MONDAY

January 7, 2002 WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT TOMORROW 34°-36° 65°-68°

Check mail for

new voter card

If you haven't already, registered voters in Howard County should soon be receiving a new card in the mail. County voting officials planned on Friday to mail 16,619 of the cards new voter registration cards. This time voters will swap their now-familiar yellow cards for orange ones.

Anyone who receives a card for a deceased person or for a person no longer living at their address should return the cards to the Howard County Tax Collector's Office in the Howard County Courthouse Annex, across Main Street from the court-

People wanting to vote in the March 12 primary election must register and correct any mistakes on their registration card by Feb. 11, said County Clerk Donna Wright.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY ☐ Military Support

Group meets at 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church. ☐ The Concerned Citizens Council meets

Monday, 7 p.m., at Fiber Flex on the airpark. ☐ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center.

2805 Lynn. ☐ Howard County ARC

meets at 806 E. Third at the Bingo hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

☐ Big Spring Chapter and Coucil meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main

TUESDAY

☐ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Senior Citizens Center.

□ VFW Post 2013 will meet at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd.

WEDNESDAY Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard

College Cactus Room. Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafe-

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Howard County 4-H Junior Livestock Show set to begin

HERALD Staff Report

County

One of the largest youth activities in the area gets under way Wednesday when the Howard County Fairgrounds opens its gates for the KIGHT Howard

4-H

Junior

Livestock Show. The annual event contin-

ues through Saturday. Some 450 animals are expected to be exhibited by 4-H and FFA members during the various shows:

· Lambs, 3 p.m. Wednesday.

· Goats, 4 p.m.

Wednesday. · Rabbits, 6 p.m. Thursday.

· Barrows, 8:30 a.m. Friday. · Steers and heifers, 3

p.m. Friday (heifers followed by steers).

The local show, in addition to helping the youth prepare for larger shows they will be entering their stock in, teaches responsibility, officials stress.

"Many of these participants have had these animal projects for several months," said David Kight, county extension agent. "They have learned how to care for the animals' proper nutrition, health-related

issues and how to properly show them, but most of all they have had the responsibility of going out and caring for these animals on a daily basis — no matter if it is 15 degrees and snowing or

100 degrees.

"They have learned to meet the needs of that animal while it has been in their care. They know that animal has depended on them for proper care, feedgood health and ing, growth," Kight said.

The buyers' kuncheon will be held at noon Saturday on Howard County the Fairgrounds. The awards program and the junior auction will begin at approximately 1 p.m.

"The animal project program in the 4-H program and FFA program allows us to develop high-quality young men and women who are responsible, productive citizens for our community, state and nation," Kight



HERALD photo/Andreia Driver Steve Davenport, left, and Albert Smith, firefighter, give this fire engine a good cleaning after a call today at Fire Station 3 located at 11th Place and Birdwell Lane. Each fire engine is given a thorough cleaning following every call to

Airpark member's actions to be scrutinized

By ROGER CLINE

which it is dispatched.

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will consider removing Joyce Crooker from the Air Park Development Board at the regularly scheduled council 5:30 meeting, p.m. Wednesday in the council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. In another agenda item, the council will discuss the legal standing of the Concerned Citizens Council, of which Crooker is a mem-



Both items were placed on the agenda by Mayor Russ

CROOKER

Crooker goes back to the controversy in October over the airpark manager position for McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark

During that debate, Crooker made public comments on radio and in a Big Spring Herald letter to the editor that she had spoken with a representative of the Federal Aviation

Administration who told her creation of the position would jeopardize future

McEwen said he made several attempts to talk with Crooker to find out what FAA official she spoke with, but Crooker refused his

"If Joyce Crooker talks to me during the process, this item is not on the agenda in any way," McEwen said, noting that he also asked airpark board Chairman Jim Little and Col. Assistant City Manager

grant funding for the air- See COUNCIL, Page 2

Trial

Carl Friday charged in Midland man's death

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The murder trial of Carl Stanley Friday got underway this morning in 118th District Court, after

being twice postponed. Friday charged with beating death Bob Joe

Coonce, 64, of Midland and burning his body beyond recognition

FRIDAY

in his own car. The murder happened May 4 in Howard County.

The trial, originally scheduled to begin Oct. 15, was rescheduled for Nov. 26 to allow the defense a continuance to prepare a response to a motion by the prosecution.

In November, the trial was once again postponed because of a request for more time by both parties.

The trial process began this morning with jury selection in the newlyremodeled 118th District Court building across Scurry Street from the Howard County Courthouse. Presentation of evidence is expected to begin this afternoon, said a spokesman for the district attorney's office.

Friday has a record of prior arrests on charges of arson, burglary and unauthorized use of a motor

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Davidson syndicated column debuts in Herald today

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Managing Editor

A new syndicated column, written Jim Davidson, makes its debut today in the Big Spring Herald. Davidson, a

native of DAVIDSON Arkansas, who describes himself as a

"Christian businessman," reveals in his columns that he is down-to-earth and a strong believer in traditional family values, the merits of hard work and high moral standards.

A much sought after public speaker and motivational consultant, his career has spanned more than 30 years, much of that time spent working with administrators, teachers and students in schools across the coun-

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hometown of Conway, Ark., and many of his columns deal with issues facing parents and children in today's society.

In addition to his involvein education, Davidson brings a bread base of practical, business and community service experience to his column. He is the author of two books, "You Can Be The Best," and "How To Plan Your Life," as well as a casseries entitled,

Education sponsor in his "America: A Brief Glimpse of All 50 States.

> importantly, More Davidson lives what he believes and espouses. Among his many awards and achievements include: Arkansas Salesman of the Year; chairman of the a Little Rock Chamber of Commerce membership sales committee; chairman of the speakers bureau of the Pulaski County (Ark.) United Way; recipient of the Leadership Gavel from his Dale Carnegie class; and an

honorary life member of DECA and GCE Clubs of Arkansas. Davidson also served as a

justice of the peace in Pulaski County Today he and his wife,

Viola, live near Conway where he is an active member of the Conway Noon Lions Club. He has served as president of the club and been named Lion of the Year, a Melvin Jones Fellow and was recently by his fel-

See DAVIDSON, Page 2

Supreme Court rejects appeal from bombing defendant Nichols

The Supreme Court dealt another loss to Terry Nichols, refusing today to block a trial that could bring him the death penalty for the Oklahoma City bombing.

Nichols has already been convicted on federal charges for his role in the 1995 bombing that killed 168 people. At issue now is the state's effort to try him on more charges.

Justices, without comment, turned back his claims that another trial would be double jeopardy.

The refusal to intervene is

Supreme Court losses for Nichols, who was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the attack on the Oklahoma City federal office building. Timothy McVeigh, the bombing's mastermind, was executed in June.

Justices refused October to consider arguments that the FBI's belated release of investigation documents to Nichols' attorneys affected his federal trial. And last spring Nichols lost an appeal of his conviction.

Those cases pit Nichols joined in a massive crimi- sophisticated joint federal-

ment, which won convictions but not the death penalty. The latest case involves the state's plans to try him on 160 counts of first-degree murder and other charges.

Nichols' lawyer, Brian Hermanson, said federal and state officers and prosecutors worked together on the investigation and 1997 trial that ended with Nichols' federal sentence of life in prison.

"The power and majesty of the federal sovereign and a state sovereign were con-

the latest in a string of against the federal govern- nal law enforcement enterprise which at first worked jointly to convict Mr. Nichols, and now seeks to separate one from the other to try him again for the same offenses," Hermanson wrote.

He said the two "seek to step apart from one another in order 'to take a second bite at the apple."

Oklahoma prosecutors said they planned all along to follow the federal trial with a state trial.

"Although (Nichols) alleges that this was a 'maswell-funded sive. and state law enforcement enterprise,' they have failed to prove that it was a joint enterprise in any form or fashion," Oklahoma prosecutor John Jacobsen wrote in the government's case.

The April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 and injured more than 500, was at the time the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

Hermanson said the government charges are similar to ones of which Nichols was acquitted by a federal

OBITUARIES

Ellen McDonald

Georgia Ellen McDonald was born Jan. 23, 1910, in Horatio, Ark., to Benjamin

Franklin Dollarhide and Alice Ayers Dollarhide. On Feb. 17, 1930, she mar-Frank ried McDonald in Foreman Ark.

He preceded her in death March 27, 1956. She was also preceded in death by her children, Joseph Francis McDonald, Marguerite McDonald, Edna Ruth McCurtain, Betty Jo Young, Jessie Ann Jones, Geneva McDonald and Louise Small; a sister, Connie Abney; and broth-Opal Dollarhide, ers.

Clingan Dollarhide and Bill

Dollarhide.

Survivors include her sons, John F. McDonald and his wife, Jan; George E. McDonald and his wife, Sherry; daughters, Terrie Merrifield and her husband. Doug, Georgia Voorhies and her husband, David, all of Midland. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. McDonald passed away Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, in a Midland hospital.

Visitation with the family is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.today, Jan. 7, 2002, at Ellis Funeral Home

Graveside service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 in Ackerly Cemetery in Ackerly with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church in Midland officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

The family requests memorials be directed to American Heart 3205 W Association. Cuthbert Suite A-8, Midland

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Rufus E. Fowler Jr.

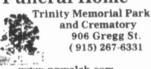
Rufus E. Fowler Jr., 76, of Garden City died at his home at 3 p.m. Saturday fol-

lowing a long illness Graveside service was at 11 a.m. today at the Garden t Cemetery. with Dr. Alvie B. Stiefer, pastor of the First

Baptist of Garden City, officiating.

He was born Nov. 6, 1925,

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Rufus E. Fowler. Jr., 76, died Saturday

Graveside services were 11:00 AM Monday at Garden City Cemetery

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in Loraine. He served in the Navy during World War II and Korea. He retired from Civil Service at Webb Air Force Base and then worked for Adobe Gas Company. He was a lifetime resident of Glasscock County and was a Baptist.

He is survived by one son, Sydney Lee Fowler and his wife, Anita, of Clyde; two daughters, Diane Melton of Garden City and Janice Sue McCurdy and her husband, Rick, of Greenwood; two brothers, Ted Fowler of Coahoma and Hershel Fowler of Sand Springs; six grandchildren. Jason Fowler, Travis Fowler, Holly Brem, Cody Hare, Melissa Garcia, and Jessica Garcia; six great-grandchildren, Caleb Fowler, Cassidy Fowler, Clint Brem, Kendall Brem, Casey Hare, and Colter Hare; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian Estill Covert Fowler; his parents, Rufus E. Fowler Sr., and Jessie Morrow Fowler; one brother, Wallace Fowler, one sister, Quma Fowler, and one son-in-law, Larry Melton.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home

DAVIDSON

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low Lions to receive the prestigious Dalstrom Award.

He also teaches the Encourager's Bible Class at the Harlan Park Baptist Church in Conway.

More importantly, Davidson has a way with words and his positive, upbeat approach situslife makes people feel better about themselves and about their future.

We hope you will look forward to his column each

COUNCIL

Continued from Page 1

Emma Bogard to get the information, but Crooker refused to release the information to either of them.

'Her being a me1mber of an advisory committee, I feel that that is inappropribehavior," McEwen said.

Crooker said she will make a full statement at the council meeting, but added that her conversation with the FAA official was made as a private citizen, not as a member of the Air Park

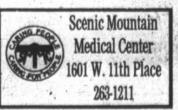
Development Board. "When I made those telephone calls to FAA that I referred to in the interview and in the newspaper article, those were authentic, and I called on my own phone as a citizen, not as an airpark board member," she

"My reason for calling was I knew the airpark budget," she added. "I alsoknew that our grants had been taken away in prior years, and I was concerned over the fact that if we hired an airpark manager, which was \$60,000, and we had an airpark operator, which was right around \$34,000, and there are some other salaries paid, that would put us well over \$100,000 a year in strict salaries.

"I wanted to know if that had anything to do with scrutinizing our future grants."

Crooker said there are only four FAA officials locally, and McEwen could have discovered which official she spoke with.

"I felt that nothing would be gained, because we had done nothing but argue



about the director in the past," she said. "I was not withholding any information that he could not have gotten from City Manager Gary Fugua.

The Concerned Citizens Council was originally formed during the airpark manager controversy to campaign for McEwen's recall.

McEwen said it is his understanding that they were formed as and remain a "specific purpose" politi-cal action committee, but that recent advertisements run in the Herald by the group have crossed the line and made them a "generalpurpose" political action committee.

"I noticed they did not have any disclosure about 'paid political ad, paid for by..." he said.

McEwen said he asked City Attorney Jean Shotts about the group's status, and Shotts told him the Concerned Citizens should file as a general purpose

"I just wanted to bring that to the attention of the can apply. council and let them decide whether to take some action about it," McEwen said.

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vehicle. He was arrested May 29 for the killing.

Friday is represented in the trial by attorney Novert Morales of Midland; District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson will prosecute the case.

Howard County Sheriff's Office investigators interviewed several people in connection with the slaying, including Coonce's family members and his associates in Big Spring.

Information from those interviews, as well as telephone records, pointed to suspects in Big Spring, including Friday, Sheriff Dale Walker said shortly after Friday's arrest in May.

IRS debunks arguments against paying taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) -Think you can get away with not paying income taxes? The Internal Revenue Service says you better think again.

In a 25-page legal summary, the IRS attempts to debunk many of the most common legal arguments against paying taxes or filing returns. Some of these schemes are marketed by promoters for a fee, but taxpayers who sign up could be left holding the bag.

"Some enrich themselves at the expense of their followers, who find they have no legal ground to stand on when they follow this bad advice," an IRS statement

Federal courts can impose a penalty of up to \$25,000 if a taxpayer's argument is deemed frivolous.

The summary, "The Truth Frivolous About Arguments," is available on the IRS Web (http://www.irs.gov). Some highlights:

- Paying taxes and filing a return is not purely voluntary, even though taxpayers are permitted to determine their own tax and fill out the IRS forms.

- The 16th Amendment to the Constitution, which instituted the income tax, was properly ratified by the

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states. The income tax is not a government "taking" property without due process of law.

Definitions of such basic "taxpayer," terms as "United States," "person," or "employee" cannot be manipulated in ways that exempt someone from paying taxes.

Income means what it appears to mean. Some people have tried and failed to assert that wages, tips and other compensation are not income, that income refers only to money from a foreign source and even that Federal Reserve notes are not actually currency.

Beware of packages or trusts involving some or all of these arguments that purport to remove individuals from the federal tax system. Steep penalties and interest

Intel, AMD begin selling flagship microprocessors

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) -Intel Corp. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. on Monday will begin selling the fastest models yet of their flagship processors, the electronic brains of personal computers.

Intel's new top Pentium 4 chips run at 2.2 gigahertz and 2 GHz, or 2.2 and 2 billion of cycles per second AMD's latest, the Athlon XP 2000+, clocks in at 1.67 GHz. Despite the speed difference, AMD says its Athlons are more efficient and perform better than faster Intel chips when it comes to running many of the most popular applications.

But Intel's new chips are the first to be built using a new process that allows smaller transistors and other features, including doubledmon-chips, themory and a 30 percent reduction in overall processor size.

The 2.2 GHz Pentium 4 will cost \$562 when purchased in volumes of 1,000. The new 2 GHz chip is priced at \$364 in volumes of 1,000. The Athlon XP 2000+ costs \$339.

BRIEFS

CALL OR COME BY the YMCA, to see if there is a tumbling, gymnastics. cheerleading or dance class for you.

The next session begins Jan. 7. Call 267-8234 for more information. The YMCA is located at 801 Owens.

A MEN'S RALLY WILL be held Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church, 12th and Owens. Speaker will be Kevin York, pastor Mid-Cities Church, Midland.

Music will be provided by Men's Praise Team of Cornerstone Church. This rally is sponsored by West Texas Men of Integrity.IT'S NOT TOO LATE to get your flu shot. Texas Department of Health will be giving flu shots on Wednesday, Dec. 12, form 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(You must be 18 years or older to receive a flu shot).

The cost is \$5 unless you have Medicaid or Medicare. We will bill for you.

For more information call 263-9775.

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THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

We will be giving away toys to children for Christmas at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

Wells Fargo at 267-5513.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSE-UM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co. AT&T 18.5 + .13Archer-Daniels 13.32 - . 18 Atmos Energy 21.94 + .14

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POLICE

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today: CHRISTOPHER

WOOTEN, 41, of 571 Hillside was arrested on a charge of displaying ficti-

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tious motor vehicle registration.

 ANNA MARIE ISLAS, 33, of 1306 Mesa was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

 HERIBERTO ZAMORA, 47, of 1602 Bluebird was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. · ELROY JOHNSON, 17,

of 510 Lancaster was arrested on a charge of theft less than \$50.

· THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80,

 THEFT was reported - In the 1200 block of East 11th Place. Alcohol worth \$27.98 was reported stolen, but was later recovered.

- In the 100 block of Jefferson. Someone reportedly stole \$600 worth of jewelry from a home in the

 MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 174 eastbound.

 MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 190 and in the 300 block of South Gregg.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole, the 1200 block of South Johnson, the 1400 block of Sycamore, the 1500 block of Kentucky Way and the 2100 block of South Johnson.

·DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 2900 block of West Highway 80 and the 1200 block of Mesa.

 BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of East Fourth Street. Someone reportedly broke the glass in a front window and stole restore000,12 nstrowezentaloc

* BURGLARY OF A need HABITATION was report ed in the 1000 block of East 15th Street. Someone reportedly entered the home through an unlocked reat door and stole home electronics worth \$2,860.

FIRE/EMS

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

9:35 a.m. - 1000 Sgt. Paredez, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

10:18 a.m. — 300 block of Gregg, trauma call, service refused. 1:51 p.m. — 500 block of

W. 17th, trauma call, service refused. 9:12 p.m. — 1200 block of

Mesa, trauma call, one

patient transported to

SMMC. 9:48 a.m. - 2600 block of Fairchild, structure fire, extinguished.

Records

Sunday's high 56 Sunday's low 25 Record high 79 in 1927 Record low 11 in 1967 Average high 52 Average low 27 Precip. Sunday 0.04 Month to date 0.16 Year to date 0.16 Sunrise Tuesday 7:48 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 6:57 p.m.

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1,500 U.S. troops head to Cuban base to prepare for prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP) The Pentagon plans tight security for hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban captives expected at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and is sending 1,500 military police and other troops to build a prison

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Already, 1,000 U.S. troops have orders for Cuba some by way of southwest Asia, where they will help transport the prisoners around the world to the base, officials said. Five hundred more soldiers will be ordered to the base in the coming weeks.

They will first build a prison on a section of the base, and then guard it, Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said Sunday. Fewer than 100 prisoners are expected at Guantanamo within a week;

base officials have been told to prepare for as many as 2,000 in the coming months, Davis said.

The security is being planned with an eye toward the riot by al-Qaida prisonat Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, that left hundreds dead, including CIA officer Johnny "Mike" Spann.

"We are cognizant of the incident that took place in Mazar-e-Sharif," Davis said. "Many of these people have demonstrated their determination to kill others, kill themselves or escape.

Meanwhile Sunday, two members of the Senate Intelligence Committee said there's a growing belief that Osama bin Laden, the top target in the U.S. war on terrorism. has fled Afghanistan and slipped into Pakistan.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who is traveling with other senators in the region, said Uzbekistan's military intelligence service believes bin Laden has crossed the border into Pakistan. Uzbekistan, like Pakistan, borders Afghanistan and has been a U.S. ally in the fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida.

expect the "I fully Pakistanis will do everything they can to help us locate bin Laden," Edwards said on "Fox News Sunday." Intelligence Committee

Sen. Chairman Bob Graham, D-Fla., said bin Laden and other top officials may well have fled Afghanistan.

"Increasingly as our efforts to get them in Afghanistan have been futile, there is a greater sense that they have, in fact, made whether to hold mili-

escaped, and are probably in one of those tribal territories just over the border into Pakistan," Graham said on ABC's "This Week."

Bin Laden was thought to be in the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan, but he has not turned up in searches by U.S. and anti-Taliban forces there. Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar was most recently thought to be near Baghran, but Afghan officials now say they believe he escaped.

In Cuba, the prisoners will be held in "maximum secuconditions, Pentagon said, and will be treated in accordance with international standards for military prisoners and have access to the Red Cross and other non-governmental organizations.

No decision has been

the prisoners at the Navy base, Davis said.

Many of the troops will be Army military police from Fort Hood, Texas.

"This is our part and we are going down to take care of business," Col. Terry Carrico, commander of the Police 89th Military Brigade, said before flying to Cuba to prepare for the troops' arrival.

Military personnel are also being sent from Fort Campbell, Ky., Lejeune, N.C., and Norfolk Naval Station, Va., among other bases, Davis said. The prison operation will be commanded by Marine Brig. Gen. Michael R. Lehnert from Camp

The Guantanamo base predates the 1959 commu-

tary tribunals for some of nist revolution in Cuba. It is well-defended and would offer few avenues of escape for prisoners. Fidel Castro's government says the base should have been closed and returned to Cuban control decades ago.

More than 300 suspected Taliban or al-Qaida members were in U.S. custody this weekend, military officials said. Soldiers were guarding 275 prisoners at the base in Kandahar, 21 at Bagram air base north of Kabul, and one in the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

Nine prisoners, including American Taliban John Walker Lindh, also are being held on the USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea. Afghan and Pakistani authorities are holding thousands more prisoners captured during the fight-

Democrats pushing tax credit for companies that hire employees, give raises, boost hours

Seeking to direct any economic stimulus to workers, Senate Democrats are pushing a new tax credit to reward companies when they hire employees, give them raises or boost their hours on the job.

The credit, proposed by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, would give a corporate income tax refund to companies paying more in Social Security payroll taxes in 2002 than they did

The refund would equal the 6.2 percent in payroll taxes that businesses pay for each of their workers above the 2001 limit.

Daschle, D-S.D., said the credit would provide an immediate jolt to the economy, create jobs and have minimal impact on the budget deficit because it would expire after only a year.

"If you increase your payroll, if you hire new people. restore hours that have been cuttor give your work-

WASHINGTON (AP) - bursed." Daschle said in announcing the proposal last Friday.

> Democrats and Republicans ended 2001 at odds over legislation to stimulate the economy, largely in a dispute over tax relief versus aid to the unemployed. House Republicans managed to

pass two separate plans, but neither came to a vote in the Senate. With President Bush renewing his emphasis on

the economy over the weekend, Daschle's job creation tax credit represents a new wrinkle in that debate and contrasts with GOP corporate tax breaks that were not linked directly to job gains

"It is consistent with the focus of the Democratic Party, which is on employment and not on investment," såid Hank Gutman, a partner at the KPMG accounting firm. "They're groping for a way to get cash in the hands of compa-

The credit would be a boon to those companies able to expand and boost workers' incomes in spite of the sluggish economy, said Dorothy Coleman, director of tax policy at the National Association Manufacturers.

"It would provide a great benefit for those companies that are hiring," she said.

Others were less certain. For one thing, most small businesses pay regular income taxes, not corporate income taxes, and would be left out.

"It doesn't do much for us," said Dan Danner of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Others question the wisdom of making the credit apply for only one year.

"You're not going to be making permanent decisions based on temporary credits," Regalia, chief economist at ers a raise, you'll be reim- nies and target where that go to work this year and advantage

we'll fire you next year." Daschle also is proposing a one-year bonus depreciation writeoff for business investment: 40 percent in the first six months of 2002 and 20 percent in the second half. He compared the idea to the successful, short-term zero percent financing rate that sharply boosted automakers' sales despite

"We want businesses to do the same thing when it comes to purchasing new equipment and new technology," Daschle said.

the economic slump.

most recent Republican stimulus bill passed by the House would have given businesses 30 percent bonus depreciation over three years. Economists say Daschle's approach would push more companies to make invest-

ments immediately instead of waiting until 2003 or 2004. said Martin They add, however, that some businesses that some the U.S. Chamber wof firms in a mor be able to Commerce. "It could mean, move fast enough to take

Student pilot who crashed small plane into Florida building was not a terrorist

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) -Investigators say the 15year-old who crashed a small plane into a skyscraper had no known terrorist ties despite a note he wrote expressing sympathy for Osama bin Laden and support for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Instead, Charles Bishop was a "troubled" boy and a loner with few friends, Tampa Police Chief Bennie Holder said Sunday.

Bishop deliberately flew the single-engine Cessna 172R into the 42-story Bank of America Plaza in downtown Tampa on Saturday night, Holder said. Bishop was the only fatality.

A short, handwritten note found amid the wreckage detailed Bishop's sentiments, but didn't shed Hight on why he chose that building, investigators

"From his actions we can assume he was a very troubled young man." Holder

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Butch Wilson said it appears Bishop had full control of the plane after he stole it from the Clearwater flight school where he was taking lessons.

No one in the building was injured and it was expected to reopen today. except for an office the plane hit directly.

Holder said there is no indication Bishop specifically targeted the building or "had any intention of harming anyone else."

In Palm Harbor, police unrolled yellow crime scene tape Sunday outside the apartment complex where Bishop lived with his mother, while detectives and FBI agents interviewed family members.

Neighbors said the boy kept to himself, and investigators for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement said the boy spent much time alone in his room. Investigators seized computers from the

Investigators said Bishop had no history of mental problems and did not appear to be using illegal drugs.

Tampa Mayor Dick Greco said Bishop hinted of something calamitous the day of the flight.

"If something happens to mies come to my funeral, the mayor said Bishop told his grandmother after she dropped him off for his les-

Bishop also recently told certain classmates to watch the news, Greco said.

The suicide note, a few paragraphs handwritten on plain white paper, was not addressed to anyone specifically, said police.

Election-year economy debate begins as Republicans, Democrats argue over tax

WASHINGTON (AP) -Democrats and Republicans pointed fingers at each other Sunday in a debate over the economy, in what amounted to a game plan for each side's election-year strategy. Democrats blamed last year's tax cut for vanishing budget surpluses, while Republicans said anyone who criticizes a tax cut must want to raise taxes instead. Sen. John McCain, R-

Ariz., spelled out most candidly the dilemma of lawmakers facing new budget deficits and re-election at the same time: Taking back delaying some of President Bush's 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut is not "politically salable," McCain said on NBC's

"Meet the Press." Administration officials defended the tax cut, a centerpiece of Bush's first year in office.

"The way to stimulate this economy is to give this economy tax Commerce Secretary Don Evans said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." Democrats led by Senate Leader Majority Daschle, along with independent analysts, note the tax cut helps explain why the federal government is now facing a budget deficit after several years of

mounting surpluses. But Daschle and most Democrats have stopped short of calling for its repeal. Asked Sunday if Daschle would consider repealing any of the tax cut given his sharp criticism, spokeswoman Ranit Schmelzer would not say

what his position is. "He wants to see the administration's budget he wants to see whether they dip into the Social Security surplus, and if so by how much," she said. "And then they can discuss options about how to proceed."

That hasn't stopped Bush and fellow Republicans from accusing Democrats of wanting to raise taxes. On Saturday, Bush said, "Not over my dead body will they

raise your taxes!" And asked about Daschle's Sunday: "If he wants to raise taxes, then I invite him to raise taxes. I don't think that's what the

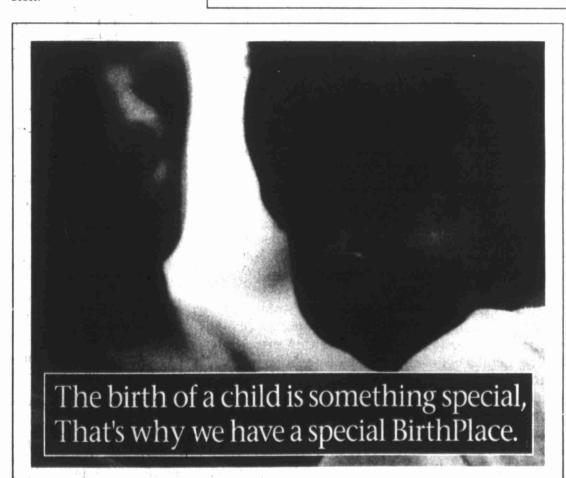
American people want.' But Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who has been known to stray from the administration line, told NBC: "I have not seen anyone say they want to raise taxes.'

The government was projecting large budget surpluses when President Bush ran for office promising a large tax cut, which cut income tax rates across the board.

Republicans Democrats to get behind Bush's broad tax cuts as an "insurance policy" to economic recovery.

"Sooner or later this economy is going to recover on its own, but if you're unemployed, you'd much rather have sooner rather than later," White House economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey told "Fox News Sunday.'

Democrats said the cuts have whittled away at a surcriticism, Evans added plus they've carefully built over the past eight years, urging limited tax relief to get the nation out of recession.





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Man kills two, self, at wedding

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) A man shot and killed his estranged wife and her boyfriend at a wedding reception, then turned the gun on himself.

Poly Kree, 41, and her boyfriend, Vichekka Chit, 44, were fatally shot Saturday night at Lalune restaurant. The restaurant is the same place where Kree married the assailant, Le Tan Phuc, in 1999, said Kree's son, Sokhan Theam,

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Several hundred people were at the wedding reception when gunfire erupted shortly before 11 p.m.

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OUR VIEWS

Stock show season in full swing

ne down, two to go. The close of the Glasscock County Stock Show on Saturday signals that the Howard County 4-H Junior Livestock Show is at hand and Martin County's will follow next

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

The Junior Livestock Show begins Wednesday at the Howard County Fairgrounds and continues through Saturday. The Martin County Livestock Show will be

Jan. 18-19. We encourage you to make plans to get out to

the Howard County Fairbarns this weekend and to Stanton the weekend after. Support these youth by taking part in the sale

later this week if you're able, and if not, simply **stop** by to see the fruit of their labors. We're certain you'll find it's an experience

that will be well worth your while.

OTHER VIEWS

Congress rejected an opportunity last month to acknowledge that a sick mind can be just as debilitating as a sick body.

House conference committee members defeated a Senate proposal to end disparities in insurance coverage for mental and physical illnesses, despite **support** for the bill from the entire Senate and more than half the House (244 members).

House Republicans on the conference committee argued that the bill would increase costs for employers already battling a recession. They noted that many businesses already are cutting health benefits.

Supporters of the bill insisted that cost increases would be minimal. The bill also exempted businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

At present, people who seek treatment for schizophrenia, depression and other mental disorders usually face higher co-payments than someone with cancer or diabetes or other physical ailments. Insurance plans often cover fewer visits to a doctor, as well as fewer days in a hospi-

"We let insurance companies operate on the ridiculous presumption that people

with schizophrenia are not sick," Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-New Mexico, told members of the House-Senate conference committee. The senator has a daughter with schizophrenia.

The House rejection perpetuates a common misunderstanding that mental illnesses are somehow not illnesses, despite that fact that some 40 million Americans need treatment and medication for depression, stress disorders, schizophrenia and other illnesses of the brain.

The Wall Street Journal reported recently that mental ill ness costs American businesses \$70 billion each year in lost productivity and absenteeism. The emotional cost that families and loved ones have to bear is immeasurable.

President Bush, who took no position on the parity controversy, said he would work with Congress this year to devise a "solution" one that would reduce disparities while keeping costs down.

Millions of Americans who know the pain and suffering caused by diseases of the mind hope he's able to keep his word.

SAN ANTONIO **EXPRESS-NEWS**

Why it's important to tell the truth

personal experience, as well as observing the lives of other people, that if we are to achieve true and

lasting success our lives and our careers must be built on a solid foundation of truth and integri-For example, how



do you have to catch another person in an outright lie before you would begin to doubt everything else they say? The answer to that question is once, because from that point on there will always be an unmistakable breach in his or her credibility. Some time ago I heard a humorous story I believe really illustrates the importance of credibility. This is supposedly a true story and I

heard it at my deer camp, in Drew County, Arkansas. In the early 1930s during the great depression, a woman from a rural southeast Arkansas community was married to a man who was from near Trenton, Tennessee. Times were really tough for this couple over in Tennessee and some of this woman's relatives in Arkansas learned of their condition. As a result of the news,

Uncle Babe, one of her uncles, took it upon himself to get in touch with this the couple and he painted a very optimistic picture. He said, "Luther, we want you and Aire Mae to load up and come to Arkansas. We can raise a cotton crop together and there are plenty of wild hogs in the woods here, so we can have lots of fresh meat. In fact, prices in town are very reasonable. You can even get a new sewing machine for \$12 and prices on other things are reasonable, too."

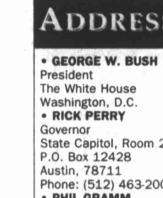
When Luther heard the good news, he thought he en! In fact, he couldn't wait to get loaded up and headed out. They traveled the better part of two days in an old Model A Ford and got to her uncle's house late at night. Naturally, they had to wake everybody. When they all got up and were sitting around talking, Luther said, "Uncle Babe, the first thing in the mornin' can we go out and get one of them wild hogs? Me and Aire Mae ain't had any fresh meat in months, and as soon as we get settled, I'll be ready to start that cotton crop.'

Uncle Babe was on the spot, so he said, "Sure, Luther, we'll go out first thing in the mornin'." After breakfast Uncle Babe got out his .22 pistol and they headed out through the woods in the back of the house. Before long they came upon some hogs and Uncle Babe picked out a good one and took aim and fired. He was a crack shot and the hog fell almost in its tracks. At this point, he turned to Luther and said, "Here, hold this gun!," and

he grabbed the hog, slung it over his shoulder and started running. Luther said, "how come

you're in such a hurry, Uncle Babe, we got us a wild hog, ain't we?" Uncle Babe said, "Yeah, but I don't think the folks who own this hog will understand." You see, Uncle Babe had shot someone else's hog! As they were running through the woods, Luther said to himself, "Humph! I bet there ain't no \$12 sewing machine, either." This is a clear case of

where Uncle Babe had told a lie and as a result he lost his credibility with Luther. The moral of this true story is simple: if we want to have credibility with another person, unless it would bring unmerited harm to ourselves or others, we must always tell the truth. If we don't tell the truth, in every area of our lives, we are building the foundation for our future on sand and when the storms of adversity come along, it will not stand the test of time. What goes around comes around.



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Setting off wars against terror

ncreased tension on the border between India and Pakistan often leads the news these days. Why should Americans care ii two rivai powers halfway across the world jockey over control of disputed

territory, in this case the Indian-run land of Kashmir? The short answer is

because both Pakistan and India possess nuclear weapons, and a clash between

JACK ANDERSON

them could trigger nuclear war. But there is another reason why the Bush administration is actively working to mediate the situation over Kashmir. Some countries could view America's war on terrorism as a carte blanche for our nation to impose its agenda on a global scale, and that message may be sent to other. governments that may act in ways counter to U.S. interests under the guise of

fighting terrorism.

When President Bush said that any nation harboring terrorists is a terrorist state, he gave license to a number of countries to pursue terrorists outside their own borders. If the United States can hunt the evildoers in Afghanistan, so the thinking goes, what's to stop India from going to war with Pakistan, which it blames for harboring the terrorists who last month attacked the Indian Parliament? Or Israel from pressing further into PLO territory to rid the region

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of Hamas and Hezbollah, the terrorist groups that operate there? Or Russia from having a free hand in Chechnya, whose Muslim fighters have ties to the al Qaeda network?

This is not to pass judgment on any of these. actions by sovereign states. In some instances, they may be wise; in others, shortsighted. But it is important to understand how other leaders will take advantage of the moral absolutism that President Bush has set forth to satisfy their own ends.

India and Pakistan are both American allies, and the Bush administration is trying not to offend either country in the current standoff. The Pakistani government has suddenly been cast into the role of good guy because of the risk President Musharraf took in siding with the Bush administration in the war against terrorism. But Musharraf does not have clean hands. His military intelligence service, the ISI (Inter-Service Intelligence) is known to sympathize with Osama bin Laden and could well have helped facilitate his escape from Afghanistan. Pakistan's 7,000 religious schools, known as madrasas, are little more than indoctrination centers for holy war.

Musharraf acknowledges his government has funded at least two of the Islamic militant groups that do the principle fighting in Kashmir. Since the December attack on the Indian Parliament, which killed 14 people, including five suicide attackers. India has responded with nuclear brinkmanship, massing its million-man army on the

border and threatening all out war. Under pressure from President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell, Musharraf-has responded by promising to cut off funding for the radical groups along with access to military bases from which they stage their attacks. And he has pledged to reform the madrasas by bringing them under state regulation, banning arms training, and requiring them to teach a more academic curriculum.

Whether Musharraf can deliver on these commitments is unknown. Pakistan has long harbored terrorists, and the ISI has had a cozy relationship with Osama bin Laden and the Taliban. After Sept. 11. when Musharraf decided to cast his lot with the United States, one of his first actions was to replace the head of the ISI, and to order an end to the agency's support for the Taliban. But rooting out all the rogue elements in the shadowy intelligence service is probably not possible, and Musharraf would be the first to concede he does not have full control of his intelligence service. India has acted with

restraint, given the fact that its seat of government was attacked, and the attackers quite clearly had the tacit backing if not the full support of the Pakistani government. If Musharraf cannot rein in the Kashmir terrorists. India reserves the right to respond militarily. Telling India to back off will be a hard argument to make coming from a country that bombed Afghanistan when the Taliban didn't turn over bin Laden.

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IN BRIEF

Bass Club schedules first meeting of year

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday at the Best Western Motel's meeting

Club members will be picking the lakes for their monthly tournaments during the year, as well as setting new rules and regulations for competition.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 263-

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, Call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

Campo in hospital after Lions game

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) Dallas Cowboys coach Dave Campo was taken to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit because of flulike symptoms after the Detroit Lions beat Dallas 15-10 on Sunday.

Campo was taken away from the Silverdome after coaching in the game and conducting a news conference.

The team flew home without Campo, who was expected to stay at the hospital overnight as a precaution.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said Campo experienced vertigo and nausea before the game.

"He was treated for that throughout the day," Dalrymple said. "(Team doctors) thought it was best he be admitted to the

hospital.' Dalrymple said he didn't know if Campo would proceed with hip replacement surgery Tuesday as scheduled.

Aikman deems return doubtful

EAST RUTHERFORD. N.J. (AP) Aikman said Sunday it is "extremely doubtful" he will end his retirement and play next season.

The former Dallas Cowboys quarterback called a report about a possible comeback "speculation."

ESPN.com reported Sunday that Aikman told ESPN's Ron Jaworski that he would be interested in returning to the NFL next season but only if he could work with Norv Turner, who was with Aikman in Dallas.

"There has been no conversation whatsoever," Aikman said before Sunday's game between the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers at Giants Stadium, where he was doing TV analysis for Fox Sports. "That's the first I heard about it,'

Turner was Aikman's offensive coordinator with the Cowboys and now holds the same job with the San Diego Chargers. He could be line for openings around the league.

ON THE AIR

Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m. - Oklahoma at Connecticut, ESPN2. 8 p.m. - Providence at Texas, ESPN.

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avens, ABC.



Big Spring's Mic Fleming puts up a shot during the Steers win over San Angelo Lake View last week. The Steers suffered an overtime loss to Andrews Saturday and will return to District 4-4A play Tuesday when the play host to Plainview's Bulldogs.

Steers suffer loss in

By CAREN GREATHOUSE

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Steers battled Andrews' Mustangs down to the wire Saturday afternoon district game but wound up on the short end of a 61-56 final score in over-

The Steers drop to 1-2 in District 4-4A play with the loss.

The first half of the game found the Steers in foul trouble and the Mustangs easily making their shots from the free throw line. As a result, the Mustang's owend a 7point lead at 11-4 until Clarence Wilkins hit a 3-pointer at the 1:43 mark and Clayton Weaver drew a foul and made two of three free

The Steers started the second period of play trailing by only 2 and quickly tied the score at 11-all when Austin Nutting made a bucket off an assisted from Arthur Belvin.

Big Spring managed to stay within reaching distance but went cold in the last four minutes of the half, allowing the Mustangs to take a 30-22 edge into intermission.

The Steers would continue off the pace until the last four minutes of the third quarter when Allen Jackson hit a 3-pointer and then followed it with an assist to Nutting who tied the game, 37-37.

The Steers' third-period rally would find them with a one-point advantage heading into the final eight minutes of regulation at 44-43.

The Steers would keep that lea until the final 22 seconds of the fourth quarter when they gave the ball up to the Mustangs.

Andrews converted, deadlocking the game at 53-53.

Big Spring was able to steal the ball back with only one second left in regulation, but unable to score? Wilkins paced the Steers with 15 points and Nutting added 14.

The Steers lost their focus in the extra period when they again got into foul trouble allowing the Mustangs to shoot 10 free throws.

"Andrews is a very disciplina team and that was a key to the winning the game," Steers hear coach Brian Ellington noted. "We did not shoot well from the free throw line and that was a major factor. We also made some poor decif sions at the end of the regulation when we had an opportunity to win: We also lost our composure.

"We did well to come back from that first half, but you have to play disciplined basketball to beat disciplined teams," he added. "I have watched us come a long way this year. We have the ability to be disc ciplined and win ball games.'

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Cowboys fall to Lions, 15-10; Emmitt sets another record

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emmitt Smith's record-setting performance and a victory by the Detroit Lions in their Silverdome finale made a méaningless game memorable.

Smith became the first running back to reach 1,000 yards in 11 consecutive seasons, breaking a record he shared with former Detroit star Barry Sanders.

The Lions punctuated their 27-year stay in the Silverdome with a 15-10 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday, avoiding a 15-loss season.

It was a fitting end for the venue where personal accomplishment usually by Sanders — always seemed to overshadow the Lions' lack of suc-

"I'm pleased that Emmitt got the 1,000 yards, but we didn't get it done as a team." Dallas coach Dave Campo said, before being taken to a hospital because of flu-like symptoms.

Cowbovs spokesman Dalrymple said Campo experienced vertigo and nausea before the game.

Ty Detmer threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Johnnie Morton with 5:37 left, and Detroit stopped the Cowboys on their two final possessions to clinch the win.

The Lions' 2-14 record matched the worst mark in franchise history. Dallas finished at 5-11 for the second straight season.

After starting the season with 12 consecutive losses, the Lions were happy to avoid being the first 0-16 team in NFL history or joining Carolina at 1-15.

"We pulled out two wins at the end of the year that no one else in the league cares about," Detroit kicker Jason Hanson said. "But they were

Smith broke the record on a 13-yard run on his 13th carry late in the third

Smith ran for 77 yards and a TD on 18 carries to finish his season with 1,021 and increase his career total to 16,187, behind only Walter Payton's

When Smith was told he's just 539 away from the mark, which has stood since 1987, he didn't want to admit that he should surpass the total next

"That's a long way to go," Smith said. "You just don't know how hard it is to get 100 yards in a game."

Detroit's go-ahead drive started with Cory Schlesinger's 20-yard run and Aveion Cason's 19-yard run. After Schlesinger ran for 2 yards on a thirdand-1 at the Dallas 18, Detmer connected with Morton for the touchdown. The 2-point conversion failed.

The sold-out crowd went wild as Morton dropped to the turf after the touchdown and undulated his body with a dance called "The Centipede."

Safety Marty Carter intercepted Quincy Carter's long lob at Detroit's 19 to hurt Dallas' comeback hopes. The Cowboys got the ball back on their 40 with 3:23 left, but turned the ball over on downs less than a minute

Detmer, subbing for injured rookie Mike McMahon for the second game,



Dallas' Emmitt Smith, pictured here during a 1995 game, topped the 1,000yard plateau for a record 11th straight year during the Dallas Cowboys' 15-10 loss to the Detroit Lions.

was 24-of-40 for 242 yards with two TDs and no interceptions. Morton caught eight passes for 86 yards and a

Carter was 11-of-26 for 158 yards and one interception.

On the same possession the 32-yearold Smith surpassed the 1,000-yard mark, Jon Hilbert's 33-yard kick gave the Cowboys a 10-9 lead on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Smith scored on a 2-yard run for his 159th touchdown, which trails only Jerry

Jets 24. Raiders 22

John Hall kicked a 53-yard field goal with 59 seconds left as the New York Jets clinched a postseason berth with a 24-22 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

On his only field-goal attempt of the game, Hall proved his leg is one of the NFL's strongest - even strong enough to overcome three turnovers by the Jets (10-6), who made the playoffs for the first time since 1998 under first-year coach Herman Edwards. They'll open the playoffs on the road next week as a wild-card team, but they were 7-1 away from home this season.

With their third straight loss, the

Raiders' collapse cost them a firstround playoff bye while handing a bye to New England. Oakland (10-6) will open the playoffs at home next week — possibly against the Jets.

The Raiders had the ball and a 22-21 lead with 3:12 to play, but their inconsistent offense couldn't move. The Jets then drove to Oakland's 35 with four passes, including a 15-yard completion on third down to Kevin

Rams 31, Falcons 13

Marshall Faulk became the first player in NFL history with four straight 2,000-yard seasons, and Kurt Warner finished with more than 4,800 passing yards in St. Louis' victory over Atlanta.

Ricky Proehl caught two of Warner's three touchdown passes as the Rams (14-2) set a franchise record for victories. The NFC West champions have a first-round playoff bye.

Both of the Rams' regular-season losses came in the Dome at America's Center, but they didn't want to slow down their high-flying attack with a cold-weather playoff game.

So St. Louis coach Mike Martz left both of his biggest stars in almost all the way, removing Faulk with about 5 minutes to go and allowing Warner to

Raiders knock off Kansas St.

LUBBOCK (AP) players off Texas Tech's bench proved to be the spark the team needed to help the Red Raiders win their Big 12 opener over Kansas State 74-49 on Sunday.

Nathan Doudney and Marcus Shropshire gont bined for four 3-pointers it the closing minutes of the first half to give Tech (12-1, 1-0 Big 12) a lead it never

"They came in and put us in a position where we didn't have to come from behind," Tech coach Bob Knight said. "Those kil did a great job near the en of the first half.'

Andre Emmett scored & points and pulled dow nine rebounds. Midwa through the second hall Tech extended its lead of an 11-0 run, holding th Wildcats (6-6, 0-1) scoreles for about five minutes.

The win was the Re Raiders' ninth straight and the least amount of points Tech has allowed this sea

Tech won by scoring from the perimeter.

"In the second half, the found some more holes in our defense," Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge said. "I thought the key to the second half was the fact that we had very limited success on the offensive end."

The Wildcats scored three fewer points in the second half -23 - than the first.

Tech's defense produced 15 steals and the offense got 26 baskets on 22 assists, a statistic that Knight uses to judge his team's efficiency.

Nick Valdez scored 13 points and Andy Ellis added 12 for Tech.

"We are in first place now and that is where we would like to stay the rest of the season," Valdez said "Today, we played a tough team in a tough game but we came out on top."

Phineas Atchison scored 12 points and Pervis Pascb added eight for the Wildcats.

Tech led 33-26 at halftime After a slow and slopp start for each team, the Red Raiders went on a 12-2 run in the closing minutes of the half. During the spurt, Shropshire went 3-for-3 on 3-pointers.

"That was big," Valdez said. "It gave us some momentum going into halftime, which was good because we didn't really have any momentum the whole first half until those

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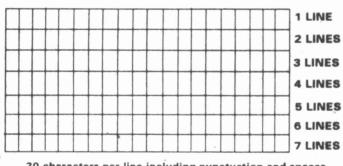
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as you leave the office or

workplace. Reach out for a

family member. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May

desk.

20)***** Others toss work

Responsibility falls upon

you left and right. Decide

just how much you realisti-

cally can take on. While all

this might be flattering

now, later it could be over-

whelming. Return calls.

Delegate whatever you can.

Tonight: Do errands, yet

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

want. Be realistic. Is this

possible? Bone up on your

Someone offers you

make time to visit friends.

your

Visit with a dear pal.

PUBLIC NOTICE The Joint Commission on accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct a accreditation survey of Scenic Mountain Medical Center on January 28 and January 29,

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the the condition under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The quest

should be addressed to. Division of accreditation Operations Accreditation Service

One Renaissance Boulevard Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 The Joint commission wil acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview The organization will, in turn notify the interviewee of the date, time and place of the

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may be removed before the survey is completed Date Posted December 28 #3417 January 4,6, & 7, 2002

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CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS ursuant to §42 035. Texas Code. Election ommissioners court of Howard County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United on the 10th day of December

Interested individuals may eview the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours The changes in county eleced by redistricting of County Commissioners precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. §1973, also nown as the Voting Rights Act, following the release of 2000 census data. Changes in county election precincts were esigned to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners precincts, and to insure the oting rights of all citizens of Howard County, Texas. Donna Wright County Clerk #3409 December 24 & 31, 2001 & January 7, 2002

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ARIES (March 21-April footing the whole bill, giv-19)**** Cooperate with ing up fantasies of the someone and straighten out proverbial money tree. finances. Wishful thinking Tonight: Back to the here might even impact fiery and now you. Your resourcefulness CANCER (June 21-July and ability to work with others saves the day. Smile

22)***** Hold down your imagination, and get your work done. Your positive side manifests itself when face problems. you Remember the power of wishful thinking. Return calls later in the day, when you have accomplished more; otherwise you might get nothing done. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Lay low when dealing with family. You cannot get a straight answer right now. Could someone deliberately be causing you a problem? Chaos punctuates all interactions. Your intuition proves to be your best guide; listen to it. Bring extra work home. Tonight: Close your door and catch up on e-mail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Make calls and try to clear up any problems. You inspire others with your ideas, though somehow your penchant for detail isn't contagious. Aim for what you want, staying calm with those who might be a lot more disorganized. Tonight: Play a relaxing and favorite game with a friend

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Honor your financial limits when dealing with others. You might not be sure of what is really happening. Your creativity could cost you if you have your rose-colored glasses on. Take responsibility. Know that, for now, you'll have to work for your funds. Tonight: Work as

late as need be SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)****Your smile confuses someone, making this person think that all is well. Others think that you're secretive because you don't wear your feelings on your sleeve. Make a long-distance call that you have specialist been tooking forward to at Commission of Headingare Find experts. Tonight: Do exactly what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21)** Don't worry so much about others. You don't need to share everything that goes through your mind. Remain confident despite confusion. In your daydreams lies an answer. Judge your ideas less severely. Close your door and fantasize away.

Tonight: Vanish. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)***** Gather with others for a brainstorming session. It is quite possible that you might misunderstand someone. Clarify, especially when your finances are involved. Of course, this is a natural instinct for the Goat. Others indulge you and sort through problems with you Tonight: Where your friends huddle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Stay in tune with your long-term objectives: Someone might not understand exactly where you are coming from and keep asking you questions. Your self-expression appears vague to others, possibly because you look at the long-term concept and direction. Tonight: Take control of a project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Let your imagination take the lead. Realize what is happening behind the scenes. Your humor might not be someone else's humor. Use care when dealing with people. You could put your foot in your mouth. Reach out for those at a distance. Find a needed expert. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

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Cartoonist Charles Addams (1912), 13th U.S. president Millard Fillmore (1800), actor Nicholas Cage (1964)

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Donning the ring becomes battle of wills

Landers: have been married to "Tom" for 50 years. He is a good husband a fine father and a loving grandfather

ANN LANDERS Tom is a private person and does not like to talk very much Sometimes I'm lonely, but I have learned to live with

that. So, what's the problem? Tom will not wear his gold wedding band unless I insist. This is a relatively new development. For the first 35 years we were married, he wore the ring for dress-up occasions and to church. Now, it is a constant battle to get him to wear it at all. He says he doesn't like jewelry. He wears a wristwatch, however, and never takes it off except to shower. He says the wedding ring is "just a piece of jewelry" and has no real significance. He asked me not to nag him about it and said he will wear it when he goes out, "if he thinks about it."

It hurts me that my husband thinks of his wedding band as only a piece of jewelry. When we were married, the minister had us say, "With this ring, I thee wed." It was a moving moment for me, and for Tom also, or so I thought. He has a stubborn streak. and the more I talk about the ring, the more determined he becomes to ignore me. What should I do? Feeling Hurt in Florida

Dear Florida: Don't let this become a battle of wills. It has already gone too far. Is it possible that the ring has become uncomfortable? He may need to have it resized. Meanwhile, say no more

about the ring except when he does wear it. A complimentary remark might be in order - something like, "That ring looks wonderful on your hand. It gives you an aura of dignity." I'll bet after such a comment, he. will be inclined to wear it; more often.

Dear Ann Landers: Here's one for your now-I've-seeneverything file. I just received an invitation to a wedding shower and was told to wrap the bride's present in clear cellophane. It seems she doesn't intend to open any of the gifts. She plans to lift up the boxes and show them around through the cellophane. I thought the whole point of a shower was to enjoy the presents and the company. This sure takes all the fun! out of giving. What do you think? - Aghast in New Dear Aghast: I don't see

how looking at a cellophane-wrapped department store box will elicit any oohs and aahs from the guests. I doubt it will catch

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*I WISH MARGARET WOULD STOP CALLING TO TELL ME THAT SHE'S NOT SPEAKING TO ME.

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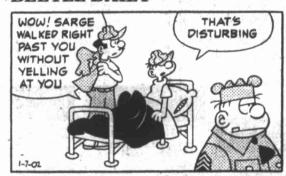


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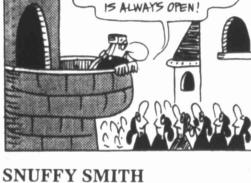








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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 2002. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president. On this date:

In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.

In 1800, the 13th president of the United "States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.

In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.

In 1942, the World War II siege of Bataan began.

In 1953, President Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the

United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

In 1955, singer Marian Anderson made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera in New York, in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera."

In 1959, the United States recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba. In 1972, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William H. Rehnquist were sworn in as the 99th and 100th members of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1979, Vietnamese forces captured the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, overthrowing the Khmer Rouge government.

In 1989, Emperor Hirohito of Japan died in Tokyo at age 87; he was succeeded by his son. Crown Prince Akihito.

Ten years ago: President Bush arrived in Japan on a tough-talk trade mission. Serb forces shot down a European Community helicopter in Croatia, killing five truce observers. Pitchers Tom Seaver and Rollie Fingers were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays: Author William Peter Blatty is 74. Country singer Jack Greene is 72. Pop musician Paul Revere is 64. Magazine publisher Jann Wenner is 56. Singer Kenny Loggins is 54. Singer-songwriter Marshall Chapman is 53. Actress Erin Gray is 52. Actor Sammo Hung is 50. "Today" show co-host Katie Couric is 45. Country singer David Lee Murphy is 43. Rock musician Kathy Valentine (The Go-Go's) is 43. Actor David Marciano is 42. Actress Hallie Todd is 40. Actor Nicolas Cage is 38. Actor Doug E. Doug ("Cosby") is 32.

Answer to previous puzzle



Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chemist's weights
- 6 Church section
- 10 Tree fluid 13 Fable writer
- 14 Puts on the market
- 16 School org.
- 17 Street urchin 19 Quarterback
- Dawson
- 20 Each, in pricing 21 Starting the
- day
- 23 Can covers
- 25 Tizzy 26 State
- positively
- 28 Lip-synced
- 31 Doozy
- 32 Middle
- Easterner *
- 34 Author Norman Vincent
- Abbr.
- 37 Small
- songbirds 39 Money in
- Teheran
- 40 Threaded fastener
- 42 Units of force
- 44 Address abbr. 45 Rehab
- treatment
- 50 Be worthy of
- weather
- conditions 54 Pulled with

ALLEY OOP by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

62 Trumped-up

- story
- 63 Painter Rousseau
- **64** Refrigerant
- 65 Members of
- the AMA **66** '50s sitcom
- mom Donna
- 67 Signs of
- drowsiness

DOWN

- 1 Head-over-
- heels
- center
- 4 Roadside inns

- another stint
- 5 Biological
- classification

- 2 Sign for
- 3 Italian wine

- 6 Beast of
- burden

- 35 RR depots:
- 47 Just __ (if) 49 "Oompah"
- instrument
- 51 Regional
- vigor 58 Boat mover
- 59 Attack-trained military unit

- 7 Permanent
- marker
- 8 Dove into
- second
- 9 City on the
- Rio Grande 10 Make petty
- distinctions
- 11 "__ o'clock scholar"
- 12 Twinge
- 15 Controlled exclusively
- 18 Sketch again
- 22 Gunpowder
- ingredient 24 Strongly built
- 26 Letter after gee 55 Got taller
- 27 Autos'
- replacements 28 Mickey
- emergency

Mouse's

girlfriend

30 Editor's "take out"

29 Make joyful

- 31 Furtive whisper 33 L.A. Law
- actress Susan 36 Antitoxin
- 38 Legislative house
- 41 River of Indiana
- 43 Shabby
- 46 Rapid talk 48 Fine wool
- 51 Freezing 52 Hideaway
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- 57 Family rooms 60 Anger 61 Joke around

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January 8, 2002

WEATHER



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TONIGHT TOMORROW 37°-40° 73°-76°

Banquet tickets are on sale at the chamber

Tickets for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet are available at the Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet is set for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event starts a little earlier than in years past to encourage people to come after work. Dress is "business casual" and the meal will be a hot dog/hamburger supper.

Entertainment will be provided by the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high school bands.

WHAT'S UP...

□ VFW Post 2013 will meet at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room. ☐ Senior Circle Sit and

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp 442160 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

☐ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over. ☐ Coffee Club meets at

10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe. ☐ Big Spring Main

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Council to discuss board member, grants, donations

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council is expected to accept two donations and a grant for city projects when it convenes this evening.

The council meets at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

Among the agenda items is the possible removal of Joyce Crooker from the Air Park Development Board. controversial issue dates back to work on the city budget, in which Crooker was opposed to hiring an airpark manager. Crooker made statements at the time indicating a representative of the Federal Aviation Administration had told her creation of the airpark position would jeopardize future grant funding for the airpark.

Mayor Russ McEwen said he made several attempts to find out which official Crooker had spoken with because he wanted to investigate the issue further. However, Crooker refused to speak with the mayor.

McEwen said her actions were inappropriate for a member of a councilappointed board. Crooker has said her conversation with the FAA was made as a private citizen and not as a member of the airpark board.

The final reading of a resolution accepting \$7,875 from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection is on the agenda; the money will be spent to purchase personal alert safety systems, or PASS devices, and handheld radios for the fire depart-

The council will also accept a donation from ALON USA which will be used to buy computers for under-privileged children. Council members will discuss the selection procedure for distributing the comput-

The council will hear the first reading of a resolution to accept a \$43,942 block grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Division to buy computer and video equipment to improve the enforcement of juvenile laws in the city.

In other business, the council will:

 Proclaim January "School Board Recognition Month."

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Art association's membership show on display now at Heritage Museum

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Works created by local artists are on display during this month as the Heritage Museum hosts the annual Big Spring Art Association's membership

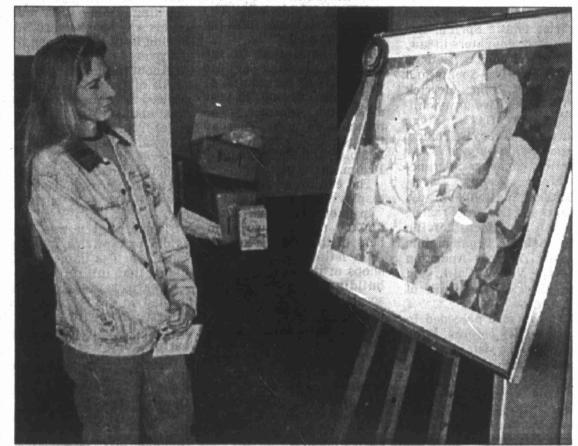
"I think our membership show is going to be exceptional this year," said Judy Gibbs, co-chair of the show committee.

Marvin Stevenson, a West Texas artist from Odessa, judged 32 entries from pastels to oil paintings and photographs last Saturday. Entries are on display in the museum's gallery.

All the entries had to be original works of art, created within the last two years and not previously shown at a membership show, Gibbs said. The public will also have

a chance to voice an opinion by voting for the People's Choice Award. Ballots will be taken by museum employees. Saturday at 4 p.m., the

Art Association will host a reception to announce the winner of the People's Choice Award and recognize the award winners



Joyce Baumon studies a painting by local artist Kay Smith at Heritage Museum. The

from the exhibition and Art Association mem-

Refreshments will served.

through Jan. 26.

Local professional artist

ber Kay Smith was awarded Best in Show for the exhibi-

Results from the show include in water color

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Howard College slates Financial Aid Nights

HERALD Staff Report

Each spring Howard College offers Financial Aid Night in area high schools

to help parents and students as they wade through financial aid forms in triplicate, manage confusing paperwork and become web-site savyy. "Financial

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aid forms are available on the world wide web now and

we want to assist parents Duncan said. and prospective students with this information to help simplify the entire processes,' said Ann Duncan, director of enrollment management for Howard College.

The first Financial Aid Night is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Coahoma school cafeteria.

"We know how daunting the financial aid process can be to parents and students unfamiliar with the forms. We never want a student to miss out on their chance for an education because of paperwork,"

Other area high schools scheduled for the program are Stanton, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 14, in the school library; Big Spring, 7 p.m., Jan. 17, in the cafeteria; Grady, 6 p.m., Jan. 23, in the school library; and Sands, 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 24, in the library.

"Our Financial Aid Nights allow us to visit the high schools and present this information in a concise manner that also allows parents to ask questions and receive one-on-one attention," Duncan said.

While Howard College offers this type of counsel-

ing to students who visit the campus, Duncan said by going to area schools more parents and students may

be reached. 'We started taking this information into the high school several years ago, and today we find this is one of our most effective tools for parents and students," she said.

More than \$500,000 in scholarships and \$2 million in Pell grants were given to students at Howard College in the 2000-2001 school year. And as government incen-

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Trial

Friday case under way in district courtroom

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Whether murder defendant Carl Stanley Friday was read his Miranda rights before being questioned by investigators about the May 4 death of Midlander Bob Joe Coonce was the focus of testimony Monday in 118th District Court.

Friday is charged with blungeoning to death the 64year-old Coonce, then dumping the body in Coonce's 1998 Suburu and setting it on fire. The body was discovered by Howard County Sheriff's deputies, burned beyond recognition north of Big Spring.

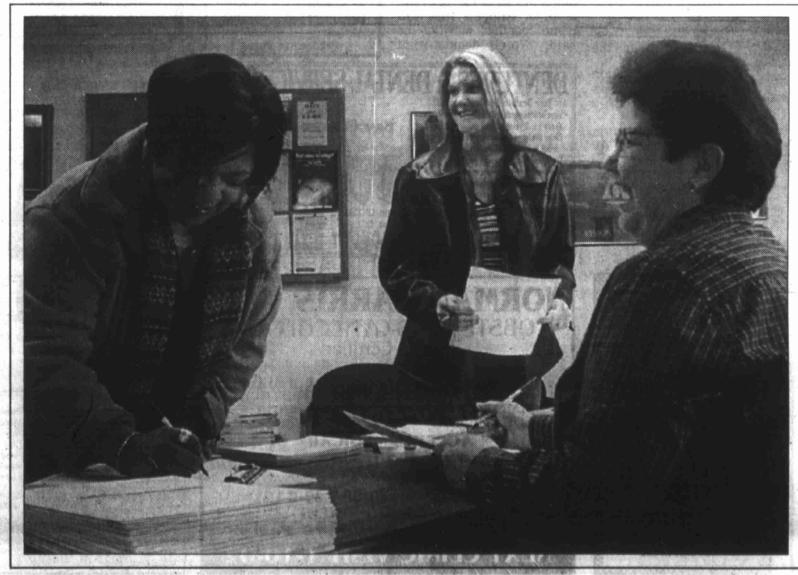
District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson presented six witnesses on Monday and four this morning. Friday is represented by attorney Norvert Morales Midland.

Texas Ranger Jess Malone took the stand Monday and testified that he read Friday his Miranda rights before an interview June 4.

Morales objected and, with the jury out of the courtroom, offered evidence from a previous hearing in which Malone apparantly said he didn't specifically remember Mirandizing Friday before the interview, but that it was his habit to read the Miranda statement before all interviews.

Another witness, Deputy Brad Ingram of the Howard County Sheriff's Office, was presented with the jury absent. "I don't recall the warn-

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Cheryl Shults, enrollment specialist for Howard College, helps Felicia Green register for an algebra course while Kendra Batla registers for the RN program. Early spring registration continues in the administration building of the college through 6 p.m. today.

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Fire Marshal Carl Condray,

who testified as arson inves-

tigator; Johnnie Snyder, a

clerk at the Metro Motel in

Midland where Coonce had

been staying; Deputy Ron

Allen, investigator with the

Howard County Sheriff's

Office; and Raymond Shoff,

an electrician from Odessa

who was a friend and co-

worker of Friday. Shoff tes-

tified that he co-signed for a

cell phone for Friday. The

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tives nationwide push

toward education, Duncan

said, she expects the federal

funding to increase as well. "We want a better world four our children. Research

and statistics have proven

that education is a key in

providing a more stable and

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Other schools in the area

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Ellen McDonald

Graveside service for Georgia Ellen McDonald was held at 1 p.m. today. Jan. 8, 2002, at Ackerly Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield, West Kentucky Street Baptist Church in Midland, officiating.

Mrs. McDonald Saturday, Jan. 5, at a Midland hospital.

She was born Jan. 23, 1910, in Horatio, Ark. and married Frank McDonald in Foreman, Ark. He preceded her in death March 27, 1956. Survivors include two sons, John F. McDonald and George E. McDonald, both of Midland; two daughters, Terrie Merrifield and Georgia Voorhies, both of Midland; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

suggests family memorials be directed to American Heart Association, 3205 Cuthbert Suite A-8, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

James Edward Puga

James Edward Puga, 63, of Odessa passed away at Medical Center Hospital on Monday, Dec. 31, 2001. He was born Oct. 11, 1938, in Westbrook to Frank and Virgie Puga.

He was a lifetime resident of the Permian Basin. He was a self-employed maintenance contractor for about 20 years. He loved to restore old cars. He was a member of St. Elizabeth's Church.

James is preceded in death by both his parents and four half-brothers, Nickolas Puga, Albert Puga, Antonia Puga and Salvador

Survivors include his Edward St. John. wife. Elodia Puga of Odessa; two sons. Eddie Puga and ite Gracie of Odes Mike Puga and wife, Manuela, of Odessa; two Ashley Buga and Kristine Puga, Both of Odessa; three sisters. Betty Sanchez of Big Spring, Pat Jimenez of Big Spring and Mary Unquidez of Fort Worth; four brothors, Charlie Puga of Odessa, Johnny Puga of Big Spring, Freddy Puga of Big Spring and Ricky Puga of Fort Worth: three half-brothers, Jose Puga of El Paso, Alfredo Puga of California and Clemente Puga of El Paso: and two half-sisters. Lunda Knight of El Paso and Elvira Gomez of Illinois.

Service was held Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Chapel. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Paid obituary

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 William F. Padgett, 87, died Monday. Services are pending.

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Cleora J. Merrick

Cleora J. Merrick, 87, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at the Hospice House of

Odessa. Graveside funeral service will be at p.m. Thursday,

Jan. 10, at Coahoma Cemetery

with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Dec. 26, 1914, in Howard County to Oscar and Lillie Anderson, early day settlers. Cleo married Walker Merrick on Oct. 10, 1931, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on June 29, 1976.

She was a homemaker who loved her home and family and was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include one

daughter and son-in-law, Billie and Carl Raymond Frazier of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Sammie and Geneva Merrick of Big Spring and Teddy and Donna Merrick of Coahoma; five grandchildren, Kay Davis, Steve Merrick, Tracy Frazier, Alana St. John and Tony Frazier; eight great-grandchildren, Wendy Davis, Jennifer St. John, Brady, Travis and Loriann Frazier, Daniel and Joel Melville and Ashlyn Frazier; one brother, Thomas Anderson of Napa Valley, Calif.; and one sister, Dollie Huitt. of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Steve Merrick, Tracy Frazier, Frazier, Brady Frazier, Paul Davis and

The family suggests memorials to Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761 or Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring No. C-32; Midland 79705.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

William F. **Padgett**

Funeral service for William F. Padgett, 87, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Padgett died Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, at his

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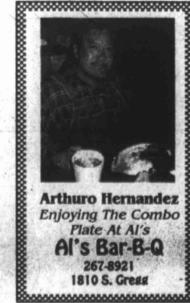
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 Proclaim 2002 the "Year for Citizens to Read the

Bible."
• Discuss and take action on possible change orders for Hangar 25 - Phase 2 construction.

· Discuss a resolution City authorizing the Manager Gary Fuqua to sign an inter-local agreement to join the West Texas Narcotics Task Force.

 Consider the legal status of the Concerned Citizens Council.



 Consider removing Joyce Crooker from the Air Park Development Board. Discuss adding

Presidents' Day as a paid holiday. · Discuss the personnel policies manual.

· Discuss an evaluation of Fuqua in executive session.

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paintings, Gibbs, first; Smith, second and third; in mixed media, Bonita Lyght, first; Gibbs, second and third; in oils, Estelle Howard, first; Aryles Scott, second and third; in pastels, Scott, first and second; in D.W. photography, Overman, first; Laurie Peterson, second and third. The public will have an

opportunity to win two paintings on display created by Smith and local artist Linda Rupard. Museum employees will be selling tickets for \$1. The money will go towards the purchase of a large reflective mirror that will be used during workshops.

"I hope everyone goes to the museum to see the paintings," Gibbs said. "The museum has really fixed the gallery up well."

Daily admission to the museum, located at 510 Scurry, is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens, 18 year olds and younger. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibition will be on display through Jan. 26.

In an effort to raise money for the mirror, two members of the Big Spring Art Association will hold workshops at the Practical Arts building located on the south side of the Howard College campus.

Smith will hold a watercolor class on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then the following Saturday, Feb. 2, Howard will give a class on oil painting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Both classes cost \$25 for each student.

think anyone who takes this course will be very pleased."

TRIAL

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ing being given," he said. Morales read a portion of Ingram's report into the record in which the deputy wrote, "The interview was informal with no Miranda warnings being given.'

Ingram said the Miranda warnings were present in the written statement signed by Friday, but Morales pointed out that the written warnings did not include a statement of the right to have an attorney provided if Friday could not afford one.

In his opening statement Monday, Wilkerson told the jury that they have a challenging task ahéad.

"There are going to be a lot of little bits, a lot of small pieces of information, a lot of snippets that will come together slowly," he said. "You'll decide what

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an investigation began when a sheriff's deputy discovered an unknown body in a burning car May 4.

"We're going to follow the investigation as they go through it step by step," he

He also alleged that Friday and Coonce had been together May 3 trying to purchase quantities of the narcotic hydrocodone, sold commercially as Lortab.

Wilkerson focused on witnesses who described the discovery of the burning car and the condition and autopsy of Coonce's body. Herb Edwards, formerly a

supervisor with the sheriff's office and the person who discovered the burning car, was the lead witness for the prosecution.

Edwards said he was on patrol duty in the early morning of May 4 and was on his way back toward Big Spring from Knott when he discovered the fire.

"About three or four miles north of County Road 34 I noticed an orange glow that was about three or four miles from me," he said.

Edwards said he initially believed the glow to be a structure fire or a grass fire, but as he approached he discovered it was a burning

"That's what it was," he said. "A car on fire. It was a huge fire. The flames were higher than this ceiling."

Edwards said the car was located on FM 669 near the intersection with County Road 34, off the road in a barrow ditch.

After discovering the car, he alerted the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, he said.

Deputy O'Brian Blakeney took the stand next. Blakeney was the only other "These are two really good deputy on patrol duty at the teachers," Gibbs said. "I time the car was discovered. Blakeney said he was in the Coahoma area Edwards called him to the

> Blakeney offered testimony that the fire started at the rear of the car.

"The front of the car was not fully involved," he said. When the firefighters' efforts cooled the car enough to approach, Blakeney testified he found a body in the rear part of the car.

Blakeney said he couldn't identify the body and he didn't attempt to identify the vehicle at the scene.

"I preserved the crime scene," he said. "I advised the firefighters to turn off their hoses and follow their footsteps back away from the vehicle."

Blakeney added under cross-examination that neither he nor Edwards initial-

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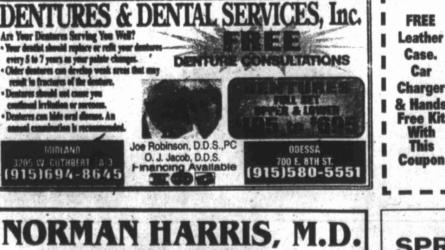
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Wilkerson told jurors that ... ly wore gloves, but that they put them on later into the

investigation. "Everybody gloved up when they started to process the scene," he said.

The third witness was Wayne Jones, an evidence technician with the Big Spring Police Department who helped process the scene of the fire. During Jones' testimony,

the prosecution introduced

several photographs taken

by Jones of the burned car, including one photo of Coonce's burned body. Jones confirmed that the car was burned more extensively in the rear than in

the front. Several items, including burnt paper; bottles, including one brown bottle with a rag inside; eight keys; a license plate belonging to the Suburu; and a title document for the car; were collected by Jones and placed in evidence.

Jones added that he didn't attempt to take any fingerprints at the scene because the fire, the rain and the water from the fire hoses certainly conspired to obliterate any such evidence.

Jones also testified that a 95-yard-long trail of debris including melted metal and rubber and shattered window glass indicated that the car was on fire as it rolled down FM 669 before swerving off the road into the ditch.

The fourth witness was Sylvia Martinez of the Midland Orthopedic Clinic. Martinez presented a set of X-rays of Coonce from the clinic's records. The final witness, present-

ed when the jury returned to the courtroom, was Rodney F. Tucay, a forensic pathologist from the Texas Tech pathology department. Tucay performed the autopsy on Coonce's body.

Tucay said the body was charred from head to foot, with several "heat fractures." Tucay said the autopsy also showed skull fractures that were not caused by the heat. "The cause of death to this

person was blunt force injury to the head," Tucay said, adding that Coonce might have been struck by a bat or a crowbar.

The pathologist said Coonce received at least two blows to the head and that the injuries were not consistent with a fall.

Tucay said that a toxicology screen of Coonce's blood revealed Tylenol, a sedative such as Valium and traces of heroin or morphine as well as hydrocodone. The jury heard testimony

from four prosecution witnesses this morning before taking a break shortly after

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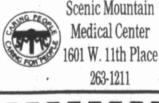
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JR., 26, of 3215 Auburn was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

 MICHAEL MCKINNEY, 21, of 2315 North Bell in Denton was

arrested on a charge of no driver's license and for three warrants from other agencies. GAY HARRIS

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Wendy's founder Dave Thomas dies

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Dave Thomas, the portly pitchman whose homespun ads built Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers into one of the world's most successful fast-food enterprises, has died. He was 69.

Thomas died around midnight at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the company said today

The cause of death was not given. Thomas had been undergoing kidney dialysis since early 2001 and had quadruple heart bypass surgery in December 1996.

Company officials were meeting at Wendy's headquarters in the Columbus suburb of Dublin and planned an announcement later Tuesday.

The founder and senior chairman of Wendy's International became a household name when he began pitching his burgers and fries in television commercials in 1989. The smiling Thomas, always wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and red tie, touted the virtues of fastfood in humorous ads, sometimes featuring stars such as

bluesman B.B. King and soap opera queen Susan Lucci. "As long as it works, I'll continue to do the commercials," Thomas said in a 1991 interview. "When it's not working any longer, then I'm history."

Burgers weren't his first love. Thomas, who was adopted as an infant, became a national advocate for adoption. He created the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a not-for-profit organization focused on raising public awareness of adoption.

Family offers reward for information

ODESSA (AP) - The family of a West Texas man fatally shot in September is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the assailant's conviction.

Lynn Floyd Moore was killed by a gunshot wound to the chest Sept. 14 at his Odessa home.

The 70-year-old man was last seen depositing money at a local bank on Sept. 11. Moore's body was discovered at his home by police three days later. His brother, Jesse Moore, called police after he couldn't contact the victim.

According to court documents, investigators discovered a sliding glass back door had been shattered. A second sliding glass door on the side of the Moore's house was also broken.

Moore's son, Darrell, said the family decided to offer a reward after the holiday season because there have been no more leads in his father's case.

Giraffe is missing from animal farm

BAYVIEW (AP) — The owner of a South Texas exotic animal farm is offering a reward for the return of a missing female giraffe, which has been missing for almost a

Howard Girault, owner of the Girault Farm in Bayview, said the \$30,000 giraffe was one of three at his farm, where many types of exotic animals dwell

Searchers on horseback haven't found a trace of the 10foot animal, which disappeared from Girault's farm on

Girault said he believes the giraffe was tranquilized and stolen, because the fence surrounding the farm is sturdy and the gates were locked.

"I don't have any hope of getting her back," said Girault, who described the animal as gentle. "They probably already have her in Mexico or back up in the Hill

U.S. forces strike 'hotbed' of terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) -U.S. forces in Afghanistan now have less interest in finding Osama bin Laden and other individuals than in destroying remaining pockets of Taliban and al-Qaida resistance, Pentagon

officials say.

Recent U.S. airstrikes have hit areas where members of the al-Qaida terror network have been trying to regroup or have cached weapons and ammunition.

"We're going to stop chasing the shadows of where we thought (bin Laden) was and focus more on the entire picture of the country," Pentagon spokesman Adm. John Rear Stufflebeem said at a Pentagon news briefing

As part of that effort, American warplanes have struck repeatedly in areas around Khostsin eastern Afghanistan's a Paktia province. U.S. special forces teams are on the ground in that area, where a Green Beret soldier was killed in an ambush Friday.

"We're not done there," Stufflebeem said of the compound and cave complex. "We're finding stuff, and

we're attacking that stuff." Paktia province long has been known as an area where al-Qaida terrorists had a large training and supply complex. A camp hit this week was struck by U.S. missiles in 1998 in retaliation for bombings Africa.

Although the terrorist supporters in the region had been "widely dispersed" after weeks of fighting inside Afghanistan, they are now attempting to regroup and find security in numbers. That makes the region more dangerous area than the others right now,"

Stufflebeem said. Pentagon spokeswoman Clarke said Victoria American aircraft flew 118 sorties and conducted four airstrikes Sunday, one on the base at Zawar and three others in the Khost area.

The strikes were conducted by long-range B-52 and B-1 bombers, as well as carri-

blamed on al-Qaida guerril- er-based strike planes from las of two U.S. embassies in , warships in the Indian Ocean.

> At Zawar Kili, U.S. soldiers, who have been searching the complex, piled up ammunition near tanks and other heavy weapons and called in the airstrike, defense officials said. The group of soldiers, including special operations forces, Marines and forensic specialists, also found a large number of bodies of suspected al-Qaida members killed in earlier airstrikes, officials said.

> Khost is known as the headquarters of Jalaluddin Haqqani, a former minister in the ousted Taliban regime who is high on the U.S. most-wanted list.

Vegas flight disrupted by man holding shoe

LOS ANGELES (AP) - An over, but for the time being, airplane passenger holding it's in the FBI's hands." a shoe struck a flight attenrear door, disrupting a Southwest Airlines flight about to take off for Las Vegas, authorities said.

"His words were that everybody on the plane was going to hell," passenger Michael Fitzhugh said. "You could see the panic of the passengers."

Police at Los Angeles International Airport arrested David Boone, 36, of New Orleans, on Monday for investigation of interfering with a flight crew. He was jailed without bail pending a federal court appearance today.

Also Monday, security screeners at Chicago's Midway Airport discovered four pocket knives, a box cutter, two flares and a bottle of lighter fluid in a 20year-old man's carry-on bag, police said.

The man, whose identity was not released, was turned over to federal officials.

"The FBI is interviewing him," said Officer Ozzie Rodriguez, a Chicago police department spokesman, "If he's not charged with anything federal, we'll take

FBI officials would not dant and opened the plane's comment early today on the arrest. Police said they did not know why the man, from Marshalltown, Iowa, had the items in his bag.

said the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Boone stood up on the Los pulling away from the terminal Monday afternoon.

"He approached the rear

In California, authorities of the aircraft with a shoe in his hand and as a flight attendant tried to prevent Angeles-to-Las Vegas flight him from opening the rear as the Boeing 737 was door, he hit her in the head with his fist," FBI spokesman Matthew McLaughlin said.

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Bush signs education bill today

President Bush is signing into law a far-reaching education bill that will require new reading and math tests,take aim at failing schools and raise teacher standards.

Eager to showcase the bipartisan achievement on a campaign promise, Bush was setting off Tuesday on a three-state victory tour.

Bush waited three weeks to sign the bill and, seeking maximum exposure on an issue of rare agreement between Republicans and Democrats, was taking his roadshow to the states of lawmakers who led the yearlong negotiations on the bill.

In a 12-hour, 1,600-mile swing, the president was signing the bill in Ohio, home of GOP Rep. John Boehner; giving an education, speech in New Hampshire, the home state of GOP Sen. Judd Gregg; and touring a school in

Massachusetts, home to ence tests. Candidate Bush Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy. The fourth principal sponsor, Democratic Rep. George Miller of California, was traveling with Bush throughout the day. Bush visited California on Saturday.

White House candidate Bush unveiled core educaprinciples September 1999 at a Los Angeles school. The bill he was signing Tuesday sought to keep the spirit of his pledge then that "In my administration, federal money will no longer follow failure.'

Many of the specifics, however, did not survive the hard negotiations last

The bill requires annual state tests in reading and mathematics for every child in grades three through eight, beginning in the 2004-05 school year. In 2005-06, schools will have to add scihad proposed testing poor students each year.

Public schools where scores failed to improve two years in a row could receive more federal aid, but if scores still failed to improve, low-income students could receive tutoring or transportation to another public school.

Those money-shifting provisions replaced a Bush campaign proposal in which federal funds would have been stripped from the worst-performing schools and made available to parents for private education vouchers.

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Let's keep our school zones safe

ow that the holiday season is over, we can begin to get back into some familiar routines. For many of us, that includes some type of arrangement for getting our children to school in the morning and back home again in the afternoon. For those of us who work, it can be a harried time. We're balancing their schedule with ours, trying to get to work, then maybe take a quick afternoon break so we can rush to the school and pick up the children and deliver them to a relative's house, daycare or home.

We've all been outside the school building when the final bells rings. It is a beehive of activity, with children scampering everywhere, and cars lined up waiting. Obviously, the potential for an accident is increased. Fortunately, however, there have been few of those over the

That's because most of us observe the speed limits in school zones and are aware of the potential danger.

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Easy to see that life is a miracle

"Life Is a Miracle," gives an eloquent comeuppance to those arrogant people who look upon science as the new religion and the final

truth. I won't spoil the book by quoting from it. Besides, the trouble with quoting Berry is that he is such an exquisite writer, you can easily

CHARLEY REESE

end up quot-

ing the whole book. But science is neither a religion nor the proper subject of a religion. It is simply a collection of observations and measurements, and inferences drawn from them. But there is much more that science doesn't know than there is that science does know, once you separate fact from dogma.

No one knows, for example, how the universe began. The big-bang theory is just that, a theory. But if you accept the big-bang theory, you are still stuck with unanswered questions:

What was there before the big bang? And where did it come from? Obviously, "nothing" cannot go "bang." Obviously, something cannot come from nothing. So it seems to me that ultimately the big-bang theory boils down to begging the question of how the universe started.

The size of the universe

is itself, in human terms, a

miracle. Scientists used to think that it was about 15 billion light-years in diameter. That's the distance light would travel at 186,000 miles per second in 15 billion years. More recently, though, when the Hubble Space Telescope was focused on an area about 1/30th the size of the moon, it recorded something humans had never seen before and did not know existed: billions more galaxies. When it comes to the universe, "forever" and "infinity" seem to be reality, rather than abstract concepts.

When we consider the size of the galaxies and the vast distances that separate them, when we consider how exactly everything had to be just so without even one atom's difference to produce us and our habitable planet, then it seems

to me more superstitious to believe it is all a meaningless accident than to believe in intelligent design and an intelligent designer.

That is not to say you have to believe in a God who involves himself in partisan politics, tribal warfare and mankind's other petty disputes. With a limitless universe to tend, I strongly doubt he would waste his time on such infinitely petty matters.

On the other hand, there seems to be evidence of a caring God. Men know how to create hell, but if you subtract the activities of man, there is no natural hell on this planet. It has everything we need. It is beautiful. It was not created by God with either killing fields or Auschwitzes. If we defile and despoil it, that's not God's fault. I believe we have free

will. Determinism, whether of the religious or secular variety, negates morality. People who have no choices cannot be said to be good or evil. As long as human beings have the power to make choices, there is reason for hope that the right choices will be made. Therefore, optimism is natural and pessimism is

unnatural. Optimism at least recognizes that the right choices could be made, while pessimism asserts that wrong choices will always be made. Even a slot machine pays off

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once in a while. I prefer mystery and God to materialistic dogma wearing the false mantle of science. Wiser men than I have observed that if there is indeed no God, then anything goes and everything is pointless. That might be the kind of world some people want, but such people are my enemies. We have seen tastes of that world in Nazism, communism and the late Roman Empire. It is a foul taste.

But if you require proof that mystery exists, just step into your own back yard on a clear night and look upward. It's not too much of an exaggeration to suggest that the electric light bulb might have been our problem all along, as it discourages and in some cases prevents us from gazing at heaven.

It's still there. Give it a

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Pausing to consider New York

EW YORK — The city has changed since Sept. 11. There's a new mayor. Michael Bloomberg is in; Rudy Giuliani is out. Of more sig-

nificance there's a new direction. Of even more significance. an

there's old attitude. Under the helm Giuliani, the city became safer,



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enlarged and more aggressive police force. As we have written, providing for the public safety is the first function of government. New York became a prime example of why this is so, because with safety came prosperity. And with prosperity came the pursuit of happiness. New York became fun again.

But Sept. 11, which affected us all, affected New York City most of all. Jobs disappeared, tourists stayed away, and people became grumpier. Then along came Bloomberg announcing that the city could no longer afford all that it wanted, not

even all that it had. Here, the man who spent millions and millions of his own money to become mayor, announced to his constituents that austerity was the word of the day. This made the people even

Giuliani had noted with a smile that New York had dubbed one of America's friendliest cities. New Yorkers, known for attitude, were friendly. In truth, they were. Some of the kindest, most caring people in the country are to be found in New York brusque though many of them may be.

Giuliani, himself, was the personification of the city. His upbeat, smiling, inyour-face manner mirrored the people, or — more likely struck a resonant chord with his fellow citizens. With him, the city found its tempo. Without him, they are becoming dissonant. Bloomberg promises cuts, but what can he cut garbage removal in a city plagued with rats? Welfare assistance when the federal Welfare Reform Act is causing thousands of people to be removed from the federal welfare rolls? Fire protection in a fire department that suffered such terrible losses on Sept. 11? How

about the police, that underpinning of the Giuliani administration? Quite simply, Bloomberg has it wrong. It is reminiscent of "It's a Wonderful Life," when Jimmy Stewart is shown by his guardian angel what his town would have been like without him. People who had been thriving and cheerful, became, instead, dreary, petty, apprehensive, greedy and paranoid. What a difference one man makes. Bloomberg is facing the

prospect of falling revenue as a result of rising unemployment and falling tourism, so logic dictates retrenchment - or does it? He should be betting on the city. What Giuliani created. Bloomberg could build upon. All it takes is optimism and determination. This means pulling all the stops to bring back business and tourists, whether it is achieved through advertising, events, or jawboning. But time is against him. What he does over the next several weeks will determine whether New York City sinks into despondency or overcomes the tragedy of Sept 11. So much depends upon

psyche. After all, in New York,

attitude is everything.

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Softball boosters meeting Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Bossters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Training Athletic Center's meeting room. Parents of all BSHS softball players are encouraged to attend.

Bass Club schedules first meeting of year

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold its first meeting of the year today at the. Best Western Motel's meeting room.

Club members will be picking the lakes for their monthly tournaments during the year, as well as setting new rules and regulations for competition.

For more information, call Jim Crenshaw at 263-0594.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, Call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

Rangers put in bid for Japanese pitcher

ARLINGTON (AP) -The Texas Rangers have put in a bid in hopes of obtaining the rights of left-handed pitcher Kazuhisa Ishii from

Rangers spokesman John Blake confirmed Monday night that the Rangers had posted a bid for Ishii. The New York Mets and the Anaheim Angels also bid on Ishii.

The Yakult Swallows, who won the Central League title last season, notified the commissioner's office in New York last week that Ishii was being formally "posted," the term used when a player in Japan wants to switch to the majors.

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Rangers' owner giving Gonzalez deadline to decide

ARLINGTON (AP) - Free agent ations told the Fort Worth Staroutfielder Juan Gonzalez faces a deadline this week to respond to an offer by the Texas Rangers, which he is reportedly favoring over a competing bid by the New York Mets.

The Rangers have told Gonzalez's agent, Jeff Moorad, that they want an answer to their offer by the close of business Tuesday. The two-year

offer is reported to total \$20 million. "We're holding up some other things we're trying to do," Rangers

owner Tom Hicks said. A source familiar with the negotiTelegram that the Rangers will get Gonzalez, barring any last-minute developments.

"We've been told that Gonzalez is going to the Rangers," one Mets official said Monday. Gonzalez, 32, was considering a

deal to return to the team for which he played his first 11 seasons and won two AL MVPs. Hicks said the club had more dis-

cussions Monday with Moorad centering on "modifications" of the offer the Rangers made on Saturday. But the team did not

increase the value of the two-year proposal.

The Mets and Baltimore have also offered guaranteed two-year contracts. The two proposals include at least one option year that could become guaranteed if Gonzalez meets appearance requirements.

Several individuals familiar with the situation told The Dallas Morning News that Moorad has pushed all three clubs for a third guaranteed season.

"We think we've made him a very good offer," said Hicks. "We think this is the right place for Juan to play, but he has to make the deci-

Moorad came to Texas last week to meet with Rangers general manager John Hart and Hicks on returning Gonzalez to the team for which he played his first 11 seasons and won two AL MVPs.

New York has offered a \$25 million, two-year guarantee, several agents and an official of another

team have said.

In Cleveland, where Gonzalez had been signed to a \$10 million, oneyear deal, he hit .325 with 35 homers and 140 RBIs last season.

Hawks set for final tune-up

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Howard College's Hawks face defending NJCAA Div. III National · Champion Cedar Valley College and coach Rick McCormick voted Coach of the Year during the national tournament - Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"They are a very wellcoached team," firstyear Howard College head coach Chris Jans said.

Cedar Valley will be left with-

out the services of tournament MVP Reggie Griffin and All-tournament selection Ahmad Smith, who led the Suns to a 25-6 record last year, but they still have plenty of weapons at their disposal.

JANS

The Hawks (11-4) know what to expect from the Suns — the two squads matched up in Lancaster in Howard's second game of the season. Howard was coming off of a 79-73 overtime loss against Weatherford College in their season opener.

But the Hawks rebounded against Cedar Valley for a 70-57 win on the road.

"They play a very traditional style of basketball," Jans said. "They have a tough perimeter game and they move the ball well. Their post players aren't as dominant, but they are a good, good team."

"They are very disciplined."

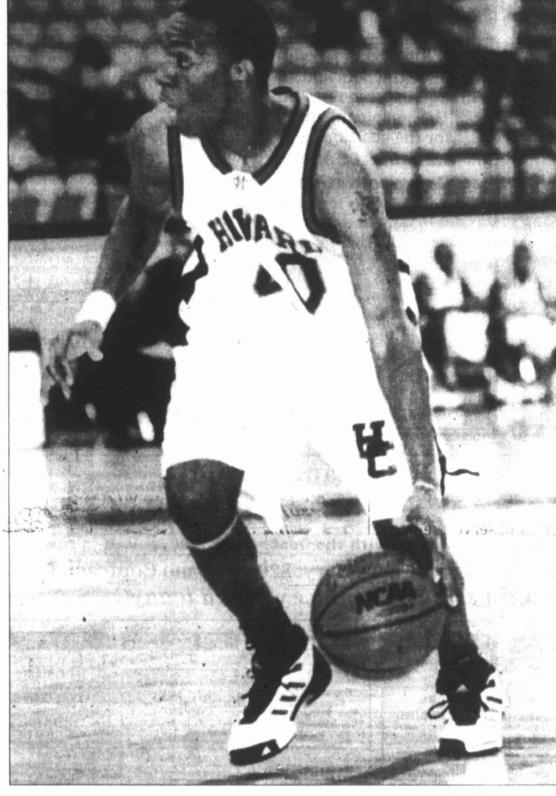
Cedar Valley pushes the ball up the floor but will utilize the shot clock looking for a good shot at the basket, Jans said.

The Suns are the opposite of what Howard faced Saturday against an uptempo Panola College team, which averages 118 points a game.

The Hawks held the Ponies to 81 points and top scorer Omar Thomas (77 points against Clarendon College) to two field goals in a game, which featured 25 baskets from behind the arch.

"This will be a totally different game from Panola," Jans said of the team they downed 91-81 in a game closer than what the score indicated.

Wednesday's contest will



Howard College's Maushae Byles, pictured here in action against Weatherford, and his Hawks teammates are primed for their final tune-up prior to opening Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Hawks host Cedar Valley College's Suns at 7 p.m. Friday in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

be Howard's final tune-up before the Hawks open WJCAC play Jan. 14 on the against Odessa College.

"This will be a nice game going into league play," Jans said of Cedar Valley "I think I'll like this game, because we'll play hard and going into conference, you want to play hard."

Cedar Valley College has three more games before opening up play in the competitive Metro Athletic

Two players from Cedar Valley have roots in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas — freshman Michael Qualls of Merkel and sophomore Tony Swindle of Amarillo are listed on the Suns' roster.

Howard is led by sophomore forward Zach Moss of Pompano, Fla., who had a double-double against Panola with 15 points and 15, rebounds. Freshman Antonio knocked in 15 Howard capitalized, turnpoints in limited action ing them into 18 points.

because of foul trouble.

Sophomore guard Rodney Blackstock led all scorers with 22 points, including five three-pointers in Saturday's contest with the Ponies. "We're going to have to

adjust to playing a little slower and taking care of the ball," Jans said. Howard College posted 21 turnovers in the game against Panola. Panola lost the ball 20

guard Jared Fears of San times in that game and

Jayhawks back atop men's basketball poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many believe Kansas dèserves its No. 1 ranking. Jayhawks coach Roy Williams isn't so sure.

"If I were voting, I'd still vote Duke," Williams said. "Duke lost on a last-second shot on the opponent's court of a conference team. Whatever it comes out, that'll be fine. We still have to play in college basketball. There's no BCS to worry about."

Kansas extended its winning streak to 12 games and took advantage of a weekend of upsets to become No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll on Monday.

The Jayhawks (12-1) moved up one spot to replace Duke (12-1), which had been on top of the rankings all season, the last five

The Blue Devils had their 22-game winning streak snapped Sunday by Florida State, the sixth loss by a Top Ten team over the weekend and the 15th by a ranked team last week.

This is the ninth season in which Kansas has been ranked No. 1 and all but two - 1951-52 and 1956-57 have been under Williams. The last time the Jayhawks were No. 1 was for 15 polls in the 1996-97 season.

Still, Williams was unimpressed.

"I really do not pay any attention to it whatsoever," he said. "I don't care at all." Kansas received 34 firstplace votes and 1,722 points from the national media

weeks as a unanimous No. longest since UNLV did it followed by Missouri, 1990-91 season, received 26 Arizona. first-place votes and 1,697 points, 11 more than Florida (12-1), which was No. 1 on the other 11 ballots and remained third.

> Maryland moved up four places to fourth, while Oklahoma made the week's biggest jump, moving from No. 10 to fifth. Oklahoma State, Virginia

> and Kentucky - three of the other Top Ten teams to lose over the weekend were sixth, seventh and eighth and were followed in the Top Ten by Illinois and Cincinnati.

UCLA moved up three places to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Syracuse, Iowa and Alabama and Stanford, Duke, whose run as a which were tied for 14th. unanimous No. 1 was the Boston College was No. 16 to Miami and Rutgers.

for the final six weeks of the Gonzaga, Wake Forest and

The last five ranked teams were Miami, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh, Butler and Michigan State.

Mississippi State (14-1), which beat Kentucky 74-69 in overtime, is ranked for the first time since the 1995-96 season, the year the Bulldogs went to the Final Four. Mississippi State's only loss this season was to Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh (14-1) moved into the Top 25 for the first time since the 1998-99 season off a 77-74 victory at College, Boston the Panthers' ninth straight since a loss to South Florida.

Georgetown (9-5) was the only ranked team to lose two games last week, falling

Ravens finally

that they're finally a part of the playoff picture, the Baltimore Ravens see no reason why they can't duplicate the success they enjoyed a year ago.

The Ravens won the NFL championship last season as a wild-card team, and that's the route they'll have to take this year if they plan to be in New Orleans next month playing in the Super Bowl.

"Right now, we're in the playoffs, and everyone's U-Records don't matter. Baltimore middle line backer Ray Lewis said Monday night after the Ravens qualified for the postseason with a 19-3 win over the Minnesona

"It's all up in the air right now. New Orleans is our

destiny," Lewis declared Baltimore (10-6) will oper the playoffs Sunday on the road against the Miami Dolphins. The New York lote will play at Saturday in the other AFC game next weekend.

Terry Allen ran for 1.0 yards on 23 carries and Matt Stever kicked for field goals for the Rayens but it was the defense tha carried Baltimore to viet-

Baltimore forced for turnovers, held Minneson to 179 yards in total offens and limited Randy Moss to two catches for nine yards

"We played great defer s we ran the ball well Baltimore coach Brian Billick said. "That's a great combination going into the playoffs.

The Vikings (5-11) were 0 7 on the road and playing with third-string quarter back Spergon Wynn, bu the Ravens couldn't pull away until Jamie Sharper scored on 8-yard fumble return with 1:37 left after Peter Boulware's fourth sack of the night

"Offense wins games defense wins champi onships," Lewis said. "Just ride us, baby, we'll get you there.'

Baltimore's victory elimi nated the Seattle Seahawks from the playoff hunt Seahawks quarterback Trent Dilfer, who took the Ravens to the Super Bowl last season, led a late Seattle charge that ultimately came up short.

Elvis Grbac struggled for much of the season as the replacement for Dilfer, the first quarterback to be supplanted after winning the Super Bowl. Grbac finished the season with 18 interceptions compared to only 15 touchdown passes, but he's still playoffs and Dilfer isn't.

Still, Grbac will likely have to perform better than he did Monday night - 10for-27, 160 yards — if the Ravens are to made any headway in the playoffs.

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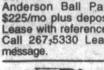
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Tonight: Where your friends are. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Consider where someone might be coming from before reacting. Yes, a roommate or family member could be truly annow ing. Recognize someone's limits. This person could be worn out and in need of a break. Don't push this per-

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Our little idiosyncrasies make us who we are

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Landers: You recently printed a letter from a woman whose friend, "Clara, refused to eat off of paper plates and insisted on

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at casual events like pic-Clean 1983 S-15 4X4 nics, where paper plates are Extended Cab Pickup. in order. Your advice was V-6, 5 speed. 2nd to serve her on china and

owner. 267-7003 ot make an issue of it. I \$240/mn. \$100/dep. Call agree with you. Clara's quirk is normal

and part of who she is. All human beings have idiosyncrasies that become integral parts of their identities. When children are young, we humor their need for security blankets, pacifiers, favorite toys or stories When adults exhibit slightly obsessive behavior, they

are considered "peculiar. An English friend of mine does not like to eat without proper table linens. My mother finds people who consume large glasses of soft drinks to be gluttonous. My husband will only drink coffee from a cup with a saucer. My sister refuses to eat anything with refined sugar. As for me, I always write with a No. 2 pencil. Often, before leaving home, I will put a pencil in my purse. The last time I emptied my handbag. I found more than a dozen pencils at the bottom.

If our friends and relatives have a few hang-ups that are harmless, they should be ignored or accommodated. The more tolerant we are of people's quirks, the more tolerant they will be of ours. And the world will be a better place for everyone. - A Quirky Shrink in North Carolina

Dear Quirky Shrink Thanks for a letter that contained several dollars worth of free advice. Readers with "quirks" will find great comfort in knowing that a mental health professional declared them perfectly normal.

My oddball quirk is using lead pencils down to the last two inches. I also use pens until they run completely dry. P.S. You would not believe what my toothpaste tube looks like before I declare it "used up." I suspect living through the Depression had something to do with my selective stinginess.

Dear Ann Landers: I read with sadness the statistics in your column on elder abuse. I thought your readers would like to hear a different kind of story.

I am the fourth of six

children. Our parents nevel had any extra money, but we always had what we needed, including college for all of us. They were compassionate people and never failed to help those in

My father is now 91 years old and was hospitalized last winter for pneumonia He recovered, but never regained his strength and has to use a walker or a wheelchair to get around Life might be easier for him in a nursing care facility; but he wants to stay in the home he shared with my mother, who died 17

years ago. My siblings and I are all going to do whatever we can to make Dad's life easier. The plan has been laid out. The oldest brother drops by with breakfast on Saturdays and handles all of Dad's mail and bills. One sister and her husband bring him dinner on Wednesdays and stay to visit with him. My younger, sisters work, but they spend their days off with Dad, running errands and taking care of the house. Another brother and I live a couple of hours away, but we try to get home as often as possible to help in any way we can. Meanwhile, we keep in touch with phone calls.

All of this takes a bit of management, but our parents sacrificed a lot for us and were always there when we needed them. It is a joy to be able to give something back. — Proud Sister and Daughter in

Dear Sister and Daughter: What a beautiful letter. It's a pleasure to read about a family where there is such devotion and caring. I hear far too often about the squabbles and interminable battles of relatives. Thanks for the upper.

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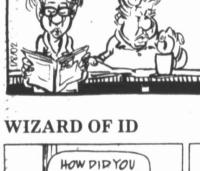
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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2002. There are 357 days left in at age 78. the year.

History: On Jan. 8, 1935, rock-androll legend Elvis Presley

was born in Tupelo, Miss. On this date: In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri,

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, the closing engagement of the

War of 1812, 200 30111.02 In 1894, fire caused serious stomach flu. damage at the World's Five years ago: The state of Columbian Exposition in Arkansas put three men to Chicago.

In 1918, President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I. was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth

Republic.

declared "War on a Poverty."

In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States North Vietnam resumed near Paris.

In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-lai died in Beijing

Today's Highlight in Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time. the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25. Ten years ago: President

Bush collapsed during a state dinner in Tokyo; 65. White House officials said Bush was suffering from

death in the second triple execution since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976. The U.S. Supreme In 1959, Charles De Gaulle Court heard arguments on whether to allow physicianassisted suicide. Russian President Boris Yeltsin was In 1964, President Johnson hospitalized with early

signs of pneumonia.

One year ago: Former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards was sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined a quarter of a million dollars for extorting payoffs from businessmen applying for riverboat casino licens-In 1982, American es. (Edwards remains out of jail as he appeals his conviction.) Pope John Paul II awarded was Congressional Gold Medal.

Today's Birthdays: Actorcomedian Larry Storch is 79. Actor Ron Moody is 78. Comedian Soupy Sales is 76. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 74. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 69. Singer Shirley Bassey is



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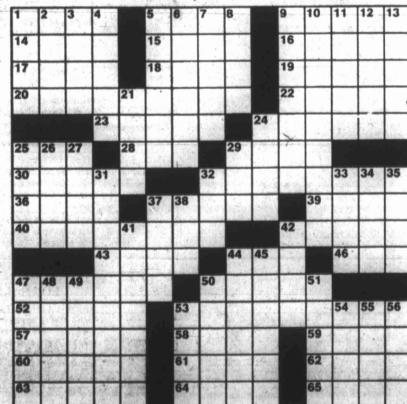
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