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Tax assistance training set for volunteers

IRS instructors will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive in the Industrial Park on Friday and Tuesday through Friday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for assisting taxpayers with 2001 tax returns.

Tax assistance will be available Feb. 4 and each Monday through April 1, at 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Center.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the Senior Center, 267-1628.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Rd.

☐ Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

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

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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HOG wild: Serious chili coming to town

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor No beans, please. After all, this is Texas.

Anything else goes this Saturday though as teams from West across con-Texas their coct own special brew at the HOG Boss Chili Cookoff, sponsored, of BARNETT

course, by the Harley Owner's Group.

"We have a real good

time. It's a party atmosphere and we'd like everyone to come on out and join us," said Barry Barnett, HOG member.

As in past years, the cookoff will take place at the Harley Davidson Shop, West Registration Saturday at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 per team up to four people and \$5 for each additional team member.

"We have a short cooks meeting to get the rules straight, then everybody starts cooking," Barnett.

And what are the rules?

"We don't tell people they can't have beans in their chili, but if they insist on it, we have a noose out back for them. This is Texas!" emphasized a smiling Barnett. "Our other rule is that its gotta' look like chili

and it's gotta' smell like chili. If it doesn't, the judges are not required to Wild game is as common as beef and pork versions,

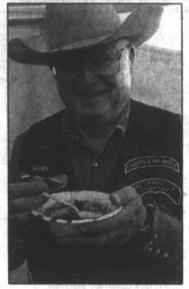
and the list of peppers is endless.

"If we have 30 different entries, we'll have 30 different bowls of chili," said Barnett. "Some may be similar, but they'll all be different. And some of these cooks guard their recipies with the lives. They get real serious about their chili."

Which makes the day a good one for serious chili eaters. Cooks are required to turn in their chili at 1 p.m. and judging begins soon after. Then the eatin' begins. A \$5 bill allows those attending to sample as much chili as they can

stand — until it's all gone. The Billy Shears Band will provide entertainment beginning at noon. In addi-

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Maxwell Green holds up a bowl of chill during the 2001 cookoff.

Train rolls off tracks, no one injured

Worn wheel cited as cause for derailment

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer A worn wheel was the cause of a cargo train parderailing Wednesday morning near Coahoma.

"The cause of the derailment was a worn single wheel on one of the rail cars," said Mark Davis, spokesperson for Union Pacific Railroad.

A cargo train heading to Memphis, Tenn., from Los Angeles was pulling onto a side track to pass another train heading to Odessa from Fort Worth when 12 rail cars derailed at about 9:45 a.m., Davis said.

The Los Angeles train had 102 box cars containing mixed freight, Davis said, but did not contain any hazardous material.

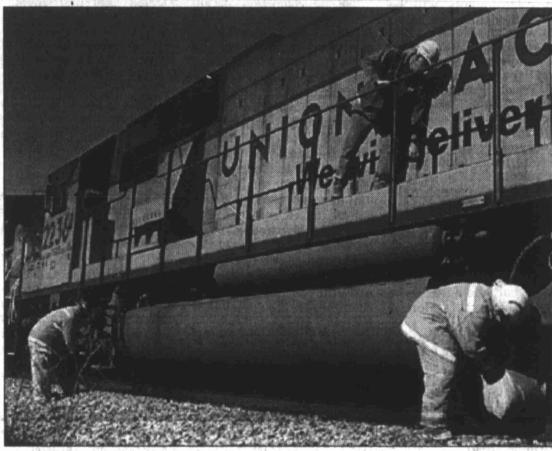
"There was very minimal damage to the tracks and the train itself," said Davis, who noted that part of the reason was the train was only traveling a little more than 10 miles an hour while transferring to the side

Davis said it was unusual that only one wheel would be worn on a rail car.

The incident tied up traffic on the main and side track lines, causing cargo trains to be diverted from the area, but heavy equipment arrived at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon and railroad crews were able to clear the main line by 6:30 p.m., Davis said.

Some damage was caused to the locomotive hauling the Fort Worth train, Davis

The Howard County HAZ-MAT team arrived at the scene and spread some special absorbent to soak up oil leaking from that train.



Howard County Volunteer Fire Department members Louie Smith, left and Valarie Sullivan, both HAZMAT technicians, spread a special absorbent to soak up oil leaking from this Union Pacific Railroad engine. The engine leaked oil after coming to an emergency shutdown to avoid another train that partially derailed close to Coahoma Wednesday morning. Below, Department of Safety Trooper Weldon Jones, right, calls in Information after he and Trooper Michael Sparks responded to the incident.

Davis said that the crews expected to clear the side track line by 5 p.m. today.

The site of the derailment is located near the 100 block Sweeny Road and the old Dairy Queen building now Eagle Mobile Wash. None of the rail cars toppled over.

Howard County Sheriff's Office deputies, Department of Public Safety troopers, the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department HAZMAT team and Lt. Terry Chamness of Howard County Emergency Management team responded to the scene.

Chamness and Both Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department chief, confirmed the train did not carry any hazardous mater-



Memorial, walk will honor civil rights leader

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Sixteen years ago, the United States first joined together in a holiday cele-

bration of the life of Martin Luther King

Recent events have emphasized the importance King's dream of America's

HORTON

racial groups playing working and living together equally, said local Martin Luther King Day events coordinator Stephanie Horton, a Big Spring city

councilwoman. "This is an event for the people," she said. "Martin Luther King didn't die for the black people. He died for the cause of all people coming together.'

Two local events will commemorate King this week end, Horton said.

The VA Medical Center will host a Martin Luther King memorial program at 11 a.m. Friday, Horton said.

"We're going to have a program in room 212 of the VA Hospital," she said, adding that Alonzo Landin, nursing education instructor at the hospital, will be the guest speaker for "(Mayor) Russ McEwen

will deliver a proclamation," she said. "And we will have remarks by (VAMC Chief of Staff) Dr. Darryl Powell. Ruthie Mae Winbush will

provide a musical selection

See MLK, Page 2

Third stock show for January gets under way in Martin County

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The old saw opines "Good things always come in threes.'

As the third weekend in a row boasting a local annual livestock show, events today, Friday and Saturday will certainly put that saying to the test.

The festivities kicked off two weeks ago with Glasscock County's Stock Friday at 9 a.m. with the show while this past weekend was the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

The only set of critters left to be judged locally resides in Martin County.

"It actually starts today," with weigh-in of the animals, said Sonya Jones of the Texas Cooperative Extension in Martin County. "The shows start

goat show." As soon as the goat show

ends, the lambs will take the stage, followed by the steers. "Saturday morning at 9,

we'll have our hog show," Jones said. "And then that evening at 7 we'll have our banquet."

The Martin County show will take place at the Martin

County Community Center Complex, 301 N. St. Theresa in Stanton. Entries must be regis-

classified tered. weighed in by 6 p.m. today. Stanton County's event

differs from the other local shows in that it has no livestock auction, but instead boasts a Premium Sale in which entrants are given prize money based on the place their animal earns. All entrants receive some money, which is raised by donations. Entrants then get to keep their animals.

A silent auction held throughout the event helps fund the activities, Jones said.

For more information, call the Martin County Cooperative Extension Office at 756-3316.

Public, private, parochial, charter schools eligible for bee

HERALD Staff Report

Students from Howard County schools are preparing for competition in their individual school spelling bees, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald.

The Howard County Spelling Bee will be at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria. The winner will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee, March 9 at University Medical Center's McInturff Conference Center in Lubbock.

The winner of the Regional Bee will advance to the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. in late

The spelling bee is open to students in public, private, parochial and charter schools.

SPELLING BEE

When: 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. When: Big Spring Junior High School Cafeteria.

Contact: Valerie Avery. bee coordinator, 264-0403

Home-school students are 2002 eligible to participate. If more than one home-school

student chooses to participate, home-schooled children will hold their own competition to advance to the Howard County competition.

Howard County spelling bee director is Valerie Avery, public information coordinator for Big Spring State Hospital.

The pronouncer for the Howard County Spelling Bee will be Cindy Michaelis, executive direc-

tor of the United Way of Big

Spring and Howard County. Judges will be Robin Ritchey, Big Spring Junior High School librarian; Marilyn Clark, Big Spring State Hospital director of quality oversight; and Debbie Jensen, a freelance writer and former features

editor for the Herald. For more information regarding the spelling bee, call Avery at 264-0403.

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Johnny Doporto Sr.

Johnny Doporto Sr., 63, of Big Spring, died at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, at

Medical Center Hospital of Odessa following short illness.

Vigil service will be 7 p.m. today at Myers Smith

Chapel. Funeral mass will be 2 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Felix Cubelo officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born March 8, 1938, in Palo Pinto County. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mr. Doporto had worked for Williams Oil Field Construction for 25 years. His hobby was the Dallas Cowboys.

He is survived by three sons, John Doporto Jr. and his wife, Kathy, David Doporto and Jerry Doporto and his wife, Debbie, all of Big Spring; two daughters, Irma Doporto Leos and her husband, Johnny, and Debra De Los Santos and her husband, Juan, all of Big Spring; five brothers, Jose Doporto and Louis Doporto, both of Big Spring, Raul Doporto and Alfredo Doporto, both of Fort Worth, and Florentino Doporto of Arlington; two sisters, Maria Celia Garcia of Arlington and Carolina Arguijo of Fort Worth; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Florentino Doporto and Fortunata Ariaz Doporto.

Pallbearers will Florentino Doporto, Jose Doporto, Louis Doporto, Doporto. Raul Alfred Robert Doporto and Doporto.

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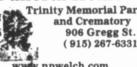
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tion to the music and chili. the admission fee includes an opportunity to win a Whizzer, a motorized bicy-

cle. The Boss HOG Chili Cookoff gets held rain or shine.

"We've had them when it was 70 degrees and real nice and we've had them when there was ice on the ground. There will be a tent set up

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Johnny Doporto, Sr., 63, died Tuesday. Vigil services are 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 2:00 PM Friday at Sacred Heart

Catholic Church. Burial

will be in Mt. Olive

Cemetery.

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behind (Harley Davidson) shop and if it's cold, we'll let down the sides and warm the place up," said Barnett. "Don't let the weather stop you, because we're not going to let it stop

HOG supports many projects each year, raising thousands of dollars for such causes as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Salvation Army and Big Spring Fire Department. The chili cookoff, however, is something different.

"This is the only fundraiser HOG uses for itself. The funds generated from the chili cookoff allow us to operate. Sometimes you have to stop and raise funds that allow you to do what you do the rest of the year," said Barnett.

HOG uses volunteers to judge the chili, and more are needed. Anyone interested in helping judge the cookoff is ask to contact the Harley Davidson Shop at 263-2322 and have their name put on the list of potential judges.

MLK

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down King's

Martin

and refreshments will be served after the program.
At 6 p.m. Monday, the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight March will wind from Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home

Boulevard, to FM 700. Everyone is invited. Walkers, and even riders are welcome.

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"Those that cannot walk are asked to drive their cars," Horton said.

The march was started locally in 1994, the same year West 11th Place was renamed to honor King. Last year, the event drew

about 100 marchers, Horton said.

"I know we had over 100 walking, but I don't know about the cars," she said.

Horton also reminds local residents not to forget Black History Month, coming up in February and the annual Soul Food Luncheon that accompanies it.

That's when we really get down with the food," she

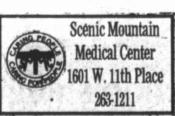
Broken equipment blamed in deaths at hospital

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - Two women died during heart surgery after they were mistakenly given nitrous oxide instead of oxygen, hospital officials said Wednesday.

The women died after a meter that controls the flow of oxygen during operations was mistakenly plugged into an adjacent receptacle for nitrous oxide gas, a common anesthetic, Hospital of Saint Raphael officials said. The meter was equipped with safety prongs designed to prevent such a mistake. However, one of the prongs was broken.

The first woman, who was in her 70s and described as in poor health, died Friday during a cardiac catheterization, where doctors use a flexible tube to inject dye into the heart to help diagnose problems

The death "did not origi-





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nally appear to be out of the ordinary, given the seriousness of that patient's medical condition," said Dr. Charles Riordan, vice president of medical affairs for

the hospital. The death of the second woman during the same type of surgery Tuesday touched off an investigation that found the meter had remained plugged in to the nitrous oxide receptacle, hospital officials said.

The second woman, in her late 60s, was not as sick as the first victim, officials said. They said when her oxygen levels began to dip during the procedure, the flow of the gas was increased and she died on the table.

The hospital notified the and Drug Food Administration and the state health department. It would not identify the employees involved.

Father says son on medication before wreck

AUSTIN (AP) - A man accused of driving his pickup into a grocery store had begun taking an almost doubled level of anti-psychotic medication the day before, his father says.

Larry Ralph Elliott was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and was being held at the Williamson County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond. Elliott, of Georgetown drove his vehicle through the parking lot and into the HEB at about 10 a.m. Tuesday, killing one woman and injuring another, said Assistant Georgetown Police Chief Kevin Stofle.

Mervin Elliott said his 41year-old son of Georgetown had been taking Seroquel since August. The drug, used to treat mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, made him drowsy, the elder

Dr. Jim Van Norman, director of the Austin Mental Travis County Health and Mental Retardation Center, said those who take the drug are able to drive but are warned to be careful.

Betty Looper Davis, 70, of Georgetown, was taken to Georgetown Healthcare System, where she died. Melissa Merkord, 22, also of Georgetown, suffered a broken leg and other injuries, police said.

Merkord was in fair condition early Thursday at Scott White Memorial Hospital in Temple.

BRIEFS

THE YMCA WILL HOST its annual aerobathon Jan. 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to show the community what the YMCA offers.

This is free to members, but non-members will be charged \$5. Childcare is free

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BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

and there will be door prizes.

For more information contact Kim Evans at 264-0661 or Lisa Dimidjian at 263-

BIG SPRING WOMAN'S CLUB will have a Women's Health Forum that is free to the public and will cover all aspects of women's health in particularly breast cancer and hormone replacement therapy.

Guest speakers will be Dr. Erich Byerly, Ob/Gyn and Kim Shafer, BSN, MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner.

The forum will be held Jan. 21, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the parish hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church. For more information call Carol Hanes at 264-7442. The club's regular meeting will be held immediately following the forum at 8:30 p.m.

COAHOMA JUNIOR HIGH WILL have an open house Monday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The open house will feature photographs of 'the Teddy Bear Drive and their trip to New York City.

The drive benefitted the children of victims resulting from the terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center.

THE DATE FOR THE biannual Hobbs Texas Independent School District Ex-Student Homecoming has been set for Oct. 19.

Any one with mailing address changes or anyone who would like to be added to the mail out list, please contact Pat Porter at 950 FM 3205, Rotan 79546 or e-mail to pporter@camalott.com or phone 735-3337.

A morning program and noon meal are planned.

LATE REGISTRATION FOR THE spring 2002 is set for today through today from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday.

Students may register for any courses not filled. A \$5 late registrationn fee applies. This time is also available for students to add classes to thheir spring schedule or drop courses. For more information call 264-5083.

HOWARD COLLEGE'S FINANCIAL AID Night at Big Spring High School has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school cafeteria. A special talent show pre-

sented by Key Club members is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Call the Student

Center at Assistance Howard College at 264-5083 for more information about Financial Aid Night or the high school at 264-3641 for information about the talent

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Fire/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire

Department and EMS: 8:36 a.m. - 1300 block of Mt. Vernon, medical call, service refused.

11:19 a.m. - 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 11:52 a.m. - 1800 block of

Alabama, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 11:54 a.m. - 3700 block of

Wright, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 1:11 p.m. - 200 block of

Hoover, trauma call, service refused. 2:41 p.m. - 1000 block of

Birdwell, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 4:17 p.m. - 300 block of

Main, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 7:26 p.m. - 1500 block of

Mesa, medical call, one patient transported to 10:44 p.m. - 900 block of

W. 19th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

• RUBEN TORREZ, 30, of 4600 Ratliff was arrested for a parole warrant.

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Fired Enron chief auditor places the blame on accountants' lawyers for shredding documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The auditor fired for destroying documents in the Enron Corp. affair is laying the blame squarely on his accounting firm, Arthur Andersen LLP, telling congressional investigators he was just following advice from its lawyers.

The auditor was questioned for several hours Wednesday as the White House disclosed that President Bush's chief economic adviser, Lawrence Lindsey, was asked to study the impact of an Enron collapse after presidential aides were alerted to the problem last fall.

The energy-trading concern, once the seventhlargest U.S. company,

ruptcy in the country's history on Dec. 2.

David Duncan, the former chief auditor for Andersen's Enron account, said the Big Five accounting firm's lawyers suddenly began emphasizing Andersen's policy allowing destruction of some documents.

Duncan told investigators with the House Energy and Commerce Committee that in September general discussions began at Andersen of what Enron-related documents to discard.

"It was unusual" to emphasize the documentdestruction policy, Duncan told the investigators, according to congressional sources familiar with what

entered the biggest bank- he said. The sources spoke ruptcy in the country's his- on condition of anonymity. An Andersen spokesman

> declined comment. According to the sources, Duncan told investigators that an Oct. 12 memo from one of Andersen's lawyers was the beginning of an effort to discard many records.

Andersen has Duncan organized a twoweek document destruction effort that began in late October. The accounting firm fired Duncan on Tuesday, put three other Enron auditors on administrative leave and stripped management responsibilities from four partners in its office in Houston, where

At the White House, spokesman Ari Fleischer said Lindsey concluded late last year that Enron's collapse would not hurt the U.S. and global financial markets.

That's the same finding reached by Peter Fisher, the Treasury undersecretary in charge of financial markets who opened a review after two phone calls from Lay to Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill on Oct. 28 and Nov.

Lindsey, a former member of the Federal Reserve board of governors and a private economic consultant at the time, received \$50,000 from Enron in 2000 as a member of an Enron adviso-

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NEWS BRIEFS

School district rejects display

KERRVILLE (AP) — Central Texas school trustees have rejected the gift of a display case containing the Ten Commandments, with board members fearing possible litigation or debate over separation of church and

Trustees voted 4-3 on Tuesday night against accepting the case that also included the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

But Joseph Fegenbush, the pastor of Faith Christian Church in Kerrville who had presented the gift to the school district, said efforts would continue for including the display at Tivy High School.

He said he and supporters would push for state legislation in 2003 to allow the display to be placed in the halls of schools throughout the state.

Parks home declared landmark

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The former home of Rosa Parks, whose arrest for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person in 1955 sparked the Montgomery bus boycott, has been declared a national landmark.

The apartment in the building at 620-638 Cleveland Court was recognized because of its historic and symbolic significance, according to the National Register of Historic Places.

The apartment was Parks' home at the time she achieved national prominence for her civil rights activism, and it was also her destination at the time she was arrested, the national register noted.

The apartment also was where Parks made her decision to become the test case plaintiff for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people in its effort to end segregated seating on city buses.

Pet lizards feast on body

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Several flesh-eating pet lizards were found feasting on the corpse of their owner in his apartment, police said.

Police were called to Ronald Huff's apartment in Newark, Del., on Wednesday after a relative became worried because Huff failed to show up for work, investiga-

Officers found Huff's body on the floor, with his pet Nile monitor lizards feeding on his flesh. The state medical examiner is investigating the cause of death.

Huff, 42, had last been seen Sunday, New Castle County

Bush appoints bioethics advisers'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential advisory council on bioethics is beginning its work by examining the ethical, medical and legal issues surrounding human

The group, which was meeting Thursday morning, was to visit President Bush at the White House later in the day. Bush appointed the 17 members of his President's Council on Bioethics — and made their names public — Wednesday.

The council is to tackle a number of divisive issues, such as embryonic stem cell research and euthanasia. Bush also asked the council to examine assisted reproduction, which primarily involves in vitro fertilization and has greater public acceptance.

The president promised in August to create the council after struggling with whether the government should fund promising but controversial research involving stem cells derived from human embryos.

Democrats: Plan to inspect checked baggage falls short

WASHINGTON (AP) -Two leading House Democrats say the Transportation Department's plan for tougher airline baggage inspections, scheduled to begin Friday, falls short of what a post-Sept. 11 law

requires. Both House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Jim Oberstar of Minnesota, top Democrat the House Transportation Committee, objected to Transportation Secretary Norman Y. status quo."

Mineta's announcement Wednesday that airlines would meet the congressionally ordered deadline in many cases by refusing to load luggage unless the passenger also boards.

"This decision amounts to a narrow interpretation of the statute and flouts the intent of a law designed to fundamentally change the air safety rules of our country," Gephardt said. "I'm afraid the secretary's announcement is little more than a perpetuation of the

the law passed by Congress and signed by President Bush in November requires bags to be screened for explosives. But only some luggage will be checked with explosive detection machines, bomb-sniffing dogs, hand searches by security agents, or handheld equipment that detects traces of explosives.

The two lawmakers said

As an alternative to actual inspections, airlines can use a passenger-bag match — a strategy in which no bag will be loaded on an origi-

a different plane, however, the airline does not have make sure he or she boards the second time before loading the luggage. That amounts to "an

> ty system," Oberstar said. He said the inspection system "will add significantly to the security of checked baggage. However, it is disappointing that the program falls short of what the new law requires."

Dean, professor, student killed in shooting at law school

GRUNDY, Va. (AP) - A dean, L. Anthony Sutin, student upset about flunking out of law school shot his dean and a professor to death in their offices and opened fire on a crowd of students, killing one and others, injuring three authorities said.

Peter Odighizuwa, 42, was tackled, pinned to the ground and handcuffed by students after the shooting and was later taken into tals. custody by police.

campus of the Appalachia of Law on Wednesday to talk to his more than a year and had

about his dismissal, officials said. He shot Sutin and professor Thomas Blackwell, who taught contract law to Odighizuwa, with a .380-caliber pistol, authorities and students said.

son slain was student Angela, Dales, 33. The fair condition at area hospi-

"Peter O," had been struggling with his grades for been dismissed once before. Chris Clifton, the school's financial aid officer, met with Odighizuwa a day earlier when the student learned he was to be kicked out of school.

"He was angry. He Police said the third per- thought he was being treated unfairly, and he wanted to see his transcript," injured students were in Clifton said. Odighizuwa, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Nigeria, scheduled a The suspect, known meeting for Wednesday to Odighizuwa went to the around the rural campus as talk to school officials about his grades.

"I don't think Peter knew at this time that it was where," Briggs said.

going to be permanent and final," Clifton said.

Odighizuwa is being held in the Buchanan County Jail on three counts of capital murder and three counts of using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Dr. Jack Briggs, who has a private practice a half-mile from the school, said Odighizuwa went downstairs from Sutin's and Blackwell's offices to a commons area and opened fire on students.

"When I got there, there were bodies laying every-



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OUR VIEWS

Weekend forecast chili, and lots of it

he forecast this weekend is chili. Hot stuff. Wild stuff. Serious stuff. Best of all, you are invited. That's right. Put on a pair of jeans and a comfortable shirt Saturday and plan to enjoy some live music and some even livelier culinary concoctions at the Harley Davidson Shop.

The event is the Boss HOG Chili Cookoff, in its 15th year — or maybe 16th. The point is, it's here to stay and it's also the place to be.

Maybe you make a pretty mean bowl of red yourself. Here's your chance to prove it. Registration begins at 9 a.m. The fee is \$20 per four-person team. Extra team members are \$5 each.

If cooking isn't your thing, but eating is, bring yourself and \$5 out to the cookoff anyway. You'll get all the chili you want: Rolaids and Tums are extra.

Don't worry about the weather, the cookoff will go on anyway. A large tent adjacent to the Harley Shop will keep the wind off. You might need a jacket. While you are chowing down, you'll be entertained by the Billy Shears Band and that's worth the price of admission

Everyone knows what the Harley Owner's Group does for West Texas. Its members are involved in almost every fund-raiser there is. For instance, HOG sponsors the local Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon and assists the Salvation Army with its Christmas projects. The organization raises funds for causes of all kinds, large

Saturday's fund-raiser is a little different in that it is the only one HOG holds for itself. Funds generated from the chili cookoff are what keep HOG going - so that its members can keep right on helping others, year after year.

Come on out to the Harley shop and enjoy some good music, good food and support one of our best organizations.

And don't worry about the forecast. It's gonna'

be chili.

OTHER VIEWS

The public and the courts, lawyers and defendants have debated for years whether cameras should be allowed in courtrooms to provide greater access to various important trials and legal disputes. The case for televising a trial as a means of serving a larger public interest hardly could find a better example than the upcoming trial of suspected terrorist

Zacarias Moussaoui. Moussaoui faces life in prison and a possible death sentence for his alleged role as a conspirator in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the cable network Court TV has asked to be able to broadcast the proceedings. That request faces the hurdle of a federal judiciary that has long banned cameras in its district courts. ...

The most often-heard criticism of televised trials is that they can create a circus atmos-

phere in the courtroom. O.J. Simpson's trial was shown on TV and widely regarded as an embarrassing spec-

But that trial was allowed to get out of hand by a judge, the master of the courtroom, who refused to control participants in his court, not by journalists at the trial. ...

Showing the trial of this suspect, the first to be indicted for crimes directly associated with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, to as broad an audience as possible would serve the widest public inter-

est. Foes of broadcast media who carefully consider this truth will drop their resistance to providing freer public access to the proceedings of the nation's criminal justice sys-

Houston Chronicle

Democrats missing the point on Enron

ometimes you're damned if you do and damned if you don't - especially if there's partisan advantage in it. That seems to be the case with the

recent controversy involving the Enron Corporation and the Bush administration. It seems Enron executives, hoping for some help, called folks in the Bush admin-



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istration last fall when signs of the company's financial crisis were becoming clearer to insiders. The Bush appointees listened, checked with their lawyers and did nothing which is exactly what they should have done. Now some Democrats want to turn the administration's inaction into a federal case.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) accused Bush officials of having "done nothing to mitigate the harm of the Enron bankruptcy to thousands of its employees and shareholders," a charge that simply doesn't hold water. What if, last fall, Bush appointees at the Treasury Department had heeded the pleas for help on Enron's behalf made by

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former Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who is now chairman of Citigroup, one of Enron's chief creditors?

Rubin called Peter Fisher, the undersecretary for domestic finance, and asked what he thought of the idea of calling bond-rating agencies to try to head off a bad credit rating, according to news reports. Enron's president, Greg Whalley, also called Fisher to ask him if he would call Enron's lenders while they were deciding whether to extend more credit to the cash-strapped firm. Now, there's nothing particularly surprising about Rubin or Whalley making these requests - they were trying to save the company. But if the Bush administration had intervened, the same Democrats who are complaining now would have screamed even louder.

There's no doubt that Enron investors are suffering in the wake of the company's bankruptcy in early December — the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history especially those Enron employees who not only lost their jobs but their life savings. As an Enron investor myself - I bought shares for my individual pension account at \$65.30 per share, which are now worth 67 cents apiece — I'm not happy about the

helped fuel this debacle. But I am also less willing to jump to conclusions about who's to blame, perhaps because I've sat on two publicly traded companies' boards of directors. including on the audit committee of one. I know how complicated these issues can be - and how much outside directors rely on the good faith of company managers, and the professionalism and integrity of accounting firms. It's important that an impartial investigation get to the bottom of who knew what,

when and whether those

inside the company illegal-

ly tried to hide matters that

are required by law to be

publicly disclosed.

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It may also be a good idea to examine whether the rather common practice of companies making pension contributions for their employees in the form of company stock is a good idea. The practice began as a way of letting employees both share and have a stake in the company's profits. But, as with any investment in stocks, there

is always a downside risk. Enron made about half its contributions to employees' 401(k) pension plans in company stock, which is now almost worthless. Worse, Enron employees say they were prevented

from selling their company stock late last year while the stock was plummeting because Enron had changed pension plan administra-

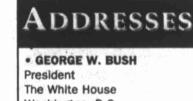
It may have been just a case of bad timing, but Enron's move looks particularly bad since some company executives were cashing in their stock options for huge profits at about the same time.

The Bush administration announced last week that it will look at the whole issue of company pension plans that rely heavily on contributions made up of company stock.

But again, the issue isn't as simple as it seems. When times are good, employees are happy to own company stock in their pension portfolios, and any attempt to limit them might actually make them worse off.

The real issue ought to be who makes the decision as to what stocks to invest in and should employees barring those with access to insider information that could affect stock prices be allowed to sell their shares just as other investors may.

Democrats on the Hill would be better off concentrating on these important public policy issues than pointing fingers at the Bush administration.



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Sorry, we don't export our own values

en. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., made a speech recently at Michigan's Hillsdale College that illustrates a blind spot for most Americans in and out of

government. I've always been an admirer of Helms and remain so. I've said before that North Carolina should erect a statue of him, not only

for his good



CHARLEY REESE

service in the Senate, but also because he forced liberals around the country to spend \$60 million in North Carolina trying to defeat him every six years. I'm also an admirer of Hillsdale College, so none of what follows is a criticism of either.

Helms' speech was about traditional American values. They are best stated in our Declaration of Independence: "All men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The mistake Helms made was that he doesn't recognize that we apply those values only to ourselves, not to foreigners. That's why it's erroneous

to suppose that we were attacked on Sept. 11 because we are a "symbol of freedom." We once were, back in the days of the republic, but since the Spanish- American War in 1898, we have acted the same as imperialists in Europe. We are, in the eyes of many people overseas today, not a symbol of freedom at all, but a symbol of oppression.

In the early 1950s, for example, the Iranian people overthrew a dictatorship and elected an Iranian nationalist government, which promptly threw the British out of their oil fields. The United States saw an opportunity - not to celebrate the Iranian

people's freedom, but to

grab the oil. Our government organized a coup, overthrew the elected leader of Iran and installed a new dictator. the Shah of Iran. The price. of course, was that Iranian oil was handed over to American oil companies.

For decades we helped the shah maintain his dictatorship in the most cruel and tyrannical manner, until finally the Iranian people overthrew him.

So, do you honestly think that Iranians hate America because we are a "symbol of freedom"? We never

have been, as far as they are concerned. We were, in effect, co-dictator of their

country. We have helped install and maintain some awful dictators all around the world. The lesson that foreigners learned is that we are in favor of democracy only if the outcome of the election suits us. If it doesn't, we're very likely to wreck the elected government and replace it with a dictator. Islamists won an election in Algeria, fair and

square. The Algerian army nullified the election. With whom did we side? The army, of course.

I need not point out that in the Middle East, we are not helping anyone realize his or her unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We actively assist the Israeli government in suppressing the rights of the Palestinian people. And who are our allies? Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait. Not a democracy among them.

An American friend of mine who was originally from Egypt remarked recently, only half-humorously, that the only parts of the Egyptian government that work at all are the nine separate secret police agencies. You will notice that our government never

refers to countries as "free' or "unfree." They speak of "moderate" governments. "Moderate" means they do

what we tell them. It took only a brief fight to wrest the Philippines from Spanish rule, but a long and bloody war to suppress the Filipinos who wanted independence and had no desire to exchange one foreign ruler for another. Were we upholding the ideas of freedom? Of course not. We were suppressing freedom and taking both lives and liberty away from the Filipino people.

The American Establishment and the corporate media work hard to make sure Americans remain both ignorant and uninterested in foreign policy. Our job is to just gather in the nearest square and cheer whenever the president announces that, for the most righteous of reasons, we have decided to bomb and/or invade some small sovereign nation.

This kind of ignorance is dangerous. It's why Osama bin Laden caught us unawares. I don't like nasty surprises. Do you?

Then we must look at the world as it is and at ourselves as we are, not as we imagine.

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Local woman recovering from vicious dog attack

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

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While bringing in groceries last Friday evening at her home Mary Churchwell was not expecting what was about to transpire.

In her account, the terror began when her dogs started barking and she went to investigate. "I went out the front door to the northwest corner of my house where I saw the neighbor's dog had broken its chain and the kid next door was trying to catch him. The minute he saw me the dog made a bee line for me. The kid yelled 'watch out, watch out' and then the dog jumped and placed his front paws on my stomach, he then dropped on all fours and bit my leg."

Because she was in shock Churchwell thought the dog just had the leg of her pants and didn't discover until later that the she had been injured.

"I didn't feel any pain at the time," she said.

Unable to shake the dog loose the boy, who appeared from the owner's house and who was trying to contain the dog "...started hitting the dog on the head with his fist and he let go, but then he grabbed me a second time (on the same leg). The kid grabbed his nose and he let go again, but his lower teeth were in my leg. The kid grabbed the dog in a bear hug and ran off with it," she said.

Churchwell said her daughter called EMS when it was discovered that her injuries were severe. They have not heard from the owner, Shawn Edwards, since the attack.

"If they had just said 'I'm sorry' or tried to check on me I probably wouldn't press charges," Churchwell.

According to Lt. Stan Parker of the Big Spring Police Department a dog bite as severe as the one Mary Churchwell is recovering from at Scenic Mountain Medical Center is rare.

Churchwell sustained severe gashes to her lower leg and heel and required "about 300 stitches" according to the victim. Now she is wondering why her neigh-



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Mary Churchwell is shown in her hospital bed holding photos of the wounds she sustained when she was attacked by her neighbor's pit bull terrier. Churchwell suffered tissue loss and nerve damage in her left leg due to the attack and expects to remain in the hospital several more days. The dog has since been euthanized.

bor was allowed to keep the pit bull terrier after a previous biting incident.

Although Churchwell believes that the pit bull was on a vicious animals list, was known by name by the officers who responded to the call, and had bitten two other people, according to Lt. Parker the dog had not been on a list and had only one prior history of a bite that was not as severe.

Despite the victim's account of the dog having a cinder block tied to its neck ' and being beaten to make it run as well as being tied to a tree in the owner's yard, questions of whether the dog had suffered abuse has not been proved.

Parker said that in order for an animal to be considered a danger, charges must be filed through Municipal

Court. "Both parties have to present their case before a judge and then he decides whether or not the animal is dangerous," he said.

In that case, if the owners are allowed to keep the antmal they are required, by city ordinance, to have a \$100,000 liability bond and build a fence that will contain the animal which has to be inspected and approved by the police department, he

added. "The dog is in quarantine for 10 days. The victim has asked us to file charges and we are attempting to contact the county attorney to see if there are any criminal charges," said Parker.

"We have advised the victim that this may be more of a civil matter between homeowners," he added.

Meanwhile, Churchwells are dealing with the situation the best way they can.

"I'm a diabetic and that makes me at high risk for infection and I've lost some feeling in my leg and foot," she explained.

Loss of time at her work as a substitute teacher for Big Spring Independent School District and the question of whether or not she will be able to walk are the family's main concerns while they wait to hear inal charges that can be about their proposed suit against both the owners of the dog and the city of Big Spring.

For the Churchwells this incident has incurred major life changes '- not only

physical, but also mental.

"I've never been afraid of anything in the way of animals until now. We have animals of our own and have never had a problem," she said adding that she suffers from nightmares about the incident.

Monetary gain from the suits was never mentioned by the Churchwells.

They say their concern is of the safety of their children and the children of their neighbors.

For this they feel that the owners of the pit bull and the city of Big Spring should be held accountable.

According to a report submitted by Sgt. Roger Sweatt early Wednesday, the owners of the dog had signed a consent to have the animal euthanized.

"The dog was euthanized last night and the head was sent to Austin to be tested for rabies," he said.

"There are really no crimpressed. The closest thing would maybe be harboring a dangerous animal."

Churchwell's surgeon, Robert McFall, could not be reached for comment.

Study finds many doctors don't follow urinary infection guidelines

CHICAGO (AP) - Doctors may be inflating the costs of treating urinary tract infections — and possibly promoting resistance to antibiotics - by ignoring treatment guidelines, according to a new study.

The study, published in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine, suggests that doctors are driven by drug company promotions to use newer, more expensive drugs.

"If every drug can work and one drug is promoted more heavily, doctors tend to prescribe the one they've heard more about," said coauthor Dr. Elbert Huang, of the University of Chicago.

Researchers from the University of Chicago and Stanford University studied 1,478 cases of patients with urinary tract infections nationwide from 1989 to 1998.

They found that only 24 percent of the patients' prescriptions were written for antibiotics recommended by the Infectious Disease Society of America, down from 48 percent a decade earlier.

Huang said some of the drugs being prescribed are many times more expensive than the recommended medications.

The guidelines call for trimethoprim-sulphamethoxazole, which costs \$1.79 for a 10-day course. But 30 percent of the cases studied involved prescriptions of nitrofurantoins, such as Macrodantin, which cost \$20.34 for the same period. Doctors pre-

scribed a third class, fluoroquinolones such as Cipro, to 29 percent of patients, at a cost of \$70.98 for 10 days.

Huang said there also is a concern — though "it's very theoretical" - that having several classes of antibiotics in use at the same time might cause infections to become resistant to all those classes at once.

He said the guidelines were established with the idea that the recommended drugs could be used until they were ineffective, and that another class would then take their place.

But other physicians say the risk of resistance is unclear.

Dr. Thomas Hooton, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Washington in Seattle who was not involved in the study, said he doesn't fault doctors for choosing alternatives.

"I do it myself," said Hooton. "It really depends on one's point of view. Some 'Resistance trimethoprim-sulphamethoxazole) is increasing, and I want to use the antibiotic that is most likely to succeed.'

He said West Coast doctors are especially justified in prescribing alternatives because one-third of urinary tract infections there are resistant to the recommended antibiotic. That compares to just 7 percent on the East Coast and 14 percent in the Midwest.

"The debate is, what level of resistance is too high and when do you go to the other antibiotic?" Hooton said.

Mavericks owner keeps promise to Dairy Queen

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Hundreds of people surrounded a suburban Dallas Dairy Queen on Wednesday to be served lunch by billionaire Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Wearing a navy blue denim shirt and a manager's badge with the name Tony printed in it, Cuban took orders, made change and pumped his own soft-serve ice cream

"It might not be pretty, but it works," Cuban said with a smile and a wink as he

handed the treat to a happy customer.

Cuban was making good on a promise to the fast-food chain to manage one of its restaurants for a day to see how hard the job is. The company's challenge came in response to Cuban's criticism of the NBA's head of officiating: "I wouldn't hire him to manage a Dairy Queen.'

The league fined Cuban \$500,000 for the comment, the largest against an individual in NBA history.

such as making the company's trademark Blizzard, to more experienced employ-

"This is the best thing to happen to Dairy Queen since the invention of the Blizzard 16 years ago," said Dean Peters, the company's head spokesman, who traveled from the Minneapolis headquarters to be part of the event.

Fans and customers began lining up hours in advance. A carnival atmosphere sur-

He left the high-level work, rounded the store, with inflatable play areas for children, portable basketball games and more than a dozen television and radio stations broadcast live.

One TV station even flew its helicopter for an overhead view. The store was handing out free ice cream. The first customer ordered

a strawberry blizzard. "I came here to join in on the festivities," said James Kelly, who had Cuban autograph a \$1 million bill.

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Nurse sues TDCJ over injuries inflicted by inmate courts at the appropriate Griffin said Wednesday that

AUSTIN (AP) — A prison nurse who was severely beaten in an attack by an inmate filed a lawsuit Wednesday against the Department Texas Criminal Justice, agency officials and four prison guards.

Linda Kay Evans' lawsuit was filed in Dawson County District Court and seeks unspecified damages, said her attorney, Richard E. Griffin of Houston.

"She wants the TDCJ to enforce policies and procedures so that they protect the public who are trying to help these inmates," Griffin

Agency spokesman Larry Todd said officials had not seen the lawsuit and declined comment.

"We are not going to try a case by issuing press releases right and left," Todd said. "We will respond to the

According to the lawsuit, Evans was working as a contract pharmacy nurse at the Smith Unit near Lamesa in West Texas when she was attacked by inmate Charles Collier on May 3.

She had reported Collier for sexual misconduct in her presence a day earlier. Evans was kicked and beaten. Griffin said Collier had told several inmates and guards that "he would get her," a warning Griffin said was ignored by prison offi-

Evans, who was 53 when she was attacked, spent 11 days in the hospital.

She suffered permanent brain damage and has not been able to return to work, Griffin said.

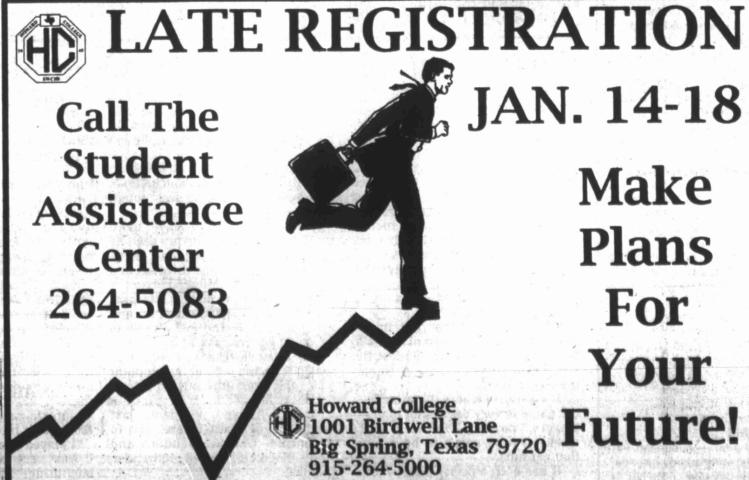
Prison officials said at the time that guards responded quickly to stop the beating.

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cocaine another inmate pulled Collier off Evans. He has since been sen-Collier was serving 26

tenced to another 99 years years for aggravated sexual for attempted murder for assault, aggravated robbery, beating Evans, Griffin said. robbery and delivery of



Howard College Inks Wall baseball player

Wall High School shortstop Will Doyle has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Howard College.

Doyle signed his letter Tuesday, the first day baseball players could sign with colleges.

As a junior, Doyle led Wall to the area round of the Class 2A playoffs before suffering a 7-6 loss to Coahoma's Bulldogs.

He led the Hawks with a .608 batting average, hitting eight home runs and driving in 31 runs.

Basketball boosters meeting tonight

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club will meet at 5:30 tonight at Steer Gym.

All parents, friends and fans of Big Spring High School's boys' basketball teams are encouraged to attend.

Coahoma boosters to meet on Monday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for 7 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafete-

supporters of Bulldog and Bulldogette sports programs encouraged to attend.

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.

Cowboys make offer to Hutchinson

DALLAS (AP) Dallas Cowbovs have offered a long-term contract to St. Louis Cardinals pitcher and former Stanford quarterback Chad Hutchinson, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Sources told the newspaper in Thursday's editions that the seven-year deal is believed to include a signing bonus of about \$2 million.

Hutchinson has impressed the Cowboys with his 6-foot-4, 230pound frame and athleti-

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College Bulldogs at Howard College Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

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9:30 p.m. — Southern Cal at Arizona, FXS. **PRO BASKETBALL**

7 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Memphis Grizzlies, FXS.

8 p.m. - Utah Jazz at San Antonio Spurs, TNT. HOCKEY

7 p.m. - Phoenix Coyotes at Colorado Avalanche, ESPN2. TENNIS

10 p.m. — Australian Open, early round coverage (same-day tape),, ESPN2.

Cuban makes good on DQ promise, draws huge crowd

COPPELL (AP) - Trying desperately to perfect the curly tip on a soft-serve cone, Mark Cuban licked the remains of another failed effort from his fingertips and handed the messy treat to an excited 3-year-old boy.

One lick later, the kid dropped it. That was about the only thing that went wrong Wednesday when the billionaire owner of the Dallas Mavericks worked two hours behind a Dairy Queen counter, making good on a promise to manage the fast-food restaurant.

The company's offer came in response to Cuban's assertion that he wouldn't hire Ed Rush, the NBA's head of officiating, "to manage a Dairy Queen."

The league fined Cuban \$500,000

individual. For about \$650,000, Cuban could've bought a startup DQ franchise.

So, after doing the job himself, does he still think Rush couldn't do

"It depends on how he treats the customers. That's the hard part," Cuban said.

"Part of the point I was trying to make with the NBA is that you have to understand your customers and learn to get better as a business."

Cuban, fined more than \$1 million by the NBA in the two years since he bought the team, praised his boss-for-a-day, store owner Parrish Chapman, and took another shot at the league.

"I'd love to send Parrish up to the

for the comment, a record for an 'NBA to have him give them a lesson pencil in his right shirt pocket, in exactly how to communicate," Cuban said. "When anybody needed to interact with Parrish, he was right there to answer the questions. That's the way you run a business. If Parrish just went up there and just took a look, we'd be a lot better

> Cuban's presence created a carnival atmosphere at the suburban Dairy Queen and drew more than 1,000 people, many waiting close to an hour to place their order. The crush was so big the restaurant ran out of ice.

"It was worth the wait," Tony Newpower said. "It's not often you see a billionaire serving burgers."

Wearing a navy denim shirt and a manager's name tag, and carrying a

Cuban actually spent more time signing autographs than taking orders.

But he did take his temporary job seriously. He arrive 1 at 6 a.m., after flying home from a Mavericks game in Atlanta, and began training by

Kim Skeffington, a regional field consultant whose duties include working with new managers, spent about two hours teaching him the finer points of curling soft serves and mixing a frozen dessert.

James Kelly, who waited about two hours to be first in line, ordered a strawberry version of the dessert which Skeffington made - then had Cuban sign a novelty \$1 million

Steers never overcome Matadors' quick start

By CAREN GREATHOUSE

Special to the Herald LUBBOCK - Domination during the first six minutes of play spelled th difference for Lubbock Estacado's Matadors, as they turned a quick start into a 53-38 win over Big Spring's Steers in District 4-4A basketball action Tuesday night.

"Estacado is the best team in our district," Steers had coach Brian Ellington noted following the loss. "They play some of the best man-to-man defense I have seen, which really makes it hard to execute your offense.'

At the two-minute mark of the first quarter, the Steers finally got on the scoreboard with Allen Jackson's assist to Arthur Belvin for a score after the Matadors has scored the game's first eight points.

Estacado answered by scoring six points in final minute of the period

Belvin scored another field goal and the newest member of the Steers varsity, Alvin Russell, added a three-pointer to leave Big Spring trailing 14-7 going into the second quarter.

The Steers would turn the ball over to Estacado eight times in the first eight minutes of the game as they tried to figure out a way around the Matadors tough, aggressive defense.

"The first quarter really hurt us," Ellington said. 'Our defense was holding them but we just could not take care of the ball. And to beat a team like Estacado, you have to take care of the ball."

Estacado would continue to control the game, as the Steers struggled to get their offense off the ground.

Big Spring would not score for the first five minutes of the second quarter. Belvin snapped the scoreless streak at the 3:00 mark with a field goal.

The Matadors owned a 24-13 edge at the halftime intermission.

The Steers returned to the court with an improved offensive scheme and almost matched Estacado tit-for-tat and trailed 36-24 going into the final eight



scores in the Steers' loss to Plainview last week. Belvin shared team-high honors Tuesday night, as the Steers suf-

minutes..

"We were able to press them for four quarters and disrupt their offense until they hit back to back threes which bumped their lead from nine to 15," Ellington noted. "I thought our kids played hard and did not back down."

fered a 53-38 loss to Lubbock Estacado's Matadors.

Estacado — Lewis 7, Irving 4, Lee 10, Wilkerson 7, Jones 6, Knighten 7, Butler 4, Porter 8:
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Belvin and Russell paced

Big Spring in scoring, each finishing with nine points. LUBBOCK ESTACADO 53,

STEERS 38 Big Spring — Greathouse 2, Russell 9, Jackson 4, Weaver 5, Belvin 9, Fleming 3, Watson 4, Nutting 2.

Oklahoma uses tough defense to top 'Huskers man for the Tigers (13-4, 3-1 The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oklahoma proved the old adage that defense wins basketball games.

The No. 5 Sooners held Nebraska without a field goal for nearly 13 minutes over the end of the first half and start of the second Wednesday night and beat the Cornhuskers 78-51 for their 13th consecutive victo-

In other Big 12 games Wednesday night, No. 21 Missouri beat Texas A&M 74-50, Baylor defeated Kansas State 73-70 and Colorado beat Iowa State 63-

"We really defended the last five minutes of the first half and the first part of the second half," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. 'That's about as good as we're going to defense.

Ebi Ere led the Sooners (14-1, 3-0 Big 12) with 16 points and Aaron McGhee had 13 points and 10 rebounds in the win at Lincoln, Neb. Oklahoma shot 50 percent (31-of-62) from the field while holding Nebraska to 16-for-65 shooting (24.6 percent), its worst percentage ever.

"Nebraska was_a good shooting team. That's how we scouted them — get a hand in their face and bother their shots," Ere said. "It's kind of hard to get shots when you've got hands in your face."

Brian Conklin had 14 points and John Robinson added 10 for Nebraska (8-7, 1-3), which had never lost by more than 25 points in the 26-year history of the Devaney Center.

Better shooting was the key for Missouri's win over the Aggies at Columbia, Mo. Guard Wesley Stokes made 6-of-8 shots for 13 points, ending a streak of seven games where the sophomore had been a dismal 8-for-41 from the floor.

He had started every game this season until last weekend's win at Kansas State and has no interest in becoming a full-time sixth Big 12). "I'm comfortable doing it,

but I'm not looking to carve out no spot playing the sixth man because I'm looking to start," Stokes said. "I feel that I should be, but Coach is doing it for reasons and I'm going to wait my turn."

The Tigers' preseason All-American, Kareem Rush. led Missouri with 15 points. Clarence Gilbert, whose hen running the point in Stokes' place, and Arthur Johnson each had 12.

Nick Anderson had 13 points for Texas A&M (6-11, 0-3), and Keith Bean added 10. The Aggies have lost 10 of their last 11 games.

At Waco three Baylor players converted on three one-and-one opportunities in the final seconds to lead the Bears over Kansas State

'There's no way to prepare for that situation," said coach Dave Bliss said. "All you can do is recruit good free throw shooters and hope they execute."

With the Bears leading 64-61 with 35 seconds remaining, John Lucas, Matt Sayman and Wendell Greenleaf provided Baylor (12-5, 2-2 Big 12) with six clutch free throws. Kansas State (6-8, 0-3) kept the score close in the final seconds as Larry Reid hit two 3-point-

Lawrence Roberts scored 20 points and Greenleaf added 15 for Baylor, which also got 14 points from Lucas and 11 from Sayman.

'The game came down to the last few minutes." Kansas State coach Jim Wooldridge said. "We put ourselves into a position to win but missed a couple of free throws and a dunk. Those were our opportuni-

Phineas Atchison's 16 points led Kansas State.

Stephane Pelle's shot with less than three seconds left lifted Colorado over Iowa

State at Boulder, Colo. David Harrison's 21 points and 15 rebounds led the Buffaloes (10-4, 1-2 Big 12), and Pelle added 12 points.

Sampras avoids Australian Open upset bug in third round

MELBOURNE. Australia (AP) -Pete Sampras avoided the growing pileup of injured and beaten players at the Australian Open and stayed on the path to a possible 14th Grand Slam crown.

Ordinarily, making the third round of a Grand Slam is no big deal for the former world No. 1. But with nine of the top 15 men, including the top five seeds, already ousted. Sampras took Thursday's 6-3, 7-5. 3-6. 6-4 win over Juan Ignacio Chela with some relief.

"Knock on wood, I'm still healthy," Sampras said.

He's the only player left in the field who reached the final at one of last year's four majors. He lost the U.S. Open final to Lleyton Hewitt last September.

"It's a sign of where the game is the game is very deep, a lot of great players," he said. "You see a lot of upsets, you're going to have guys that get hurt.

"It has been a pretty bizarre tournament, but it's happening and

you've got to move on. You can't be on his already injured right ankle. too consumed with everyone else and what's going on, just focus on my preparation and getting the job

the third round at Melbourne Park last year and said it was tough Sampras seemed to have more

trouble with his own errors than he did with Chela, serving most of his 12 double-faults in the third set and finishing with 42 unforced errors.

Serving for the match, Sampras sprayed successive forehands and backhands wide and lost at love to let Chela get on serve at 5-4.

But Sampras broke back and sealed it on his second match point when the Argentine missed a fore-No. 15 Arnaud Clement, last

year's losing finalist here, lost to Argentine Gaston Gaudio, and Andy Roddick, seeded 13th, also The 19-year-old American slipped

tried to continue and then limped off court when the pain became too

Roddick withdrew while trailing Sampras beat Chela in five sets in 6-7 (11), 2-3, giving Croat Ivan Ljubicic a spot in the third round.

Roddick had set point at 8-7 in the tiebreaker when he fell and landed awkwardly. Hobbling from point to point, unable to race forward to the net or backward to retrieve lobs, he needed treatment twice to continue.

Roddick hurt his ankle in the first round and had it strapped "like a cast" Thursday to avoid further damage. He quit when the trainer said he was risking serious injury.

"It's pretty crushing," Roddick said. "It's happened a little too much. It's just really dishearten-Ljubicic, ranked 37th, said he kept

100 percent intensity. "I played one of my best matches. I was very aggressive from the beginning," he said. "I wasn't expecting that he wouldn't finish."

Clement had 62 errors and lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3) to Gaudio, who had never gone beyond the first round in six previous Grand Slam appear-

No. 17 Carlos Moya became the 19th seeded player to exit the event when he lost 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 7-6 (5), 6-2 to Rainer Schuettler of Germany, who will now play No. 11 Roger Federer.

Federer trailed Hungarian Attila Savolt 2-4 in the third before winning four consecutive games and clinching a 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 victory.

In the first evening match, defending champion Jennifer Capriati dropped serve early in the third game of the second set and then won five straight games to beat Meilen Tu 6-1, 6-3.

"I got some good rhythm out there," said Capriati said of a hip injury. "It's not 100 percent, I still feel it a little bit. It's not recovering to the full extent yet, but I'll just keep resting it and getting lots of treatment and it'll be OK."

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as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 16. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water clear: 47 degrees; 3 low; Black bass to 4.5 pounds are slow on crankbalts in 2 - 12 feet. Striped bass to 22 inches are fair on crankbalts under birds. White bass to 14 inches are fair on crankbaits and silver slabs under birds. Crappie to 12 inches are slow on minnows and jigs in 5 - 25 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 16 inches are fair on minnows in 10 - 30 feet. Yellow catfish to 8 pounds are slow on minnows and shad in 10 -30 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 52-54 degrees; 1014.90'; Black bass are fair on 4" watermelon/red sliding weight Craw Fish, 1/4 oz. black/red Terminator Finesse Jigs with No. 23 Pork trailers and pumpkin Devil's Tongues on dropshot rigs around brushpiles and vertical structure in 6 - 12 feet. Striped bass are fair to good drifting live bait or trolling Curb's striper jigs and vertically jigging 1 oz. Pirk Minnows (some topwater action from. Shaw Island to Paradise Point). White bass are fair on 1/4 oz. Pirk Minnows and 2" Lit'l Fishie Shads in channels in 20 - 30 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows, chartreuse Curb's crappie jigs and red/chartreuse 1/32 oz. Solid Tubes in brushpiles in

PROCTOR: Water murky; 41 degrees; 1157.32; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are fair on shad. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are fair on shad and cut perch on trotlines

SOUTH AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 56 degrees; 48 low; Black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged watermelon seed worms, heavy jigs and crankbaits. Striped bass are good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande under birds. White bass are good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande under birds. Crappie are fair on live minnows up Devils River. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait in 60 - 80 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait.

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 45 degrees; Black bass are fair on slow-rolled spinnerbaits around the brush near points. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained: 52 degrees; 8 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear 72 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps and minnows. Redfish are good on cut shad and minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows and trotlines.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 56 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on goldfish and minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky; 52 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

NASWORTHY; Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs around the boathouses. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and goldfish. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 53 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair around docks on minnews. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and cut shad.

OH, IVIE: Water stained; 55 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits, jigs, and minnows. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs at 25-30 feet. Smallmouth bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows and cut shad.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 52 degrees; 5.5 low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water stained; 52 degrees; 7 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass to 20 pounds are fair on cutbait. Catfish to 30 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with shad and cutbait.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow. Crapple are good on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs at 20 feet. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and perch.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; 19.5 low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Crapple are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut shad and

WHITE RIVER: Water stained: 46 degrees; 22.5 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Walleye are slow. Catfish are fair on shad and minnows.

Growing Up in Atlanta

King as a Boy



Martin Luther King Jr. was popular with many people, black and white. But some people were engered by his views. At the age of 39, he was shot and idiled in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1988. He is buried at a site in Atlants not far from the neighborhood home where he grew up.

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GUIDE TO THE

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a leader in the struggle for equal rights for black citizens. He believed in using peaceful means to change

unfair segregation laws.

These laws segregated, or set apart, black people from other citizens. Blacks were not allowed in many public restaurants. They had to sit at the back of buses in some parts of the country.

Finally, Congress passed laws that gave black people many of the rights Dr. King had been working

Martin Luther King Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Ga. The third Monday in January has been set aside as a national holiday in his



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Susan: What do you get when you cross an

elephant and a fish?

Words and names that remind us of Martin Luther King Jr. are

hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward

or diagonally. See if you can: MARTIN, LUTHER, KING, HOME, RIGHTS, EQUAL, ATLANTA, BIRTHPLACE, EDUCATION, LAWS, CHURCH, PASTOR, GEORGIA, LEADER, AUBURN, HONOR.

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Sarah: Swimming trunks!

FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can

you guess the common theme or category?

Franklin: What day of the week do fish

hate the most?

Charlie: What do you call a fish that

takes a bath every day?

Jacob: Fryday!

Henry: A clean sardine!

Vhite House

As a boy

Martin Luther King Jr. was called "M.L." when he was growing up in Atlanta. His childhood was very much like that of many children growing up in the 1930s.

He enjoyed teasing his older sister, Christine. He also had a younger brother, A.D. He liked roller skating, bicycling,

baseball, basketball and books. M.L. did chores such as helping with dishes and hauling coal to keep the furnace going. He received an allowance of 25 cents a week. He also made money with a paper route.

His family

His mother was an elementary schoolteacher until she married. She was also a very good musician. She insisted that her children take piano lessons.

His grandmother encouraged his reading and praised him when he finished a book. Education was always stressed in the King home. An aunt who lived with the family read books and newspapers to him.

M.L. went to church every Sunday. He was expected to follow in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather. He later became co-pastor at the neighborhood Baptist church where both of them had served.

Supersport: Michelle Snow

Height: 6-5 Weight: 150 Birthdate: 3-20-80 College: Tennessee One of the stars of the University of Tennessee's women's basketball team is Michelle Snow. Among the things she is famous for is scoring two dunks in one season. She is just one of two women in college basketball history to do that.

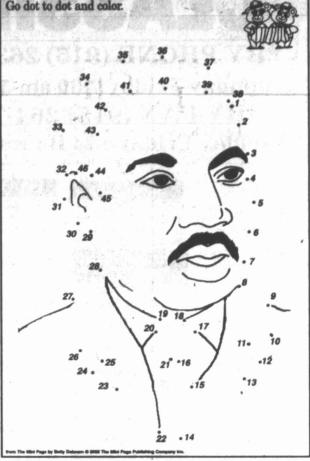
As a junior in high school, she helped her school win the

state championship. Michelle grew up with two brothers and two sisters in Pensacola, Fla. Her hobbies include reading and playing

She is studying sports management in college and will graduate this spring.

Goldie Goodsport's Report

sports such as volleyball. One of her favorite foods is shrimp. She plays the trombone.



Rookie Cookies Recipe **Cheese-Topped Taters**

You'll need: • 2 baking potatoes

• 1 cup cheddar cheese soup (undiluted) • 2 tablespoons sour cream

 1/2 teaspoon mustard · 1 cup chopped broccoli, cooked

What to do: 1. Pierce potatoes with a fork several times. Bake in a

preheated 400-degree oven for 40 minutes or until done. Or microwave the potatoes on high for 8 minutes or until done. Combine soup, sour cream and mustard in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes or until warm. Stir often. 3. Add broccoli and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until warm.

4. Split open the potatoes and pour equal amounts of cheese sauce on top of each one.

Meet Lil' Bow Wow



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Shad Gregory Moss is a popular singer better known by his performing name, Lil' Bow Wow. He is from Columbus, Ohio.

Now 14, he has been performing for more than half his life. When he was younger, he liked to go around the house singing. His first

Lil' Bow Wow is in the ninth grade but is taught by a tutor because he travels so much.

In his free time he likes playing video games and sports such as football and basketball. He likes Italian food and the Philadelphia 76ers. His favorite athlete is Allen Iverson.

When he is grown, he would like to be an actor. frigin The Mint Pippe by Blotty Gabelern & 2002 The Mint Page Publishing C

Let's Visit M.L. King's Neighborhood









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Here is a map of the two blocks around the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site. This map shows **2 4**(3) **6**

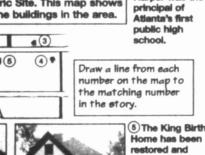


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6 Fire Station No. 6 engines that were used in the 1920s.



Martin Luther King Jr. is buried in a rble tomb in the middle of a wa



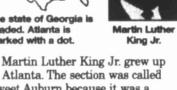




pastor of the church for 44 years. He



shaded Atlanta is



in Atlanta. The section was called Sweet Auburn because it was a bustling black neighborhood with many successful businesses and well-to-do families. M.L.'s boyhood home and two

blocks around it have been made into a national historic site. Some of the homes in the area are being restored.

Thousands of people visit the community each year to find out more about this great civil rights leader. Today, the area around these two blocks is still a busy part of the



active community. Most of the buildings in the national historic site are privately d and occupied and are not oper to the public

Next week, The Mini Page gets ready for the Olympics with a story about the Great Salt Lake and the city named for it.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Mars, your ruler,

enters Aries. You could

become a force to be dealt

with. You might even need

to harness your energy, or

else you could say or do

something that causés a.

misunderstanding. Clear

out work. Your destiny is

outside of work. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May

20)**** Move quickly to

make what you desire a

reality today. Clear your

desk and complete work

with your customary effi-

ciency. Later, you could

find anger brewing and

misunderstandings ram-

pant. Note when anger

builds within you in the

next few weeks. Tonight:

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Keep focused on work,

remembering you would

like to spring out the door.

Don't reject a last-minute

suggestion or invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July

22)**** Your sense of what

needs to be done could be

altered by new information

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push someone so hard; you

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Keep smiling. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Surprises surround your path. If not today, then in the near future, a blast might move, remodel your from your past could appear. Return calls, even if a message sounds strange! A co-worker might discuss certain matters that make you most uncomfortable. Tonight: Take off. Try exot-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You could feel like there is something askew. Your ruler goes retrograde today, draining you of energy. Someone will chip in for you, if you ask. By all means, don't stand on ceremony. Others are only too happy to pitch in. Think before you leap! Tonight: Let someone cook up the you both want from your ideas

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Use available energy to dot the I's and cross the T's in a project. Confusion surrounds a message. Do not stand on ceremony with a loved one. You discover what a sensitive and accepting person you're relating to. Use care with others in the next few weeks. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Carefully listen to someone who spouts ideas. Loosen up, and enjoy those in your life. Think about planning a reunion with friends. A former friend or lover pops into your life. Be gentle with a family member. This person really is sensitive. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** You're coming from a secure point, where you might want to try something very different. Others become highly reactive today and for the next few weeks. Oddly enough, you have a bee in your bonnet, and you will be difficult to stop. Tonight: Playtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** Make calls. You might not be as comfortable Focus surrounds groups, as you would like to be commitments and meetings. with a family member or Be especially thoughtful to roommate. Be gentle when Toright: Fellow your tion. Success will come people. We are asking the off. battle might make you feel good but won't offer the same results. Tonight:

> March on home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** You understand exactly what you need to. Remember the old adage about sugar working better than vinegar. Approach someone as positively as possible. In fact, in the next few weeks, you seem to find the right words for the occasion. Tonight: Socialize

with your friends. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)***** Use your energy to clear your desk. Handle interpersonal matters as soon as you can. You will find that others could become out of sorts in the next few weeks. You will tend to take comments personally as well. Be careful as to promises you make. Tonight: Treat someone to

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Fundamental flaws in judiciary system can be corrected

Dear Ann Landers: As long as this country has capital punishment, we must, make every effort to reduce the danger of wrongful



death sentences. The Constitution Project in Washington, D.C., has created a bipartisan death penalty initiative consisting of supporters and opponents of the death penalty. The members include law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, prison officials, victim advocates, religious leaders and journal-

ists such as you, Ann. Our country's death penalty system has been called into question. Too many convicted people have had incompetent, drunk attorneys, some of whom have been known to fall asleep during the proceedings. Nearly 100 inmates have been released because DNA or other evidence cleared them. The Constitution Project has reached agreement on 18 major reforms to help appearance of strangers. ensure that this country They are ignorant clods. does not execute the wrong and I'm glad you told them with persistence. Going to federal and state governments to adopt these recom-

mendations: Engage better lawyers for poor people facing the death penalty.

Require prosecutors to turn over all the evidence in a case

juveniles and those who are mentally handicapped.

Provide DNA testing that could prove a defendant's innocence.

Eliminate legal technicalities that could prevent the freeing of innocent deathrow inmates.

Whether they support or oppose the death penalty, we hope your readers will want to learn more about the fundamental flaws in our current system and how we can fix them. Our report is available at www.constitutionproject.or g. Please tell your readers about it. - Charles F. Baird, Former Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals; Gerald Kogan, Former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the State of Florida; Beth A. Wilkinson, Prosecutor, Oklahoma City bombing case

Dear Judges Baird of Texas, Kogan of Florida and Prosecutor Wilkinson: Your letter is one of the most important that has ever appeared in this space. It could save lives.

I am strictly opposed to the death penalty, no matter how heinous the crime. Unfortunately, 10 or 20 years after an execution, a confession often emerges from a criminal who is conscience-stricken or terminally ill. Alas — too late. However, even those who favor the death penalty should support your recommendations. They are compassionate and sensible.

Dear Ann Landers: I am eight months pregnant with my second child, and if I hear someone say, "You look like you're ready to pop," one more time, I won't be responsible for my actions. I will probably gain the same amount of weight as I did with my first child. which is normal, according

to my doctor. I cannot understand why people don't realize it is extremely rude to comment on a pregnant woman's size.

The last person who made the "pop" comment almost got an earful from me about her rudeness, but I held my tongue. Now, I am getting these comments daily. Other than wearing a sign that says, "No, I'm not having twins," is there anything I can say? Pregnant and Normal in Tennessee

Dear P and N in Tennessee: Most of those inept clods are simply trying to be friendly. Somehow, pregnant women seem "approachable." If you can no longer tolerate the inane and vulgar comments, dead silence and a stony glare are more effective than anything you might say. Try it. It works.

Dear Ann Landers: I've learned a lot over the years by reading your column. Today is "give-back time." Consider this a huge "thanks" to both you and H.N. in San Francisco, who wrote about people who make personal comments regarding the physical

I am 4 feet 10 inches tall and weigh 100 pounds. Of course, I look young for my age. Not a day passes without somebody commenting on how "tiny" I am. Worse vet are people who say. "How old are you? You look about 12." For years, I have End the executions of blown off these remarks with a meek smile and silence. Now, I would love to have a snappy comeback for these rude morons. Could you supply one? — A Runt in Burlington, Vt.

> Dear Vermont (I refuse to call you "Runt." You've had enough of that.): Comments noting that a person is shorter, taller, heavier or thinner than average are rude and almost always hurtful — even though they are accepted with silence or a lame smile. The best response is NO response just a look that conveys the message, "You are an idiot," followed by a change of subject.

Dear Ann Landers: My cousin has been engaged to "Ralph" since June. They planned an October wedding, but called it off for one reason or another. Five days later, they set a new date. I bought a dress and shoes. Now, the wedding has been postponed again.

What do I do when they set another date? At some point, I will have to purchase airline tickets, make hotel reservations, arrange for a baby-sitter for the weekend and buy them a wedding gift. I would hate to spend all that money only to have them call it off again. What do you say? -Melbourne, Fla.

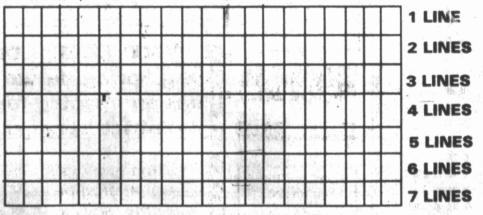
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Terry Hansen Executive Vice President Howard College 1001 Birdwell Lane

Big Spring, Texas 79720 Bids will be opened and tabulated in the Board Room at Student Union Building 1001 Birdwell lane, Big Spring, TX. Federal excise and state sales taxes are not to be included in bid. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished to the successful bidder. All bids must be submitted on

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Today is Thursday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2002. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty-five years ago, on Jan. 17, 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

On this date:

In 1706, Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70. In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdi-

cate. In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II.

In 1945, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thou-

sands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1946, the U.N. Security

Council held its first meeting. In 1961, in his farewell address, President Eisenhower warned against

the rise of "the militaryindustrial complex. In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5 to 4, that the private use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs did not

laws. In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 61 people.

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In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

Ten years ago: President Bush laid a wreath at the crypt of Martin Luther King Jr. in Atlanta. Eight Protestant laborers were killed in an IRA bombing in Northern Ireland.

Five years ago: Speaker Newt Gingrich agreed to submit to a reprimand by the House and pay a \$300,000 penalty as punishment for his ethics violations. Israel handed over its military headquarters in Hebron to the Palestinians, ending 30 years of Israeli occupation of the West

Bank city. Today's Birthdays: Actress Betty White is 80. Ballerinaactress Moira Shearer is 76. Singer-actress Eartha Kitt is 75. Actor James Earl Jones is 71. Actress Sheree North is 69. Talk show host Maury Povich is 63. Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The Delfonics) is 57. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sheila Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 49. Singer Steve Earle is 47.



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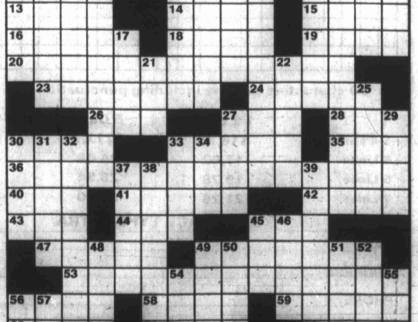
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