FRIDAY

January 18, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 35°-37° 45°-50°

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 YMCA and more.

Refreshments will be served. For more infor mation, 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

☐ 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

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," 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.

fire personnel Six

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Relay for Life

Refinery.

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 Life. Scheduled May 10-11 at Blankenship Field, this community camp.out brings togeth-

people McDONALD from all corof Howard and

Glasscock counties with a common goal - fighting The committee coordinat-

ing 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 from packet 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

"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 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

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Kesley Jones, Stanton Elementary School fourth-grader, gives her goat Blondle a quick clip Thursday at the Martin County Community Center. Jones planned to show Biondie 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

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 Howard, Martin Lee Cooperative County's

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 pretty successful show."

The annual show has been around quite a while, he

"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

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

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

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Mel Prather, organizer of the Coats for Klds 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.

OBITUARIES

Wilmer Clint Cole

A memorial service for Wilmer Clint Cole, 86, of North Richland Hills, formerly of Big Spring, was held today, Jan. 18, 2002, at the Carriage House Chapel in Grapevine. Mr. Cole died Monday,

Jan. 14, in Euless.j He was born Sept. 5, 1915 in Roby. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary

Cole Feb. 20, 2000. He was a railroad mechanic. Survivors include three daughters, Wilma* Clay, Marilee Hoth and Sylvia Peay; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchil-

Arrangements are under the direction of Martin-Thompson Funeral Home in Grapevine.

Patricia Lewis

Memorial service for Patricia Lewis, 70, of Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at Metairie, La.

Mrs. Lewis died Wednesday, Jan. 16, in Stanton.

She was born on Nov. 7, 1931, in New Orleans and married Sam Lewis in 1949 in New Orleans. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1966. She was a Presbyterian.

Survivous include two sons, Lee Walsh Lewis of Josephine, Ala. and Clay Lewis of McCalla, Ala.; two daughters, Ruth Reid of Stanton and Colleen Lewis of McCalla, Ala.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. favorite charity or to

someone in need Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath

Funeral Home.

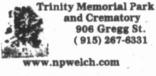
Funeral service for Andrea Nunez, 72, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Nunez died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, at the Hospice House in Odessa.

FIRE

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knocked down or extinguished the flames in about three or four minutes Sullivan said, by sweeping the vapor that was fueling

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& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Johnny Doporto, Sr. died Tuesday Funeral services are 2:00 PM today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mt.

Andrea Nunez, 72, died Thursday. Services are pending.

Olive Cemetery.

Alton Awalt, died Friday. Services are pending.

Fred Young, 90, died Friday, services are pending.

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the fire away from the oil with water.

Before attempting to extinguish the fire, fire person-nel turned off the values of the storage tank and the pump jack.

Sullivan said the location of the site away from any structures helped from any damage occurring from the over pressure boom.

The oil well is owned by Parallel Petroleum and is the only oil well connected to the storage site.

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refreshments, are available

into the wee hours.
"The camaraderie that you get is unbelievable,' said McDonald. "Until you have experienced the feeling of being with the people at Relay, and hearing that final total (of money raised) announced, you just can't describe it.

Teams are the backbone of the event, both women agreed.

'Teams are the Relay. That's where the bulk of our money comes from," said Wood. "Every dime that is raised by the teams goes to American Cancer the Society for its work to fight cancer.'

"You know this money is going to a disease that touches everyone in Big Spring at one point, probably sooner than later," added McDonald. "When you are circling that track and you see those (luminaria) sacks, with the names of children, grandmothers and grandfathers, young mothers and young fathers, you can't help but be pulled in.

"Relay grabs your heartstrings," she said, "and it doesn't let go for 24 hours."

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affair," he said "It takes mom and dad, and it takes these kids. These kids learn Andrea Nunez nessentiality of they learn respect, they learn all the pillars of a good character. Fairness, sportsmanship it's a family affair. Mom and dad can go out and help these kids buy animals, help them feed them, help them walk them, help them clip them, and it's a family deal. It's not like sports. They can't go out there and make that free shot or run that football for them. It's just a neat family deal.'

The events started this morning at 9 with the goat show, followed immediately by the lamb show and the steer show. The hog show will kick off at 9 a.m. Saturday and the event's concluding banquet will be held at 7 that evening.

"Probably the neatest deal of this show is our banquet on Saturday night," Howard said. "That's when we give away all our showmanship buckles, we give our Herdsman Awards away, we give away our scholarships. We give away our Top Hand award which is provided by Cap Rock."

All those awards are in addition to the approximately \$20,000 in "Premium Sale" awards distributed to the entrants.

COATS

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Coats collected from the drive are distributed to the community through Isaiah 58, an organization that gives food, clothing and spiritual guidance when requested to those in need.
"So many of us have coats





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in our closet we could get rid of but we don't think about the fact that other people could use them," Tereletsky said.

Coats can be dropped off at the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry; the Big Spring Chamber Commerce, 215 W. Third; Comet Cleaners, FM 700 and ma; and Kothmann's Klassic Kleaners, 2107 Gregg St.

For more information about the drive, contact Prather at 263-7690.

Center will no longer create embryos for research

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) -The first U.S. research institute to announce it was creating human embryos for the sole purpose of harvesting stem cells said Thursday it will stop the practice.

The Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School drew protests from abortion opponents when it announced in July that it had fertilized donated eggs specifically for stemcell research.

Dr. William E. Gibbons, chairman of the university's department of obstetrics and gynecology, said the institute still endorses stem cell research and that the decision wasn't simply a reaction to political pressure.

He said the scientist who started the research, Gary Hodgen, recently retired because of illness, and his replacement, Roger G. Gosden, is interested in stem cells but wants to concentrate on other areas.

"The Jones Institute has been among the pioneers in infertility and ES (embryo stem) research, although it is not currently planning to generate any new cell Gibbons and Gosden said in a statement Thursday.

Gosden said he might still obtain human stem cells from some of the 60 existing lines President Bush approved in August. Bush decided only those lines would be eligible for federal funding because their use would not constitute the taking of life.

Embryonic stem cells are the basic building blocks of the body from which the organs and other cells develop. Scientists hope to use them someday to treat Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other diseases.

Most embryonic stemcell research is performed using fertilized eggs that were left over from invitro fertilization procedures.

BRIEFS

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

This is free to members,

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but non-members will be charged \$5. Childcare is free and there will be door prizes.

For more information contact Kim Evans at 264-0661 or Lisa Dimidjian at 263-6240.

THE CITY OF BIG Spring Water Utilities Department will be replacing a 10 inch valve in the water system. Date of repair will be Jan. 18 from 11 p.m. until completion.

Customers in the follow-

ing areas will experience low or no water pressure - Auburn St., 11th Place from Baylor to Columbia. also affected will be anyone who pays a water bill to the city of Coahoma, including - Midway area, Sand Springs community,

Moss Lake Road. If you have any questions please contact Jim Piper, D&C Supervisor at 915-264-2392.

city of Coahoma and 11th

Place Ext. from FM 700 to

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

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.

THE DATE FOR THE bi-annual 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.

DO YOU OPERATE A Lionel train? Do you have one in the attic or under the bed, are you interested in getting together with others to talk about using an available building for the establishment of a Lionel layout?

There will be a meeting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan.

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26, at the Doc Hardy Railroad Museum located at 123 Main Street.

If you have an interest in such a meeting come at 4 p.m. on Jan. 26, and meet Dr. Greg Cranford, Duffy Vassar and Jack Harrison.

MARKETS

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

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DISTURBANCE/FIGH T was reported in the 600 block of State Street, tne 1900 block of South Runnels Street

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700, the 900 block of Northwest Second Street, the 3100 block of Cactus Drive

 LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln Avenue, the 2900 block of West Highway 80

· CLARENCE ROSS, 33, of 538 Westover Road was arrested for a Martin County warrant. MARK RODRIGUEZ,

18, of 1702 Donerail in San Antonio was arrested on a charge of public intoxication - minor. · THEFT was reported in the 400 block of West

Fifth Street. A \$100 bill was reported stolen from the location. · BURGLARY OF A

HABITATION was reported in the 400 block of West Fifth Street. A pair of black wing tip shoes worth \$65 was

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reported stolen.

· TATTOOING A PER-**SON UNDER 21 YEARS** OF AGE was reported in the 100 block of N.W. Third Street.

· CRIMINAL MIS-CHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th Street. A red 2000 Pontiac Firebird reported ly received \$500 damage.

 CRIMINAL MIS-**CHIEF and BURGLARY** OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of South Gregg Street. Five vehicles were affected by the incident, which totaled \$450 damage and \$100 value stolen.

FIRE/EMS

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

4:11 a.m. - 100 block of Jonesboro Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 7:18 a.m. — 1400 block

of N. Hwy. 87, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center. 8:28 a.m. — 400 block of Dallas, medical call,

to SMMC. 3:23 p.m. - 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

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3:31 p.m. — 2600 block of Clanton, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:45 p.m. - 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center bas



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Former Enron executive resigns from Public Utilities Commission

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 edi-

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

Yzaguirre, who was appointed chairman by

governor Thursday he was Perry in June, did not and balanced voice." return a telephone call early Friday from The Associated

> 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 Walt. "He has been a fair

Critics had questioned the former Enron executive's connections with the nowbankrupt company, including a \$25,000 campaign con-

tribution to Perry from Enron chairman Kenneth Lay a day after the appointment. Perry has said the dona-

was "totally coincidental." Yzaguirre, in his initial application, Mr. Yzaguirre said he had headed Enron's

tion so close to the selection

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 comp-

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 kitchen woman's 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

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

"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

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.

State accountacy board to investigate Andersen

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy has initiated an investigation into whether Arthur Andersen LLP. violated state auditing standards in its handling of Houston-based Enron Corp., the board said in a letter issued Thursday.

The board also will investigate whether Enron accountants violated state auditing standards.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, asked the board on Wednesday to investigate "possible misdeeds, omissions or malfeasances of certain accounting acts and practices" by Arthur Andersen or Enron.

An attorney with the board sent Wolens a letter Thursday confirming an investigation has been initiated. The board's executive director, William Treacy, would not comment, saying he was prohibited by state law from

discussing the matter. Wolens, who is the chairman of the House State Affairs Committee, said he had asked for the probe because "the acts of destroying thousands of Enron documents occurred in Texas.'

The Texas State Board of Public Accountancy has jurisdiction to police accountants for fraud and dishonesty in their service in Texas, he added.

Bankrupt energy giant Enron fired Arthur Andersen Thursday in the aftermath of the auditor's destruction of documents, an attorney for Enron said. Arthur Andersen has said that a "significant but undetermined" number of documents relating to Enron have been destroyed.

Enron Corp. declared bankruptcy Dec. 2, after acknowledging that the company overstated its profits by more than \$580 million since 1997.

Neither Enron nor Arthur Andersen returned calls from The Associated Press.

In his letter to the board, Wolens outlined several areas that he wanted investigated including whether the auditing company or Enron accountants violated auditing standards; whether Arthur Andersen or Enron's accountants engaged in fraud or dishonesty; whether the Arthur Andersen or Enron accountants violated their internal records' retention policy or their professional records policy; whether Arthur Andersen or Enron's accountants violated the rules of professional conduct; and whether Enron's accountants subordinated their judgment to

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, 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 line. and the Federal Aviation Administration

reviewing evidence in the

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

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

Texas prison escapee says Hawkins should have waited for backup DALLAS (AP) - The second prison been trained better, this situation never

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

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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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 that 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

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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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-

denly 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 Centeron 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 moderateincome 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 states 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.

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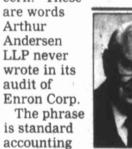
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are words Arthur Andersen LLP never wrote in its audit of Enron Corp.

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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.

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

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

WASHINGTON (AR) .--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 legisla-

tion 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 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

"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 received Committee, \$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

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Enron, auditor Andersen

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WASHINGTON (AP) - the accounting firm's offi-Enron Corp. and its auditor, cials dutifully informed Arthur Andersen, are try. Enron's general counsel ing to pin responsibility on after learning of the con-

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).

Ken Bentsen, D, \$42,750 Max Sandlin, D, \$3,000 Charlie Gonzalez, D, \$500 Ron Paul, R, \$500

Senate Commerce Committee Kay Bailey Hutchison, R, \$99,500

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Senate Finance Committee 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 cam-

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

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-

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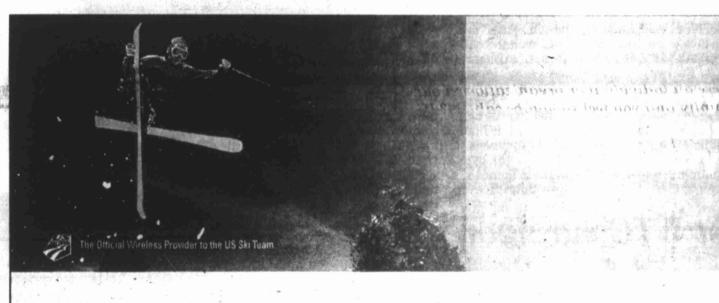
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mised," said the senator, who is leading the Senate Governmental Committee's Enron investigation.

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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The Associated Press

Airlines began new baggage screening techniques at the nation's airports today, and some fliers fearful of long lines showed

A law went into effect today requiring airlines to check bags for explosives - either by machine, hand or bomb-sniffing dog, or by matching each piece of checked luggage to a passenger on board. As the travel day got into full swing, there were no immediate reports of major problems.

At the United Airlines check-in counter at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, an airline employee carried passengers' luggage to a new screening machine, temporarily set up outside the gate area. It was the first time the machine, installed a few days ago, was used. Two security workers and a police officer watched a computer screen as the bags went

Passenger Carlos Garcia, an ana- just wish I had my hat." lyst with the U.S. General Accounting Office who lives in California, said the entire procedure took him only 10 minutes.

"It was pretty easy so far," Garcia said. "As the lines get longer during the day, we'll have to see how it goes."

At Philadelphia International Airport, the morning flow of passengers through baggage check-in lines appeared to be close to normal early in the day.

At 7:30 a.m. about 30 travelers stood in the curbside check-in line at a US Airways terminal. More had complaints about the 30degree temperature than any unusual delays.

"I didn't even know about this yesterday. If I had known, I would have left my house earlier," said Jill Hannagan, 44, a music teacher from Wilmington, Del., bound for

"I don't mind this at all. I'd much rather they be thorough, even if it takes a little longer. I

At tiny Atlantic City (N.J.) International Airport, Maureen Evans, 44, of Tampa, Fla., arrived at 6:30 a.m. for a 7:45 flight.

"I've been arriving early since Sept. 11 anytime I'm flying," she said, standing in line at the ticket counter. "Of course it's a hassle," she said of the new screening. "But it makes me feel more secure."

Airport officials have said most airlines will use the bag-matching technique, which is designed to prevent someone from checking an explosives-laden bag and never boarding the plane. Critics have said that method would not stop a suicide bomber.

The Air Transport Association, a trade group representing major airlines, advised passengers to check airline Web sites for recommended airport arrival times, estimated wait times at check-in, identification requirements and baggage policies.

Still, the group said it did not

expect serious delays.

"We're very hopeful we will not see chaos," said Carol Hallett, president of the Air Transport

Association.

Some airports were taking precautions just in case. In Philadelphia, workers were ready to dispense free food and soft drinks from carts in the event that passengers got stuck in intolerably long lines.

But "from what we're hearing from the airlines, we really don't anticipate any problems," airport spokesman Mark Pesce said.

Under the new law, signed by President Bush in November, bags would be matched to passengers only on the first leg of a trip, not on connecting flights. Experts said that could help prevent lengthy delays.

the provision was But denounced by Democrats in Congress, among others. Rep. Jim Oberstar of Minnesota, top Democrat on the House Transportation Committee, said

not matching bags on connecting flights amounts to "an Achilles heel in the security system."

Airlines will be responsible for security until Feb. 17, when the federal government takes over. Under a congressional mandate, all baggage will have to be screened with explosives-detection machines by the end of the year.

The Bush administration, acknowledging that the transition to beefed-up security could be difficult, asked passengers to be patient.

"I'm not sure that anyone really has a crystal ball that can determine how long those delays will be, but I think today passengers are willing to accept a modicum of inconvenience given the safety and security of the air travel," Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said on CBS' "The Early Show."

"And I think in today's world, patience is a new form of patriotism 'he said.

Ammonia gas leaking after train derailment; one dead

train derailed west of this North Dakota city early today, sending a cloud of anhydrous ammonia gas over the area, killing one resident and forcing others to evacuate.

Dozens of people were being given oxygen or having their eyes flushed with water at temporary public shelters.

The person who died "was found outside of his house, close to the proximity of the crash site," Ward County Sheriff Vern Erck said. He said he did not have details.

Three people were admitted to Trinity Hospital with respiratory problems and 24 others were brought to the emergency room, hospital spokesman Randy Schwan

The accident happened at about 1:40 a.m., when five cars of a 112-car Canadian Railway train derailed, railroad spokeswoman Laura Baenen said. The cause of the derailment was not known, and Baenen said officials were trying to assess how much anhy-

drous ammonia leaked.

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feet under 30 feet of debris.

in a cavern "the size of a

His helmet was wedged

tight, so he couldn't move

his head. But he was con-

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lapse of the north tower

killed one of them just as he

Deputy Chief Robert

Caron of the Port Authority

police said McLoughlin,

who went home from the

hospital Thursday, was the

last survivor pulled from

the trade center ruins after

spending 22 hours under the

McLoughlin said he and rookie Officer William

Jimeno, who was pinned a

few feet above him, talked

about their families before

"All I thought about was

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MINOT, N.D. (AP) — A is about 100 miles north of Bismarck.

With temperatures hovering around 5 below zero, Paul Behm, who owns a truck stop near the derailment site, put a moist towel over his nose and mouth and went knocking on doors to make sure friends living nearby were not hurt.

"The cloud had started kind of enveloping the truck stop area," Behm said. "It smells just like ammonia cleaner, only higher concen-

State emergency manager Doug Friez said some people were evacuated, but did not say how many. The derailment also knocked out power to parts of Minot and neighborhing Burlington, Baenen said.

Anhydrous ammonia, which is used as a fertilizer, can irritate the nose and throat. Authorities did not say how long the cloud might be over the city.

Those who were not evacnated were being told to stay in their homes, shut off their furnaces and place damp cloths over entrances to their homes if necessary, Minot, population 36,000, Gov. John Hoeven said.

assist in the rescue. Rescue

workers, desperate to find

survivors, converged on the

It took eight hours more

for them to get to

McLoughlin, but as he said

Thursday, "Once they start-

ed digging, I knew I was get-

McLoughlin, 48, steered

his wheelchair into a

farewell news conference

Thursday at Helen Hayes

Hospital. He wore a Port

Department cap; his 4-year-

old daughter Erin, sitting in

his lap, wore a shirt that

said, "Never forget." Three

other children and his wife,

McLoughlin counted off

"How did we survive the collapse of two buildings on

top of us?" McLoughlin

asked. "How did a Marine

somehow find us in the

debris field? How did the

rescuers dig us out? How

did the doctors get my legs

The sergeant, a 21-year

Port Authority veteran, was

taken to Bellevue Hospital

after the rescue with severe

damage to both legs. He

underwent many plastic

surgeries and went into res-

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Dr. John Pellicone said.

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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

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 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 coordina-

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 Katie Lara; Regent, Reid; Chaplain, June Recording Secretary-Mary Schuelke; Corresponding Secretary, Bonnie Cushing; Treasurer, Carole Lawson; Registrar, Sue Ann Damron; Historian, Anne Witherspoon; Librarian, Kelley; Lola

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

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, 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.

If you need to add or update information in the What's Up calendar please call 263-7331 Ext. 238

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.carmelitehermits.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

This truth dictates how ve go about our work, do ur housework, raise our d 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 total-

ly 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

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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

culpa!) As sacramental people, we believe that we start life by entering into fellow ship with God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. This spiritual rebirth makes a life in communion with the Lord

your group out, mea

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

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

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

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 supernaturthe 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

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 experi-

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 Sheldon of the Rocky Mountains synod. "It as just impossibl

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

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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

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.

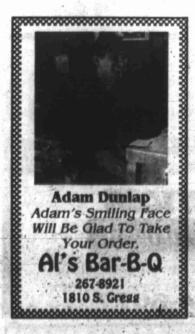
A special Bible Study for senior high students is available on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. For more information about the location of the study, contact Courtney Johnson at the church office.

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.



Makes A Man by Bill McCartney. All men in the The monthly meeting of the Women's Ministry community are invited to (Serendipity) is scheduled for Monday at 6 p.m. The participate in this study. theme for the evening will be "Agape Love." All women are invited to attend. A free meal and

(267-7429) for childcare.

On Wednesday evenings adults gather for Bible Study and prayer at 7 p.m. Currently we are studying the life of David. There are childcare are provided. also activities for youth and Please RSVP to the church children at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bible Study Opportunity for Men is ongoing every Thursday morning at the

Philadelphia Primitive

Pondersoa Restaurant at Elder David Machiavello, 6:30 a.m. A new study will begin this week-What pastor of the Philadelphia

Launched by the Texas Department of Agriculture,

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

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

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

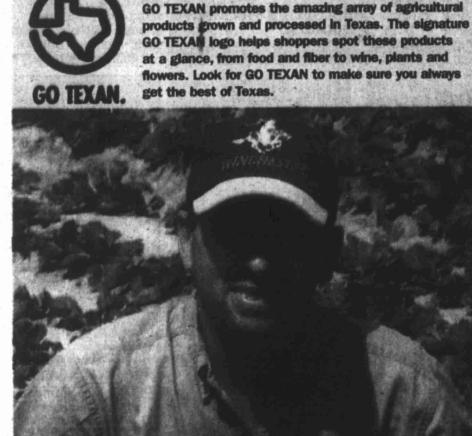
a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Paul Smith leads a Bible study on Wednesday morning at at 10:30 a.m.

"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. First Christian is need of a pianist/organist.

If your are interested in the position, please call the church office at 267-7851.

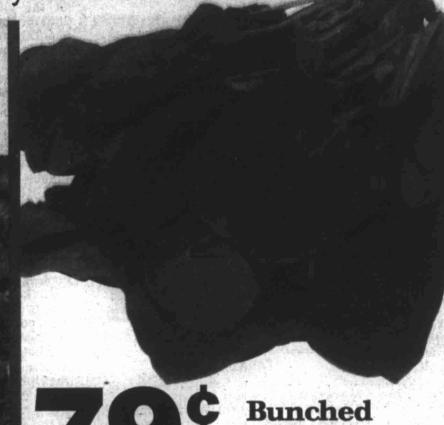
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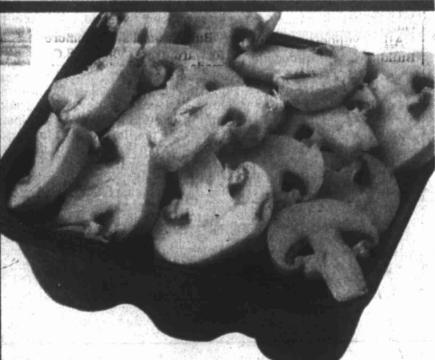


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Howard College Inks eight more players

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 signees 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 Gran t 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 cafete-

All supporters of But Howard's supplementer Bulldog and Bulldogette forward from Vance, S.C., 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.

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Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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

8 p.m. — Light heavyweights, David Telesco (25-

3) vs. Julian Letterlough (17-2-1), ESPN2.

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

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

Cuban says if fued with Stern escalates, he'll sell Mays DALLAS (AP) — Outspoken fans and the team, then I can't run people and extensive media covergoing to give me a chance, then I'm a business the way I know how." Quban said Thursday he would all

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

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

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

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

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

"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 goahead_points off two from the charity stripe for a 28-27 Bulldog lead with 1:03 remaining.

made a conventional threepoint 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

"I don't think our guys way



HERALD photo/Jim Flerro

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

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 min-

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

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

Clarendon was going to type game and it's real easy you could make a lot of 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 what you see in a pick-up play basketball all the time,

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 2for-3 from the charity stripe. Howard shot 73 percent for the line and 46 percent from the field.

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

HAWKS 85, CLARENDON 73 CLARENDON

Lonnie Cooks 1 6-10 8 Jamaal Shell 2 2-2 6; Jacobia Platt 0 2-2 2; Richard Gilliam 4 5-8 16; 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; Lee 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 6-7 24; Andre Fishenden 0 0-0 0; Artavius 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

Iftime score: Howard 33, Clarendon 28. Three-point goals: 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 in 1.3.5 and 1. Clarendon is 6-9 and 0-2, Howard is 13-5 and 1-

Lady Hawks evaporate in final half By VALERIE AVERY Special to the Herald

Clarendon's Nivia Garcia intercepted the inbounds pass underneath the Lady Bulldogs' own bucket with three ticks left before halftime 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

During the first 7:00 of the second half, Howard went 1for-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 Lyttle, 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 Lyttle 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.

Shamieka 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 in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interceptions this season, he in MVP balloting, and it was even high 22 interce

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.

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

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 some-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

inherited the quarterback job from the injured Trent Green. Wrapping up his eighth season, to a league-best 14-2 record. Faulk is showing no signs of slow-

'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 down 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 wirl," 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."

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TOP 25 - MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Jan. 13:

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TOP 25 - WOMEN

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Southern-New Orleans 22. Edward Waters, Fla. 23 Oklahoma Christian 24. Westmont, Calif. 25. Houston Baptist, Texas

NAIA - WOMEN

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25 with records through Jan. 13: 1. Oklahoma City (12) 2. Union, Tenn. 3. Southern Nazarene, Okla. 4. North Georgia 5. Campbellsville, Ky Oklahoma Baptist Central State, Ohi . Montana-Western 9. Freed-Hardeman Tenr 10. Houston Baptist, Texas 11. Cumberland, Ky 12. Lambuth, Tenn. 13. Oklahoma Christian 14. Georgetown, Ky. 15. Xavier, La. 16. Fresno Pacific, Calif. 17. Dillard, La.

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HIGH SCHOOL POLL

The high school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches cords reflect games played through Friday,

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Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 12 Philadelphia 31, Tampa Bay 9 Oakland 38, N.Y. Jets 24

Sunday, Jan. 13 Green Bay 25, San Francisco 15 Baltimore 20, Miami 3 **Divisional Playoffs** Philadelphia at Chicago, 3:30 p.m. (FOX) Oakland at New England, 7 p.m. (CBS)

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Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m. (CBS) Green Bay at St. Louis, 3 p.m. (FOX) Conference Championship Sunday, Jan. 27 NFC Championship 11:30 a.m. or 3 p.m

AFC Championship 11:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 At New Orleans

AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 5 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with
OF Carlos Lee on a two-year contract and OF
Chis Singleton on a one-year contract. Claimed LHP Thomas Jacquez off waivers from

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with INF Enrique Wilson on a one-year contract. Released INF-OF Clay Bellinger.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with RHP Cory Lidle on a two-year contract.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Named Jim Hoff.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Patrick Boyd on a minot league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms on one-year contracts with OF Shannon Stewart and

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RHP Kelvim Escobar. Acquired RHP Brian Cooper from Anaheim for 19-0H Brad Fullmer.

National League
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Paniagua on a one-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with
RHP Jamie Arnold, RHP Mark Guerra, RHP Peter
Munro, LHP Jason Jacome, C Frank Cherles, C
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MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms on one-year contracts with INF Ronnie Belliard, LHP Valerio De Los Santos and RHP Jamey Wright, NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jaime Certa and RHP Pat Strange on one-year contracts. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Named Mike

Schmidt special hitting instructor during spring

National Basketball Association NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed G Anthony Johnson and F Donny Marshall to 10-day con-FOOTBALL National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed DB James
Trapp on the injured list, activated WR Kenyon
Hambrick from the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Announced Gary

Moeller, defensive coordinator, will not return next season. Signed C Carey Clayton, WR Henry Douglas, DE Aaron Hamilton, OT Jeff Miller, TE Tevita Ofahengaue, WR Jimmy Redmond and FB Nich Young Rich Young.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed G Jim Bundren and

WR Joey Getherall. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed WR Hilton Alexander, LB Roylin Bradley, RB Jeff Chaney, LB J.J. Jones, C-G John Romero, G Chris Valetta and J.J., Jones, C-G. John Romero, G Chris Valetta and C Bruce Wiggins.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed FB Kevin Clemens, S. Shawn Forte, S Brian Gray, DE Reginald Grimes, DE Regigle Hargrove, CB Keith Heyward-Johnson, WR Damon Hodge, WR Aaron Jones, LB Keith Miller, WR Corey Nelson, RB Rod Phillips, OL Josh Rawlings, WR Davis Shockman, C Peko Siltupe, DT Roland Smith and DT Nigel

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College Scores

MEN'S GAMES

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St. John's 64, Boston College 57
Xavier 71, George Washington 63
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Louisiana-Monroe 72, Texas-San Antonio 70 New Orleans 62, South Alabama 44 Northwestern St. 90, SW Texas 63 Tulsa 71, Louisiana Tech 68 MIDWEST Loyola of Chicago 76, Ill.-Chicago 65 Valparaiso 87, Oral Roberts 67 SOUTHWEST
Houston 99, Prairie View 85
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SMU 76, Rice 49

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WOMEN'S GAMES EAST Johns Hopkins 67, Elizabethtown 51 Northeastern 68, Dartmouth 62 Penn St. Behrend 70, Fredonia St. 56 Delaware 72, George Mason 52 Delta St. 93, S. Arkansas 65 E. Illinois 59, Murray St. 57 Florida St. 80, N.C. State 74 Furman 71, Appalachian St. 57 Georgia 60, Auburn 49 Georgia Tech 81, North Carolina 62 LSU 88, Mississippi 57 Louisiana College 77, Texas Wesleyan 39 New Orleans 62, South Alabama 58 Old Dominion 82, Hofstra 48 Southern Miss. 78, South Florida 56 Tennessee 80, South Carolina 61 Vanderbilt 69, Alabama 46 Virginia 52, Maryland 44 Wake Forest 58, Clemson 46 MIDWEST Creighton 59, N. lowa 51 Drake 85, Bradley 56 Michigan St. 64, Ohio St. 49 Minnesota 84, Michigan 75
Purdue 61, Indiana 53
Wisconsin 74, Illinois 69
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Miami's Coker

HOUSTON (AP) - Larry Coker knew he'd have enough talent for his first head coaching job.

Coker led the Miami Hurricanes to the national championship in his first season as head coach and was rewarded Thursday night with the Bear Bryant Award as the college football coach of the year.

"I'm surprised and shocked," Coker said after receiving his award. "I'm almost as shocked as when Butch came in and said he was going to the Browns."

Coker took over for Miami last season when Butch Davis left for the NFL and the Hurricanes didn't miss a beat, going 12-0 and taking most of the argument out of who should be the national champion with a 37-14 victory over Nebraska in the Rose Bowl.

"We didn't talk about national championship at the start of the year but we told our players that we didn't think talent was an issue," Coker said. "We tried to ignore the polls and talk about what we needed to do.'

As the season unfolded, Coker started to get excited. "After the Florida State game you could see that we had a chance to go all the way," Coker said.

Coker is the first rookie coach to win a national title since Michigan's Bennie Oosterbaan in 1948. He also is the first rookie coach to win the Bear Bryant award since Army's Tom Cahill in 1966.

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didn't. They got the rebounds.

"Right now, we don't have the instincts. We don't want to win."

The loss drops Howard to 7-10 overall and 1-1 in WJCAC play. Clarendon College improves to 11-6 and 2-0.

Wells said Clarendon, Odessa College and Howard College will be fighting for two spots in the regional tournament. South Plains College and Midland College are ranked in the top 20 NJCAC poll and appear to be ahead of the pack.

"This was a bad time to lose," Wells said. "This is a tough conference. You can't lose a home game in this conference. It will be tough to be one of four teams to make it to the tournament. Losing games, it just can't happen.

Howard could not miss in the first half, hitting 6-of-12 from behind the arc - 53.6 percent from the field. Vangela Menter hit all of her 11 points in the first half. And freshman Alexis Burton, who just became eligible was a huge boost for the Lady Hawks in the first half, hitting three of her team-high four threepointers before intermission.

... "We have got to sustain our intensity," Wells said of the Lady Steers slip in making their shots and concentrating on rebounds."

Clarendon's Justice led all scorers with 23 points. Chavez had 20 for the Lady Bulldogs. Burton knocked in 21 points for Howard College. Markeeta Hearns had 11 boards in the losing effort.

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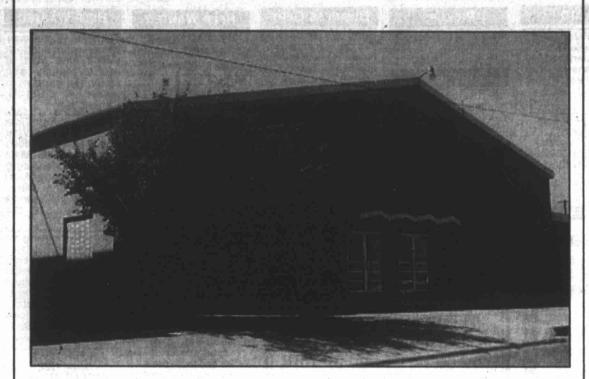
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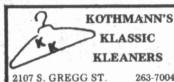


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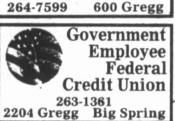


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ARIES pushes you to get going. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)***** Spontaneity draws success. Sort through what looks like a momentary happiness to make it long term. Extravagance suits you fine, especially if it involves someone close. A call might "sober" you up, but you're on a roll. Tonight: Let your sunny

spirit lead. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)*** You might enjoy yourself much more if you play it low-key and easy. Yet you receive an abnormal number of calls or requests. If you really want to cocoon, do yourself a phone. OK? You deserve a for this person. Tonight:

day off, too! Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Your friends suggest different plans. The problem is that you want to do it all. Make an effort to squeeze in as much as you can. Slow down for a special pal. You might like to play and party away, but this person commands your attention. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)**** Your bouncy ways could be distracting at best and irritating at worst to a parent or a higher up. Become more self-aware, and sensitivity to others will increase. You cannot cancel a must appearance, even if you are dragging. Others depend on you. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Simplify rather than complicate an up-and-coming trip. Energized by going away, you inadvertently could cause last-minute confusion. Be cognizant of your behavior. Step back from yourself. Make a point to seek out a special friend. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Dealing with someone might feel like an effort, but is worth it. Whether you realize it or not, this person needs a lot of nurturing and care. Be sensitive to a special request from an older friend or relfavor: Don't answer the ative. Go out of your way

Slow down with a loved

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****You beam while others seek you out. Popularity makes a big difference to everyone, but especially to you. Acknowledge others for their efforts. Someone who might be combative at times really does care. Don't kid yourself! Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Get into a project or a new sport. Don't decide that something is impossible. Just go and do it, or at least try it. Your family supports you in a decision affecting your day-to-day life. Much changes quickly. Rely on a trusted friend or partner. Schedule some quality time with this person. Tonight: Don't push.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)***** Share your carefree, frivolous mood. You can only hope it's contagious, especially with a very stern associate, friend or loved one. Know that you can't change this person's mood, only he or she can. Offer a couple of fun ideas to do together. You'll have a good time wherever you are. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** Stay close to home. You will discover that the action will come to you. A purchase is highlighted in the next few days. Consider comfort and why you want this item.

Hop on the Net and do your "homework." Research this item. Tonight: Ofder in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)***** Reach out for others. Touch base with a friend or neighbor who you often don't hear from. Make plans and catch up on each other's news. You might be surprised by a child or loved one who pulls away or who could be negative. Loosen the reins, please. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)*** Balance your checkbook before you float out the door. In fact, you might decide to cuddle up with the cat and watch an old movie. Entertaining yourself doesn't have to be expensive. Invite friends over if you want. Allow everyone to pitch in. Tonight: Play a favorite

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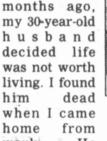
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Suicide leaves a ripple effect of agony for loved ones

Dear Landers: Two months ago, living. I found dead him home



He

work never seemed the two weeks before his suicide. I begged him to get help, but he said, "I'm OK. You are imagining things."

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Eventually, I hope to recover from this tragedy, but I'm not sure about my children. The 2-year-old will have very few memories of his father and probably will forget about him before long. Our 7-year-old cries himself to sleep every night, and says he misses his daddy and asks, "Why did he have to go away?"

My in-laws are devastated, a new bride would agree to wondering how they failed.

Please, Ann, if anyone out there is thinking of ending his or her life because of money problems, a failed love affair, unemployment or whatever, tell them to depressed in the eight years killing yourself over. My we were married, except for son and I are in therapy, but I don't know if I will ever get over this. — A

Widow at 30 Dear Widow at 30: You WILL get over the death of your husband because you must carry on and raise those young sons. It's good to know you are in therapy. No one should have to face such pain and grief alone. A competent therapist can be invaluable at a time such as this. Please don't feel that you failed your husband. Depressed people are sometimes in such agony they can see no other way out. It was no one's

fault. Dear Ann Landers: My mother-in-law has several pieces of beautiful antique furniture that she would like to give to my wife. The problem is that Mom lives across the country and is planning to sell her house soon. She wants us to get this furniture NOW.

We cannot afford to travel 1,200 miles, rent a trailer and bring back the furniture. Many of the pieces are family heirlooms, and we do not want to lose them, but I see no way to pick them up, ship them or store them indefinitely without spending money we can ill afford. Any ideas? - Need Help in the Sunshine State

Dear S.S.: Can your mother-in-law help with the expense? If not, is there anyone else in the family who might be interested in those heirlooms? Ask around. It would be a shame to lose them. They should not end up with strangers.

Dear Ann Landers: My exhusband married his girlfriend last week, and our two teenage children were part of the ceremony. When the kids returned home, they told me their father used the same wedding band I gave him, which he wore for the 16 years we were married.

I am terribly upset that he would do such a thing. My ex had promised my son that he could have that ring as a keepsake. Frankly, I am surprised his

accept a wedding band connected to his first marriage. Should I say something to him? - Dilemma of an Arkansas Divorcee

Dear Ark.: The man is your ex-husband now. Keep stop thinking of their own your dignity, and stay out agony and consider the of the picture. The situation loved ones they would leave is between your ex-husband behind. There is no job, no and his son. And it may be creditor, no person worth that the new wife knows nothing about the ring's history. If your son is upset that he might not get this heirloom ring, he should speak directly to his father about it.

Meanwhile, tell the kids to stop reporting to you about your ex-husband's actions. It can create ill will and put the children in the middle. They need to mind their own business.

Dear Ann Landers: My

daughter just informed me that our granddaughter, age 5, will no longer be permitted to visit us on the weekends because her "attitude and behavior" have been poor. They told her she has three more chances, and if she misbehaves three more times in the next 12 days, she will not be seeing us for three months.

We do not believe it is appropriate to use us as punishment for their daughter's behavior. After all, if our granddaughter doesn't visit, we are being punished as well, and we haven't done anything wrong. I realize that parents need to discipline their youngsters, but isn't this totally inappropriate? My daughter insists that visits with us are the only thing she can withhold that the child greatly cares about. Please, Ann, tell us how

to make our daughter find another way to punish the child. We are already suffering because of that illconceived decision. -Grandma in New Hampshire Dear New Hampshire

Gram: If you feel that a word from me, backing you up, will help, consider it done. Your daughter should indeed find a way to discipline the child without punishing you. I am printing your letter and my plea that she will consider another form of punishment. I hope it helps.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 70 years old and in fairly good health, although I have a bad back. I have a young nièce who is a lovely girl and very attentive, but she does one thing that makes me livid. She sends me cards for my birthday,

anniversary and holidays, and every time, she puts confetti inside. You know what I mean, Ann — those tiny pieces of glitter and millions of little paper hearts. When I open the cards, the confetti falls out and lands all over the table and floor, and winds up in my hair, my shoes, you name it. I know she is trying to be cute, but it only causes me stress and aggravation to clean up this

I wish she would stop sending me cards, but my husband says I'm being petty and should be grateful she remembers me. I'm still finding gold fragments in my rug from the card she sent for Christmas. Is there anything I can do to put an end to this without offending her? - Too Old for Glitter in Texas

Dear Too Old in Texas: No need to offend your niece by criticizing her well-intentioned mailing. Anticipate the problem, and open her glittery cards over your trash can or kitchen sink. Problem solved — and no feelings will be hurt. Gem of the Day: At a

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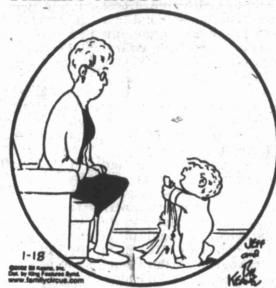
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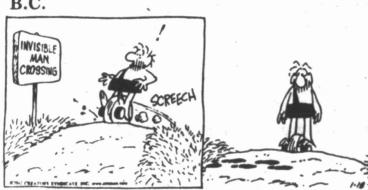


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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2002. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.) On this date:

In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1892, comedian Oliver Hardy was born in Harlem,

In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

DeSalvo was killed by a fellow inmate in 1973. Last month, DNA tests failed to link DeSalvo to the last Boston Strangler victim, casting the killer's identity further in doubt.)

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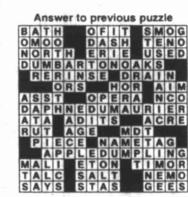
Presley-Jackson filed for divorce from Michael Jackson. Ten years ago: The

Hollywood Foreign Press Association presented its Golden Globe awards, considered a forerunner of the Academy Awards; no clear favorite emerged as the

Walt Disney animated film "Beauty and the Beast," "Bugsy," "JFK" and "The Prince of Tides" were hon-

Five years ago: Former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas, who rebounded from cancer to briefly become the Democratic front-runner for president in 1992, died in Boston of pneumonia at age 55.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 69. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 61. Comediansinger-musician Hudson is 49. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 47. Country singer Mark Collie is 46. Actress Jane Horrocks is 38. Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order")



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In 1943, a wartime ban on

siege of Leningrad.

- In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler" but later recanted, was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life.
- In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at the
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