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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Final school forum set at Bauer tonight

The last forum on closing Anderson Kindergarten Center and realignment of attendance zones for Big Spring Independent School District elementary schools is set tonight. BSISD administrators and trustees will be at Bauer Magnet School, located at 108 NW Ninth at 6:30 p.m. to hear concerns or alternate plans to the recommended zone alignments and closure.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

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

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

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.

The Evening Lions Club will give used eyeglasses to needy adults today from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 East Third.

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

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Agency on Aging offers some help with expenses

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Taking care of an elderly friend or relative is often a costly, tiring job.

A new program from the Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin is helping out in a small way with the expenses involved.

"It's a \$500 allowance and it can be spent within three months," said Rebecca Faulkner, caregiver specialist with the AAA. "The care recipient has to be at least 60 or older and has to be what they consider 'frail.' They have to have assis-

tance with at least two activities of daily living, like bathing, eating and so on."

Caregivers can receive the aid once a year, Faulkner said.

"There are no financial requirements. It's on a needs basis," she said. "It's not on a first-come first-serve basis, it's on a top need basis."

"There are limits on what the money can be used for," Faulkner said.

"We've got some set requirements on how that

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Students in the Anderson Kindergarten Center classes taught by Rebecca Carrillo and Vickey Bloodworth form the number "100" to commemorate the first 100 days of the 2001-02 school year. The Anderson campus is being considered for closure by the Big Spring school board in ongoing realignment talks. The last of a series of public forums on the issue is scheduled at 6:30 tonight at Bauer Magnet School.

State takes over local nursing home

Big Spring Care Center cited for 'poor care'

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Citing "poor care and unsafe practices," the state took control of a local nursing home Tuesday.

After a two-week investigation into the operations at the Big Spring Care Center, Texas Department of Human Services said its surveyors found several serious problems.

Among the problems were failure to:

- Treat bed sores;
- Serve physician-ordered diets calling for thickened liquids to avoid choking;
- Store, prepare and distribute food under sanitary conditions;
- Provide care and services to prevent significant weight loss.

"It is our moral and legal responsibility to protect the 39-residents of the Big Spring Care Center from the poor care and unsafe practices that exist in this nursing home" DHS Deputy Commissioner Jim Lehrman said in a statement released Wednesday.

David Crowson, a long-time nursing home professional, was appointed trustee of the facility on Tuesday by Travis County



Under an order from a Travis County judge, state officials took control Tuesday of Big Spring Care Center, 901 Gollad. The judge appointed a trustee to oversee the nursing home, which houses 39 residents. The Texas Department of Human Resources cited poor and unsafe conditions as the reason for the state intervention.

District Court Judge Jeanne Meurer.

Crowson is responsible for overseeing the operations of the center and ensuring there is no serious threat to the residents' health and safety, according to Rosemary Patterson, a spokesperson for the DHS.

"The trustee will take control, find out what went wrong and how to fix it," Patterson said.

Crowson will serve as trustee until the Texas Department of Human Services determines the facility is meeting state requirements or decides to close the facility if the owners cannot or will not make the necessary changes, Patterson said.

Big Spring Care Center is owned by Managed Care L.C. Attempts to contact Managed Care on

Wednesday were met with a recording stating telephone service had been disconnected. Directory assistance indicated there was no working number for the company.

DHS would prefer to keep the facility open, Patterson said.

"People live here," she said. "This is their home"

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Trial date for Baluch scheduled in March

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Jury selection in the federal trial of local doctor Abdul Rashid Baluch, charged with possession of cocaine, making cocaine available to a minor and healthcare insurance fraud, is set to begin March 4.



BALUCH

Baluch will stand trial in Judge Royal Ferguson's Federal District Court in Midland, but a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Midland said the case might get delayed because of large volume of cases up for consideration by the court.

"We have 10 other cases on the docket for that day," she said, adding that if the high caseload does cause jury selection in the Baluch case to be postponed, the next date for jury selection is in April.

A joint taskforce of federal, state and local law enforcement agents searched Baluch's Big

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Extension agent involved in 4-H programs as a youth, now putting them in action

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Now that she's had a chance to get settled into her new job as Howard County's Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science, Katie Walker said she likes the job.

"I'm pretty comfortable," she said. "I like everybody I work with and we all get along pretty well. I'm looking forward to working with the community and getting to know people."

Walker graduated from Texas Women's University of Denton in August with a lot of education in family and consumer science.

"I majored in it and I minored in it," she said. "I went to Sam Houston (State University) for four years and then I got married and we moved to Dallas. That's where my husband got a job. When I transferred I was just fixing to graduate, I had probably six months to go, one more semester. You have to have 36 hours somewhere before you can graduate from there. So I had 36 extra hours in family and consumer science, so I did a major and a minor in

it." Walker said a 4-H background in her youth sparked her interest in the Cooperative Extension.

"I grew up in 4-H projects and being around other extension agents," she said. "I showed animals, steers and lambs. I won a ribbon at the Waco fair and at my county fairs I won a lot."

Walker, a native of Teague, said she held many officer positions in the Teague and the Freestone County 4-H Clubs.

She's been getting her feet wet in Howard County since her Jan. 15 hire by teaching nutrition classes at the Spring City Senior Center and preparing for the Junior Leadership Conference in association with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We do nutrition on diabetes, eating healthy, counting your calories, watching your weight," she said of the Spring City classes, which she teaches once a month.

The Junior Leadership program is coming up in the near future, Walker said.

"We take the kids to tour different businesses here in



Katie Walker, a recent addition to Howard County's Texas Cooperative Extension office, is already hard at work. Walker replaces Dana Tarter as the local Family and Consumer Science agent and has been on the job since Jan. 15.

Howard County," she said. A 4-H Fashion Show is also on the horizon for the new agent.

"We have three, the junior, the intermediate and the senior class," she said. "We take them to district

and if they win they get to go to (the 4-H) Roundup (in College Station). They can buy them and model them, or they can home-make them and model them. There are two categories, modeling and construction."

Walker lives in Midland with her husband Cole, who works as a civil engineer for the city of Midland.

"We're going to be moving to Big Spring in June or July," she said.

FEBRUARY 7, 2002

Bush urges Americans to tap power of prayer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today urged Americans of all faiths to turn to prayer as they struggle through "this time of testing" after the terrorist attacks.

Bush said religious faith teaches tolerance, humility and the value of community service — all of which are needed to recover from Sept. 11 and vanquish terrorism.

"Every religion is welcomed in our country. All are practiced here. Many of our citizens profess no religion at all. Our country has never had an official faith. Yet we have all been witnesses, these past 21 weeks, to the power of faith to see us through the hurt and loss that has come on to the country," Bush said at the National Prayer Breakfast.

The breakfast is a 50-year tradition that brings lawmakers, foreign heads of state and spiritual leaders together in prayer. This year's event was filled with tributes to the heroes of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Ten representatives of the New York Fire Department were invited to the event,

and Lisa Beamer addressed the group. She is the widow of Todd Beamer, 32, of Cranbury, N.J. He and a group of passengers on United Flight 93 apparently attacked the suicide hijackers in order to prevent their captors from crashing the plane into a building in Washington.

It went down instead in a field in western Pennsylvania, becoming the only one of four hijacked planes that did not take lives on the ground.

"The men and woman who charged into burning buildings to save others, those who fought the hijackers, were not confused about the difference between right and wrong," the president said. "They knew the difference. They knew their duty, and we know their sacrifice was not in vain."

Bush said millions of Americans, including himself, were put on "bended knee" in prayer after the attacks. More prayers will be needed, he said.

"There will be hardships ahead. And faith will not

make our path easy, but it will give us strength for the journey," Bush said.

Bush spoke of the "good that has come from the evil of Sept. 11," pointing to the surge in community spirit.

"Faith shows us the way to self-giving, to love our neighbors as we would want to be loved ourselves," said Bush, who has asked Congress to expand taxpayer-funded community service programs.

"It is always and everywhere wrong to target and kill the innocent," Bush said. "It is always and everywhere wrong to be cruel and hateful, to enslave and oppress. It is always and everywhere right to be kind and just, to protect the lives of others, and to lay down your life for a friend."

Urging Americans to be tolerant of each other's views, Bush said: "Respect for dignity of others can be found outside religion, just as intolerance is sometimes found within it."

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, offered the closing prayer at the breakfast.

"In this time of testing for our nation, my family and I have been blessed by prayer from countless Americans," Bush said. "We have felt their sustaining power."

Later in the day, Bush was embracing compromise legislation to help religious charities, although supporters have yet to resolve how they will pay for the scaled-back initiative. The compromise would give new tax breaks to individuals and corporations, while abandoning the contentious effort to open new government programs to religious groups.

Bush also was meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to underscore America's support for Israel amid a dramatic increase in Middle East violence.

The president, who is keeping a busy travel schedule this week, was in New York on Wednesday night to assure state residents that they can expect the full \$20 billion he pledged to help the city recover from the attacks.

NEWS BRIEFS

Powell says Hussein must go

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell says the United States might have to act alone to bring about a "regime change" in Iraq.

Powell told House members Wednesday that President Bush is considering "the most serious set of options one might imagine" for dealing with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"Regime change is something the United States might have to do alone," Powell said. "How to do it? I would not like to go into the details of the options."

But he said Bush "examining a full range of options." Powell said United Nations inspectors must have an "unfettered right" to conduct long-term searches in Iraq for suspect weapons sites and that Bush "is leaving no stone unturned" as to what the United States might do if Saddam continues to resist inspection.

Many analysts, both inside and outside the U.S. government, suspect Iraq is trying to develop long-range missiles, biological and chemical weapons and possible nuclear devices as well.

Questioned at the House International Relations Committee hearing, Powell said U.S. intelligence has concluded that Iraq was unlikely to develop a nuclear weapon within a year or shortly thereafter.

"We still believe strongly in regime change in Iraq, and we look forward to the day when a democratic, representative government at peace with its neighbors leads Iraq to rejoin the family of nations," he said.

Sharon meeting with Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's fourth visit to the White House in less than a year is designed mostly to underscore U.S. support for Israel as it defends against a rash of Palestinian attacks.

But Sharon was likely to be turned down today, politely, in seeking a suspension of U.S. diplomatic contact with Yasser Arafat, a senior administration official said. He was meeting President Bush late in the day.

Meanwhile, the White House disclosed Wednesday that Vice President Dick Cheney is making plans for a mid-March visit to Israel, eight Arab countries, Turkey and Britain.

Bush has weighed the option of ignoring Arafat and, for the time being at least, is following a course suggested by Secretary of State Colin Powell of intensive pressure on the Palestinian leader to curb the attacks and arrest terror suspects.

The Palestinian Authority, for its part, claimed in a 17-page document obtained by The Associated Press that it had arrested 195 militants, blocked 56 suspect bank accounts, shut down 15 illegal munitions factories and clamped down on mosque preachers.

The document, turned over to the United States as evidence of counterterrorism efforts, said the Palestinian Authority "remains committed to peacefully negotiating an end to Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories."

Powell signaled that Bush would keep open a channel to Arafat when he was asked by Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., at a House hearing Wednesday to support legislation to close the Palestinian office in Washington and suspend any financial help to the Palestinian Authority.

Powell said he had to consider "whether it hinders our ability to conduct foreign policy in this difficult area." "Frankly, I need as much flexibility I can have in order to walk the very fine line between these two peoples and their governments," Powell said.

Lindh stays jailed; e-mails reveal disdain for U.S.

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Even John Walker Lindh's father was surprised when he learned the depth of his son's hostility toward the United States, according to e-mail excerpts released by the government.

Lindh, the American citizen accused of joining the Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan and conspiring to murder U.S. nationals, sent an e-mail to his family after a terrorist attack on the USS Cole in October 2000. The e-mail apparently expressed a lack of sympathy for the 17 sailors killed in the explosion.

"I confess I was taken aback somewhat by your lack of compassion for the Americans, who after all are only young people your own age who happened to have taken a job that involved being on a Navy ship," responded Lindh's father, Frank Lindh.

The government introduced a series of e-mails it says Lindh wrote to his family as evidence that he should remain jailed while he awaits a trial that could result in multiple life sentences.

Government officials would not say how they obtained the e-mails.

At a hearing Wednesday morning, a federal magistrate agreed with the government and ordered that Lindh remain in custody.

"I find that the defendant has every incentive to flee," said U.S. Magistrate Curtis Sewell, rejecting a request from defense attorneys to release Lindh to his parents' custody.

The correspondence Lindh sent to his family "repeatedly expressed what can only be termed a hostility toward his country of birth and citizenship," prosecutor Randy Bellows wrote

in his brief to keep Lindh in jail.

In a September 1998 letter to his mother, the government says Lindh wrote that the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in East Africa "seem far more likely to have been carried out by the American government than by any Muslims."

Lindh allegedly suggested in a February 2000 e-mail that his mother should move to England: "I really don't know what your big attachment to America is all about. What has America ever done for anybody?"

Another e-mail sent in 2001 discusses family life in Pakistan, and Lindh was said to have written that the contrast with the United States "really makes me look upon American society with pity."

At Wednesday's hearing, Lindh's attorneys attacked the government's case as

weak. Attorney James Brosnahan said the only hostile action Lindh took was as a member of the ruling Taliban militia against the northern alliance. He said that when Lindh joined the Taliban, its government had been a recipient of American aid, while the northern alliance was composed of ex-Communists that were enemies of the United States.

"Until early November ... the U.S. government had not taken sides with the northern alliance, and that is the only group John Lindh ever fought," Brosnahan said.

Lindh's attorneys repeated previous claims that their client's admissions to an FBI agent should be tossed out because they were obtained "under outrageously coercive conditions" in which Lindh was denied food and proper medical treatment.

Jail escapees surrender peacefully

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — Two convicted murderers who broke out of a Texas jail surrendered peacefully to authorities early Thursday after a nearly six-hour standoff.

Curtis Gambill and Joshua Bagwell allowed their elderly hostage to go free and gave up at 4:30 a.m., FBI Special Agent Richard Marquise said.

The surrender was the result of "a very skillful agent developing a rapport" with the escapees, Marquise said.

"There was discussion about hunting and fishing and what life was in prison," Marquise said. "They didn't ask for \$1 million."

Marquise said the only request by the fugitives was to talk to relatives by telephone.

The standoff lasted as long as it did because Gambill and Bagwell were eating more food than they had in more than a week, he said.

"I think they were enjoying their last moments of freedom before going to prison for the rest of their lives," Marquise said.

Gambill and Bagwell were taken to the Carter County Jail in Ardmore, where two other fugitives, Chrystal Gale Soto and Charles Jordan, were taken after their arrests. All could face charges in Carter County.

It was not immediately known when or where the four would appear in court.

The hostage, 70-year-old George West, emerged unharmed from the store

first, Marquise said. Members of West's family, who waited for word at a command post about a quarter-mile away, left immediately after the standoff ended.

Authorities arrested Soto and Jordan around 9:50 p.m. Wednesday outside the Total gas station, said Kym Koch, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Jordan was using a pay phone when an FBI agent and a Carter County sheriff's deputy arrested him. The officers had received a tip that the escapees might be there, said Gary Johnson, a spokesman for FBI in Oklahoma City.

Soto came out of the store and gave up. Gambill and Bagwell refused to come out of the store.

The four overpowered a female guard at the Montague County Jail in north Texas Jan. 28 and fled

in her sport utility vehicle. In recent days, they were linked to two burglaries and the theft of a flatbed truck in southern Oklahoma. A .22-caliber rifle was taken in one of the burglaries.

The truck was found in Lake Murray State Park on Saturday, about a mile from where the hostage standoff was taking place. The men have apparently been hiding in the park the last several days, FBI agent Sam Macaluso said.

Gambill, 23, of Terral, and Bagwell, 24, of Waurika, were convicted of the 1996 shotgun killing of Heather Rose Rich, a 16-year-old cheerleader from Waurika. Each had been sentenced to life in prison and had recently been returned to Montague for further proceedings. Jordan, 30, and Soto, 22, of Bowie, were jailed on charges stemming from the deaths of an elderly couple in the county.

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OUR VIEWS

BSISD's focus toward credit program wise

Big Spring Independent School District's decision to end its high school equivalency (GED) program and direct those resources toward at-risk students seems like a wise one. According to Jackie Henry, director of the program, GED enrollment has been steadily declining while the enrollment in the high school credit program has been increasing.

A law which went into effect Jan. 1 makes it more difficult to qualify for the GED program. In fact, no student applying for the spring semester GED program offered by BSISD met those qualifications.

Since 1988, the district has graduated 197 students through the GED program. That's almost 200 students who otherwise might not have received that level of education. However, the at-risk program — which is designed to allow students to perform classroom work at their own pace — is showing even better results. Since beginning the credit program in 1991, the district has graduated 150 students that were once considered at-risk. A significant statistic is that the district started this school year with just six GED students, while as many as 35 were enrolled in the credit program.

Another reason that the school district's decision to place a stronger focus on at-risk students is a wise one is that the GED program duplicates another in the county. Individuals wanting to complete a GED program can still do so through Howard College.

All in all, the district's decision to switch over to a program that helps more students stay in school seems like a very good one to us.

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Clotheslines have their own beauty

FISHTRAP HOLLOW, Miss. — I hung a clothesline the other day, stretched it from sweet gum to sweet gum in the back yard, taking advantage of knots on the trunks so the wire wouldn't slip. I've meant to string a line for years, but the blasted convenience of the dryer inside makes a body lazy. Push a button, your work's done. I should have hung the clothesline long ago. With it came a rush of old memories, sepia-colored daydreams of my mother pulling taut the towels and sheets, filling her dual lines with our most worn and private things. While she worked, she would yoo-hoo at our next-door neighbor, Mrs. Terry, sometimes stopping for a long conversation over the joint fence. Next to a cozy pub in Chipping Campden, England, I believe a stretch of chain-link between good neighbors is the most conducive place for talk. Wet clothes were forgiv-



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

ing; they could wait for an hour or so before the wrinkles set.

Or, Mother might work quietly without interruption, admiring the roses in the elaborate rose garden on the other side; it had stair-step brick-bordered beds and hybrid flowers standing in straight rows like fragrant soldiers and was the envy of the neighborhood.

Ours, like all the others, was a pocket-sized yard in a middle-class subdivision, nothing Better Homes and Gardens would photograph. But plenty of our neighboring families went to great lengths to beautify their small lots. There were stylish patios and compact vegetable gardens. My own family had peach trees, which once a year bore knotty fruit with worms. But even they were beautiful once a year, in the spring.

Almost everyone had a dog. In the innocent days before leash laws, we knew all the dogs by name and regularly and willingly entertained them. The good ones we were glad to see and petted and fussed over; the few bad actors we ignored or ran off. No big deal.

Lots of dogs meant doghouses, overturned trash

cans, pet-pruned azaleas and muddy tracks. People back then weren't hypersensitive about their lawns. In fact, we didn't have lawns; we had yards, which somehow was infinitely more neighborly.

If there was such a thing back then as a subdivision covenant outlawing certain colors of paint and pickup trucks parked out front, well, we never heard of it. Our yards and houses were a grand and funky mixture of taste and inclination. There were garbage cans and wooden fences, charcoal grills and kids' bicycles, perfectly edged curbs and neglected flower beds.

Almost everyone had a clothesline, too. Clothes smelled better when they dried outside, beating about all day in the sunshine and breeze, absorbing the odors of a neighbor's barbecue or Mr. Merle's prize roses. Bluejeans got a little stiff, but that quickly wore off after you put them on and reminded them of the body they were meant to fit.

Summer squalls always sent a dozen neighborhood women running to their clotheslines, snatching the wooden pins off with a practiced ease, stuffing the damp clothes into aprons and wicker baskets.

And clothes were never left on the line on a Sunday.

Today I put clotheslines at the top of the list of things that once were practical and necessary, even unsightly, but now seem almost beautiful. I see flapping clothes on a line in the distance now and get misty. Women my mother's age probably would call that crazy.

They would surely commit me if they knew I feel the same way about old-fashioned TV antennas — which to me appear almost nautical — and propane gas tanks. They all have evocative value.

Funny how we spend the first half of our lives dreaming about getting away from certain things — life on a farm, hard physical labor, workaday neighborhoods, hanging out the clothes — and the second half trying to conjure it all up again.

I guess some day satellite dishes will look good to someone, and some fool writer will wax poetic about carports or garage-door openers.

Passing time paints an impressionistic picture, blurring reality and using only the pretty colors from a palette of fond memories. Faded, shabby, dear.

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Bush is acting like an Israeli puppet

My biggest disappointment in President Bush has been in how he has allowed himself to be manipulated by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.



CHARLEY REESE

He has followed the same failed policy that his predecessor did. That policy can be summed up as "the Israelis are always right, and the Palestinians are always wrong." That's a very convenient policy for politicians who don't want the powerful Israeli lobby on their case. But if the goal is peace, the policy is a failure. If the goal is to protect America's interests, the policy is a failure. If the goal is to bring stability to the Middle East, the policy is a failure. If the goal is to eliminate terrorism, the policy is a failure.

Now, when people pursue a policy that has not achieved the goals it was supposed to, there are three

possible reasons. One, the people are stupid. I think we can eliminate that. Nobody in the White House is stupid. A second reason is that they are afraid to change the policy because of domestic political pressure. A third reason could be that their goals are not the ones they publicly espouse.

I never thought I would feel sympathy for Yasser Arafat, but he's been put into an untenable position. Imagine a football game. Imagine that you take the coach away and lock him up in a room. Imagine that you shoot half his team. And then imagine how silly it sounds for you to demand of the coach that he win the game.

Arafat is under house arrest. He can't walk outside without chipping his teeth on the muzzles of Israeli tanks. For weeks, no matter who did what, the Israelis have bombed and shelled the Palestinian Authority police stations (along with their equipment and files). The Israelis have killed and injured numerous P.A. policemen. Yet Sharon continues to demand that

Arafat stop terrorism, and no matter what Arafat says or what he does, Sharon scoffs at it.

Now, to our international shame, the Bush administration has adopted the same pathetic line. Like a flock of parrots, Bush and his people repeat whatever Sharon says. It's not just people in the Arab countries who see this sorry spectacle. People all over the world are wondering how it is that a little country like Israel can jerk the chain of a powerful nation like the United States.

A few facts: The Palestinians are right. The Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza is illegal. When the occupation ends, peace follows. As long as the occupation continues, so will the resistance.

Sharon has no intention of ending the occupation, or of negotiating in good faith. Israel's treatment of the Palestinians is a brutal record of human-rights violations, violations of the Geneva Accords and violations of United Nations Security Council resolutions.

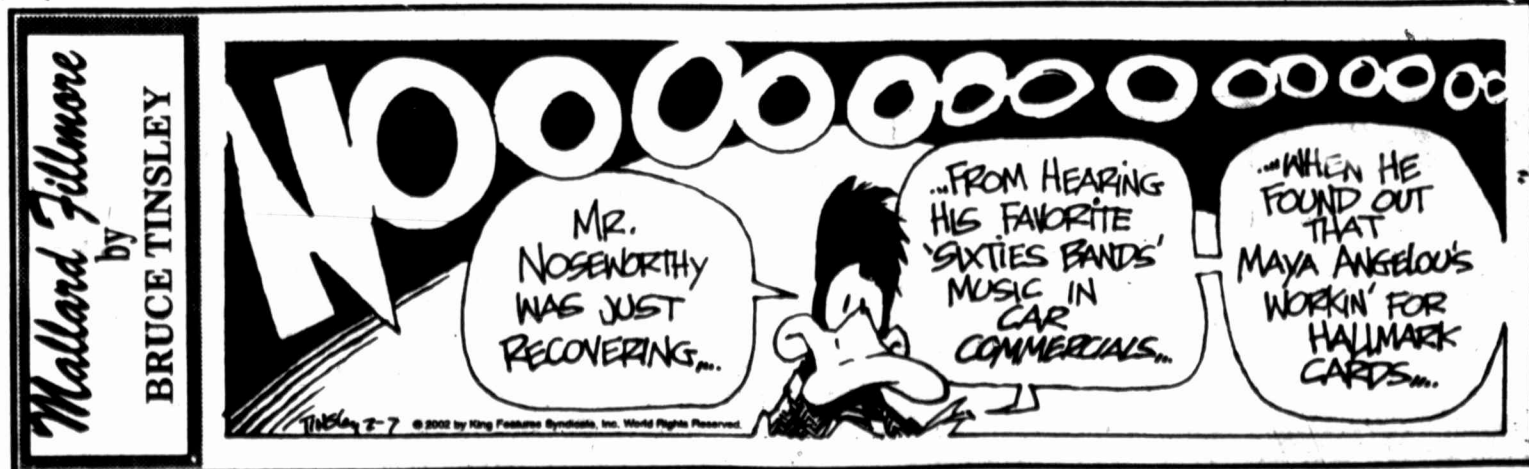
It ought to make every

American angry that our politicians tell us U.N. Security Council resolutions are worth the lives of Americans to enforce against Iraq, but are to be vetoed and spit upon when directed at Israel. Our policy is an insult to everyone who supports the United Nations, and, frankly, people in Europe are getting sick of it.

Israel has hired two public-relations firms, in addition to its American lobby, because it is scared to death that Americans are going to wake up and see the connection between the Israel First policy and the attacks that occurred Sept. 11. It need not worry about the Bush administration or most of the Israel First journalists, but I hope the American people have not all lost their ability to think and to reason.

In the meantime, the Bush administration ought to replace the American eagle with a parrot clutching an Israeli flag in one claw and a tin cup in the other.

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Timeline

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We all put a lot of time collecting our information on the family. We can have hundreds of pages with thousands of names and hundreds of floating around figure out the relationships can be frustrating as make some of us want to give up. I have found a timeline in my collection of my past records I can be using a clearer picture. This process person in a timeline helps locate a family history. It also helps dates, marriage places moved to service among things we generate family history on. A prime example records of Nans County, Va., which most part are destroyed. Using a timeline records from several counties, I have pieced together that descendants have been looking for past 50-75 years. By using land and marriages involving Gates Co. N.C., with the town of Nansmond Co. have successful marriages from and tied those to their parents. A prime example land division of Rawls in 1818 of Nansmond Co. Even though he is no known land was divided his heirs. One of these is Ann Rawls and Martha Rawls. a marriage in Nans County, Va. Lydia Ann Raw Thomas Drake

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Timeline can help organize mass of genealogy information

We all put a lot of time collecting our information on the family. We can have hundreds of pages with thousands of names and hundreds of dates floating around. Trying to figure out the family relationships can be extremely frustrating and can make some of us just want to give up.



BOBBY RAWLS

I have found by using a timeline in my organization of my vast amount of records I can begin getting a clearer picture of my family.

This process puts each person in a timeline with their own generation, plus it helps locate and identify lost relatives.

It also helps find death dates, marriages, children, places moved to, migration routes and military service among other things we genealogist and family historians thrive on.

A prime example is the records of Nansemond County, Va., which for the most part are long since destroyed.

Using a timeline and records from surrounding counties, I have been able to piece together families that descendants have been looking for over the past 50-75 years.

By using land records and marriages of neighboring Gates County, N.C., with the tax list of Nansemond County, Va., I have successfully found marriages from the 1700s and tied those people to their parents.

A prime example is the land division of James Rawls in 1818 of Nansemond County, Va. Even though he died leaving no known will, his land was divided between his heirs.

One of these was Lydia Ann Rawls and one was Martha Rawls. There was a marriage in neighboring Gates County, N.C., of a Lydia Ann Rawls to Thomas Drake on June 28,

1819, and the Lydia Ann Rawls dropped from the tax list the very next year and a marriage between Martha Rawls on May 15, 1824, to William K. Moore and her name dropped for the year 1826.

In some cases it actually stated the transfer of her property to her husband on the tax list. By using a timeline I was able to place the right daughters to their families and add two more lines to this family.

I had already added these sisters' brothers Risop, John, Justin and Uriah Rawls to their parents James Rawls, Junior and his wife Ann.

So this really helps fill in the gap for this family.

The timeline has also helped prove that the death of a certain person in a certain county was the same person that had lived in another county previously.

When Henry Rawls disappeared from the tax list in Nansemond County, Va., I had a hard time finding him until an entry in the tax list said, Henry Rawls of North Carolina and the succeeding census records of Franklin County, N.C., picking him up.

Further confirmation that he was the right Henry Rawls came as his brother James Rawls sold his land in Nansemond County, Va., and also showed up in Franklin County.

When this James Rawls died about 1834 Henry Rawls was listed in various pages of the estate records.

This James Rawls's wife was Charlotte who married William D. May after her husband's death.

William May was one of the executors of James Rawls estate. This was the case in many records of that time period.

The above are just a few examples of the importance of a timeline and a viable research plan. It has helped me tremendously and will put you years ahead in your research.

Bobby Rawls writes a regular genealogy column for the Herald.

Panel of doctors says don't forget about aspirin's benefits

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As high-profile drugs continue hitting the market to lower cholesterol and treat pain, a federal panel is urging people not to forget an old standby with a heart-healthy advantage: aspirin.

Some doctors have expressed concerns that people who took an aspirin a day for high cholesterol or pain from ailments such as arthritis may have switched to new specialized drugs — and are no longer getting the heart benefits of aspirin. They hope that a new set of guidelines will send the message that, for many people, an aspirin a day helps keep heart attacks away.

The guidelines, released by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and appearing in Tuesday's edition of Annals of Internal Medicine, are based on decades of research that indicates taking aspirin

daily can prevent heart attacks.

"There isn't evidence that these new drugs prevent heart attacks so people shouldn't use those as a substitute for aspirin," said Dr. Cynthia D. Mulrow, a task force member and professor of medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Aspirin, which improves blood flow through the arteries by making it less sticky and less likely to clot, often is recommended to help prevent and treat heart problems. Cholesterol-lowering "statin" drugs and pain-relieving "cox-2 inhibitors," which millions of Americans take every day, don't appear to have that benefit.

And the higher a person's heart attack risk, the more aspirin seems to help. The task force looked at 35 years

of research on aspirin and heart health and defined high-risk people as anyone with high cholesterol levels or blood pressure, men over age 40, postmenopausal women, smokers and diabetics.

Data pooled from several studies showed that aspirin therapy reduced the risk for coronary heart disease by 28 percent, and the numbers get better for people with a moderate to high risk of heart disease.

"One of the things the task force wanted to get across is that the easiest and most cost-efficient intervention to lower one's risk of cardiovascular disease is low-dose aspirin," said Dr. Roger S. Blumenthal, director of preventive cardiology at Johns Hopkins University.

That doesn't mean that patients shouldn't stop their prescription medications in favor of aspirin. Many peo-

ple can take a daily low-dose (about 75 mg) of aspirin in conjunction with their prescription pain or cholesterol medication, doctors said.

Mulrow, a co-author of the guidelines, said it's essential to first determine one's heart disease risk factor because aspirin's side effects — including intestinal bleeding and hemorrhagic stroke — can do more harm than good for people with healthy hearts.

To determine one's risk level, the report points to several Web site "calculators," including one at www.med-decisions.com. Punch in statistics including blood pressure, cholesterol and age, and the site tells you what your chances are of having a heart attack in five years.

If your chance is 3 percent or greater, the task force says aspirin therapy is a good idea.

Putting winter germs to rest; tips on fighting off viruses

In the winter months, the youngest members of the household can be the biggest source of viruses.



KATIE WALKER

One reason is that small children share everything, including toys, cups and utensils. And, the things they share often find their way to the mouth.

Children usually don't follow the rules of personal hygiene. Small hands wipe runny noses, little dirty fingers go in mouths and chil-

dren must constantly be reminded about washing their hands before eating and after going to the potty. Children develop infections more easily than adults because their immune systems aren't fully developed. Experts report that the home is the source of two-thirds of viruses that make us ill and 50 to 80 percent of food borne illnesses.

If you have small children in the home the likelihood of illness increases.

Staying healthy and waging the war on all these germs means smart cleaning habits, says The Soap and Detergent Association.

Your goal should be to reduce the levels of germs so they do not pose a serious risk of illness.

The first place to start cleaning is in the kitchen where E.coli and Salmonella thrive.

Hands should be properly disinfected before and after handling food. Use a disinfectant cleaning product to kill and keep germs under control.

These disinfectants should be used on counter-tops, cutting boards, dishes and utensils, as well as faucet and refrigerator door handles.

A good rule of thumb is to change dishcloths and clean sponges every two to three days.

Disinfectants may also be used in the bathroom. Bathroom germs thrive on moisture and the key here is to keep the bathroom

surfaces clean and dry. In laundry, E.coli will be destroyed by the heat in the dryer. Other fecal-born bacteria and viruses can be attacked by washing clothes in very hot water and using bleach.

Do the bleach load of laundry first to sanitize the washing machine. Surfaces that come into contact with the laundry, including folding tables, counter-tops and the tops of washing machines and dryer, should also be disinfected.

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Katie Walker, new Howard County Extension Agent, will be writing a regular column for the Herald.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb 06. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 44 degrees; 4 low; Black bass to 5 pounds are slow on spinnerbaits and crankbaits in 2 - 25 feet. Striped bass to 19 inches are fair on crankbaits in the river channel. White bass to 15 inches are fair on deep diving crankbaits in 15 - 30 feet. Crappie to 13 inches are slow on minnows in 3 - 35 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 16 inches are fair on cut shad in 10 - 35 feet. Yellow catfish to 22 pounds are slow on cut shad and shrimp in 5 - 40 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 54.6 degrees; 1015.31; Black bass are fair on Texas red 3/8 oz. Terminator spinnerbaits, crawfish 1/4 oz. Rat-L-Traps and 4" watermelon/red SlidingWeight Craw Fish along breaklines of flats on creek points in 8 - 14 feet. Striped bass are good drifting live bait, trolling or casting 1/2 oz. Curb's Stripper jigs and vertically jigging Pirk Minnows or Lit'l Fishie Shad in channels in 18 - 30 feet. White bass are good on 1/4 oz. Pirk Minnows, 2" Lit'l Fishie Shads and Tiny Traps in 25 - 40 foot channels. Crappie are slow on minnows, 1/32 oz. white Curb's crappie jigs and red/chartreuse Solid Tubes. Channel catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 50 degrees; 1157.14; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are fair trolling shad. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on shad and worms. Yellow catfish are slow on shad and perch on trotlines.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; 48 low; Black bass are slow on Carolina-rigged worms, Rat-L-Traps and deep-diving crankbaits off points, and fair around standing grass. Striped bass are fair to good on slabs and stripper jigs up the Rio Grande. White bass are fair to good on slabs and stripper jigs up the Rio Grande under birds. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Devils River around trees and brush. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait in 70 - 90 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 45 degrees; Black bass to 3 pounds are slow on red spinnerbaits and jigs around brush. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 48 degrees; 7.5 low; Black bass are slow on minnows and crankbaits off rocky points. Crappie are fair around fishing pier and derricks. White bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with stinkbait and worms.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 70 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Redfish are good on minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows and cutbait.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 53 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on goldfish and minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky; 51 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are very slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Striped bass are very slow. Catfish are good on jug lines and trotlines baited with minnows and shiners. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair on minnows. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 50 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are very slow. Crappie are slow around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

OH. IVIE: Water stained; 51 degrees; 19.25 low; Black bass are slow on minnows. Crappie are slow on jigs and minnows at 20-27 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Smallmouth bass are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water stained; 50 degrees; 6 low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water stained; 51 degrees; 7 low; Black bass are very slow. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows, worms and shad.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow on crankbaits and minnows near rocky points. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows, shad and perch.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are slow on minnows and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

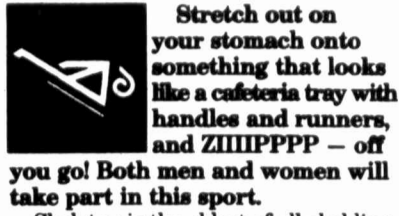
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 44 degrees; 22 low; Black bass are very slow. Crappie are good at the crappie house on jigs and minnows. Walleye are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with worms and minnows.



By BETTY DEBNAM

New at the Olympics

The Sport of Skeleton



Stretch out on your stomach onto something that looks like a cafeteria tray with handles and runners, and ZIIIIIIPPP - off you go! Both men and women will take part in this sport.

Skeleton is the oldest of all sledding sports. It began in the 1880s in Switzerland. While skeleton has been a part of the Olympics twice before, this Olympics marks its return for the first time in 54 years, and the first time ever that women will take part.

To find out more about the sport, we talked with Colleen Rush.

Colleen is a single mother of two young children. She is also a conservation biologist who is very interested in the environment and wildlife.

Colleen Rush got into the sport because her back yard is within walking distance of the Park City, Utah, track, one of only two official skeleton tracks in the United States. (The other one is in Lake Placid, N.Y.) She has been a skeleton slider for three years.

No one knows exactly where the sport got its name. Some people think that the sled looks like a skeleton.

Colleen thinks the name might have started when bobbeleds broke down and sliders would use just what was left, or the skeleton, of that sled.



The sled resembles a fiberglass pan with a metal frame and padding. Attached to the bottom are runners of steel that look like small round tubes. Cut into the tube is a shallow blade.

The sled weighs from 70 to 110 pounds, depending on the slider's weight. It stretches from the shoulders to the knees. It measures about 16 inches across.

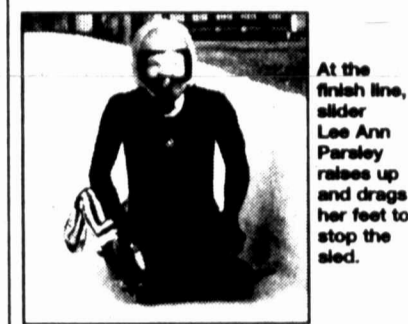


Colleen Rush gets ready for a run down the track. To start, sliders run down an icy track, pushing the sled in a crouching position. Then they lunge smoothly onto the sled and gather speed. They keep their hands on the handles and control the direction by shifting their body weight.

The Mini Page thanks Julie Urbansky, U.S. Bobbeled and Skeleton Federation, for help with this story.

"Even though it seems fast, the track seems to me like it is in slow motion. I can see where I am in the track and where I am entering the turns," Colleen told us.

Sliders go down an ice course with 15 to 20 turns at up to 80 miles per hour. Their chin is only an inch or two above the ice. They must see where they are going and keep their head as low as possible to go faster. It takes 50 to 52 seconds from top to bottom of the course.



At the finish line, slider Lee Ann Parsley releases up and drags her feet to stop the sled.

Since the sport is just becoming popular, all of the equipment except for the speed suit is borrowed from other sports. The helmet, with its chin guard, is much like a football helmet. It is borrowed from Alpine skiing equipment. The face shield is from a motorcycle helmet. The shoes with spikes are sprinter's shoes.



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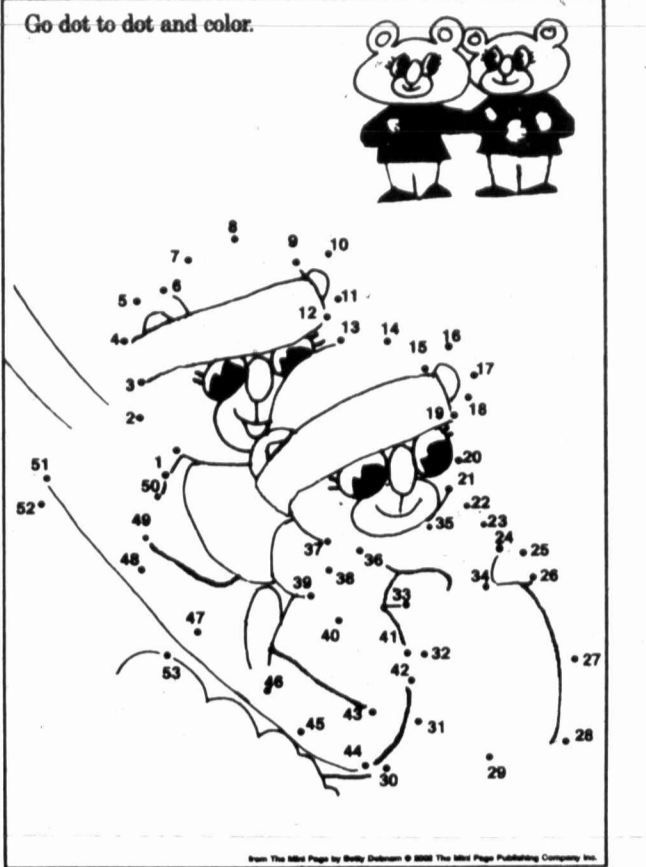
Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Todd Hays
Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 5-21-69
Weight: 235 College: University of Tulsa
Let's all cheer for Todd Hays in the upcoming Olympics. He will be on a team that represents the United States in the bobbeled.
Todd began the sport in 1994. Last year he was on a two-man bobbeled team that came in first in a race at Lake Placid, N.Y., and also on a team that came in third at Lake Placid.
In 2000, he was on the two- and four-man teams that won races in Park City, Utah. In 1999, he was on the team that won the four-man race at the national championships in Park City. Todd was born and lives in Del Rio, Texas. He studied physical education in college, where he played football. In 1993 he was a national kickboxing champion.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes
All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?
Amanda: Why is a baby like an old car?
Ginger: It never goes anywhere without a rattle!
Tim: Why do boy babies wear blue booties and girls wear pink?
Joy: To keep their feet warm!
Joy: My baby is a year old now, and he's been walking since he was 9 months old!
Mary: Wow! He must be very tired!

The sport of skeleton
Words and names that remind us of Olympic sports are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: BOBSLED, ATHLETES, RACE, EVENT, MEN, WOMEN, TEAMS, COMPETITION, TRIALS, SKELETON, WIN, PUSH, ICE, TIME, SPRINT, METER, RUN, FAST.
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Salt Lake Paralympic Games
Alpine skiing
Athletes compete in races where they weave their way between poles placed along the course.
Ice sledge hockey
Athletes use sledges (sleds) with two blades that allow the pucks to pass underneath. As in ice hockey, each team has five players and a goalie.
Cross-country and biathlon
Athletes compete in team and individual events. Some also shoot at targets.
Next week, The Mini Page celebrates Black History Month with a story about Frederick Douglass.
Look through your newspaper for news of the Paralympics.
Athletes from around the world will compete in the Paralympic Winter Games. "Para" means "with" in Latin. So Paralympics means "with Olympics." These Olympics are for athletes with disabilities. Athletes with the same abilities will compete against one another. Both men and women take part. The first Paralympics was held to help injured World War II veterans recover. Some of the athletes are able to ski standing. Some ski and play hockey in special sit-skis (chairs on skis). Others have vision disabilities and use a guide when they are competing.
Dates: March 7 to 16
Number of countries: 36
Number of athletes and team officials: 1,000
Web sites to see: www.paralympics2002.com (Salt Lake Organizing Committee) and www.paralympic.org (International Paralympic Committee)
Yo ... Otto!
Otto is the mascot of the Paralympic Games. American river otter that lives in the mountains near Salt Lake City. Otto serves as a symbol of strength and power. About 100 years ago, pollution and trapping nearly wiped out the otters. Today, they have rebounded from near extinction.
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Buzz through your paper and The Mini Page for pictures and words beginning with the letter J.
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Which picture in the row below does not begin with the J sound?
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Learn the art of expressing your negative as well as your positive feelings. You often blurt out thoughts without thinking. Get into a more rigid exercise and diet program. You'll discover that you will feel a lot better as a result. You have a unique opportunity to clear out your life and reorganize it on a new basis. Take your time making decisions, stepping back as much as you need to. If you are single, you actually might prefer being alone. After summer 2002, you will do much more dating. You'll enjoy others in a way you rarely do. You could flirt with the idea of a new relationship. If you are attached, you and your partner need to vanish more often and share quiet times together. CAPRICORN understands you.

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You might be running in every direction. What happened to organization? You just might need to put the kibosh on present activities and reorganize work. Better communication becomes the earmark of the next few weeks. Tonight: Lead others into a fun weekend. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Seek out others. Someone really cares for you but seems to show it by constantly reaching out for you. Express your feelings and your needs. Set your boundaries before it becomes too late. Avoid an argument through diplomacy. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your display of happiness relieves someone who has been concerned about your moodiness. Keep expressing yourself, allowing others to hear what you want loud and clear. A friend might make a request that you cannot fulfill. Tonight: Bypass a power struggle.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****

Family might be your priority, but at some point, you need to take care of other facets of your life. Focus and clear out problems elsewhere. Upstairs surrounds a special friendship. Is this what you really want? Detach and listen. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Speak out, and finally others listen. You might want to sigh a breath of relief, as matters seem more under control. Consider options around a day-to-day situation. Perhaps you expect too much from yourself, or someone else is expecting too much. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

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DEC. 21) ****

Deal with finances. Now when you talk to others, you get the kind of answers you seek. You can sigh with relief. A child or a loved one could go on the warpath. You'll have to dig into your bag of tricks to find a solution. Tonight: Indulge. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Basics do count, no matter how you look at a personal matter. Not everyone does what you think he or she should. Getting angry at a close friend or roommate won't help. Detach. Use your reservoir of creativity. Tonight: Ever dynamic, make the choices. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** As tempting as it might be, slow down and don't jump to conclusions. Tempers flare around you, and it might be easy to join in. Use your creativity. Talk to each person individually, attempting to walk in this person's footsteps. Tonight: Head home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Where your friends are is where you want to be. Don't become frivolous with spending. Understand present limits, knowing when to say "enough." A friend lets you know how much he or she cares. Review finances before you hit an obstacle. Tonight: Keep the party going.

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BORN TODAY

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ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 42-year-old woman, married for 18 years, with three beautiful children. My husband, "Herbert," is 20 years older than I am. After our last child was born 12 years ago, he informed me that he no longer had any interest in sex. He assured me it wasn't my fault. He simply didn't want intimacy. He told me it was OK with him if I found some other man to satisfy me.

Lack of intimacy in marriage has wife in quandry

I was terribly hurt and depressed that Herbert would suggest such a thing. I would never be unfaithful to my husband. I begged him to go for counseling, which we tried briefly, but it made no difference. For the sake of my children, I decided to stay in the marriage. Unfortunately, I have been depressed for the past 12 years and gained almost 100 pounds. I finally decided to ask Herbert for a divorce and told him to move out. Now my children are angry with me. They said if I divorce their father, they will live with him instead of me. I cannot tell them the truth, and I don't want to lose them. What should I do? - Need Advice in Montreal, Quebec

Dear Montreal:

You are caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. You are too young to give up on intimacy. However, your children's needs should come first. The youngest is 12. He will be an adult in six years. It's a lot to ask, but can you hold your marriage together until then? Meanwhile, I urge you to go back to your counselor (or find a new one). Ask Herbert to go with you. If he refuses, go alone. You need more help than I can give you, dear. Good luck,

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BIG SPRING HERALD KWIK KLASS

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Notice to all persons, firms, corporations and associations, public or bonded warehouseman. I, Keith Toomire, Chief Appraiser of the Howard County Appraisal District do by this notice require all business, personal or property owned, controlled, consigned, leased or held by you to be rendered to the Howard County Appraisal District...

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THURSDAY

FEB. 7

TV schedule grid with columns for station (e.g., KMID, KPEJ, KERA) and time slots (6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM, 12 AM).

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2002. There are 327 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 7, 1964, the Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. On this date: In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn. In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president. In 1943, the government announced that shoe rationing would go into effect, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year. In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eddie Bracken is 82. Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 81. Author Gay Talese is 70. Blues singer-musician Earl King is 68. Actor Miguel Ferrer ("Crossing Jordan") is 47. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 43. Actor James Spader is 42. Country singer Garth Brooks is 40. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 40. Comedian Eddie Izzard is 40. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 36. Thought for Today: "Human beings are the only creatures who are able to behave irrationally in the name of reason." - Ashley Montagu, English anthropologist.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like DUMPS, SLAP, GOM, INUIT, DRI, SOHO, ATONE, ANNE, IBAR, LONER, ANGER, NORA, INK, RAGLAN, BEHOLD, QUELL, OVINE, PUN, TESLA, PILL, LAI, TEAR, PLOYS, ACT, CONDO, CHUNK, RENTED, ANCHOR, MEL, DALI, SOLO, FLIGHT, OPEL, URIS, ADLAI, READ, LAME, HEEVE, EST, ALAS, SANER.

Newsday Crossword

WING IT by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS 1 Zesty dip 6 Cable car 10 Rural water source 14 Hunter constellation 15 Had on 16 Diva's number 17 Stout 18 Othello heavy 19 Rustic stopovers 20 Straight ahead 23 Foreshadow 24 Sly look 25 Fast-food freebies 28 Act moody 31 Donahue of TV 32 Abbot's underling 33 Rider Haggard novel 36 Be finicky, maybe 40 Molecular biology topic 41 Chili con 42 French 101 verb 43 Quarried 44 Praline nuts 46 Reservoir filler 48 Baroque composer 49 Futile pursuit 55 State under oath 56 Hull part 57 Deliver a speech 59 Jazzy Home 60 Small stream 61 Incite 62 Low card 63 Friendly nation 64 College administrators DOWN 1 Story or sister preceder 2 Geometry calculation 3 Is situated 4 Slow-pitch game 5 In whatever way 6 Now and again? 7 Waterfall sound 8 Jason's vessel 9 Cat's cry 10 Lamented loudly 11 A Muppet 12 Cruise ship 13 Bonny miss 21 McMahon and Sullivan 22 Plant life 25 Rushed 26 Easier said done 27 Hayworth of films 28 Product name 29 Increase, as prices 30 "Alley ___!" 32 French father 33 Tijuana miss: Abbr. 34 Rhino's defense 35 Pasture moms 37 Cake decoration 38 Auntie Em's st. 39 Fix a battery 43 Sideshow site 44 ___-Man (arcade game) 45 Reverberated 46 Barge's place 47 Solo 48 Midsection 49 Kelly or Whitman 50 Pod veggie 51 Yvette's eye 52 Go like hotcakes 53 Long story 54 British prep school 58 Naval off.

