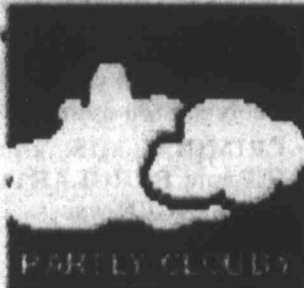


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WEATHER

Tonight:



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YMCA sets fund-raiser for Monday

The YMCA will hold a fund-raising Aerobathon on Monday and the public is welcome to workout at the Y.

YMCA aerobic instructors Kim Evans, Lisa Dimidjian, Laurie Barraza, Belinda Wyman and Mandy Bingham will hold 20 minute sessions each of kick boxing, pump step, cardio and abs-plus from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The cost to workout is \$5 for non-YMCA members and free to Y members.

Money raised from the event will go towards the YMCA aerobics program. Every \$5 donation will earn two opportunities to receive several prizes including a free check-up and teeth cleaning by Dr. John Myers, a massage, a manicure, candles, a free membership to the YMCA and more.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Evans at 267-8234.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Boss HOG Chili Cookoff, Harley Davidson Shop. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Entry fee \$20 per team. Judging at 1 p.m. Chili and music \$5 per person.

□ American Legion Post 506, located at 3203 W. Hwy 80, will have a fish fry from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6 per plate. Carry out available. Phone 263-2085. Everyone welcome.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First St.

□ Eagles Lodge will have a pot luck supper at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

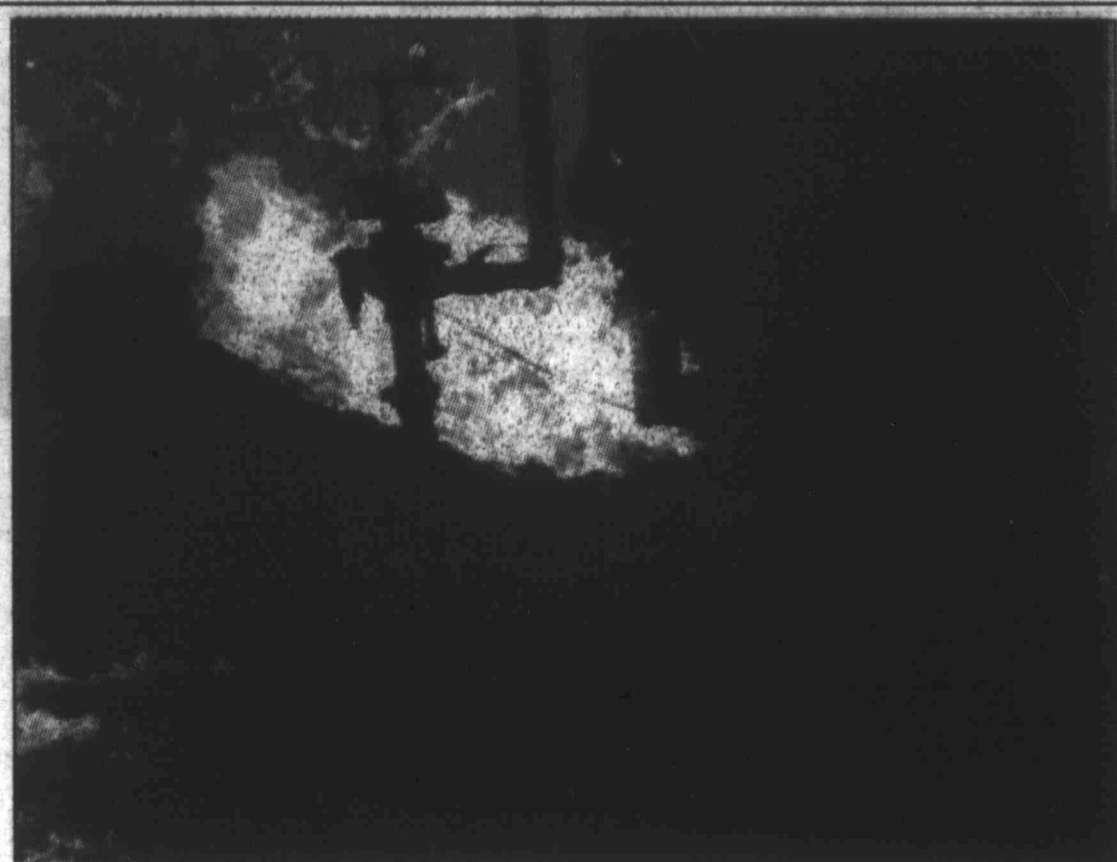
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An explosion of an oil well heater treater in the area of County Road 17 and County Road 40 was quickly extinguished by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Thursday evening. The explosion created a mushroom cloud that could be seen from the Big Spring Refinery.

Fire causes brief scare, but it's quickly put out

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Piping failure was ruled the cause of an explosion at an oil well site located in north Howard County Thursday evening.

"Piping failure on a heater treater released the gas/oil product," said Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department chief.

According to Sullivan, gas vapors drifted over to the control panel of the heater treater and were ignited by the electricity of the panel. A heater treater heats oil pumped from the ground by the pump jack, separating water from the oil product that is then sent to the storage tank, Sullivan said.

A call came in about 5:45 p.m. of an explosion — possibly of an oil rig — from a resident near the site,

Sullivan said. The oil well is located on County Road 17 just north of County Road 40.

"A resident that lived half a mile away heard the explosion and called it in," said Sullivan.

The explosion left a black mushroom cloud that could be seen at the Big Spring refinery.

"When I received the call I was in Sand Springs at the training center at the refinery," Sullivan said. "I looked over the refinery and saw the mushroom cloud."

The volunteer fire department responded with four engines initially, but Sullivan said he called off three after arriving at the scene.

Six fire personnel

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Relay for Life

Time for teams to begin forming

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Special to the Herald

A new year has begun, and that officially starts the countdown to the 2002 American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Scheduled May 10-11 at Blankenship Field, this community camp-out brings together people from all corners of Howard and Glasscock counties with a common goal — fighting cancer.

The committee coordinating this popular event met Monday night to jump-start preparations that will kick into high gear in coming months. But committee members said now is a perfect time for teams to begin forming.

Any business, church group, family, scout troop or school group that would like to participate can take the first step by choosing a team captain. That person needs to get an information packet from Gloria McDonald, chair of team recruitment.

They can stop by her office, McDonald Realty at 611 Runnels, or call her at 263-7615 or 263-4835.

"If they are a first-time team leader, I'd love to talk to them about the packet, to explain some things in it and to answer their questions," McDonald said. "It can be confusing at first, but we want them to under-

stand just how easy it is to have a team and be successful."

The next step is to contact your team members and plan your fund-raising strategy. Starting early is a plus, said event chair Diane Wood.

"We have so many teams now and so many people participating throughout the community, that starting early gives you a real advantage," Wood said. "You can get your fund-raisers going now, before most other teams do."

Be creative in planning ways to raise money, Wood said.

"You might sell meals or have a special dinner with proceeds going to your team," she said. Some teams have held sales of everything from baked goods to ice cream sundaes, along with garage sales, car washes and raffles.

Regular team captains' meetings will begin a few months from now, to help explain and coordinate such vital parts of Relay as the luminarias, which honor victims and survivors of cancer. Candles in the luminaria sacks ring the field, extend into the stands and are lit as darkness falls in a moving ceremony.

When May 10 rolls around, all the team has to do is pitch a tent and put on their walking shoes. One person from each team should plan to be circling the track during the entire event. Entertainment and activities, along with

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Kesley Jones, Stanton Elementary School fourth-grader, gives her goat Blondie a quick clip Thursday at the Martin County Community Center. Jones planned to show Blondie in the county's livestock show today.

Entries numbers are up for annual livestock show

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Blondie put up with his haircut pretty well, for a goat.

Fourth grader Kesley Jones of Stanton was clipping the goat's coat at the Martin County Community Center Thursday prior to that county's annual livestock show scheduled for today.

"We're clipping it, so it'll make him look better," Jones said.

Jones, the daughter of Martin County Cooperative Extension Agent Sonya Jones, said she's been rais-

ing Blondie for two years.

The most challenging part of the experience?

"Washing him," she said. "Because he don't stand still."

Lee Howard, Martin County's Cooperative Extension Agent, said the show is shaping up well.

"So far, so good," he said. "Our numbers are up quite a bit. We've got 75 exhibitors, 160 boar hogs, 30 lambs, about a dozen steers and 73 goats. The numbers are up. The goats are up about 30 head, and the hogs are up 30 head. We're not one of the biggest shows in

the area, but I think we're a pretty successful show."

The annual show has been around quite a while, he said.

"Oh, I guess ever since they've had God and kids and 4-H and FFA," he said. "It's been a long time. I'm just a short-timer around here so I really can't answer that."

Raising and showing livestock is a great experience for children and teens, Howard said.

"Showing livestock with FFA and 4-H, it's a family

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As winter arrives, Coats for Kids project in need

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A successful drive by Coats for Kids last year, coupled with clement weather in the Crossroads area left very little need for coats in the community.

With cooler weather visiting the area, the need has returned. "We had a lot of coats left over from last year's drive," said Mel Prather, organizer of the drive. "We collected about 850 coats and it didn't get cold this year. Now it is getting cold and we're going through coats very fast."

The teachers and faculty at Big Spring High School decided to help by collecting \$142 and forwarding along four donated coats brought to the school. The

school fund-raiser was held in December.

"This year, the staff and faculty collected money to donate to the Coats for Kids drive instead of purchasing Christmas presents for the principals," said Judy Tereletsky, high school art teacher.

According to Prather, all sizes of coats are needed because the drive also furnishes the warm winter wear for senior citizens and for the homeless. Other clothing items are welcome, he added.

"There is a big need for shoes," especially for children who tend to grow out of shoes quickly, Prather said.

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Mel Prather, organizer of the Coats for Kids drive, receives a \$142 donation and four coats from Judy Tereletsky, representing the Big Spring High School faculty and staff. The coat drive is under way for a second year and donations can be taken to the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry; the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third; Comet Cleaners, FM 700 and Virginia; and Kothmann's Klassic Kleaners, 2107 Gregg St.

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Former Enron executive resigns from Public Utilities Commission

DALLAS (AP) — The state's top utility regulator, a former Enron Corp. executive whose boss donated money to Gov. Rick Perry following the appointment, has quit amid congressional investigations over the company's financial meltdown, according to The Dallas Morning News' Friday editions.

Mario Max Yzaguirre, formerly president of Houston-based Enron's operations in Mexico, told the Republican

governor Thursday he was resigning after weeks of turmoil over his selection.

Sources familiar with the decision told the newspaper on condition of anonymity that Yzaguirre's appointment as Public Utility Commission chairman had become a political liability and would continue to be raised by opponents trying to damage Perry's election effort.

Yzaguirre, who was appointed chairman by

Perry in June, did not return a telephone call early Friday from The Associated Press.

A spokeswoman for Perry, who is running this year for a full term as governor, declined Thursday to discuss Yzaguirre's situation.

"The governor maintains that Max Yzaguirre is qualified and was qualified at the time of his appointment to serve on the commission," said spokeswoman Kathy Wait. "He has been a fair

and balanced voice."

Critics had questioned the former Enron executive's connections with the now-bankrupt company, including a \$25,000 campaign contribution to Perry from Enron chairman Kenneth Lay a day after the appointment.

Perry has said the donation so close to the selection was "totally coincidental."

Yzaguirre, in his initial application, Mr. Yzaguirre said he had headed Enron's

operations in Mexico. As news reports mounted over Enron's financial troubles last year, he amended the report to list several other Enron affiliates, which he said he had forgotten.

In December, Democrats criticized the governor's office for blanking out parts of Yzaguirre's criminal record, which included a federal fine for killing an endangered whooping crane in 1989.

Democratic gubernatorial

candidate Tony Sanchez on Thursday said \$220,000 in campaign contributions to Perry from Enron executives since 1994 raised doubts about whether there can be an impartial investigation over the impact of Enron's collapse on the state's finances.

It is uncertain what effect Enron's federal bankruptcy filing will have on debts owed to the General Land Office and the state comptroller.

Pregnant rancher kills illegal immigrant intruder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An undocumented immigrant looking for something to eat was shot and killed by a pregnant woman in her Edwards County ranch home, border officials said.

Police believe Gonzalo Lopez Castaneda, 32, and two other immigrants, were looking for food in the woman's kitchen on Tuesday when he was shot once in the chest with a hunting rifle.

Lopez had worked on an area ranch and was returning there after going to Mexico for Christmas, Edwards County Sheriff

Don Letsinger said.

The ranch where he was killed is about 50 miles from the Texas-Mexico border.

The case will be turned over to the district attorney.

The sheriff and Mexican consular officials said the woman woke from a nap to find two men trying to cut through a window screen and a third, Lopez, standing in her kitchen after apparently kicking in the back door.

San Antonio Attorney J.A. Garcia, who represents the Mexican Consulate, said the two other immigrants told him they overheard Lopez

and the woman seconds before the shooting.

"They could hear Lopez telling the woman they were hungry as she became hysterical," Garcia told the San Antonio Express News for its Friday editions. "They heard the lone shot and both ran."

"It is an unfortunate incident where another undocumented alien is looking for food and made the mistake of actually breaking into a home."

The two other men were being held as material witnesses in Edwards County Jail.

The shooting, which happened about 80 miles northeast of Del Rio, near Rocksprings, marks the latest casualty in the region plagued by violence involving immigrants and Texans trying to protect their property.

"We are aware there is tension out there," said Dennis Smith, a spokesman for the Border Patrol's Del Rio Sector. "We tell (property owners) not to take the law into their own hands."

At least eight times in the last three years, area residents have shot immigrants. Two have died.

Three dead after plane crashes into house in Temple

TEMPLE (AP) — The crash of a twin-engine plane that slammed into a Central Texas house has killed three people, including a New Mexico man, and injured two others.

A fire that erupted in the unoccupied house after Thursday's crash was quickly brought under control.

Law officers identified the dead as Carl Huff, 47, and Angela Hallam, 17, both of Dickinson; and Leroy Vanantwerp, 34, of Williamsburg, N.M.

One man was dead at the scene, said Temple police Lt. Edward Best. Hallam and the other man were pronounced dead at Scott and White Memorial Hospital.

"We heard cries from inside the aircraft. A fellow stumbled out and fell."

—Eugene Hoover, area resident

Cecilio Robles, 20, of Aransas Pass and Jason Osborn, 23, of La Marque were both in fair condition early Friday morning at Scott and White, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"We have no idea of what caused the plane to go down," said Sgt. Steve Mosley, head of the Temple Police Department's detective division.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board in San Antonio and the Federal Aviation Administration were

reviewing evidence in the crash.

Huff was believed to be the pilot. The plane was thought to be en route from Houston to Killeen, Mosley said.

The 1979 Cessna 340 slammed into the front of the house shortly after 3 p.m., coming to rest on its belly with its nose inside the structure. Witnesses said it struck a small power line.

Bo Harvey, who lives alone in the house, was at

work when the plane crashed.

"We heard cries from inside the aircraft," said Eugene H. Hoover, who lives across the street from the crash site. "A fellow stumbled out and fell."

He said neighbors and passers-by rushed to the aircraft to help.

A witness at a nearby school said she saw a small plane flying at tree level just before the crash.

Charlotte Carpenter, a sign language interpreter at Thornton Elementary School, told the Temple Daily Telegram that the plane made a sharp turn just before the crash, and then she saw a large plume of smoke.

Texas prison escapee says Hawkins should have waited for backup

DALLAS (AP) — The second prison escapee to be tried in an Irving police officer's shooting death has testified he fired repeatedly at a target he thought was the lawman who had interrupted a sporting goods store heist.

But inmate Donald Newbury said that officer Aubrey Hawkins was partly at fault for his own death because he should have had a backup with him.

"I believe that if street cops would have

been trained better, this situation never would have occurred," Newbury was quoted as telling Colorado police in his official statement, which was read to a jury Thursday. "The officer should not have approached seven armed individuals without waiting on back-up."

Newbury made the statement after he and Patrick Murphy surrendered Jan. 24, 2001, in Colorado, six weeks after they escaped from a South Texas prison, police said.

The jury was expected to begin deliberating Newbury's fate today after hearing closing arguments. Newbury, 39, faces a capital murder charge in Hawkins' Christmas Eve, 2000 slaying.

George Rivas, confessed ringleader of the gang, was convicted and sentenced to death in August.

Newbury and five other escapees were accused of robbing an Oshman's Sporting Goods store and then shooting Hawkins 11

times as they fled. The officer's body was hit by bullets from five weapons.

"I saw someone get out of the police car dressed in blue and come running towards the Explorer carrying a gun," Newbury said in the written statement he dictated to a detective. "I thought it was the officer so I fired three rounds at him..."

Jonathan Allen of the Colorado Springs Police Department said Newbury voluntarily made the statement.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB, on its first talent show fund-raiser held Thursday evening.

BOBBY HILL AND JANE JONES, named Man and Woman of the Year at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

ALON, which donated \$10,000 to purchase computer systems for 12 local students.

KATIE WALKER, new Howard County family and consumer science agent with the Texas Cooperative Extension.

MYRA ROBINSON, owner of Robinson Drilling, for receiving the Permian Basin Petroleum Association's Top Hand Award.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I have recently moved to Big Spring from California. My father left me his home here and since I was able to sell my home and business in California for more than I could this house here, I decided to move here as the cost of living would certainly be better and enable me to live a more full life with more money for the things that I like to do.

Then reality set in! I have Medicare here, as I did in California. However, I was also covered by Blue Cross 65 Plus, for people over 65. The money that Medicare deducted from my monthly check, was sent directly to Blue Cross. They took care of all of my medical needs, for a co-payment of \$25 for office visits and an additional amount for any medication. My co-payment for all of my medication for a month amounted to \$85. I had no idea that when I moved to Texas, everything would change so drastically. It is my understanding that, not only do I still have to pay Medicare, in addition I have to pay an additional

\$120, and ALL of the cost of my medications, which come to approximately \$300 each month. So now my cost to protect myself, so that I can live longer and have less to spend, is \$470 for each month that I can survive. Since my Social Security check is \$900, how can I justify paying almost 50 percent of my income for my health needs?

I am sure that I am not the only person facing these costs! But I'm wondering why I bothered moving back to Texas. I really loved living in California these past years. And, I won't be achieving my goal of having more money to spend on myself.

I really hope that the people elected to listen to the people who are the majority of Americans will hear our pleas for realistic ways to give us our life back for whatever time we have left. I am a single woman who has spent most of her life supporting herself, and am very disappointed to find that I did all that work and planning for nothing.

RUTH M. GREER
BIG SPRING

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'Everybody look what's going down'

"There's something happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear ... It's time we stop, children, what's that sound Everybody look what's goin' down." — Buffalo, Springfield

In New York City last year, about 3,000 people died in the attack on the World Trade Center. In New York City last year, 30,000 people came to the new federal limits on welfare.

Another 19,000 will lose assistance this year. New York has lost 95,000 jobs since Sept. 11. It lost 75,000 jobs in the year before that. There are now 30,000 people in the city shelters.

Now find the numbers for your town. In Austin, the only organization that provides help to women with breast cancer and no health insurance has just cut its staff from 30 to six, with an equal impact on the help that can be offered. Homelessness is up, shelter populations are up, food distribution centers and soup kitchens are overwhelmed.

And all this is happening in a cruel synergy of inattention, indifference and the final fraying of the social safety net. Charities are overwhelmed and sud-

dently vastly underfunded in large part as a consequence of the complete focus on the victims of Sept. 11. The federal government, largely under Republican control, is dealing with war, terrorism and recession. State governments, with far less attention, are out of money, running into deficits and cutting services across the board. Texas, with another year to go before the biannual budget battle, is declaring it can no longer afford its small share of the federal CHIP, children's health insurance program.

At the beginning of the 1990s, the states raised their taxes, and toward the end of the '90s, they cut their taxes. But the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reports, they didn't cut the same taxes they had raised. "Increases in regressive taxes — that is, taxes like the sales tax, which bear most heavily on lower- and moderate-income families — by and large were never reversed. Instead, states cut taxes that bear most heavily on upper-income families," reported Paul Krugman. "The end result was a redistribution of the tax burden away from the haves toward the have-nots. A family earning, say, \$30,000 per year pays considerably more in state taxes than a family the same constant-dollar income did in 1990, while a family earning \$600,000 per year pays considerably less."

But attention is not being paid. The media, with their

One Big Story obsession, just got off the war in Afghanistan long enough to start reporting Enron. Networks still devote daily remembrance to the traumas of Sept. 11, effectively obliterating other needs.

And there is something else happening as well. Thirty-eight percent of the tax cut of last April went to benefit the wealthiest 1 percent of taxpayers. We are at a curious point in our political debate where anyone who points that out is accused of "fomenting class warfare." Actually, reporting that the wealthiest 1 percent got 38 percent of the benefits is not fomenting class warfare — passing a tax cuts that gives 38 percent to the wealthiest 1 percent is fomenting class warfare. Likewise, proposing an "economic stimulus package" of which 92 percent of the benefits are tax cuts for huge corporations is fomenting class warfare.

And this is a country that needs to be a little nervous about class warfare as economic pain bites in. There have been some stories pointing out that this recession is an oddity in that, unlike a normal recession, it is hitting all classes — largely because of the dot.com bust. Bright college graduates lose jobs and have to move back in with mom and dad. But that's not the same as the working poor losing their jobs, is it?

Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor, is in fiscal crisis. According to The New York Times, overall Medicaid

spending went up by 11 percent last year, just as the state faced huge deficits.

We live in a society in which the bad stuff flows downhill, and the people on the bottom are drowning in it. This is not a story to which the corporate media pay attention. Bad demographics doesn't attract advertisers — not upbeat, no patriotism, too busy with Russell Crowe's love life.

As anyone who is involved in raising money for a non-profit organization these days knows, the flying bombs that hit on Sept. 11 also landed on every helping organization in America with a huge impact. Budgets, staff, services, facilities — all slashed. And at the top, those with the power, those who make the decisions, are too far away to even see what is happening in the streets, insulated by multiplying multiples of their incomes.

After six years as governor of Texas, George W. Bush was infuriated by a federal report ranking Texas No. 1 in hunger. "You'd think the governor would have heard if there are pockets of hunger in Texas," he said. Well, Texas had been No. 1 in hunger since the feds started keeping count in the 1960s — it's a permanent condition here, but the governor had never seen it.

"We better stop, hey, what's that sound Everybody look what's going down."



Words Anderson never wrote in audit

"These conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern." These are words

Arthur Andersen LLP never wrote in its audit of Enron Corp. The phrase is standard accounting terminology that appears on numerous audits filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Usually, the phrase appears on the SEC financial filings of small, underfinanced companies and, occasionally, on the filings of larger companies that have fallen on hard times. It is the ultimate "buyer beware" warning.

Even with such a warning, investors buy the affected stocks, and sometimes they win — and sometimes they lose. That's what investors do.

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Likewise, the affected companies whose stock is being traded sometimes meet expectations and sometimes do not. That is what companies do. But the either-or scenario is not in play for auditors. They are there to fairly report the financial conditions of the companies they audit.

The audit is the single most important financial tool used by investors when they decide to invest. True, the potential viability of a company's products creates an expectation of earnings, but the financial condition of the company tells the investor whether there is a likelihood of reaching earnings goals without the infusion of additional capital or debt financing.

The problem with capital infusions is that they dilute the stock, which means, for example, that a company with 30 million shares of stock outstanding that sells an additional 30 million shares of stock to raise money will have diluted its stock by 50 percent. So, if the stock had been selling at \$10.00 per share with 30 million shares outstanding, it in all likelihood would

sell for \$5 per share with 60 million shares outstanding.

Debt financing, on the other hand, is both risky and potentially dilutive. It is risky because the company is banking on the come, and if the earnings fail to materialize, the company will either be taken over by its lender or be compelled to sell more stock to pay the lender, which brings us full circle back to the dilution factor.

Investors think about these things before they invest.

They rely upon audits. Audits level the playing field because they are public information filed with the SEC. So important is the audit that in mid-2000, the NASDAQ required all NASDAQ's OTC Bulletin Board companies to become "fully reporting," which means they must file annual audited financials with the SEC. This rule added thousands of companies to the audited rolls.

Which brings us back to Enron. Enron's management may have mismanaged or worse. Investigations are underway. But investors have

two primary lines of interest. First, if company insiders used non-public information to buy or sell Enron stock, or disseminated the information to others who traded in the stock, they will have committed a crime.

The second route open to investors is to go after Enron's auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, one of the five largest accounting firms in the nation.

Because Enron has filed the largest bankruptcy in American history, the question is, where was the "going concern" warning? By all accounts, the auditors reported Enron earnings that did not exist. Investors relied upon the audit.

Clearly, Arthur Andersen was either duped or negligent. Either way, Arthur Andersen is responsible.

The following is written above Arthur Andersen LLP's signature on Enron's annual audit: "In our opinion, the financial statements referenced to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Enron Corp. and subsidiaries ..."

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WASHINGTON
More than \$700,000 in cash donations from Enron Corp. members of several congressional committees, after the collapse of the lawmaking ed to drop out of

That doesn't seem like an achievement worth watching. "If every member of Congress had themselves from tion or any busi ing any one of the Congress would screaming halt, Cronin, spoke Common Cause.

Instead, senators are of Enron's money.

Among the 11 special investigation committees, Republican sena Gramm and K Hutchinson, are biggest benefici Houston-based company's contributi

Hutchinson, who Senate Committee, accep from Enron f through 2001.

Thursday she wo \$100,000 to a charity for laid-off at Enron, which bankruptcy Dec. said she wo involved in inv Enron.

"I am deeply about the situation Enron employ retirees have for selves, especially their pensions benefits," she sa are my constitu they have borne of the problem at

Gramm, the for man of the Senate Committee, \$97,350. He is a GOP member on and also sits on Finance Committe committees hav Enron investigati

Gramm's wife, on Enron's board committee and named in a la investors against executives and di "He has not seen of the proposed and has yet to m sion" on taki Gramm spokesm Neal said.

The Texas senat retiring in Janu began returning campaign donat that probably Enron donations.

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Lawmakers investigating Enron have accepted \$700,000-plus in donations from the company

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than \$700,000 in campaign donations has gone from Enron Corp. to the members of seven congressional committees investigating its collapse, but none of the lawmakers has decided to drop out of the probe. That doesn't surprise government watchdogs.

"If every member of Congress had to recuse themselves from any legislation or any business affecting any one of their donors, Congress would come to a screeching halt," said Jeff Cronin, spokesman for Common Cause.

Instead, senators and representatives are getting rid of Enron's money.

Among the 118 congressional investigators on the committees, Texas' two Republican senators, Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, are the two biggest beneficiaries of the Houston-based energy company's contributions.

Hutchison, who sits on the Senate Commerce Committee, accepted \$99,500 from Enron from 1989 through 2001. She said Thursday she would donate \$100,000 to a charitable organization for laid-off workers at Enron, which declared bankruptcy Dec. 2. She also said she would stay involved in investigating Enron.

"I am deeply concerned about the situation in which Enron employees and retirees have found themselves, especially regarding their pensions and other benefits," she said. "These are my constituents and they have borne the brunt of the problem at Enron."

Gramm, the former chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, received \$97,350. He is the senior GOP member on the panel and also sits on the Senate Finance Committee. Both committees have begun Enron investigations.

Gramm's wife, Wendy, is on Enron's board and audit committee and has been named in a lawsuit by investors against Enron executives and directors.

"He has not seen the scope of the proposed hearings and has yet to make a decision" on taking part, Gramm spokesman Larry Neal said.

The Texas senator, who is retiring in January, has begun returning his 2002 campaign donations, and that probably includes Enron donations, Neal said.

Enron donated to 71 senators and 188 representatives

TEXANS WHO BENEFITTED

Enron individual and company contributions from 1989 through 2001 to Texas members of Congress who are on committees investigating the company's collapse. (Some members are listed on more than one committee. Some returned contributions, but they still appear in the Federal Election Commission records).

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Senate Banking Committee

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Phil Gramm, R, \$97,350

Source: Committee for Responsive Politics, Federal Election Commission records.

—nearly half of Congress— according to the Center for Responsive Politics. The 118 Senate and House members on the seven committees accepted \$722,749 from the company or its officials, according to an Associated Press analysis of the center's data. Since the analysis was done, three more committees have begun investigations.

Larry Noble, executive director of the center, said the lawmakers were in a less vulnerable position than Attorney General John Ashcroft, who removed himself from the Justice Department's investigation because he received more than \$57,000 in Enron donations for his unsuccessful 2000 Senate re-election campaign.

"The attorney general is prosecuting Enron," Noble said. "These committees are not adjudicating anything or prosecuting anything per se."

Some lawmakers are moving to distance themselves from Enron by returning the donations or giving like amounts to charity.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., a member of the Commerce Committee who received \$2,705, will donate an equivalent amount to Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City.

"He just wants to avoid any question in any possible hearings he'll be involved in," spokesman Erik Hotmire said.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., received \$2,000. "I don't feel at all compro-

mised," said the senator, who is leading the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee's Enron investigation.

Lieberman's former chief of staff, Michael Lewan, lobbied for Enron earlier this year, holding three meetings with the senator's staff but not with Lieberman. Lewan remains a political adviser to the senator, but Lieberman spokesman Dan Gerstein said that would have no impact on the investigation.



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Enron, auditor Andersen point fingers at each other

WASHINGTON (AP) — Enron Corp. and its auditor, Arthur Andersen, are trying to pin responsibility on each other for allowing questionable financial practices to continue and push Enron toward bankruptcy. Enron abruptly fired Andersen, citing its destruction of thousands of documents and its accounting advice.

Sniping back, Andersen said Thursday its relationship with Enron ended in early December when the company slid into the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history. Thousands of employees lost their jobs and many had their retirement accounts — predominantly in Enron stock — essentially wiped out.

Andersen's chief executive, Joseph Berardino, said

the accounting firm's officials dutifully informed Enron's general counsel after learning of the concerns of an Enron executive in August. Enron told the Andersen officials that it had engaged a law firm to investigate, Berardino noted.

Both Enron and Andersen are under increasing scrutiny from Congress and federal law enforcement agencies for their roles in the failure of the world's largest energy-trading concern. One of the Andersen auditors has been talking freely to congressional investigators, and key employees in both companies have blamed senior officials for the debacle.

"We can't afford to wait any longer," Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay said in a statement.

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CLUB NEWS

TOPS TX 21
TOPS TX 21 met at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third on January 14 at 6 p.m. with 10 members answering roll call.

The best loser for TOPS was Hughetta Roberts. She received a certificate and the weekly best loser award. Donna Menges received a charm bracelet for having been a six month member of TOPS.

During the business session a contest was discussed but no final decision was made.

The club also voted to send a donation to SRD in lieu of making handmade souvenirs. There was also a discussion as to what to wear to SRD.

Olnee Menges program chairman passed a basket filled with paper on which inspiring thoughts were written. Members drew one and read it. Then there was a general discussion on attitude and how our attitude affects our thinking and our general well being.

Anyone wishing more information about the TOPS weight-loss program can call 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information or you are invited to come to a TOPS meeting on any Monday night at 6 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Jan. 21, in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

Lunch will be served at 11:30.

A program honoring the memory of Martin Luther King will be presented.

Members are reminded to turn in their volunteer hours for the past year to R. Mike Cowley, community volunteer services coordinator.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Captain Elisha Mack

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR, met Jan. 12, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Regent Lola Kelley welcomed 15 members for the

annual business meeting.

Sue Anne Damron was elected chapter delegate for the 102nd Texas State Convention, which will be held in Irving, Texas this March. Sara Tipton was elected alternate.

Chapter offices elected for the upcoming term will be Regent, Sherri Key; Vice Regent, Katie Lara; Chaplain, June Reid; Recording Secretary-Mary Schuelke; Corresponding Secretary, Bonnie Cushing; Treasurer, Carole Lawson; Registrar, Sue Ann Damron; Historian, Anne Witherspoon; Librarian, Lola Kelley; Parliamentarian, Charlene Ragan.

Mrs. Sara Tipton won the door prize. The next meeting will be Feb. 9, at the Big Spring Country Club at noon.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist Church met Jan. 15, at the church fellowship hall for their luncheon and monthly business meeting.

Fifteen members attended with one new member, Emily Whetsel. The opening prayer was led by Lee Ray Day.

Minutes of the December meeting and the treasurers report were read and approved.

Prayer requests were voiced and "thank you" notes read.

Latrice Davis, president, urged all members to update their medical cards used for any club trips.

Lee Ray Day's resignation on the telephone committee was accepted with Sharon Osborn taking her place.

Following the business meeting and delicious meal, a local voice artist, Emily Whetsel, presented the program of musical selections.

The next club meeting will be a covered dish luncheon on Feb. 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the East Fourth St. Baptist Church fellowship hall with Howard County Sheriff, Dale Walker as our guest speaker.

Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

One does not have to be a member of East Fourth St. Baptist Church to become a member of the Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club.

Big Spring Morning Optimist

"For every 10 kids I see, there are two that won't

make it. These two will be in the (criminal justice) system for the rest of their lives. I'm here for the other eight." Gail Earls, director of Howard County's Teen Court, brought a presentation to Optimist Club's breakfast meeting Jan. 16.

"Teen Court has been active in Howard County since 1994," Earls stated. "This is strictly a voluntary program. The kids have to have pled guilty to an offense with the Municipal or County Judge, or a Justice of the Peace, who gives them an option to come to Teen Court."

"These kids are pretty strict with each other. Sometimes after I hear a case, I figure how much community service or penalty I would recommend. They blow me out of the water every time. They're much harder on each other," Earls added. "In years past, the kids we saw were 14 or 15 years old. Lately, we've seen some as young as 11."

Teen Court is an attractive option — if the teen is processed through this court of their peers, the offense will not appear on their record. "But we will not dismiss citations," Earls

warns. "Last week, on an offense of driving without a license, the teen jury gave 20 hours of community service, three jury duties, and an essay on the subject." The teens have 90 days to complete their "sentence," and extensions are only given if a real effort has been made to complete their sentence.

About 2,000 teens have participated in Howard County's Teen Court to date. "That's \$14,463 of community service," Earls notes. "We've seen as many as 24 cases in one night. The parents of the offenders are required to come. The jurors do have to be accompanied by their parents." That's a lot of kids after hours in the courthouse!

"We had a small noise problem earlier. I finally told them 'If I have to set foot in the hallway to quiet you kids, that will be another 3 hours of community service for all of you.' Word got around fast, and I haven't had to call them down once," Earls laughed.

Thank you, Gail Earls, for your dedication.

Club president, Roger Goertz, presented Earls with a certificate of appreciation.

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Annual retreat brings new insight on God

Well, I'm just back from my annual retreat at Mount Carmel Hermitage in Christoval. For the past two years I have made the long drive south on the afternoon of Epiphany and spent the next week "on vacation with the Lord."

It is an annual time of sustained solitude and prayer that I always look forward to. You can check out their web site at www.carmelhermits.org

One day while I was walking along the road from the Hermitage to the main highway it occurred to me that most of us have settled views on religious truth, whatever that may be.

This truth dictates how we go about our work, do our housework, raise our kids, and try to be decent neighbors.

But for the majority of people who do not attend church, the idea of spending time in a daily appointment with the Lord in regular meditation on the Sacred Scriptures, is totally foreign.

So, if the truths of Scripture are ever going to be discovered by these people, it will only be as they see Christ lived out in the lives of committed Christians they come into contact with.

I was thinking that the oft quoted phrase, "The only Bible your neighbor may ever read is you" might be sharpened to "The only church your neighbor may ever experience is you." That statement might make you uncomfortable. I am! It implies a tremendous responsibility.

Frankly, people are attracted to those who have an inner peace. Those friends of ours who have a spiritual anchor in their lives are somehow different than most. It shows! As

you know, I am a Lutheran cleric, and so what I am about to say is biased. I know it will also hold true for my Roman Catholic and Episcopal friends. For us, we have the most secure of all anchors. We have the opportunity to meet God in the Sacraments. (If I left your group out, mea culpa!)

As sacramental people, we believe that we start life by entering into fellowship with God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. This spiritual rebirth makes a life in communion with the Lord an everyday possibility.

We then have the opportunity to live our lives surrounded by God's love through the Eucharist, Lord's Supper or Holy Communion (whichever you may prefer to use).

We enter into His Life as He enters into ours. For my Roman Catholic friends, you get this opportunity daily! Seize it! If you attend St. Mary's your opportunity comes twice a week (Sunday and Wednesday — you get a make up opportunity — just like Rotary!) Alas, we Lutherans tough it out every other week!

When we fall into sin the church gives us a way back. No matter how evil our thought, word, or deed, God is ready and willing to forgive us. The only thing that can keep us separated from God and His love is our own unwillingness to admit our mistakes for the sin they are. When we



STEVE STUTZ

humble ourselves before God, He delights to welcome us back home.

We call this the Sacrament of Penance, Confession and Absolution, Reconciliation (again, your choice).

All the most important events of our lives can be an opportunity to revitalize the life God gave us at our Baptism. Our confirmation, getting married in the church, perhaps taking on full time ministry, when we are ill (Anointing of the Sick) or those last few moments of our lives here on earth are all opportunities to return to the source — our Holy Baptism.

In all of these, Jesus gives us the opportunity to experience His supernatural life. He wants to be at the center of each of these milestones of life, not a bystander on the edges.

When we give Him that opportunity He blesses us abundantly.

So, how does your neighbor benefit from all this? Are you alert for those signals from your friends and neighbors that they may be interested in what it is that makes you tick?

God can use each of us to bring our friends into His love.

It's OK if you don't know all the answers to their questions. Maybe no one does.

They need to find some of their answers themselves. But everyone needs a spiritual friend on their pilgrimage to eternity.

Are you willing to help? Remember, at least in the beginning of their spiritual journey, "You may be the only church that your neighbor ever experiences."

Steve Stutz is minister for St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Hospitality center planned at Olympics

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Financial woes have forced the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to drop plans for a denominational welcome center at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The denomination had hoped to raise up to \$7 million to build a center for worship and hospitality in the state where 70 percent of residents are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"We scrapped the project because it was just too much money and not enough time," said the Rev. Robert Shelton of the Rocky Mountains synod. "It was just impossible."

The Welcome Center was to house big-screen televisions broadcasting Olympic events, while offering Bible lessons and worship in a 10,000-square-foot sanctuary. Multimedia presentations on Presbyterian missions were also planned.

Summit Presbyterian Church of Park City, Utah, a recently chartered congregation, had hoped to make the new center its home when the Olympics ended.

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CHURCH NEWS

College Baptist

Serendipity, a women's ministry at CBC, will have its monthly meeting on Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a meal and it will include taco soup, tea and dessert. Agape love will be the topic/theme for the evening. Childcare is available (please make sure children bring a sack lunch), and all women ages 18 and up are invited to attend.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is welcome to attend worship services at St. Mary's. For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or look us up on our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. Dr. John Marshall will present a program on macular degeneration, a common eye malady.

The Vestry will meet on Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Mary's annual meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 27, following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. We will not have an 8 a.m. service that Sunday.

First Assembly of God

"Is There Life After Death"? Is Pastor Havener's message this Sunday morning in the 10:40 a.m. service. This is one of man's greatest and most earnest questions. Since this question is found in Job 14:14; and Job is the oldest book in the Bible it is probably one of the oldest questions ever asked, a question that has crossed everyone's mind.

In the evening service at 6 Pastor Havener will speak on the subject, "The Jew, Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." God's timetable for this world is being determined to a large extent by what happens to Israel. This message will give a glimpse of where we are in Bible prophecy today.

First United Methodist

"Shalom!-We're All in This Together," from I Corinthians 12:12-31 will be Dr. Dave Ring's message on Ecumenical Sunday.

Special recognition will be given to the United Methodist Women during the morning services.

A special Bible Study for senior high students is available on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. For more information about the location of the study, contact Courtney Johnson at the church office.

Dr. Ring is currently organizing a mission trip for El Salvador, March 8-16. Anyone interested in participating in this mission trip should contact Dr. Ring as soon as possible. The price is approximately \$1,000 per person, which includes the cost of airfare, housing, local transportation, food, and work materials.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

College Baptist

On Sunday evening at 6 p.m. the children's choir (King's Kids) will present a musical, "The Secret of My Success." The community is invited to attend.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Ministry (Serendipity) is scheduled for Monday at 6 p.m. The theme for the evening will be "Agape Love." All women are invited to attend. A free meal and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to the church (267-7429) for childcare.

Bible Study Opportunity for Men is ongoing every Thursday morning at the Ponderosa Restaurant at 6:30 a.m. A new study will begin this week-What

Makes A Man by Bill McCartney. All men in the community are invited to participate in this study.

On Wednesday evenings adults gather for Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. Currently we are studying the life of David. There are also activities for youth and children at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist

Elder David Machiavello, pastor of the Philadelphia

Primitive Baptist Church, 201 East 24th St. will be continuing a series on "The Nature of the Church" at the regular 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services on Sunday. A 7 p.m. Bible Study is also scheduled for Wednesday.

Everyone is cordially invited to come and share with us in these services.

St. Thomas Catholic

St. Thomas Catholic Church, 605 N. Main, will be selling homemade burritos

starting at 4 p.m. Saturday. Menudo will be on sale from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. that evening.

On Sunday burritos and menudo will be on sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call in orders are welcome at, 263-4337.

First Christian

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian (D.O.C.) will preach the sermon, "Our Purpose in Life" during the morning worship service beginning at 10:50

a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Paul Smith leads a Bible study on Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

"Come to the Welcome Table" is our theme here at First Christian. For more information about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), see our web site at www.trydisciples.org.

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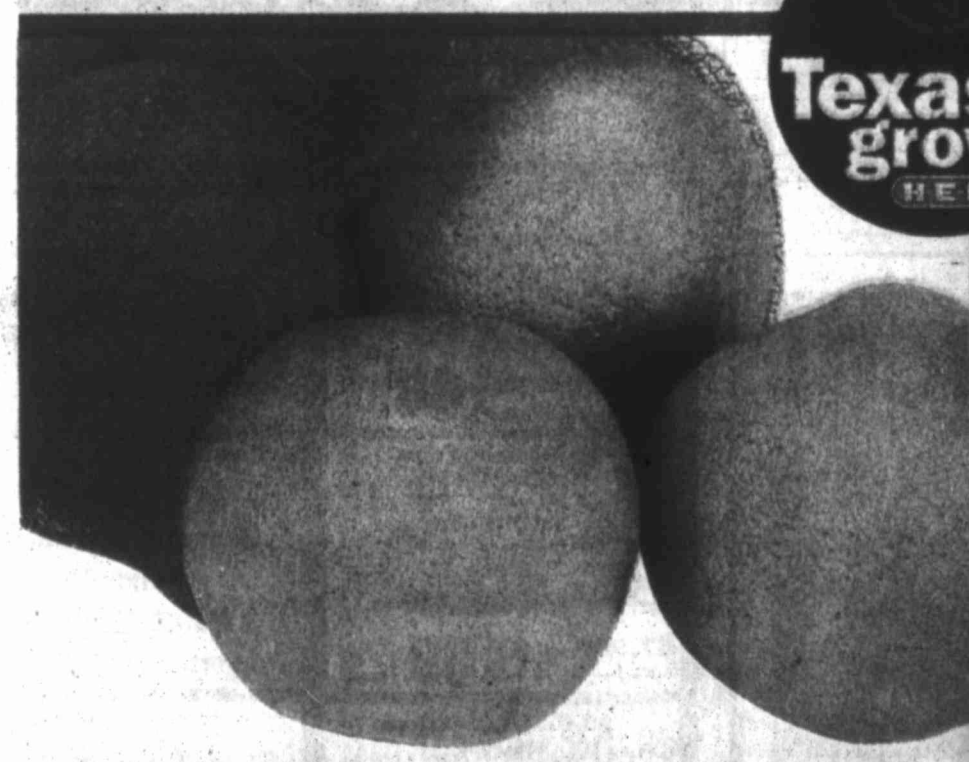


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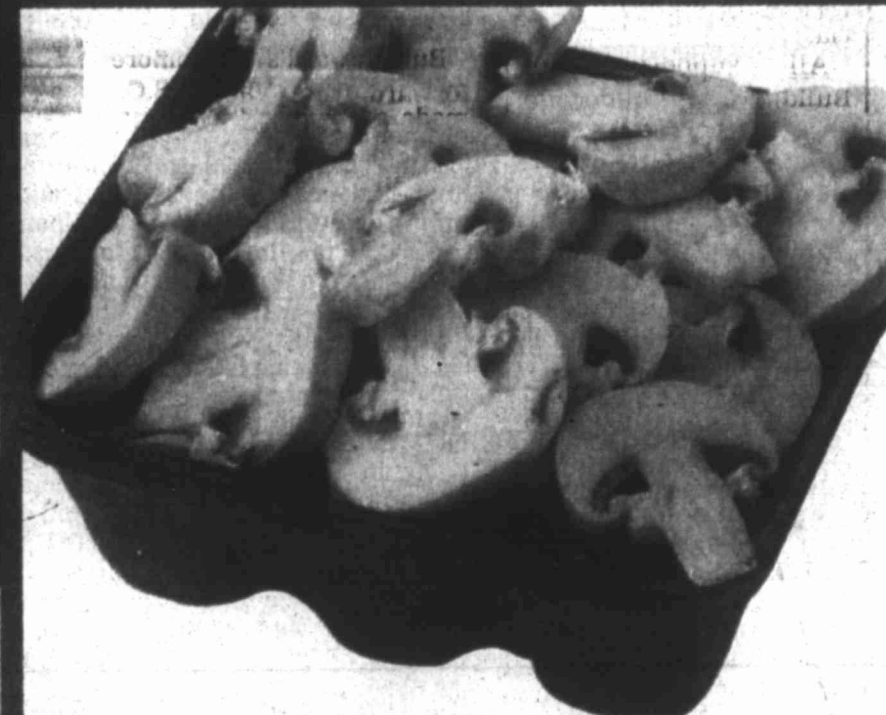
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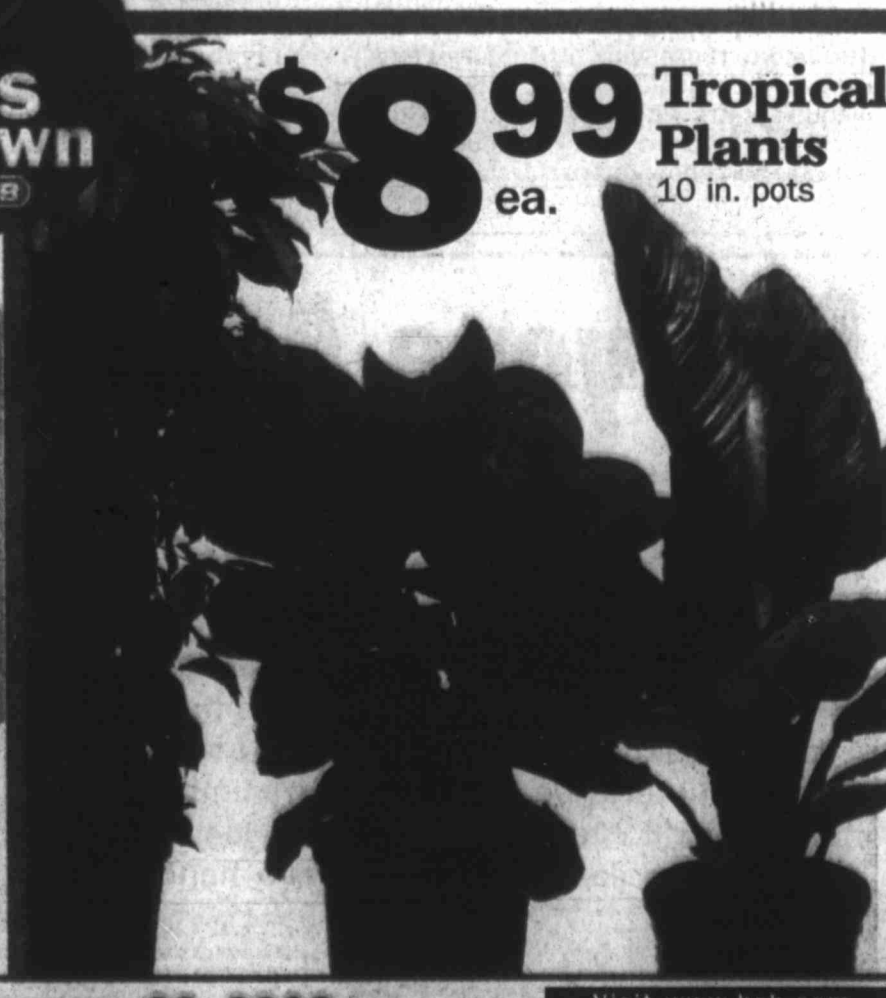
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Howard College inks eight more players

Howard College's Hawks baseball program added eight more players to the list of high school stars it signed to letters of intent.

Those new signings included outfielder Brad Wiggins of Fort Worth Arlington Heights; third baseman Daniel Page of Amarillo High; catcher Roberto Martinez of El Paso Eastwood; pitcher and outfielder Russell Reichenbach of L.D. Bell High in Hurst; pitcher and outfielder Scott Mitchell of Fort Worth Southwest; pitcher Nick Myatt of Waco High; and a pair of players from Canyon County High in Los Angeles — shortstop Ryan Burke and pitcher Eric Ashbrook.

Industrial league meeting scheduled

An organizational meeting for the Men's Industrial Softball League has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday at John Wesley's.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

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 cafeteria.

All supporters of Bulldog and Bulldogette sports programs are encouraged to attend.

CGA schedules Thursday meeting

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Youth Center.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

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.

ON TAP

TONIGHT
H.S. BASKETBALL
6 p.m.
• Friendship at Big Spring, VG-VB.
6:30 p.m.
• Coahoma at Colorado City, VG-VB
• Plains at Forsan, VG-VB.

ON THE AIR

Television
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
6 p.m. — UNC-Charlotte at South Florida, ESPN.
8 p.m. — Memphis at Southern Mississippi, ESPN.

BOXING
8 p.m. — Light heavy-weights, David Telesco (25-3) vs. Julian Letterfough (17-2-1), ESPN2.

HOCKEY
7 p.m. — Florida Panthers at Dallas Stars, FXS.

TENNIS
10:30 p.m. — Australian Open, early round coverage, ESPN2.

Cuban says if fued with Stern escalates, he'll sell Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Outspoken Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said Thursday he would sell the team if NBA commissioner David Stern punished him by forcing the club to forfeit draft picks.

"Because at that point it's personal, and I can't run a business in that kind of world," Cuban said in an interview on Dallas radio station FOX Sports 1190 AM. "If it becomes personal, that it's obvious that he wants me out, that it's about me, and it'd be to the detriment of the

fans and the team, then I can't run a business the way I know how."

Cuban, a billionaire, has been fined eight times totaling more than \$1 million in the two years since he bought the team. His latest fine, \$500,000, came after he said he wouldn't hire the NBA's head of officiating, Ed Rush, "to manage a Dairy Queen."

The remark led to Cuban working two hours behind a Dairy Queen counter on Wednesday in suburban Dallas, drawing more than 1,000

people and extensive media coverage.

Cuban said the fines don't trouble him because "the team plays and the fans go to the games and everybody is happy, and I don't have to raise prices."

"But if they'd take away picks? Now you're impacting the ability of the team to compete," he said. "You impact fans' ability to enjoy the game."

"You're telling me you don't want me in this league and you're not

going to give me a chance, then I'm out."

Cuban did not immediately respond to an e-mail request for comment.

Earlier this week, he told The Associated Press that no one had threatened him with the forfeiture of draft picks.

NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said Thursday that reports of a possible suspension of Cuban or the forfeiture of draft picks were "pure speculation."

Clarendon posts split with Howard

Hawks roll to 85-73 win over 'Dogs

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Howard's Van Jamison gave the Hawks the lead for good right before half with a field goal and two free throws over a frenetic Clarendon College team Thursday night in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The 85-73 win ties Howard College's WJCAC record at 1-1 and 13-5 for the season. Clarendon drops to 6-9 and 0-2.

"It was nice to win our first conference game," Howard College Head Coach Chris Jans said. The Hawks dropped their conference opener to Odessa College Monday night.

Clarendon's Richard Gilliam tied the game at 18 with two free throws, and Justin Harris made the go-ahead points off two from the charity stripe for a 28-27 Bulldog lead with 1:03 remaining.

But Howard's sophomore forward from Vance, S.C., made a conventional three-point play after being fouled and hitting one free throw on an ensuing trip to the line for a 33-28 halftime advantage.

"(Jamison) makes us a different team," Jans said. "I really believe the guy has got to be on the floor. You look at the numbers and he's not leading us in anything, but he's an emotional guy and he has to be out there."

Clarendon shot itself out of the game the first half — throwing up 12 three-pointers and making only one. Howard shot 36.4 percent from behind the arc before intermission connecting on 4-of-11.

The rough, physical play resulted in 58 fouls, including three technical fouls. Sophomore Zach Moss and Clarendon's Roland McDougal were called for a double-technical midway through the first half.

As the game wore on, it became highly emotional, Jans said.

"When you play a game like (Clarendon) plays, there's a lot of emotions because it's such scrappy play," he said. "It's definitely not a traditional team. They make it a helter-skelter game. They don't have the height to pound it inside, and you have to give the coaches credit for their game plan."

"I don't think our guys understood the way



Clarendon College's Tyrone Payne (23) drives down the lane and puts up a shot over a Howard defender during the Hawks' 85-73 win over the Bulldogs at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Thursday.

Clarendon was going to play. They play an intense, crazy way, and our guys didn't understand that. And because of that, it was a dogfight the first 20 minutes."

The Hawks began slowly pulling away in the second half getting 12 points from Zach Moss, who was sidelined most of the first half with foul trouble. Moss hit back-to-back field goals and Brandon Haughton hit a bucket to push the lead to 53-42.

Clarendon's Robert Bridges nailed a bucket and Roland McDougal made a dunk to close the gap to 56-48. Guard Jared Fears put some distance between the visitors with a basket for a 59-48 lead.

"I think in the second half, we did a better job running down missed shots," Jans said. "I felt we did a better job of being quick off the dribble. This was more of what you see in a pick-up

type game and it's real easy to lose sight of your game plan in situations like that.

"We just need to stay focused, bear down and rebound."

Emotions flew halfway through the second half as referees got into a heated discussion with both benches who were questioning activity on the floor. Jans picked up a technical foul, but it eventually gave Howard the advantage.

Rodney Blackstock, who scored a team-high 24 points, was fouled shooting a three-pointer and made all three free throws for a 60-51 advantage. The sophomore guard canned two treys, sandwiched by a Jamison field goal within minutes.

Moss' layup was a prelude to two dunks — one an assist from Blackstock.

"(Blackstock) and (Moss) had good nights. If we can just figure out how to get 18 and 19-year-olds ready to play basketball all the time,

you could make a lot of money in this thing. To be a success, you have to play harder than your opponents."

Jamison was a spectacular 6-for-7 from the field and 2-for-3 from the charity stripe. Howard shot 73 percent from the line and 46 percent from the field.

All 14 Clarendon College players scored. Gilliam was high point with 16.

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HAWKS 85
CLARENDON 73
CLARENDON — Lonnie Cooks 1 6-10 8; Jamaal Shell 2 2-2 6; Jacobia Pratt 0 2-2 2; Richard Gilliam 4 5-8 15; Justin Harris 1 2-2 4; Ali Koroma 1 0-0 2; Mike Wallace 3 0-0 7; Dennis Carter 0 2-4 2; Roland McDougal 3 0-2 6; Chris Packer 2 0-0 4; Raymond Shaw 1 3-4 5; Robert Bridges 2 1-2 5; Lew Robinson 2 2-2 4; Dexter Drayden 1 0-2 2. Totals: 22 25-40 73.
HOWARD — Jared Fears 1 7-40 9; Zach Moss 7 0-0 14; Van Jamison 5 4-5 14; Rodney Blackstock 7 5-7 24; Andre Fisher 0 0-0 0; Artavane Davis 1 0-0 2; Gilbert Glaster 0 0-0 0; Tyrone Payne 1 3-5 5; Andre Wright 1 0-0 2; Dominique Brown 0 0-0 0; Maushae Byles 4 1-2 11; Brandon Haughton 2 0-1 4. Totals: 29 21-30 85.

Halftime score: Howard 33, Clarendon 28.
Three-point goals: Clarendon 4 (Gilliam 3, Wallace), Howard 6 (Blackstock 4, Byles 2).
Total fouls: Clarendon 27, Howard 31. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: McDougal, Moss, Howard bench. Rebounds: Clarendon 44 (Cooks 9), Howard 44 (Moss 9, Blackstock 7). Records: Clarendon is 6-9 and 0-2. Howard is 13-5 and 1-1.

Lady Hawks evaporate in final half

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Clarendon's Nivia Garcia intercepted the inbound pass underneath the Lady Bulldogs' own bucket with three ticks left before half-time and made a lay-up to cut into Howard's sizable 44-28 halftime advantage.

But those three seconds were just the beginning of the Lady Hawks woes, which would plague them the entire second half before dropping a tough 70-65 loss to the Clarendon Thursday night in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Howard shot 54 percent in the first half but couldn't buy a bucket in the second hitting 16.7 percent of their shots.

During the first 7:00 of the second half, Howard went 1-for-8 from the field, while Clarendon hit 6 of their 10 attempts to close the gap to 48-41. Esther Chavez cut it to 48-45 with a field goal at the 11:00 mark, but Howard got some breathing room when Sherice Risby, who finished with eight points hit a basket.

The Lady Bulldog's Ravon Justice, who had been averaging 20.3 ppg finally connected after Clarendon got at least six attempts at the basket with 8:35 remaining. She made the three-point play to trail 51-50.

Sancho Lytle, who had averaged 15.6 ppg and 8 rebounds went to the bench after picking up her fourth foul with 7:19 left and Howard led 60-56. But Lytle was inserted back into the line-up with 4:16 left in the contest, igniting her team.

Justice made a key steal and made the basket to hold onto a 65-62 advantage with 51 seconds left.

Shameika Buckley got her own putback to trail 65-64 but Howard was forced to foul down the stretch. Clarendon made their shots, and when they missed from the line got their own rebounds.

"We gave up three, four rebounds that were just crucial," Head Coach Joey Wells said. "They get the rebounds and we don't."

"Those last three seconds of the first half — we just played that whole way in the second half. The bottom line is do you want to win or don't you? If you want to win, you're going to will it. Clarendon did it, and we

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St. Louis' Faulk edges Warner for offensive player honor

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kurt Warner is the NFL's Most Valuable Player and the trigger man of the St. Louis Rams' offense. Nevertheless, opponents have to prepare just as diligently for an equally productive teammate.

Marshall Faulk, who won The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player Award for the third straight year on Thursday, is the key to the league's best team.

"I think it's the first thing you do when you defend this team," coach Mike Martz said. "You try to figure out how you're going to account for or take away Marshall."

No one has been able to do that. Faulk is the first player in NFL history with four straight 2,000-yard seasons, and he followed up last year's record 26-touchdown season with 21 more scores.

Warner edged Faulk by four votes in MVP balloting, and it was even tighter for offensive player, with Faulk beating Warner by one vote.

It was a routinely spectacular season for Faulk, who rushed for 1,382 yards and gained 765 yards receiving on 83 catches, tops among NFL running backs. He finished with 2,147 yards.

Those numbers and his versatility earned Faulk 23 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL. Warner was just behind with 22.

"I don't think that's a consolation prize, I think that's a great honor," Martz said. "That's a tremendous award. I don't know how you can separate them."

Warner, two years older than the 28-year-old Faulk, helped the Rams to a league-best 14-2 record.

Although Warner threw an NFC-high 22 interceptions this season, he passed for 4,830 yards — second most in league history. He led the league with 36 touchdown passes, yards per attempt (8.85), completions (375), completion percentage (68.7) and overall rating (101.4).

Both were voted to the All-Pro Team, with Faulk a unanimous choice.

"Those things are good," Faulk said. "It's always good to win something."

The main goal for Faulk is a second Super Bowl victory in three seasons. The Rams also won after the 1999 season, the year they acquired Faulk from the Colts and Warner inherited the quarterback job from the injured Trent Green.

Wrapping up his eighth season, Faulk is showing no signs of slow-

ing down.

"I have to laugh when he says 'People say I have lost a step and maybe I have,'" Martz said. "I think he's sly. He'd like people to think he's a step slower, but he's anything from that."

Faulk has been especially productive over the stretch, gaining 650 yards rushing and 225 receiving the last five games, with nine touchdowns. During that time, he's averaged 30 touches.

Why?
"We wanted to win," Martz said. "He's just such a great player, we just felt like in those situations we could put a lot on his shoulders and he'd respond very well."

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, whose team plays the Rams on Sunday in St. Louis, drew three votes.

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RHP Kelvin Escobar. Acquired RHP Brian Cooper from Anaheim for 1B-DH Brad Fullmer.

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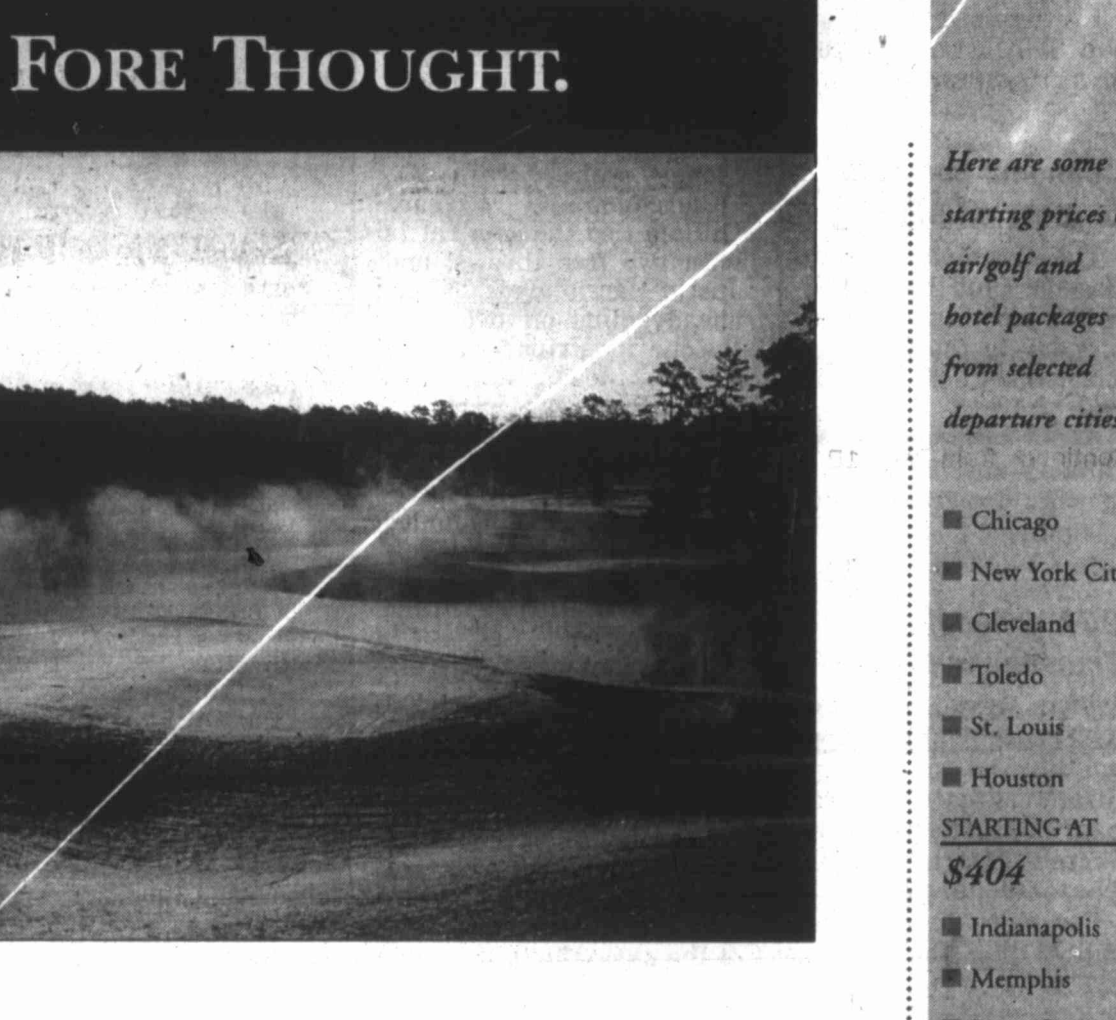
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NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 12 Philadelphia 31, Tampa Bay 9.

Divisional Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 19 Philadelphia at Chicago, 3:30 p.m. (FOX).

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 27 AFC Championship 11:30 a.m. or 3 p.m.



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