminar is planned at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Howard County Library Community Room, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Aging Services Unit. For a person suffering from illness or disability — including but not limited to Alzheimer's — is invited to attend. Call Nancy Jones, 264-2397, for more information.



ANDREA MEDLIN

nosis: (seeing things that aren't there). The patient may also refuse food and lose control of the bowels.

There is no cure for Alzheimer's; treatment consists only of comfort measures. Prevention is the primary avenue of care: preventing injury that may be due to falls, accidental burns or cuts, wandering, promoting sleep and preventing agitation that may lead to violence.

A great deal of patience, devotion and empathy are required to care for someone suffering from this disease or for the person caring for the victim, because that person basically has to care for the victim of Alzheimer's like he/she is a child.

Maintaining the same daily routine and providing as much familiarity as possible will prevent any traumatic events as well.

Someone with Alzheimer's will exhibit bizarre behavior such as: eating with his/her hands or not eating at all because they have forgotten how to

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### Hispanic girls need more school support, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanic girls have a higher high school dropout rate than girls in any other racial or ethnic group and are the least likely to earn a college degree, according to the American Association of University Women.

Schools must do more to recognize cultural values that saddle Hispanic girls with family responsibilities, such as caring for younger siblings after school, that take away from educational endeavors, researchers said in a report Wednesday.

"If we want Latinas to succeed as other groups of girls have, schools need to work with and not against their families and communities and the strengths that Latinas bring to the classroom," said Angela Ginorio,

the study's author.

The report, citing Census Bureau statistics, said the dropout rate for Latinas ages 16 to 24 is 30 percent, compared with 12.9 percent for blacks and 8.2 percent for whites.

Only 10 percent of Hispanic women completed four or more years of college, compared with 13.9 percent of blacks and 22.3 percent of whites, according to the National Council of La Raza, an umbrella organization for Hispanic groups.

"Many Latinas face pressure about going to college from boyfriends and fiancées who expect their girlfriends or future wives not to be 'too educated' and from peers who accuse them of 'acting white' when they

attempt to become better educated or spend time on academics," the study said.

At the University of Texas at El Paso, the Mother-Daughter Program targets sixth-grade Latinas, using tutoring and "big sisters" to encourage the girls to graduate from high school and attend college. It also helps Hispanic mothers return to school.

Latinas are the country's fastest-growing female minority population, while Hispanics as a whole will account for 25 percent of the nation's school population in 2030.

The researchers recommended educators pay closer attention to the cultural issues faced by Hispanic girls, recruit Hispanic teachers who can serve as

role models and involve entire families in decisions about college.

Among the study's other findings:

- Hispanic girls are underrepresented in gifted and talented and advanced placement courses.

- Hispanic girls are less likely to take the SAT college entrance exam than their white or Asian counterparts, and those who do score lower on average than the other girls.

- Among Hispanics, more girls than boys take the SAT exam, but the girls score lower.

- More Hispanic women than men obtain associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees, but more men earn professional and doctorate degrees.

### Talking pill bottles help elderly avoid mistakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The man squints at his medication, but his dimming vision can't make out even whether he picked up the Coumadin or Celebrex. So he aims a gadget the size of a deck of cards at the bottle, and a computerized voice begins reading his prescription instructions.

Call them talking drugs: If pilot testing goes well at two Chicago hospitals, blind and elderly Americans could soon begin buying prescriptions with "smart labels" that read aloud the potentially lifesaving fine print.

Millions of Americans have eyesight so bad they can't read newspaper type, and thus struggle with medication bottles that put the drug's name, dosage and important safety warnings in even smaller print.

It's a problem that's only going to worsen as the aging population booms.

Inability to read pill bottles can lead to very dangerous mistakes: taking the wrong pill at the wrong time; or the wrong dose; or missing the warning not to drink alcohol or take various over-the-counter drugs with the prescription. Or even when to call a doctor about side effects.

Enter ScripTalk. Beam a small voice synthesizer at a prescription bottle

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with a special computer chip embedded into the label. The wireless technology translates the printed label into speech, literally reading aloud the pill instructions.

Manufacturer En-Vision America Inc. of Normal, Ill., hopes to begin selling ScripTalk this summer. First, vision-impaired veterans at Chicago's Hines Veterans Administration Hospital are pilot-testing the gadget to learn how helpful it truly is — and nearby Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center soon begins a separate study to see if ScripTalk could reduce medication errors.

"When you're vision-impaired ... it's very difficult to find the necessary

information" to use a drug properly, explains Rush pharmacist Bruce Gaynes.

"Our major goal, and what these systems would allow, is greater independence," adds Jerry Schutter, chief of blind rehabilitation services at Hines.

Hines so far has taught a dozen veterans to use ScripTalk at home. Some "are very happy with it," Schutter said. Others, usually the very elderly, still prefer family members to read their pill bottles to them.

The pilot test isn't over yet, but will help determine if ScripTalk provides enough benefit for the VA to offer it once sales begin.

ScripTalk isn't the only such attempt: Hines also has a handful of veterans testing New York-based AskCo Corp.'s Aloud, where pharmacists record drug labels into listening devices for patients. ScripTalk, in contrast, harnesses wireless technology to let computers synthesize the talking label automatically.

Rush's planned 300-patient study, which also will investigate low-tech solutions such as larger-print drug labels, will examine whether

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SLICE of life

### HEALTH NEWS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Women who breast fed their babies for two years or longer reduced their risk of breast cancer by 50 percent, a study of women in rural China found.

The study by Yale University researchers bolsters other studies in China and in the United States, and finds that the benefits are similar whether the cancer strikes before or after menopause.

Researchers said they hope the study will change cultural attitudes and encourage more American women to breast-feed for longer periods of time.

On average, less than one-third of American women continue breast-feeding until their babies are 6 months old, government statistics show.

A tiny percentage of American women continue to nurse until the child is 2 years old, but in China and many other developing countries, breast-feeding for two years or more is the norm.

Researcher Tongzhang Zheng said that women cannot control many risk factors for breast cancer, such as family history and environmental factors. "It's one factor people may be able to change," said Zheng, an associate professor of epidemiology and public health at the Yale School of Medicine.

The study, published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, looked at the medical history of 808 Chinese women in rural Shandong province from 1997 to 1999. Half of the women — who ranged in age from 30 to 80 — had had breast cancer, half had not. The number of babies a woman breast-fed and her age at her first breast-feeding did not appear to be factors in breast cancer risk, Zheng said.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL will have a Scholastic book fair open to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon at 118 Cedar. Coffee and refreshments will be served to anyone who wants to come and browse or buy.

The school is aiming for a goal of \$3,600 in sales this year, which will allow them to keep 65 percent of the total sales from the week-long fair. The fair has a large selection of books for all ages, from preschoolers to adults.

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sure to put them in a file or album labeled "friends of the family." Good friends are special - treat them as such.

Always put your source in your file, so if you have to, you can go back to them for lost or new photos. And remember: share your memories with them, too. More next week.

Bobby Rawls can be contacted through his Web site, www.crcm.net/~brawls.

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ScripTalk reduces medication errors, thus saving money as well as preventing injury. That study could help insurers and pharmacists decide whether to pay for the device.

ScripTalk won't be cheap. Schutter cautions. En-Vision would send participating drugstores blank, microchip-embedded "smart labels." Each drugstore would have to buy a special \$1,000 printer that encodes the microchip to read each label.

Patients would buy a battery-operated ScripTalk reader for about \$250. A talking label initially should add \$1 to each prescription.

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use utensils, using a trash can or other container for a commode because he/she has forgotten where the bathroom is or how to use it, wearing layers of clothes or only wearing a top or bottom or not wearing anything at all, talking to people who aren't there and inevitably not recognizing a child or close loved one.

If assistance is needed for anyone in this situation there are good places that will provide safe and compassionate care for someone suffering from this disease. A good place to start is the yellow pages in the phone book under "nursing," or contact the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter at 1-800-682-1174.

If you decide on placement, a good way to start would be to make a list of the most promising places, then visit them and ask probing and specific questions. Some areas to consider: staff (how many and how are they trained), assistance with meals and activities of daily living (dressing, bathing, etc.), medication administration, emergency procedures, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) and Living Will protocols, transportation, doctor visits and whether or not the doors to the facility are accessible to the patient.

Also, how stringent are the rules about outings with friends and families? Freedom to come and go and with whom your loved one can leave with should be discussed.

Ask the staff questions about the facility and its routines. A well-trained nursing staff will have a working knowledge of routines and care of the residents who live there.

There are medications a doctor can prescribe to help slow down the disease progression or to ease potentially destructive behavior. A doctor that specializes in mental illness, such as a psychiatrist, would be a good option for the most up-to-date treatment.

The brain can be affected by disease and damaged just like any other organ in the body. Those strange and maybe embarrassing things your loved one (diagnosed with Alzheimer's) does are a result of the destroyed cells in the brain.

Remember: He most likely doesn't realize what he is doing and is not trying to embarrass, humiliate you or make you feel guilty.

Andrea Medlin writes a regular column on health issues.

Especially for kids and their families  
**The Mini Page**

By BETTY DEBNAM

Mother of Presidents

Virginia From A to Z



HERE ARE TWO PRESIDENTS BORN IN VIRGINIA.



Monticello, near Charlottesville, was Thomas Jefferson's home, which he designed and filled with some of his own inventions.

Ever since the first British colonists landed in America, Virginia has played a major role in our country's history. Eight presidents were born there: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor and Woodrow Wilson. One of the state's nicknames is "Mother of Presidents."

Because northern Virginia borders Washington, D.C., many employees of the federal government work and live in the area.

Coal mining, crab and oyster fishing, and the manufacture of tobacco and chemical products are important.

Virginia is one of the top high-tech centers in America. Many computer and Internet firms such as America Online are based there.

Virginia has the 12th-biggest population of the states, with more than 7 million people.

**Arlington National Cemetery** is the site of the Tomb of the Unknowns, the John F. Kennedy gravesite and Robert E. Lee's former home.

**The Blue Ridge Mountains** are famous for their bright fall colors.

**The Cardinal** is the state bird.

**More major Civil War battles** were fought here than in any other state. It was an important state in the Confederacy.

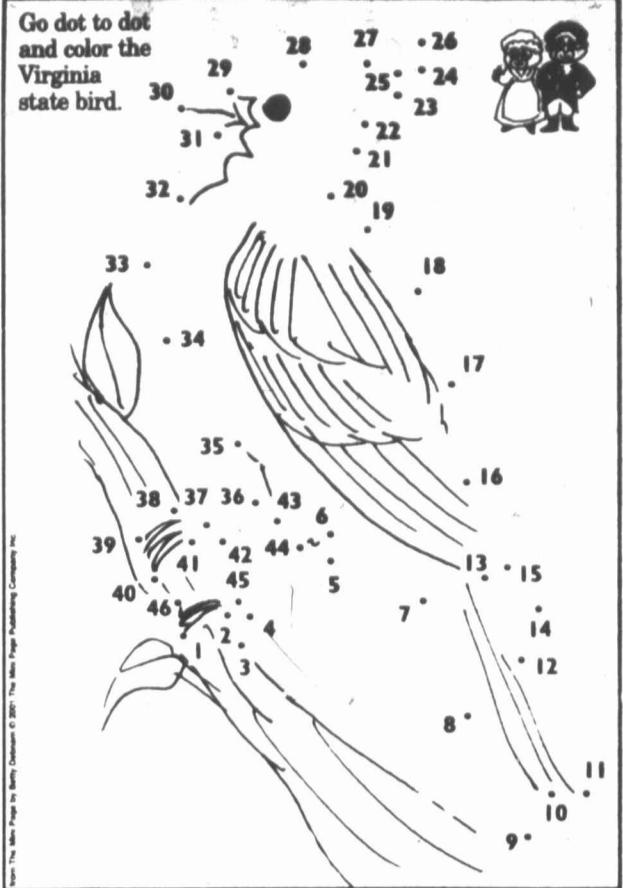
**The flowering Dogwood** is the state tree.

**Fort Eustis**, near Williamsburg, is the site of the U.S. Army Transportation Center. It has the only railroad in the U.S. run by the military.

**Forests** cover more than 60 percent of the state.

**George Washington's home**, Mount Vernon, is on the Potomac River near Alexandria.

**Hiking on the Appalachian Trail** attracts many tourists. One-fourth of it, 535 1/2 miles, goes through Virginia, more than in any other state.



Go dot to dot and color the Virginia state bird.

Meet Keith Robinson



Keith Robinson plays Joel the Green Ranger on the show "Power Rangers Lightspeed Rescue."

He was born in Greenville, S.C., and moved to Atlanta, Ga., when he was a teen-ager.

Besides acting, he is also a talented singer. When he was at school at the University of Georgia, he formed a singing group with two friends. The group, State of Mind, still performs and has released several albums.

He decided to try acting when he moved to Los Angeles. In his spare time, Keith likes playing sports, especially basketball, lifting weights, reading poetry and listening to music.

**Rookie Cookies Recipe**  
**Apple Oatmeal**  
You'll need:  
• 1 cup water  
• 3/4 cup apple juice  
• 2 tablespoons raisins  
• 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
• 3/4 cup regular oats, uncooked  
• 2 1/2 tablespoons powdered milk  
• 1 apple, chopped  
• 1 1/2 teaspoons brown sugar  
What to do:  
1. Combine first four ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.  
2. Add oats and powdered milk. Reduce heat to medium. Cook 8 minutes, stirring occasionally.  
3. Remove from heat. Stir in apples and brown sugar.  
4. Let stand for 5 minutes.  
Serves 4.

**Gus Goodsport's Report**  
**Supersport: Reggie Miller**  
Height: 6-7  
Weight: 202  
Birthdate: 8-24-65  
College: UCLA  
Reggie Miller is in his 14th season as a guard for the Indiana Pacers. Last season he averaged 18.1 points and 3 rebounds per game. He was second in the NBA in free-throw percentage (.919). He also played in the All-Star game.  
Reggie, who studied history in college, is married to Marita Stavrou, an actress and model. His sister Cheryl was a basketball star and won a gold medal playing on the 1984 Olympic team. She now coaches the Phoenix Mercury of the WNBA. His brother, Darrell, was a major league baseball player.  
In the off-season, Reggie runs a basketball camp for kids.

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**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 OR blend, as in the word work.  
Q: Where do cars get the most flat tires?  
A: At a fork in the road!  
Q: What does a termite do every morning at 10:30?  
A: Takes a coffee table break!  
Go on an OR word hunt. What other words can you find that use the OR blend? What sound do you hear?  
Q: What did the porcupine say when he backed into a cactus?  
A: "Is that you, Mother?"

**Bassey Brown The News Hound's VIRGINIA TRY 'N FIND**  
Words that remind us of Virginia are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: VIRGINIA, GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL, ATLANTIC, ISLAND, PENTAGON, COLONIAL, REVOLUTION, CAVES, SHENANDOAH, BEACH, WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, FORESTS, HIKING.  
THERE'S A LOT TO SEE IN VIRGINIA.  
V C I T N A L T A C A V E S J  
I F O R E S T S I S L A N D E  
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A G O V E R N M E N T E J R O  
F K O S H A O D N A N E H S N

**Mini Spy ...**  
Mini Spy and her friends are hiking along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia. See if you can find:  
• frog  
• heart  
• caterpillar  
• word MINI  
• snail  
• football  
• peanut  
• sock  
• letter H  
• cat  
• number 8  
• exclamation mark

**More About Virginia**  
Assateague and Chincoteague Islands were made famous by Marguerite Henry's books on the islands' wild ponies.  
Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in America, was founded in 1607.  
Paramount's Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens theme parks bring in many tourists.  
Langley is the site of the CIA's headquarters.  
Montpelier, near the town of Orange, was the home of James and Dolley Madison.  
The Natural Bridge near Lexington is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. This 17-story-high bridge was carved by water running through it for millions of years.  
The Norfolk Naval Base is the largest naval complex in the world.  
The Atlantic Ocean, Chesapeake Bay and other bodies of water create more than 3,000 miles of coastline.  
The Pentagon in Arlington is the headquarters for the U.S. Defense Department. This five-sided complex is the world's biggest office building.  
Pochahontas, the daughter of a Powhatan Indian chief, helped bring peace between settlers and Powhatans near Jamestown.  
Quantico is the site of the top Marine Corps training center, and a branch of the FBI Academy.  
Richmond is the state capital.  
The Shenandoah Valley, between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, is a beautiful tourist area. During the Civil War, it was the site of many bloody battles.  
The Natural Tunnel in Scott County is as high as a nine-story building and almost as long as three football fields. This million-year-old tunnel was probably discovered by Daniel Boone.  
Look through your newspaper for stories and a is about tourist spots in your state.  
Next week The Mini Page celebrates Presidents' Day with a story about George Washington, the farmer.  
Underground beauty is a top attraction. Many of the 3,200 known caves are open to the public. Luray Caverns are the largest caves in eastern America. They are famous for their Stalacpipe Organ, the biggest natural musical instrument in the world.  
Virginia Beach is the biggest city, with about 400,000 people. It has the longest beach resort in the world (28 miles).  
Colonial Williamsburg shows visitors what life was like when it was the capital of Colonial Virginia.  
Appomattox is where Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in 1865, ending the Civil War.  
Yorktown is the site of the Revolutionary War battle where George Washington defeated the British forces in 1781. This victory was the last major blow for American independence.  
The Virginia Zoological Park in Norfolk is building habitats similar to the native lands of its lions, zebras, elephants and giraffes.  
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• Howard College  
Hawks at Clarendon Bulldogs.

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• Howard College  
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### IN BRIEF

#### Hawk flight Booster Club luncheon

There will be a Hawk flight Booster Club luncheon at noon Monday in the Cactus Room of the Student Union at Howard College.

The cost is \$5.25 per person. For more information call Betty Reed at 264-5040.

#### Hunter education course offered

Boyce Hale and Steve Poitevent will be instructing a two-day hunter education course beginning Feb. 24-25 in the conference room of the Chamber of Commerce building.

The course will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

There will be a \$10 fee. To pre-register call 267-6957 or 264-7033.

#### 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.

#### 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.

Not only will fans be able to watch two games pitting top-flight Western Junior College Athletic Conference contenders, but 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 first-come, first-served basis.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL

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6 p.m.

Howard College Lady Hawks at Clarendon Lady Bulldogs.

##### Men

8 p.m.

Howard College Hawks at Clarendon Bulldogs.

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6 p.m.

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#### Television

##### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

##### Men

3 p.m.

Cincinnati at Charlotte, ESPN, Ch. 30

9:30 p.m.

Arizona at Oregon, FXS, Ch. 29

##### Women

6 p.m.

Connecticut at Tennessee, FXS, ESPN, Ch. 30

##### NBA

7 p.m.

Philadelphia at TNT, Ch. 28

##### PGA

2 p.m.

Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, first round, USA, Ch. 38

## Good vibes and a bad limp for Tiger at Pebble Beach

REBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — When last seen at Pebble Beach, Tiger Woods stepped into the record books with a 15-stroke victory in the U.S. Open. This time, he left with a limp.

After a final practice round Wednesday before his bid to win a third straight tournament at Pebble Beach, Woods hyperextended his left knee and sprained a ligament when an overzealous autograph seeker tripped him as Woods was leaving the course.

"Just snapped my leg back," Woods said.

Woods said the odds were "up there" that he would not be able to play Thursday when the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am begins over

three courses. Woods, who is supposed to play Spyglass Hill, said he would give it a try.

"If I can't rotate and can't let it go, then obviously I can't go," he said.

It was a bizarre return to the course that Woods can claim as a second home, especially after his two thrilling victories at Pebble Beach.

In the AT&T National Pro-Am, Woods was seven strokes behind with seven holes to play when he finished eagle-birdie-par-birdie and won by two, giving him his sixth straight PGA Tour victory and the most stunning comeback in his spectacular career.

Four months later under vastly different conditions, he was even

better. Woods demolished par that the U.S. Golf Association tries so vainly to protect at the U.S. Open, and he did the same thing to the field.

He finished at 12-under 272, unheard of for a U.S. Open, and won by 15 strokes, the largest margin in the 140-year history of the majors.

A victory this week — assuming he can play — would make him the first player since Jack Nicklaus in 1972-73 to win three straight events on the same course.

Nicklaus also sandwiched a pair of Crosbys around a U.S. Open championship.

"I've always enjoyed playing here, seeing the beauty of it," Woods said. "This golf course is right there in

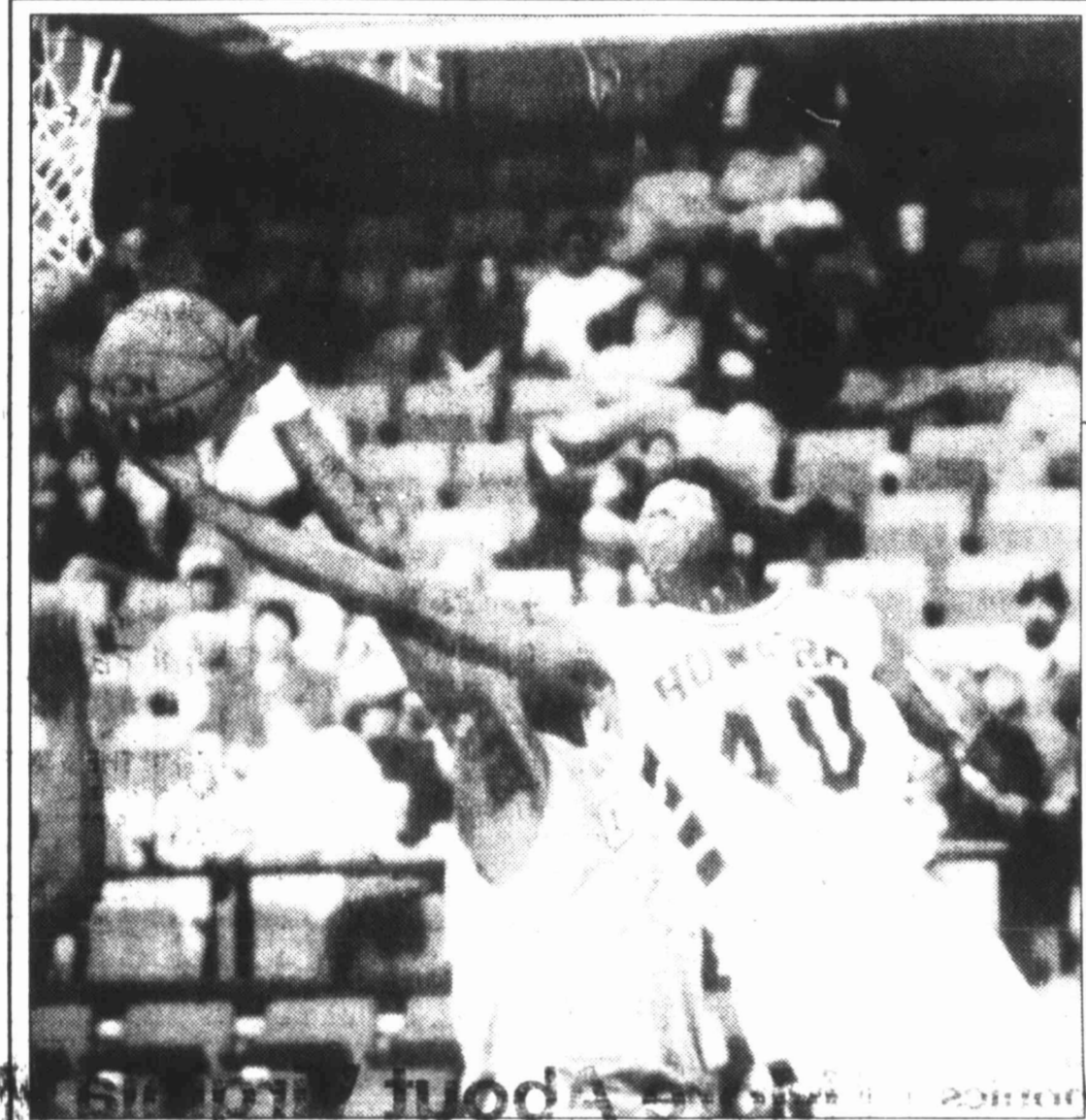
front of you."

Now if he can only put Wednesday's injury behind him.

Woods was swarmed by autograph seekers as he left the 18th green, walking briskly and trying to sign whatever programs and hats were thrust in front of him.

One man, hounding him for autographs during his practice round, tried to position himself in front of the pack, and Woods' inadvertently stepped on his ankle, hyperextending his knee.

"A lot of fans just kind of came down on top of me," Woods said. "One guy ran in front. I stepped on his ankle, and my weight going forward and his weight coming back ... I hyperextended my knee."



Howard College's Doug Whittler (40) attempts to score a layup against Midland College's Quannas White (4) during the Hawks' game with the Chaps on Jan. 18. The Hawks, who have forfeited their first five conference games for using an academically ineligible player, travel to Clarendon to face the Bulldogs at 8 tonight.

## Hays, Hawks primed to start baseball season

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

It's baseball season almost.

Howard College's Hawks will open their 2001 baseball season with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ranger Junior College.

The Hawks were originally scheduled to open with a single game at 2 p.m. Friday at Jack Barber Field.

However, that game has been rescheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday so that Hawks coaches and players can attend Holly's funeral service for Howard head athletic trainer Everett Blackburn. That service is set for 4 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

As is almost always the case in junior college athletics, the Hawks open the season with several new additions to the roster.

Justin Hays, in his first full year as the Hawks' head coach, having taken over the position as interim head coach just before the start of last season when Brian Roper left to take the head coach's position at Blinn Junior College in Brenham.

Hays, who was named the Hawks permanent head coach midway through the 2000 season, says he is making the necessary adjustments to bring the new mix of players together as well as adapt to the program.

"It was a good time to step in," Hays said of his promotion from an assistant coach's post. "I was kind of thrown to the wolves. I made some good decisions as well as some bad ones, but I've had a chance to learn from my mistakes."

Howard's blend of new faces combines 22 freshmen

with last season's five returnees — catcher Jason Jurgens, infielder Tim Lilley, pitcher Wes Tunnell and outfielders Zack Mathews and Ryan Devere. Three of those five — Jurgens, Lilley and Mathews — are returning starters.

The Hawks additions include a number of pitchers, three catchers and 16 infielders and outfielders.

The goals for the Hawks have not changed, finish in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's (WJCAC) top four to qualify for the Region V tournament.

While the WJCAC's field of eight teams looks to be extremely competitive, but with the team all sharing the same goal path, Hays is positive his Hawks will have a shot at one of the top four spots.

"This year we have another strong, close-knit team that wants to play baseball and want to play hard," he explained. That positive attitude, along with the new and old faces, may be just the right combination for the Hawks to grab their first road win Saturday against Ranger.

Last year, the Hawks had played one preseason tournament before jumping right into conference play.

This season they'll have the entire month of February before their March 2 doubleheader against Midland College, which will be making its WJCAC debut in the sport.

Howard and Ranger haven't squared off in the past five years, but Hays thought it would be a good idea to play a neighboring junior college.

During the 2000 season, the Hawks finished with a 27-28-1 record.

"I had half of the semester to build the system," Hays noted. "It's been a good transition for me and I'm enjoying the school."

## Terps collapse earlier than usual

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maryland didn't wait until the final minute to collapse this time.

Four days after blowing a 10-point lead to Duke in the last 54 seconds of regulation, No. 9 Maryland gave up a 25-4 run to No. 11 Virginia in the second half of a 99-78 loss Wednesday night.

The Cavaliers (15-4, 4-4), who also had a 24-2 run in the first half, saw Maryland close to 52-51 with 13:42 to play before blitzing the Terps behind Keith Friel's three 3-pointers and some high-flying acrobatics.

"When we got it to one, we didn't do a good job of running our offense," said Maryland coach Gary Williams, coming off the 98-96 overtime loss to No. 2

Duke. "That was our last chance."

Adam Hall started the run with a driving basket, and Friel followed by sinking a 3-pointer. After Travis Watson's wraparound layup gave the Cavaliers a 59-53 edge, Friel hit again.

In other games, it was Penn State 98, No. 6 Illinois 95, No. 15 Iowa State 71, Colorado 81, No. 16 Wake Forest 74, North Carolina State 69, Vanderbilt 68, No. 17 Alabama 62, No. 18 Iowa 64, Minnesota 55, No. 20 Boston College 83, Virginia Tech 61, No. 24 Oklahoma 65, Baylor 51, and Kentucky 85, No. 25 Georgia 70.

Donald Hand led Virginia with 20 points, Roger Mason and Chris Williams had 19 each and Friel had 17.

Lohny Baxter led Maryland with 15 points,

and Terence Morris had 14.

#### Penn St. 98, No. 6 Illinois 95, OT

Titus Ivory returned from a first-half ankle sprain to score a career-high 27 points, including four in overtime, for host Penn State.

Frank Williams brought Illinois to 96-95, but the Illini were forced to foul, and Joe Crispin hit both free throws for Penn State.

#### No. 15 Iowa St. 71, Colorado 61

Martin Rancic had 19 points and 13 rebounds as visiting Iowa State held Colorado to one of its worst shooting performances of the season.

Colorado, fifth in the nation in scoring, missed 16 straight shots at one point.

## O'Neal's absence has made Lakers more predictable

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

With Shaquille O'Neal sidelined and their double-barreled attack cut in half, the Los Angeles Lakers have become predictable and beatable.

Capitalizing on the absence of O'Neal, the Minnesota Timberwolves focused their defense on Kobe Bryant and added the defending NBA champions to their recent string of successes.

Kevin Garnett scored 21 points Wednesday night as the Timberwolves beat Los Angeles 96-83 for their franchise-record eighth straight victory.

Minnesota ended an eight-game losing skid — dating to Feb. 11, 1999 — against the Lakers and swept its first five-game homestand in franchise history.

Los Angeles lost for the second time in three games without O'Neal, who is sidelined with a foot injury.

"They did become predictable," said Wolves coach Flip Saunders, whose career record against the Lakers improved to 3-17. "They're so used to having Shaq around, it's

a big difference when he isn't."

In other NBA games, Boston beat Indiana 102-96 in overtime; Orlando outlasted Washington 100-96; Atlanta topped Toronto 102-97; Detroit defeated New Jersey 112-103; Milwaukee toppled Denver 116-111; San Antonio beat the Los Angeles Clippers 92-70; and Phoenix stopped Vancouver 101-92.

The Wolves limited Bryant to 24 points on 6-for-17 shooting Wednesday night, one night after he scored 47 against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"We wanted to double him, triple him, make him make the extra pass," said Todd Day, one of Bryant's defenders. "We just knew he was going to take a lot of shots with Shaq out."

The Wolves' stifling defensive performance is at the foundation of the team's winning streak. The Timberwolves have yielded an average of 87.5 points in their last eight games.

Minnesota has remained grounded, despite its gaudy winning streak.

"We're winning games and still looking up in the standings," said

Sam Mitchell, a nine-year veteran. "It just proves we have to keep winning."

"We have to keep playing scared," said Terrell Brandon, who had 19 points, seven assists and seven rebounds. "We've worked too hard to become content. As quick as you can win eight in a row, you can lose eight in a row. You have to understand that."

#### Suns 101, Grizzlies 92

Jason Kidd had 17 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds as Phoenix handed Vancouver its 13th consecutive road loss and ninth straight setback at America West Arena.

Kidd was playing his first home game since his Jan. 18 arrest on a charge of striking his wife.

Cliff Robinson scored 25 points for Phoenix.

Mike Bibby scored 26 points for Vancouver.

#### Bucks 116, Nuggets 111

Ray Allen scored 32 points, Glenn Robinson 25 and Sam Cassell 23 as

Milwaukee coach George Karl earned his 600th career win.

The host Bucks sank 12 of 13 free throws in the final 1:44 to hold off a furious charge by the Nuggets, who were led by Antonio McDyess' 26 points.

Karl is the 17th coach in NBA history to win 600, and he's the sixth-fastest to reach the milestone. He did it in 1,005 games, one more than it took Don Nelson.

#### Spurs 92, Clippers 70

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 16 rebounds to lead San Antonio to its fifth straight victory.

David Robinson added 15 points and 10 rebounds, Derek Anderson and Malik Rose each scored 13 and five Spurs scored in double figures.

#### Celtics 102, Pacers 96, OT

Antoine Walker scored 22 points and Vitaly Potapenko added 15 as visiting Boston won its fourth straight game.

Paul Pierce finished with 18 points for the Celtics, who scored just four points in the final 6:42.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 2, 2001:

Dig into your imagination for answers this year. You are an endless source of information and creativity. You seem to gather facts by osmosis. You have a charming manner that draws others toward you. What is simply a smile could mean a lot more to another. If you are single, you meet people easily. Be more expansive and open. You are likely to meet someone special in 2001. If attached, use your ability to communicate your caring to keep the good vibes flowing. Consider adding to the quality of your life together. GEMINI is always fun.

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) \*\*\*\* Your appeal grows and others respond. Recognize how much you offer before making a decision. Do not underestimate what is possible. Keep conversations moving, with an eye to your goals. Walk away from worry. Relax and remain confident. Tonight: Favorite people, favorite places.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Notice, during the next few weeks, a tendency to be overly sensitive. Know that you could be reacting strongly. Your sense of what is right appeals to others. Network and reach out for new people. Carefully consider a moneymaking proposition. Know that any-

thing is possible. Tonight: Your treat.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Energy mounts as the day wears on. You could feel that you're invincible - and you might be, for now! Listen to your sixth sense with a dear friend. Be careful about the direction in which you take this relationship. Others respond to your overtures. You can be even more direct. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Use the morning to achieve your goals. A more low-key approach brings tremendous results. Remember, nothing is impossible. A boss smiles upon you. Make an effort toward another. Understand this person better. Use your Cancerian sensitivity. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Graciously accept responsibilities. Delve into what is going on with those around you, but resist playing amateur psychiatrist. News from a distance allows new options. Consider a long weekend or a mini-vacation in the near future. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Someone expresses caring in a meaningful way. Think before you leap into action later in the day. Remember, you don't have to do everything. Your words might set another off. Think about this person

and how it would be best to communicate. Tonight: A force to behold.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You see another side of a close associate or partner. Realize how hard this person tries to please you. You might not be sure about handling work-related confusion. Gentleness and caring take you further than coaxing or manipulating. Tonight: Think "escape."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Others express their ideas with the confidence that you will understand. You might not mean to, but you are pushing a loved one's limits. Listen to someone, and allow him to please his case. Financial success stems from teamwork. Go with the flow. Tonight: Be a twosome.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Someone sees you in a different light. Think about what is important to you. Allow more ingenuity and creativity to come out. Your sense of humor emerges with a loved one. Others go out of their way for you. Good will prevails. Tonight: Enjoy your popularity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Use your imagination not only for your personal life but also for your professional life. Others tap into your energy and ingenuity. Consider bringing more work home, or perhaps having a home office. Stop and make a little purchase just for you. Tonight: Errands

first.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Deal with someone head-on. Problems around the home front can be ironed out. You might take a financial risk that could prove to be less than good. Think about what is needed to make your life work. Be optimistic and positive in your communication. It can make all the difference. Tonight: Do only what you love.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Clear your desk early in the morning. Confusion surrounds the later afternoon. Though you might not want to create a problem, you do so inadvertently. A risk is a very bad idea. Family is most understanding of a foible. A thoughtful gift makes all the difference. Tonight: Bring flowers home.

**BORN TODAY**  
Author James Joyce (1882), author Ayn Rand (1905), model Christie Brinkley (1954)

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Good attitude is best when grandkids visit

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to the letter from "Disappointed Daughter," who complained that her parents found their grandchildren "bothersome."

It's sad when grandparents are more concerned about peace and quiet than in creating happy memories for their grandchildren to treasure all their lives.

My parents never enjoyed any of their grandchildren. They were interested only in making them toe the line. They provided one disposable cup a day per child - "If you throw yours away, you go thirsty." If they failed to completely shut the sliding glass door, it was "Shut that damn door!" God forbid they giggled and acted like children, because that meant they were "hyperbrats."

Fortunately, my children

were blessed with another set of grandparents. Although they are gone now, we have many warm memories of them to share.

My mother is still alive and now complains she doesn't know her grandchildren. She insinuates they are the ones responsible.

Being a grandmother is the most wonderful thing I have ever experienced. Recently, when playing "I Spy" with one of my granddaughters, I told her I spied something very precious to me. Her face lighted up immediately. She exclaimed "Me!" and she was right. - GRANDMA SHARON, FORKS, WASH.

DEAR GRANDMA SHARON: What a heartwarming story. However, not all grandparents share your view. Read on for the reason why:

DEAR ABBY: I am 64, widowed and live alone. My daughter, son-in-law and three beautiful grandchildren left last week after a short visit. Somehow, I survived.

Within five minutes of their arrival, chaos reigned. The children, ages 2 to 6,

were everywhere. Beds were torn apart, toys strewn all over the house. Snacks were ground into my new living room carpet.

Two out of three wouldn't eat what was served, but they still got dessert. Soap and wet towels were left in the tub, on the bathroom floor or on a bed. Dirty diapers were left on the sink. You get the picture.

My dear children were not raised without proper training. If only they would pass it on! - BITING MY TONGUE IN HOT SPRINGS

DEAR BITING: Your point is well taken. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am the grandmother of three young boys and a girl. I was a single mother, worked hard, and spent many hours after my children went to bed, cleaning and ironing.

After 40 years, I feel I've earned a retirement I can enjoy. I'm sure "Disappointed's" parents feel the same way.

Some questions she should consider:

(1) How often do your children interrupt when adults are speaking?

(2) How much of the conversation revolves around the children?

(3) Do you set aside time for a one-on-one conversation with your mother? There are things some older women will not discuss in front of children.

(4) Do you allow your children to "run loose" in the house?

(5) Do your children have any "quiet" toys? The noise some toys make can be nerve-racking to older people.

(6) Finally, when you telephone your mother, how often are you distracted from the conversation to answer or yell at your kids?

Our children know only what we teach them. - VIRGINIA GRANNY

DEAR GRANNY: If parents of small children will give your letter the consideration it deserves, perhaps it would help to bridge the generation gap.

DEAR ABBY: Although I'm a longtime reader, I've never felt compelled to write until I read the letter from "Bowled Over in California." It's the one from the prisoner who communicated with another prisoner by talking through the toilet bowl.

method of communication "toilet talking," and it goes on daily in our jail. If we catch inmates communicating that way, we give them a "major write-up," because it's a violation of the rules.

Yes, many an unsuspecting woman (or man) has "fallen in love" in this manner, but I'll bet you won't find a single couple who have met this way, married, and are still together. It is a scam used to get the new, weak and uninformed inmate to send mail or money. The overwhelming majority of these toilet talkers are already married or tied up with someone else. Oh, the lies and schemes we've heard.

If "Bowled" has a brain in her head, she will run away from this so-called relationship as fast as she can. Think about it: Would you want to strike up a relationship with a person who may be locked up for many months or years (or a lifetime)? Or would you rather marry a fine, upstanding citizen who will be by your side, especially in times of need?

Most of these guys are ex-cons or have been through the system many times. They know how to manipulate. When they get out of prison, poor "Bowled Over" gets used and abused and taken to the cleaners before she's dropped like a hot potato and finds herself alone, pregnant and hooked on drugs, with no place to go and no one to turn to.

Please forgive the length of this letter; I could go on and on. If even ONE new, unsuspecting inmate turns her life around because of my letter, then it has been worth my time and effort.

- DISGUSTED DEPUTY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DISGUSTED: Thank you for the warning. I hope that those who need it will heed it. A real prince would communicate FROM his throne, not THROUGH it.

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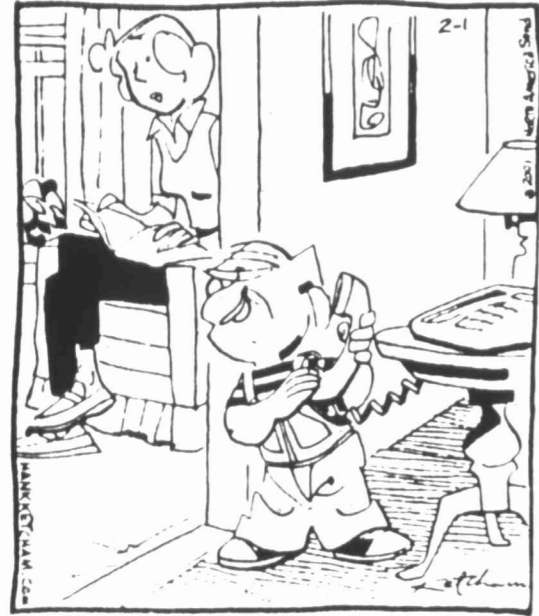
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"HEY, MOM. WHAT'S OUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"How did St. Valentine get a day in February without bein' President?"

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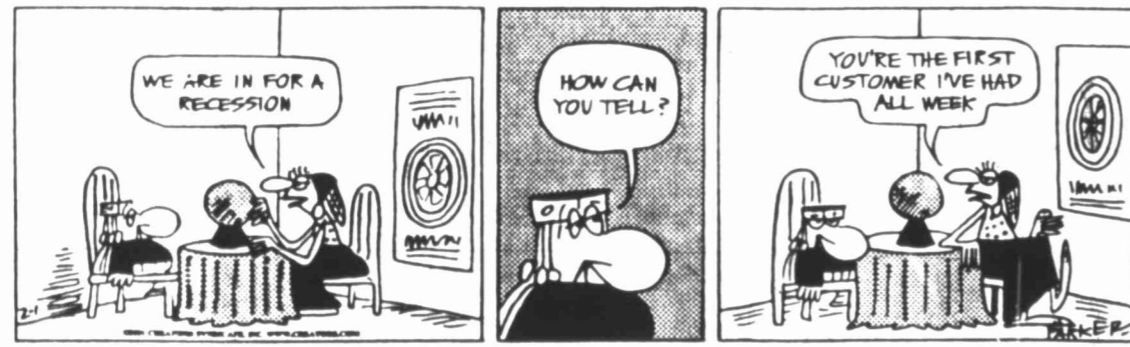
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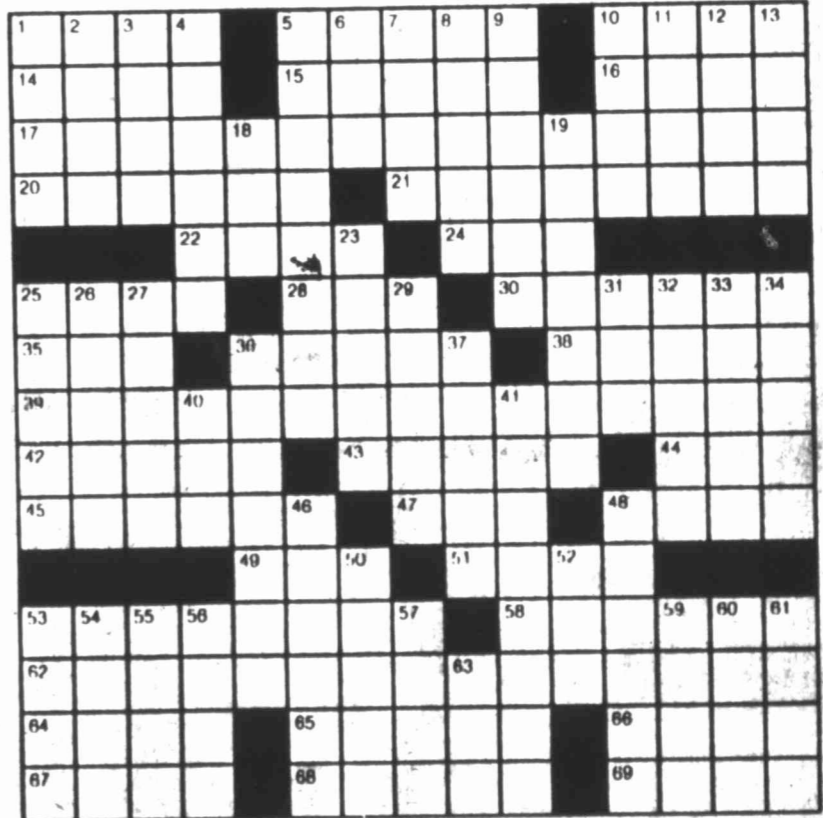
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2001. There are 333 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 1, 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service. On this date: In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union. In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J. In 1893, the opera "Manon Lescaut," by Giacomo Puccini, premiered in Turin, Italy. In 1896, Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin. In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence. In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442d Central Postal Directory, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, was authorized. In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations. In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief, Nguyen Ngoc Loan, executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news photograph.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile. Today's Birthdays: Actor Stuart Whitman is 73. Former Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin is 70. Singer Don Everly is 64. Actor Garrett Morris is 64. Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook) and the Medicine Show) is 64. Actor Sherman Hemsley is 63. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 62. Jazz musician Joe Sample is 62. Comedian Terry Jones is 59. Singer Rick James is 49. Actor-writer-producer Bill Mummy is 47. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 47. Rock singer Exene Cervenka (X) is 45. Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 36.

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