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The City of Big Spring Water Utilities Department will be replacing three valves in the water system on Friday from 6:30 a.m. until the work is completed.

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New audio books are in at the Howard County Library. Librarian Hollis McCright previews them for our readers in today's paper.

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Cloning: Do we have the right?

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Friday's announcement of the first birth of a cloned baby by Clonaid, a French firm, was met with skepticism in the scientific community and raises an age-old question — just because we can, should we?

"God created us all," said Joyce Wash, who was shopping Tuesday at the Big Spring Mall. "Do we have the right to create ourselves?"

Many area residents said they could see some benefits, but questioned the morality of cloning.

"What we learn could do some good, like cloning

organs for individuals," said Pam Lucas. "Cloning could lead to some good coming out of it, but it could lead to abuse."

"For people who need

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Dr. Jimmy Watson, First Christian Church

organ transplants, eye donations things like that, it could help," said Tish Torres.

But Torres questioned the need to clone humans. "I don't think that's the way God meant for it to be," she said.

Local ministers clearly have concerns.

"I am for the research involved with human cloning, if it could lead to cures for genetic-related illnesses. But to go out and create human beings, we have enough people in the world as it is," said Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church.

Watson has closely fol-

"I think you'll find that even if they successfully clone humans, even the clones will desire to worship God."



Ken McMeans, College Baptist Church

lowed the ethical debate and public trepidation about the technology since the creation of the first successful animal clone, Dolly the sheep. Among his research,

Watson analyzed the moral messages from several fictional novels, including "A Brave New World" and "The Boys From Brazil" and has concluded much of the public's anxiety to cloning results from what he terms the "Frankenstein myth."

Just like the plot of the novel "Frankenstein," people are afraid that what may result from the technology is the creation of monsters, Watson said. An issue of controversy is Clonaid itself.

The company was founded by Claude

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BSPD

Efficient, dependable describes department's civilian employee for '02

Editor's note: This is the first installment in a short series of articles introducing readers to Big Spring Police Department employees of the year.

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Administrative Secretary Ann Reid feels like there are others more deserving of being named Civilian Employee of the Year than herself. Police Chief Lonnie Smith disagrees.

"A lot of the officers will say I do, but I don't think so," Reid said.

"She's always prompt, she's always here. She's willing to help anyone that asks her."



Lonnie Smith, police chief

"Everybody around here does an outstanding job. The girls up front do more than their share, the dispatchers do more



Big Spring Police Department's Civilian Employee of the Year Ann Reid works at her job as administrative secretary at the department. Reid — who undertook the consolidated duties of two positions a couple of years ago — said all the police civilian employees do an outstanding job.

than their share. That's the officers' lifeline, the dispatch. There's 25 other people in this department that really deserve this award. It is really an honor, there's just plenty of other people that do more. Sometimes I think they don't get enough

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Nation's leaders fear deadly disease could resurface

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Smallpox — a dead disease.

But will 2003 be the year of the second coming for the disease — thought eradicated worldwide in 1980 — which killed hundreds of millions in the centuries before an effective vaccine was available?

The vaccinations — which carry a risk of

dangerous side effects — were discontinued in the United States in 1972. Faced with a possible bioterrorist threat, President George W. Bush decided in December to make the vaccinations available on a voluntary basis to all Americans. Certain high-risk groups would have first dibs on the vaccine.

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"A lot of credible sources believe that other bad people from other countries may have gotten strains of smallpox which they could potentially use for criminal purposes, for bioterrorism purposes."



Dr. Miguel Escobedo, TDH regional director

tainly," said Dr. Miguel regional health director with Escobedo, the Texas Department of

Health. "The proposal that is on the table, and this is by presidential decree, is to vaccinate on a voluntary basis healthcare teams from hospitals. And also public healthcare response teams."

Afterwards, the immunizations will be opened up to the general public on a voluntary basis, Escobedo said.

Locations and dates of the first immunizations will remain secret, he added.

"The recommendation is because this does have bioterrorism implications, we would like to do that," he said. "But it's no secret that the president has made an announcement that people will be

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Stargazers, now is the time to look for Saturn

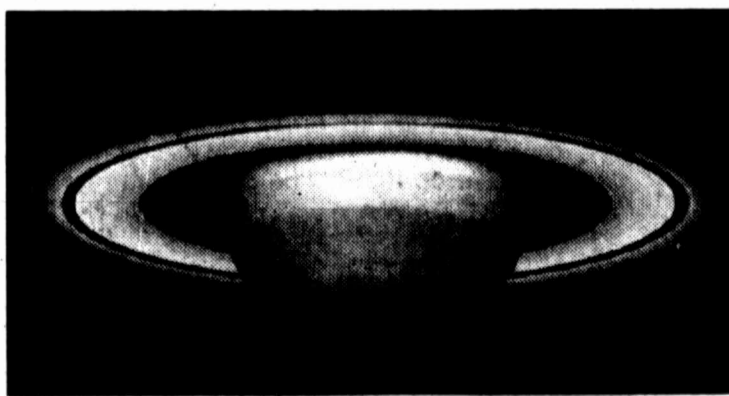
By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

For the next three to four months, the night sky may just be a little more pleasurable for stargazers.

Saturn's rings system, the most extensive and complex in our solar system, is positioned for excellent viewing, says one Big Spring amateur astronomer.

"You can see the rings of Saturn at any time (with a telescope)," said

Charles Yates, who is a technician with the USDA Agriculture Research Service in Big Spring. "This particular year the position of Saturn and the position of Earth in their orbits makes the rings at a particularly nice angle



for viewing."

Both planets will not reach this position for another 17 years, Yates

said. The best viewing of Saturn, the sixth planet from the sun, is in the early evening. Those wishing to view the rings will still need a telescope.

"About 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. until midnight is a good time to view Saturn," he said. "In

the eastern sky look for a bright, yellowish looking star that doesn't twinkle: stars twinkle."

Saturn will be located at about a 30 degree angle in the night sky and will continue to climb, reaching almost overhead by midnight, Yates said.

"About 5 a.m. it will be around the horizon in the western sky," he said.

Yates said several theories have been formed

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Jerry Shortes



Jerry Shortes, 58 of Midland, died on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, in a local hospital. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel Midland.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1944, in Howard County.

He was a graduate of Forsan High School in 1963. He was a member of the Texas Association of Court Reporters.

Mr. Shortes was a court reporter in Midland and went to work for Midland County in 1965.

Survivors include his mother, Corene O'Neill of Big Spring; stepfather, Jim O'Neill of Midland; one niece, Connie Shortes of Austin; and one nephew, Chris Shortes of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701; the Texas Kidney Foundation, 1525 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas 75235; or your charity of choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Support groups

WEDNESDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

□ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More more information call, 398-5522

□ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MONDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

TUESDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

Weather

Tonight — Breezy and clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday — Breezy and sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. North winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday night — Clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Friday — Breezy and sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Saturday — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Take note

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

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

If you can volunteer, call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday to 8 a.m. today:

- **OTIS KERMIE PORTER**, 52, of 200 E. 11th Place was arrested on three local warrants and a Culberson County warrant.

- **MICHAEL OLIVERA JR.**, 33, of 6529 Flagler was arrested on charges of cruelty to animals and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **BARRY CURTIS BARNETT**, 44, of 1302 Virginia was arrested on three local warrants.

- **JAMES REID LEWIS**, 26, of 2804 Crestline was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **PRISCILLA ANN GARCIA**, 31, of 1905 Wasson was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **VALENTIN HERNANDIZ RESENDIZ**, 40, of 107 Carey was arrested on two local warrants.

- **JAMES JAY MILAM**, 47, of 1100 Nolan was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **PAUL ANDRE DAVIS**, 41, of 107 W. Ninth St. Apt. A was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1400 block of Grafa.

- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of West Fourth Street. A white 1999 Chevy Silverado was reported stolen in the incident.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of South Gregg Street. A purse or wallet worth \$15 was reported stolen from the vehicle.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. A bicycle worth \$35 was reported stolen.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80, the 1400 block of Grafa, the 500 block of Sunset, the 900 block of West Eighth Street, the 2300 block of Thorpe, the 1400 block of East Sixth Street and the 1200 block of West Second Street.

- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Mulberry.

- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle, twice in the 1800 block of Alabama Street and the 800 block of West Eighth Street.

- **FIREWORKS** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite, the 1300 block of Kindle, the 200 block of North Nolan, the 2100 block of Settles, the 800 block of Anna and the 200 block of Northeast Ninth Street.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of South Runnels and the 1500 block of East FM 700.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

- **LUIS LIONEL LUERA**, 41, of 500 Lancaster was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Dec. 23 on a charge of driving while intoxicated — second offense.

- **CHARLIE LEOS JR.**, 23, of 509 W. Eighth St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Friday on a charge of resisting arrest.

- **ALBERT LEOS**, 32, of 801 Aylesford was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Friday on a charge of resisting arrest.

- **DANIEL RAY JONES**, 34, of 2507 Peach was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Dec. 24 on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **SHAJARKEI HAMMOCK**, 25, of 1108 E. 13th St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Friday on charges of driving with a suspended license and theft \$20 to \$500 by check.

- **ROY PAIZ GARCIA**, 42, of 805 W. Seventh St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Dec. 24 on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

- **ROXANNE EVANS FLORES**, 20, of 2600 Crestline Apt. 2 was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Dec. 24 on two charges of theft \$50 to \$500.

- **MARIA B. ALCANTAR MARTINEZ**, 50, of 1700 Laurie was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Thursday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

- **DOYLE DEE EDMONDSON JR.**, 32, of 1205 Ridgeroad Drive was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Saturday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

- **TOMMY JUSTIN CHAVARRIA**, 22, of 1613 Bluebird was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

- **JANIS LOUISE DEAN**, 41, of 5726 Rural Route 33 was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Dec. 24 on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported on Brooks Road, on Davis Road and on Interstate 20 near the 177 mile marker westbound.

- **LOOSE DOG** was reported in the 100 block of Hoosier.

- **MISSING PERSON** was reported in the 1600 block of Hilltop Road. The person was later located.

- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 3900 block of Gail Highway.

- **PROWLER** was reported in the 1200 block of Jeffery Road.

- **LOOSE HORSE** was reported on North Midway Road.

- **POSSIBLE POACHERS** were reported on North Midway Road.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 174.

- **PHONE HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of West Fifth Street.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmosley@crcom.net.

TODAY
Happy New Year!

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

Coffee Club, 7 a.m. Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m. Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, country and western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

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

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, open for tours from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Eagles Lodge, dance, 8:30 p.m., 703 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

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

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Sr. Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Seniors 50 years and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring, noon, 610 Scurry.

Concerned Citizen's, 7 p.m., Fibertex conference room on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Big Spring Chapter & Council RAM, 7:30 p.m., Masonic building, 221 1/2 Main.

Howard County ARC, 806 E. Third, Bingo Hall, 264-0674.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

VFW Post 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, 219 Main, 7:30 p.m.

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Vorilhon, a former French journalist and leader of a sect called the Raelians. Vorilhon, who calls himself Rael, claims a space alien visited him in 1973 and revealed that extraterrestrials had created all life on Earth through genetic engineering.

Brigitte Boisselier, Clonaid's chief executive officer, said the firm retains philosophical but not economic links to the Raelians.

Several ministers scoffed at the idea.

"As a minister of the Gospel and of Jesus Christ, my reaction to our origins is the Bible is the ultimate authority and we are created in the image of God," said the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene. "As human beings, to even suppose that we come from aliens, is another indication of how far away we have gotten from the truth of God's word."

"By continuing to try and create some kind of perfect society by preselecting the gender of the children, the abilities and talents and DNA that will make up their system makes me think we are walking over a line that we shouldn't be walking over," Huff continued.

Watson also doubts the sect's claims.

"Where did they get the evidence for that?" Watson asked. "That's against Darwinian evolution and there's more proof of that than anything else. If we came from aliens we would be radically different from what we are."

The question still remains, is it responsible to clone human beings?

"I think its extremely irresponsible," said Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church. "Human life is unique. No other animal is created in the image of God. I think some of the implications (of the technology) in medicine is far reaching and a little scary. Humans have always been curious but not always responsible."

"I think you'll find that even if they successfully clone humans, even the clones will desire to worship God," McMeans said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story

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REID

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thank you for it." Smith said Reid definitely deserves the award.

"Ann's been an employee here for the past several years and she's been very dedicated as far as her attendance, her willingness to learn new tasks," Smith said. "We consolidated two positions. We used to have a CID (Criminal Investigations Division) secretary. When that woman left, we consolidated that position with Ann's. She continues to do her administrative secretary duties and she takes care of the detectives' cases."

That dedication has a financial impact on the city's budget, Smith said. "She's willing to take on extra duties to make our jobs easier and it eased the city's budget because we were able to eliminate one position through that consolidation," he said. "That's been two years now and it seems to be working all right."

And Reid is generally an exemplary employee, he added.

"She's always prompt, she's always here," he said. "She's willing to help anyone that asks her."

Reid's reaction to receiving the award?

"Embarrassed," she laughed. "I don't like attention drawn to me."

As administrative secretary, Reid takes care of many details that might otherwise slip through the cracks or require extra attention from police officers.

"I do the payroll, which is getting all the time slips in," she said. "I do the CID stuff. I'll go through the court cases and take off what stays back in CID. I help Lt. (Terry) Chamness with his stuff, his typing, proofreading and all. A lot of lieutenants will come and say, can you do this, can you do that. I take care of that."

Reid is also the person to call if you need to know whether an officer or supervisor is at police headquarters at any given time.

"I try," she said. "They have to come by my office. Usually if they're going that way and a few seconds later I hear a door close, they're gone."

Before landing her job with the department, Reid worked at the Big Spring State Hospital.

"If they needed it typed, I typed it," she said. "Kind of a transcriptionist. Before my son was born I was a cosmetologist."

Reid was in the right place at the right time to move into the police department job.

"I really kind of fell into it a little bit," she said. "I worked out at the state hospital and I was working with Chief (Jerry) Edwards' wife. She was at one end of the unit and I was at the other end. She said 'Jerry's secretary is

leaving. She's going to work for the government and he needs a secretary.' So I came and applied here."

A Forsan High School graduate, Reid has lived in the area for 28 years.

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POX

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immunized. I believe the Jan. 24 is when the Homeland Security Act will come into effect. That will address some of the concerns around liability. When you immunize people, there can be side effects and it answers some of the liability issues. I think it will go into effect fairly soon. I think the goal is to be able to immunize at least the public health officials within about 30 days of the announcement."

The fear is that research strains of the smallpox disease kept in the Soviet Union may have passed into the hands of other nations after that country's collapse near the end of the 20th century.

"There were thoughts of destroying these strains, but evidently they weren't destroyed for reasons of wanting to be able to study the disease if it ever surfaced again in the world. For that reason the virus was maintained under very strict security precautions," Escobedo said. "The concern is that even though the U.S. did a very good job of securing them only for legitimate research purposes, with other countries that may not be the case. A lot of credible sources believe that other bad people from other countries may have gotten strains of smallpox which they could potentially use for criminal purposes, for bioterrorism purposes."

Iraq is one of the potential recipients of Soviet smallpox strains. "We're talking about just Iraq, but other countries may have gotten strains or samples they may have in possession," Escobedo said. "Iraq is one

before the Soviet Union disintegrated, they had a very active biological warfare program. Even though they fell, it's conceivable other countries may have access to samples from the old Soviet Union."

Smallpox can be spread very easily and its high mortality rate makes it an ideal secret weapon for a terrorist organization.

"The mortality may be as high as 20 to 30 percent," Escobedo said. "Most of the people survive, but in terms of mortality 20 to 30 percent is unacceptable. It's unacceptably high. If you're talking in terms of a large city, as many as a third, a fourth to a third of the population is potentially in mortal danger."

And older people who have already been vaccinated can't depend on that old immunization in case of a bioterror attack.

"The fact that you received one smallpox vaccine will not fully protect you from reinfection," Escobedo said. "It's been so long. It's usually good for the first three to five years and after that the protection diminishes tremendously. So if you were to be re-exposed, there's a very good chance you would be reinfected."

Many younger physicians, Escobedo included, have never seen an actual case of smallpox, so descriptions of symptoms have to come from old medical records and accounts.

"Just looking at the literature, smallpox is a disease that is manifested by a certain pattern of

Big Spring's Texas Department of Health office at 263-9775.

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about what exactly makes the ring system.

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Yates One of the theories is that the rings were formed by a moon that was torn apart or by material that was pulled out before becoming a solid.

Consisting of mostly hydrogen and helium, winds in the upper atmosphere of the gas giant's equatorial region reach 500 meters per second. The strongest hurricane forces found on earth top out at about 110 meters per second.

In 1997, NASA launched the Cassini and Huggens probe to study the Saturn

and its neighboring satellite, Titan.

Titan is a little larger than the planet Mercury and is shrouded in a thick nitrogen-rich atmosphere that may be similar to that of earth's atmosphere long ago.

The Cassini probe is due to reach Saturn in July of 2004.

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OUR VIEWS

Look toward the new year with optimism

As we enter a new year, the outlook for Big Spring remains a positive one, we think. Despite the closing of several businesses, we continue to see growth overall.

We're delighted to see some construction going on among a few businesses along FM 700. We're very excited about the performing arts complex which will be built at Howard College — which, we might add, continues to see its student population rise. And we are optimistic that renovations this past year at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will pay off by attracting more students to that campus and that the expanded emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will also translate to better health care for our area.

The planned work at Comanche Trail Park — in particular, the placing of restrooms at the amphitheater — is encouraging. We feel that the city's appeal as a regional center for arts and recreation continues to grow. We cite as examples record crowds for many of the holiday-related activities this year, as well as the hang glider association's decision to hold a major championship event at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark again this year.

All of those projects, events and activities translate to jobs, income from visitors and — perhaps even more important — a better quality of life.

The Limestone Ridge Apartments are near completion and roadwork continues along FM 700 — a project that we'll all probably appreciate once it is finished early this year.

As we delve into the new year, we do admit feeling a bit tentative about some things less under our overall control. We wonder, for instance, how well Howard County will be represented at the state level by Sen. Teel Bivins and Rep. Pete Laney and particularly, at the national level by whomever is elected to replace U.S. Rep. Larry Combest.

One thing we can say with certainty though. We continue to be blessed by the "can-do" spirit of our fellow citizens — men and women who work together to get things done. And so, it's time to look ahead again and look ahead with optimism. Happy New Year, Big Spring.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us remove the ceiling of this life, Lord, and strive for your heavenly peace.

Amen

Knowledge is very difficult to ban

I don't know if Iraq has chemical or biological weapons. It is certain that Iraq has no nuclear weapons. If Iraq is smart, it will have gotten rid of its chemical and biological weapons so it can concentrate on getting the sanctions lifted. Then, once Iraq's economy is repaired, it can resume the weapons programs if it wants to.

We have to face the fact that how to make a nuclear weapon is, for all practical purposes, common knowledge these days. The United States did not want India and Pakistan to develop nuclear weapons, but they did, and they did it entirely with local talent. The Israelis also did it, though the United States was too chicken to even protest. Knowledge is very difficult to ban or to banish.

There are a lot of lies



CHARLEY REESE

floating around in this buildup to war. I have no doubt that the president intends to go to war at the end of January regardless of what the inspectors find or don't find. That's a mistake, but as our elected president, Mr. Bush has two more years in which to make mistakes.

At any rate, one of the dumbest lies floated out of Washington is that Saddam Hussein needs weapons of mass destruction to stay in power. This is put out as a weak argument for the claim that he must have them. In fact, it's a stupid statement. No dictator in human history has ever relied on weapons of mass destruction to stay in power. Saddam controls the Iraqis the old-fashioned way — with a secret police, a network of informers and conventional torture and execution. That works just fine.

The Iraqis used chemical weapons against the Kurds when the Kurds had sided with Iran, which was also using chemical weapons against the Iraqis. There is even some question,

according to an Army War College study, whether the Kurds in that well-publicized attack were killed by the Iraqis or the Iranians. Both armies were in the vicinity, and both were using chemical weapons — as, by the way, we, the British and the French used them in World War I. I don't recall anyone calling Woodrow Wilson or Gen. John Pershing a war criminal.

Nevertheless, what Iraq really needs is an air-defense system. In that part of the world, the outcome of the war depends on control of the skies. No tank — not even our Abrams, which is the finest in the world — has any defenses at all against an aircraft.

Therefore, to move troops and tanks, you have to control the skies. The technological superiority of the United States and Israel in aircraft and supporting systems is what makes them the 800-pound gorillas in conventional war.

Offensive air capability has far outrun conventional air-defense systems, and you can bet your family car that in

Russia, China, India and Pakistan, to name just a few, scientists and engineers are working to achieve a breakthrough in air defenses. If such a breakthrough is ever achieved, then the balance of power will readjust itself, and the outcomes of wars will become more iffy. The history of war science is that as soon as one advantage is achieved, work begins on how to counter it. But until air defense catches up with air offensive systems, the United States will enjoy the dubious privilege of whacking any small country it wishes to whack.

I personally would take great pleasure in that, except that the existence of the power seems to tempt political leaders to use it in ways that in the long run are not in our national interest. Too often it seems we are more bully than protector, more arrogant than wise. We can destroy Iraq, but we cannot avoid the consequences of destroying Iraq. But that decision rests with George Bush, not with us.

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What happened to "You're Welcome"

Twice in the same day recently I thanked somebody for something and they replied, "No problem." What's going on? The usual response used to be "You're welcome."

Also, I hear more and more people starting sentences with "Her and I" did this or that. I was taught that the correct way to construct that sentence is "She and I" did this or that. I find it strange that the speaker didn't say "Her and me." That way, at least, both pronouns would be in the same objective case.

I write, so I'm always buying books about writing. I majored in English and find the language interesting. It is definitely a living thing.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The past season, I noticed most Christmas trees and candles were lit. Very few were lighted.

One of the books I found recently is called *The Grouchy Grammarian*, a how-to guide to the 47 most common mistakes in English made by journalists, broadcasters and others who should know better. It is written by Thomas Parrish and cites examples of English misuse by some of the most prominent professionals in magazines, newspapers, radio and TV. In several instances, he shows where experienced writers failed to make the subject and verb agree.

I have found that the more I write, the more careful I have to be. What once was "no problem" now deserves closer scrutiny. Also, I find myself spending more time at the dictionary to solve spelling questions. Parrish's book mentions what he calls "apostro-

phe atrocities." One publication in Tennessee printed "The Great Smoky Mountain's National Park is only a stone's throw away." There should be no apostrophe in Mountains. The apostrophe in stone's is correct.

The most common error among broadcasters is the use of its and their. The store is having their special sale is the way most young broadcasters say it. The correct way is the store is having its sale.

The misuse of who and which is almost as common. Who applies to humans. Which applies to non-humans. You shouldn't say "the salmon who spawned in the river...."

And the word that is way overused. I once turned in a college paper and it came back with the word "that" circled in red every time it was used incorrectly. That paper had red circles all over it. But I learned something.

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What's New?

...at the Howard County Library

I hope everyone had joyous holiday season and is rarin' to go in 2003. We have resumed our regular hours after the holidays and are beginning to order new books.

West Texas Library System, of which HCL is a member, allocates funds for acquisitions for Howard County Library. In the past, we have spent that money on large print books or the children's department. This year, it was decided to spend some of the funds on audio books or books on CD. The first delivery has arrived and has been processed and for all you BOT or BOCD fans, this is what we purchased. Remember, input from the public is always welcomed and appreciated. It helps us to purchase books that YOU want to listen to, not what I want to.

If at all possible, I do try to get the unabridged versions of each book.

All books reviewed today are



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

books on tape.

Ellis Peters writes the Brother Cadfael series; we have the print versions in our mystery section.

On occasion, the PBS Mystery! has shown the film version of her books. Derek Jacobi is the actor who plays Cadfael and the shows are very good. We received three of her books: "The Pilgrim of Hate," "The Raven in the Foregate," and "A Rare Benedictine" — a series of three stories. Stephen Thorne, the reader of these books, has acted with the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Old Vic Company. He is very well regarded as a premier "reader" of books.

You've read the book and seen the movie, now you must listen to Rebecca Wells' "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

I enjoyed both the book and the movie and look forward to listening to Judith Ivey's rendition of "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

Ken Follett is a very well know author of suspense novels. In his latest book "Jackdaws," time is running out. With D-Day rapidly approaching, the Nazis are actively trying to quash the

French resistance. Felicity "Flick" Clairret is one of England's most effective operatives in northern France. Having failed in a prior endeavor, she regroups in England for another attempt, this time with an all-female team that will infiltrate the exchange under the guise of a French cleaning staff.

Written in Follett's riveting style and with his penchant for historical detail, the Jackdaws (the codename of the all-girl team) are given a heightened air of authenticity with Kate Reading's performance. She flavors her confident delivery with a wry cynicism that is inherent to Flick's character, and her use of international as well as regional accents keeps the rapid narrative flowing flawlessly.

Just a quick listing of additional titles received: "Nights in Rodanthe" by Nicholas Sparks; Danielle Steel's "Answered Prayers;" "The Bishop in the West Wing" by Andrew M. Greeley; "Short and Tall Tales: Moose County Legends" by Lillian Jackson Braun; John Grisham's "The Summons;" and Kathy Reichs' "Grave Secrets" and an abridged version of Peter

Benchley's "White Shark" (don't go into the ocean after listening to this!).

Anita Shreve is a well-known author and in "Sea Glass," she continues her exploration of marriages. Honora and Sexton buy a "fixer-up" house on the beach which soon becomes symbolic of their marriage. Can both be "renovated?"

When I think of Louis L'Amour, I think of the West, prairies stretching endlessly and towering majesty of the Rocky Mountains.

I don't think of N'Awlins or of Louisiana. But, there you go. Orrin and Tell Sackett come to New Orleans to find answers for their father's disappearance some 20 years before.

As Dorothy said, "Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore" and the same holds true for the two Sacketts.

Twists and turns abound in the reading by David Straithairn of "Treasure Mountain" by Louis L'Amour. The library has also received Joanne Harris' "The Coastliners" (she wrote "Chocolat"); "The Last Girls" by Lee Smith; Tom Stone's "The Summer of My Greek Taverna"; "Vagabonds" by

Bernard Cornwell; "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen" and "The Legacy" by D. W. Buffa. A new mystery sleuth that I had not read or listened to before is the duo of Sister Mary Helen and Sister Eileen. They are 70-something nuns and in this recorded book, have left their convent to go on a retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains. "Death Goes on Retreat" is by Carol Anne O'Marie, who is also a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Are you interested in Genealogy? The Genealogical Society of the Big Spring meets at 7 p.m., the first Thursday of each month in the Genealogy Room at the library. A program or speaker is the norm; or sometimes we just "browse" the shelves.

Do come if you are interested.

Howard County is open from 9 to 6, Monday to Friday and 9 until 4 on Saturday. The Internet/Video room closes 1/2 hour before closing.

The Library is located at 500 Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; our e-mail address is howard-county@hotmail.com.

Plan your baking ahead, and do it by the book

The Associated Press

There's no shortage of books to guide bakers eager to light up the oven and fill the kitchen with the good aromas of seasonal cooking.

A little time spent browsing will generate plenty of ideas. Some recent titles to keep in mind:

"A Sweet Quartet: Sugar, Almonds, Eggs, and Butter" is the evocative title of Fran Gage's new cookbook (North Point Press, \$27.50). This is a colorful scene setter, with pages of good reading and information. Gage is a food writer who lives in San Francisco, and is a member of the renowned Baker's Dozen group. She delves into culinary history, tells stories of her travel adventures and offers other wonderfully interesting background on each of her four subject headings, along with recipes using them.

"Baking in America" (Houghton Mifflin, \$35) is by Greg Patent, a food magazine and cookbook writer who lives in Missoula, Mont. His book, subtitled "Traditional and Contemporary Favorites from the Past 200 Years," features some 250 recipes. He's re-created, updated and adapted recipes where necessary for what adds up to a deliciously detailed survey of America's history as reflected by its kitchens.

"The Good Cookie" (Wiley, \$34.95), written by Tish Boyle, focuses on this favorite confection

that can take uncountable, delectable forms. Boyle, food editor and test-kitchen director of Chocolatier, and Pastry Art & Design magazines, has assembled a collection of recipes for about 250 of the best.

The Whimsical Bakehouse" (Potter) is a call to have fun with color and design when you're decorating your cakes, made loud and clear by mother and daughter writers Kaye Hansen and Liv Hansen. The pages sing with illustrations

Betty Crocker's Ultimate Cake Mix Book is a great standby.

showing how buttercream and icing can magically turn into bright butterflies and snowmen, skyscrapers or teacups, whatever your cake needs. The instruction details make it all sound as easy and playful as the visible results.

The Best of Betterbaking.com" (Ten Speed Press, \$24.95 paperback) by Marcy Goldman and Yvan Huneault is a collection of 175 recipes from a baking Web site, by the site's founder and its webmaster. There's a friendly, helpful tone to the texts, and the recipes are accompanied with plenty of advice, general hints and tips.

"The Baker's Manual, Fifth Edition" and "Understanding Baking, Third Edition" are two classics by Joseph

Amendola and Nicole Rees (Wiley, \$29.95 each, paperback). They offer "150 master formulas for baking," and "the art and science of baking," respectively, continuing the originals' mission of demystifying such technical areas as the physics of heat or natural chemistry between yeast and flour. Recipes are included along with line drawings, charts and tables.

"Mom's Best Desserts" (Storey Books, \$10.95 paperback) by Andrea Chesman and Fran Raboff is a homey selection by two reliable cookbook authors of 100 traditional family favorites. The recipes are clearly presented and interspersed with historical details.

"125 Best Cheesecake Recipes" (Robert Rose, \$18.95 paperback) is a roundup by food writer-cooking teacher George Geary of practically every kind of cheesecake you may have imagined and then some. Savory versions are included, and recipes for sauces to serve with your cheesecake.

Finally, two sturdy standbys.

"Betty Crocker's Cooky Book" (Wiley, \$24.95) is a real-period piece, a facsimile of the 1961 edition, reproduced with all its color, about 450 recipes, photos and drawings.

"Betty Crocker's Ultimate Cake Mix Book" (Wiley, \$24.95) is a completely up-to-date manual for those who admit they do grab a box and go the convenience food way —

but still want to try add a twist here and there.

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A Local Board made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact United Way of Big Spring at (915) 267-5201 for an application. The deadline for applications is **January 10, 2003.**

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IN BRIEF

Local chapter needs basketball officials

The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at 264-4135.

Big Spring girls open 4-4A play on Friday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will open District 4-4A play on Friday when they host the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in the BSJHS gym.

The JV Lady Steers are slated to tip off the action beginning at 6 p.m. The BSHS varsity squad, 14-6 overall, will start at 7:30 p.m.

Area teams begin district slates Friday

District play will explode onto the scene Friday as no less than five area teams begin their quests for district championships.

The Sands Mustangs open loop action against Borden Co. The two are slated to begin play at 4 p.m.

Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton begin the 3-2A slate on the road. Forsan travels to Crane for a 5 p.m. start, while Stanton draws a 6:30 start in Colorado City. Coahoma visits Seagraves for a 5 p.m. tip-off.

Howard College will return to play Jan. 5

The Howard College Hawks will return to action Jan. 5 with a road game against the Hill College Rebels.

The Hawks, 12-0, are ranked No. 10 in the latest NJCAA national poll.

The Hawks, led by freshman Je'Kel Foster, are slated to tip-off the contest at 4 p.m. in Hillsboro.

Big Spring boys will host Wylie Friday

The Big Spring Steers will host the Abilene Wylie Bulldogs in non-district basketball action Friday night in the Steer Gym.

The game, which will be the Steers' final non-district home game, is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. with a junior varsity matchup. The varsity squads will play at approximately 4 p.m.

The Steers will close out the non-district slate Jan. 7 in Pecos. Their first District 4-4A game will be Jan. 10 when they host the state-ranked Frenship Tigers.

ON THE AIR

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Texas vs. LSU	9 a.m.	1490
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Mavericks vs. Clippers	7 p.m.	1490
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Mavericks vs. 76ers	noon	1490
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Lady Steers at Levelland	7:35 p.m.	1490
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Mavericks vs. Boston	6:30 p.m.	1490
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Mavericks vs. Clippers	2 p.m.	1490
Jan. 13		
Lady Steers vs. 76ers	2 p.m.	1490
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa	5:35 p.m.	1490
Jan. 13		
Mavericks vs. Clippers	2 p.m.	1490
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa	5:35 p.m.	1490

Despite reported deal, no Parcells announcement

IRVING (AP) — Jerry Jones knows all about Bill Parcells' history of walking away from deals. So the Dallas Cowboys' owner wants to announce an agreement as soon as he can.

As of Tuesday, he was still waiting. And he probably will be until at least Thursday, despite reports that Parcells already has agreed to a four-year contract to coach the team.

Newsday reported on its Web site Tuesday night that the Cowboys would formally intro-

duce Parcells as their coach on Thursday.

Maybe nothing more than logistics and the New Year's holiday are in the way. Still, Parcells' track record raises some doubt about whether the coach known for turning around woeful teams will try doing so with the Cowboys.

Parcells jilted Tampa Bay twice and Atlanta once. Last year, he got so close with the Buccaneers that he signed a contract, and now Tampa Bay wants compen-

sation from any team that hires him. The Bucs will present their case to the commissioner's office Thursday.

Newsday cited two sources familiar with the situation as saying the Bucs would not receive any compensation because the deal Parcells signed was not forwarded to the league office and therefore never approved by commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

The Cowboys' job opened Monday when Dave Campo was

fired after three straight 5-11 seasons.

While making that announcement, Jones said he had already interviewed Parcells and former Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green, and that he'd like to have a replacement "before the week is out."

The Dallas Morning News, citing an unidentified source, reported Tuesday that Parcells accepted a four-year contract that will pay about \$4.5 million a

See STATE on Page B2

Davis, Jackson power 'Dogs past Bearkats

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — From the looks of things transpiring everything may be finally coming together for the Coahoma Bulldogs basketball team.

Playing in just their fifth game as a complete group Tuesday afternoon, the Bulldogs showed glimpses of why some people are saying that a playoff berth is not out of the question. In front of a small crowd in the Coahoma Elementary gym, they ushered in lofty expectations by downing the Garden City Bearkats, 81-46.

The Bulldogs came out hot in the first half, shooting 57 percent from the field. Coahoma sank 16-of-28 attempts from the field in the first 16 minutes of play. The duo of Chase Davis and Toby Jackson provided the offensive punch in the first half as they combined to score 26 of Coahoma's 40 first half points.

Davis and Jackson, combined, were 12-of-15 in the half.

To say that the Bulldogs are a two-man team would be a mistake. Coahoma had four players reach double figures — and a fifth just miss the plateau.

After a first period that saw Coahoma turn seven Bearkat turnovers into a 13-0 run midway through the frame. That spree expanded a 6-2 lead and gave the Bulldogs a seemingly comfortable 19-2 advantage.

The Bearkats would not go away that easily, however. They answered Coahoma's run with a 9-0 effort to end the period and closed the gap to seven, at 19-11, heading into the start of the second quarter.

The Bulldogs opened up

the second period just as hot. The opened the frame by tearing out on a 8-0 run that took the wind out of the Bearkats' sails. The Bulldogs would use an 8-of-13 effort from the field and a 5-of-8 rate from the charity stripe in the second period to widen their lead to 40-19 at the half.

The second half provided much of the same as the Bulldogs maintained the hot hand. They extended their lead to 30 points in the third quarter by pounding out a 20-11 advantage.

The Bulldogs' third-period charge was led by Cory Mulkey, who sank two of his four attempts from behind the 3-point arch in the period. Kelby Kemper closed down the inside, forcing the Bearkats to alter their shots and passes.

Coahoma kicked on the cruise control in the fourth, hitting 6-of-10 from the field in the final frame. Overall, they outscored Garden City by a 21-16 clip.

On the day, Toby Jackson led all CHS scorers with 23 points. Teammates Davis, Sam Tindol and Mulkey also reached double-digits, scoring 15, 10 and 12 points, respectively. Adrian Abrego added nine, while Kemper tallied seven.

Brandon Bednar and Drew Plagens scored eight apiece for the Bearkats, while Josh Schmitz pushed home six.

The Bulldogs will next be in action this Friday as they travel to Plains. The Coahoma JV will lead-off the action beginning at 1:30 p.m. The varsity will follow at approximately 3 p.m.

Garden City will next host Wink Tuesday. JV action is slated to start at 4 p.m.

TCU women set record, hold opponent to 16 points

FORT WORTH (AP) — TCU coach Jeff Mittie knew his Lady Frogs played one of their best games ever. He just didn't realize it was a record-setting performance.

TCU beat Texas Southern 76-16, a Division I record for fewest points allowed in a women's game.

"It's odd to look at the score and see that," Mittie said.

The previous mark was set in 1983 when Jackson State defeated Prairie View 81-19. The NCAA started keeping women's basketball records in the 1981-82 season.

Coastal Carolina defeated Georgia Southern 61-21 in 1997 to set the Division I men's record, since the

introduction of the shot clock in 1986.

TCU jumped to a 15-0 lead Monday night and was ahead 39-5 at halftime after Texas Southern made just two of 25 shots. The Lady Tigers (2-7) shot just 10 percent (6-of-58) in the game.

The Lady Frogs (6-5) also set a school record with 16 blocked shots, outrebounded Texas Southern 62-34 and forced 29 turnovers.

"What we talked about at halftime is that it could be one of the best defensive performances in TCU history," Mittie said.

At one point, Texas Southern went more than 20 minutes — half of the game — without a field goal.



Coahoma's Miranda Hester soars toward the basket for a shot during recent Bulldogettes' action. Coahoma dropped a 58-30 decision to the state-ranked Garden City Lady Kats Tuesday afternoon.

GC girls get back on track with win over Bulldogettes

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The No. 8-ranked Garden City Lady Bearkats rolled into Coahoma Tuesday afternoon wanting to rebound from a tough loss to Sterling City in the finals of the Sterling City tournament. Rebound they did.

Aided by the Bulldogettes' inability to hang on to the ball, Garden City turned 27 Coahoma miscues and the dead-eye 3-point shooting of Jessica Hoch, into another mark in the win column by downing Coahoma, 58-30.

Hoch hit on 5-of-6 attempts from behind the arch in the non-district finale for both teams.

Both teams started the game a little tentative as neither seemed to want to take control.

That all changed at the midway point of the first period, however. The Lady Kats gave the Bulldogettes a glimpse of what was to come by ripping off a quick 8-0 run to end the first — and turn what had been a one-point affair into a 16-7 lead heading into the second period.

The Bulldogettes' turnover woes really came to a head in the second. Coahoma turned the ball over eight times in the period — the result of which was Coahoma's inability to take advantage of the cold-shooting Lady Kats offense. Garden City shot

just 30 percent from the field in the first half, hitting on only 7-of-23 tries.

The only thing that was a sure thing was Hoch hitting from downtown. The GCHS standout sank three treys in the first 16 minutes.

If the Lady Kats were cold, then the Bulldogettes were frozen.

Coahoma converted on 3-of-9 attempts for the entire half. If not for first half treys by Miranda Hester and Megan Young, the score at the half could have been far worse than the 28-15 deficit they faced.

The third period was all Garden City. The Lady Kats came out aggressive and rattled off a quick 6-0 run that forced Coahoma to call a time out with only 1:40 gone in the third.

After a basket by Megan Young on an inbounds play momentarily stopped the bleeding, GCHS seized on the opportunity again. After Young's basket had closed the gap to 34-17, the Lady Kats delivered what would be the knockout punch, rolling off a 14-0 run that extended their lead to 31 points, at 48-17.

The Bulldogettes to their credit would not quit. Coahoma battled its way back by ripping off a 10-1 run to end the game. In the final period, CHS hit on 4-of-8 attempts from the field.

On the night, Hoch led the Lady Kats offensively, scoring 15 points. See LADY KATS on Page B2

McGahee pulls Miami to title game

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — For all Miami coach Larry Coker knew, tailback Willis McGahee pulled trucks last summer to get in shape for the season.

"He did a lot of work at his brother's gym," Coker said. "Specialized things that I couldn't tell you about."

Guess what? McGahee was pulling trucks. A small pickup. A few nights a week. For 30 seconds. In a parking lot near his brother's gym, not far from campus.

"I'd pull the truck for a certain number of yards, running with it, walking backward, different types of exercises," McGahee said. "I had a harness.

They told me what to do and I just did it."

Coker learned of McGahee's unique workout routine only recently. "If that's the case, we'll have 'em all pull trucks at night," the coach said.

McGahee's work ethic paid off. He graduated from pulling trucks and went out and carried No. 1 Miami (12-0) through a perfect regular season and into Friday's national championship game against No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) in the Fiesta Bowl.

"I worked real hard in the weight room and it just carried over from there," McGahee said. "I knew I had it all along in me. It was just a job of me getting on the field and

putting it all together."

Did he ever. The 6-foot-1, 224-pound sophomore ran for 1,686 yards and 27 touchdowns, both school records, and finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting. He also set school marks for total yards (2,036) and 100-yard games (10), and finished second nationally in scoring and fourth in rushing.

"He's just so strong and so fast and so quick," Coker said. "Plus he took it upon himself to make himself a better player."

Stopping McGahee is Ohio State's top priority.

"He is probably their premier player," Buckeyes defensive end Darrion Scott said. "Even when the hole's not there,

he finds a way. The key is stopping McGahee because he makes plays regardless."

Quarterback Ken Dorsey might be Miami's most valuable player, but it was McGahee who came through whenever the Hurricanes needed big plays.

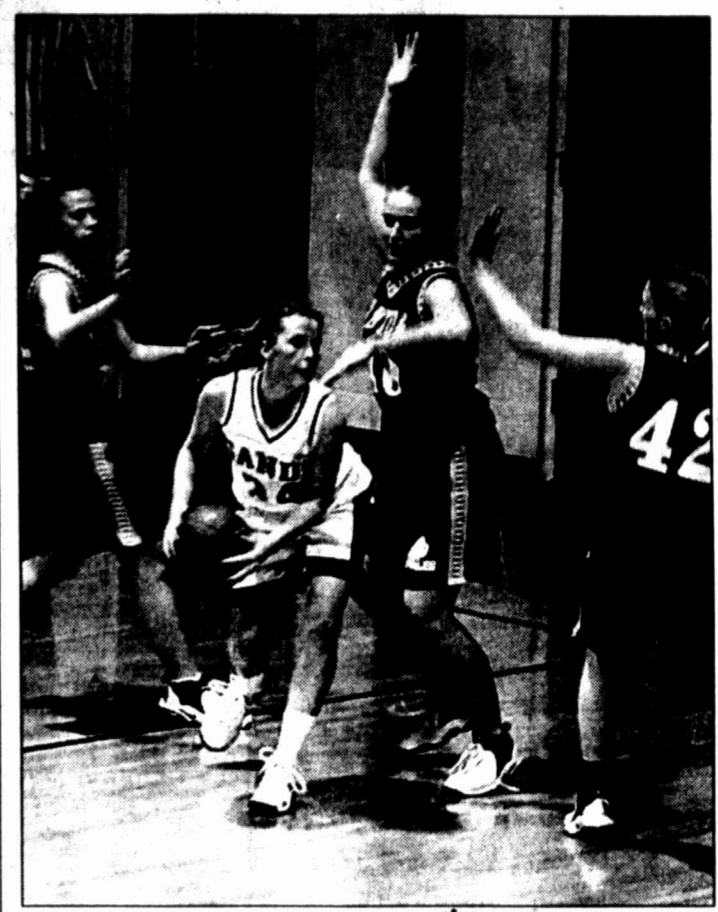
Against Florida State, he turned a short screen pass into a 68-yard gain to the 11 that set up the winning touchdown in a 28-27 win. It was McGahee's 69-yard TD run against Pittsburgh that turned the momentum and helped Miami to a 28-21 victory.

And then came the finale against Virginia Tech. He ran 39 times for a career-high 205 yards and broke a 69-year-old school record with six touchdowns in a 56-45 win.

McGahee, who starred in high school at Miami Central, wasn't even supposed to start this season. After Clinton Portis left for the NFL, Frank Gore was tabbed as the next great Hurricanes' tailback. But after Gore was sidelined with a knee injury in spring practice, McGahee got the call.

Summer workouts followed. A little running here, some lifting there, and the occasional truck pulling session. By the time fall practice arrived, McGahee was ready. He hit the weight room and wowed coaches and teammates with his strength and stamina.

"He's the hardest working, strongest guy on the entire team, bar none," assistant head coach Art Kehoe said. "No one would mess with him. He's off the charts. When the NFL tests him, he'll go off their charts."



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Sands' T'Auna Reed works her way through three Stanton defenders for a shot Monday night. The Lady Mustangs are scheduled to open District 6-1A action Friday night by hosting the state-ranked Borden Co. Lady Coyotes. Games are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in the SHS gymnasium.

COWBOYS

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season, let him hire his assistants and give him a strong say on roster decisions. The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, citing unidentified sources, reported similar financial terms.

Parcells, however, told several New York newspapers that nothing was completed, although he acknowledged that a deal could soon be reached.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said Tuesday no announcements were planned. Parcells' agent, Jimmy Sexton, did not return calls to The Associated Press.

Emphasizing "a change in philosophy," Jones said he'd like his next coach to be a proven success in the NFL. None of the Cowboys' previous five coaches had ever been an NFL head coach.

Until there's officially a deal between Parcells and Jones, speculation contin-

ues about whether the two can get along.

The last time Jones had such a strong personality as head coach, Jimmy Johnson left after winning two straight Super Bowls. Jones has run the football operations since.

The last time Parcells didn't have control of the front office, he left the New England Patriots after losing the Super Bowl. He was coach and general manager at his next job, with the New York Jets.

While Jones is still driven by wanting to win without Johnson, a more immediate concern is revitalizing the team to keep money flowing from contracts with sponsors, and sales of luxury suites and season tickets.

The team's marketing campaign last season was based on Emmitt Smith's pursuit of the NFL career rushing record. Unless a big-name coach is hired, there's little else to pump

in 2003.

Parcells would provide plenty of hype, especially with the upcoming schedule featuring the three teams he's coached (Giants, Patriots and Jets), plus the two he turned down (Bucs, Falcons).

And his track record indicates he can have an immediate impact.

All three teams he's coached had losing records before he took over and made the playoffs in his second season.

He won Super Bowls in his fourth and eighth seasons with the Giants and Super Bowl in his fourth season. The Jets reached the AFC championship game in his second season.

Over 15 seasons, Parcells' record is 149-106-1, plus 11-6 in playoffs. Only Tom Landry, Don Shula and Chuck Noll have won more playoff games.

LADY KATS

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Teammate Leslie Jansa would join her in the double-figure club by tallying 14 — nine of which came in the second half. Anna Flores and Megan Niehues would contribute eight, while Amanda Henson and Brecklyn Hughes hit the scoresheet with six apiece. Morgan Kight added one.

Coahoma was led by Young's 10-point performance. Overall she hit on 3-of-4 from the field — 1-

of-3 behind the arch.

Hester and Michelle Walker also added to the CHS scoring efforts, posting five apiece. Cassie Thompson, Liz Conley and Ashley Lang poured in nine points combined, scoring four, three and two, respectively.

The Bulldogettes will open District 3-2A play this Friday as they travel to Seagraves to face the Lady Eagles. The Lady Kats will open District 7-1A action next Tuesday as they host Wink.

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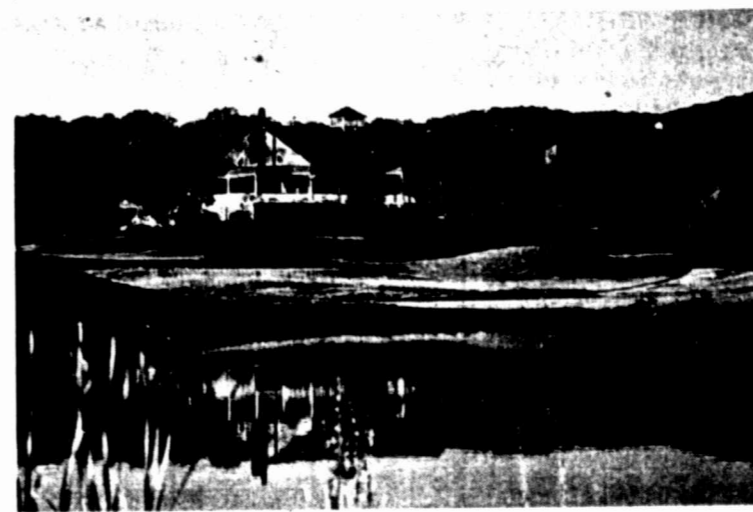
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The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an opening for an Engineering Technician in Big Spring, Texas. The position will involve working both indoors and outdoors, and may require a significant amount of driving. Successful applicants must be a self-starter with the ability to create and maintain computer based AutoCAD drawings, MS Excel spreadsheets, documents using MS Word, and possess a valid Texas Drivers License. Surveying experience, especially that using GPS, EDM and data collection equipment is a plus.

General duties will include the preparation of maps, plan documents, and calculations to support the District's Engineering Division.

Send resumes to the attention of the Assistant General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-0869, or deliver to 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003:
Don't let family matters drag you down this year. You often decide to do things differently. Attempt to look at the big picture before making decisions this year. You might like what you see. With strong focus, you'll achieve a long-term desire or goal. Networking also could play a significant role in your direction. Others often look to you for advice and leadership. If you are single, you will find that a new sweetie drops into your life during the second half of your birthday year. This person could be most special. If you're attached, the two of you need to focus more on your long-term desires. Together you make quite a team. CAPRICORN understands you well.

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) *** A conversation puts you on edge. You might feel raw and even a touch grumpy. Use discretion when you discharge this energy. Remember, it is the first day of the new year. Handle problems in a more inventive and dynamic manner. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Once you take stock of your finances, you could feel as if money got a bit out of hand during the past few weeks. Right now, let go of the problem. Enjoy yourself with an older relative. Say "yes" to doing something totally new. Tonight: Stretch. Continue with the new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Deal with loved ones directly, not as a group but individually. Nothing replaces the personal touch. Help a loved one at a distance feel a bit more comfortable. Changes occur before your very eyes. Someone heads in a new direction. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Finish up a project that might be on your mind. You get a lot done if you simply focus, leaving plenty of time for socializing and enjoying your friends. In, you might want to have a day-after party. Let those around you participate more often. Tonight: Say "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your imagination takes you down a new path if you allow yourself to have this adventure. A friend might have a totally different interest than you. Make it OK to follow your individual paths. Remember, you might need a nap. Tonight: Slow down, please.

LIBRA (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Sleep in if you'd like. You might not want to do anything at all, but stay close to home. Trust that you will be energized soon enough. Add more playfulness to your afternoon. Start the year with something you love. Tonight: Play away.

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Girlfriend worried about boyfriend cheating

Dear Prudence: My boyfriend of almost a year (and friend of several years prior to dating) is on a two-week business/pleasure trip to Europe. I have not heard from him by phone or e-mail during this time. Yesterday, I told a mutual friend I was getting concerned/angry about not hearing from him (mainly a n g r y), assuming he is just too self-absorbed to bother to pick up the phone and let me know he's all right. Since part of his trip takes him to the home turf of a much younger, very beautiful woman he dated two years ago (she dumped him for someone else), our

friend asked me if he was going to see her on this trip. I responded that my boyfriend no longer knew where she was. At that point, the friend said that wasn't true -- that the ex-girlfriend had initiated e-mail contact with my boyfriend in May, so he is well aware of where she is.

I am wondering how to react when my boyfriend gets home -- first, how to address the fact that he didn't bother to contact me for two weeks, and second, how to raise the issue of whether he saw this woman he's been telling me is out of his life. -- Feeling Like a Dear Fool: It's certainly Bad Boyfriend Week at Prudie's, isn't it? As for what to do, try the following: Upon his return, ask casually, and with no heat, about the absence of communication during his trip. Then inquire if he saw the old

flame ... the younger, very beautiful one. If he trots out the I-don't-even-have-her-e-mail-address response, and his reason for no contact sounds lame, you will know this jig is up. Good judgment would suggest that, even if he fesses up and begs your forgiveness, his word is no good, and he'd be a poor bet for the long haul. -- Prudie, realistically

Dear Prudie: About a year ago, my sister-in-law told me she wasn't feeling well and she just "knew" it was cancer. At that point, she didn't see any reason to go to the doctor because she already knew what was wrong. Within a week of that conversation, she claims she was diagnosed with cancer, was given a prescription for medical marijuana and had begun chemotherapy treatment.

It has now been a year that she claims to continue to be on chemotherapy. She will not allow anyone to take her to the doctor's office and refuses to "use" her prescription for marijuana; instead, she has my brother buying it through drug dealers (because it's cheaper?). She hasn't lost any hair, and she hasn't lost any weight. (In fact, she may have gained 10-15 pounds.)

I've tried to talk to my brother about taking her to the doctor, but he just says, "This is something she wants to handle on her own." When I asked about the doctor bills, he said the "tribe" is paying for all her medical expenses. My dilemma is whether I should stick my nose into this any further. I have considered following her when she goes to a "chemotherapy treatment" and then reporting to my brother. I just feel this whole situation is ridiculous, but I don't want my brother to end up hating me. -- Want To Catch a Faker

Dear Want: This is a very odd scenario, not to mention medically far-fetched. People do not diagnose their own cancers and, one week later, tell you a doctor confirmed it and they've begun chemo ... which then lasts for a year. A likelier scenario is that your s-i-l decided she liked smoking pot and figured she could do it out in the open if it were for medicinal purposes -- like bourbon for a snakebite.

While marijuana is actually an effective anti-nausea agent for chemo, as you no doubt have read, very few states allow medical marijuana, so this girl telling you her husband scores it on the street so she doesn't have to "use" her prescription is beyond strange.

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	Midland	Odessa	Dallas	Dallas	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Premium	Nashville	Premium	Premium	Premium	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Learning Ch.				
6	PM 3:30 Washington State	King of the Hill Playmond	Cyberchase Zoboombafoo	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	Washington State	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	El Premio Lo Nuestro	Lizzie Lizzie	Dallas Forty	The Russia House	Child's Eyes	Update With John Hagee	American Justice (CC)	Three Minutes to Impact	Movie: Dave Matthews Band	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward				
7	PM 3:30 College	Bernie Mac Cedric	Great Performances (CC)	7th Heaven (CC)	60 Minutes II (CC)	College	Ed (CC)	Movie: Rush Hour (CC)	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Movie: The Santa Clause	Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (CC)	Van Impe Dr. Massey	Biography (CC)	New Detectives	Movie: The American	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward				
8	PM 3:30 Football: Sugar Bowl	Fastlane (CC)	ances (CC)	Bachelor	Movie: The Wedding Dress (CC)	Football: Sugar Bowl	West Wing (CC)	Movie: Money Talks (CC)	Lizzie Lizzie	Movie: Platoon	Movie: Playing Mona Lisa (CC)	Movie: Nurse Betty (CC)	Stone (CC)	City Confidential (CC)	Mysteries of the Pyramids	Movie: The American	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward				
9	PM 3:30 Florida State vs. Georgia	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Screen: Waiting for Godot (CC)	Bachelor	Dress (CC)	Florida State vs. Georgia	Law & Order (CC)	Movie: Money Talks (CC)	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Lisa (CC)	Movie: Black (CC)	Movie: The Original (CC)	Best of Faye Hardin Church	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Women Pharaohs	President	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward				
10	PM 3:30 News Nightline	Spin City (CC)	Blind Date	Movie: King of the Hill	Caroline Rhea Show (CC)	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	Movie: Coming to Jett Jackson	Los Rostros del 2002	So Weird (CC)	Sunday Jett Jackson	(40) Movie: Kings of Comedy (CC)	Autopsy (25) Movie: Update With Promise	American Justice (CC)	New Detectives	Good as It Gets	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward	Maternity Ward				
12	AM 3:30 Up Close Hollywood Sq.	Beyond Beyond	Kong	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Ent. Tonight Up Close	Night (CC) Frasier	America (CC) (DVS)	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie	Lizzie Lizzie			

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"My New Year's resolution is to have waffles every morning!"

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"THIS YEAR I HEREBY RESOLVE TO DO ALL THE DUMB THINGS I DID LAST YEAR ALL OVER AGAIN!"

BLONDIE

"HONEY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT DAY THIS IS?"

"HUT! HUT! HUT!"

"YEP, SHE KNOWS!"

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"HAPPY NEW YEAR! — THE MIDNIGHT SKULKER"

"I'D OT SPELL OUR NAME WRONG."

GEECH

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"I GET A BIG KICK OUT OF IT WHEN THE 'WELL-TO-DO' GO ASHKAN"

HI AND LOIS

"HELLO...?"

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

"HE SOUNDS JUST AS GRUMPY AS HE WAS LAST YEAR."

GASOLINE ALLEY

"Dear Grandma, Thanks for the tie last year. (Sorry I forgot to write) Thanks for the socks for this year. (I'll grow into them) Thanks for the money (that's what I want next year) I love you."

"IT'S A THANK-YOU CARD FOR CHRISTMAS PAST PRESENT & FUTURE!"

SNUFFY SMITH

"SINCE WHEN DO YA WRITE SUCH LONG LETTERS, MAW?"

"SINCE TH' PRICE WENT UP!!"

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"EVER NOTICE HOW FLUSTERED SARGE GETS WHEN YOU SWISH BY?"

"REALLY?"

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People In the News

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Ewing's No. 33 jersey soon will hang from the rafters of Madison Square Garden.

The New York Knicks will retire the number of their former center during halftime of their Feb. 28 game against the Orlando Magic.

Ewing, an assistant coach with the Washington Wizards, spent 17 years in the NBA, the first 15 with the Knicks. He averaged 21 points, 9.8 rebounds and 2.45 blocks in 1,183 games and was selected as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players.

The Knicks have retired the jerseys of Walt Frazier (10), Dick Barnett (12), Earl Monroe (15), Dick McGuire (15), Willis Reed (19), Dave DeBusschere (22), Bill Bradley (24) and coach Red Holzman (613).

POMONA, Calif. — Rapper and producer Master P was ordered to pay \$105,000 in punitive damages to a grandmother whose voice was secretly recorded and used to introduce a cut on artist Magic's album "Sky's the Limit."

Superior Court Judge R. Bruce Minto said Thursday that 80-year-old Geneva Burger of Pomona should receive the money from Master P, whose real name is Percy Miller, because she suffered embarrassment and anxiety when she heard her voice on a "crude gangsta rap CD."

Burger asked a friend of her grandson during a 1997 phone call. "When people get hooked on pot, can they get sick if they don't get it?" Burger didn't know the phone call was taped and distributed to various people.

The recording of her question was used to introduce the single "No Limit" on Magic's 1998 album. Rapper Snoop Dogg sang a verse of the song. Master P, as the CD's executive producer, made more than \$3 million, said Burger's lawyer, Neville L. Johnson.

Burger previously settled out of court with Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, for \$75,000. She got \$300,000 from Priority Records, which distributed the disc.

On April 29, Minto awarded Burger \$35,000 in compensatory damages from Master P's record company, Boutin Inc.

The judge also said Master P showed no remorse and does not appear to have taken steps to prevent what happened to Burger from occurring again. Still, he said, Master P's actions must be kept in perspective.

Newsday Crossword

BLIZZARD by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS

- 1 Exert, as influence
- 6 Striped sport fish
- 10 605, in Roman numerals
- 13 See eye to eye
- 14 Paperless exam
- 15 Nickname for Onassis
- 16 Large-footed hopper
- 19 Kept out of sight
- 20 Weep audibly
- 21 Santa __, CA
- 22 Touch on the shoulder
- 24 Summer, in Quebec
- 25 Conceit
- 26 Pigpen
- 27 Aussie bird
- 28 Passover dinner
- 30 Yoko __
- 32 Parsley piece
- 34 V precursors
- 36 Greek vowel
- 38 Mason/Dixon product
- 39 Chider's comment
- 44 Baptism, for example
- 45 Make a selection
- 46 Snack on
- 47 Horse opera
- 49 Superman's insignia
- 51 Maui and Kauai
- 55 Airline bought by American
- 56 Keep an __ to the ground
- 58 Ripken of baseball

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- 5 Strudels and sundaes
- 6 Mistake, to a tot
- 7 Exist
- 8 Florida city
- 9 Tilt
- 10 Perfume smidgen
- 11 Qualifications
- 12 Cold-fighting nutrient
- 17 Monopolizer
- 18 Arms of the sea
- 23 Washington State's __ Sound
- 29 Lauder of cosmetics
- 31 Witches' brew ingredients
- 33 Schemes
- 35 Numero __
- 37 Senate vote
- 39 Running gaits
- 40 Gitchee Gumee guy
- 41 Stapled together, perhaps
- 42 Directory Assistance person
- 43 Auto-exhaust duct
- 48 Ship hazard
- 50 Quaking in one's boots
- 52 Tilted
- 53 Unmask
- 54 Did a slow burn
- 57 Vacation spot near Venezuela
- 59 Beer relative
- 66 Cyclops had one
- 67 Prefix for lateral
- 68 __ Francisco

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Many people early in the disease of Alzheimer's live at home, even when they may need plenty of cues like notes. Over time, Alzheimer's causes a memory loss and other problems that make living at home difficult. For example, patients who have mild to late-stage disease have to leave appliances like the stove, the pot on, and unsafe places busy intersections. When this happens, Alzheimer's patients need a leading provider care service. Alzheimer's patients that families nursing home or specifically with Alzheimer's supervision setting like Care at Beverly Hills. Making the look for a loved Alzheimer's rarely eas

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Healthwatch:

Choosing Alzheimer's care for your loved one a serious task

Many people in the early stages of Alzheimer's live safely at home, even though they may need plenty of memory cues like lists and notes. Over time, though, Alzheimer's causes memory loss and thinking problems that could make living at home dangerous. For example, Alzheimer's patients who are in the mid- to late-stages of the disease have been known to leave appliances such as the stove or the coffee pot on, and wander to unsafe places such as a busy intersection or unfamiliar part of town.

When this happens, Alzheimer's experts at Beverly Healthcare, a leading provider of elder-care services including Alzheimer's care, advise that families look for a nursing home with a program or unit designed specifically for people with Alzheimer's. "People in the mid-stages of Alzheimer's need 24-hour supervision and care. A setting like Alzheimer's Care at Beverly with specially designed programming provides the care they need, and also gives them a chance to live in a place where they can enjoy life and remember happier times," said Ed McMahon, director of Alzheimer's care and quality of life for Beverly Healthcare.

Making the decision to look for long-term care for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease is rarely easy. However,

when families find the right nursing home — where they know that their loved one will be happy and safe — the transition can be smoother for everyone.

Beverly Healthcare suggests that families ask the following questions when looking for expert Alzheimer's care for a loved one.

- What do you do to make sure the nursing home feels like the patient's own home?

An important feature to look for when visiting an Alzheimer's care unit is the feeling of home. If the unit doesn't smell or sound like what you'd expect in a regular home, it may not be the right place. Since people with Alzheimer's need the comfort of feeling like they're at home, many Alzheimer's units offer the little details that make a big difference, for example, hanging quilts on the walls for a homey feeling or offering meals family-style in a dining room or kitchen.

- What opportunities do you provide for my loved one to participate in meaningful activities?

Many Alzheimer's programs provide scheduled activities, but some go a bit further and offer residents a chance to engage in meaningful activities throughout the entire day, including the evening hours. Some companies, such as Beverly Healthcare, have designed rooms to resemble



ble soda shops, libraries, boutiques, sunrooms and front porches that residents have access to 24 hours a day. While Alzheimer's patients may have trouble remembering the recent past and the present, many remember the days when they

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Known as "low health literacy" this limited understanding challenges people from all ages, races and income levels, and contributes to poor health outcomes. Individuals with low health literacy incur medical expenses that are up to four times greater than patients with adequate literacy skills, costing the health care system billions of dollars every year for unnecessary doctor visits and hospital stays. Compounding the problem is the fact that most patients hide their confusion from their doctors because they are too ashamed and intimi-

dated to ask for help. Healthy People 2010, a nationwide health promotion and disease prevention initiative by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has identified low health literacy as a priority in improving the quality of life and eliminating health disparities for all Americans.

Now, two major health care organizations are working together to tackle low health literacy.

At the fifth annual health literacy conference in Washington, D.C., the American Medical Association Foundation and Pfizer Inc. announced a partnership to address low health literacy and provide solutions for physicians and patients.

"The vision of the AMA Foundation is to achieve total awareness in the medical community that health literacy must be recognized and addressed to obtain effective medical care," comments AMA Trustee and President of the AMA

Foundation Joseph Riggs, M.D.

In 1998, the American Medical Association — the country's largest physician association — became the first national medical organization to adopt policy recognizing that limited patient literacy affects medical diagnosis and treatment.

The AMA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Medical Association, has since been working to raise awareness of health literacy among physicians. However, according to recent findings, most physicians are still unfamiliar with the issue of low health literacy.

"Low health literacy is a national problem and a serious problem," Riggs continues, "and thus we have only just begun our work. We have only scratched the surface."

At the conference, Pfizer announced an unrestricted educational grant to the AMA Foundation to strengthen its efforts in addressing

low health literacy.

The AMA Foundation will develop and distribute health literacy informational kits to physicians and health care professionals. It will also provide grants to health literacy community service projects and link dozens of organizations across the country through the AMA Foundation's Health Literacy Coalition.

In his speech at the conference, Dr. Riggs appealed to the entire medical community to make health care communications easier to understand. He also asked physicians to build greater trust with patients so their questions are not buried under fear and shame.

"Our vision is simple," concluded Riggs. "Physicians want to live in a world where patients can be confident that they know how to care for themselves. Patients want to care for themselves and they want to live healthier lives."

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were younger. Rooms like those mentioned above can help residents remember those happier times from many years ago.

• How will you keep my loved one safe?

Since many people with Alzheimer's are continually looking for "home," they tend to wander without regard for their own personal safety, so it's important to ask about the program's safety measures. Consider asking if your loved one will be living in an area that is secure 24 hours a day. If residents have access to the outdoors, such as a courtyard, you will also want to ask how that area is secured.

• How is your staff trained to handle the complex issues of caring for a person with Alzheimer's?

Ask the program director if the staff has had special training to understand the effects of Alzheimer's and if they promote ongoing education. In addition to asking the staff questions about the program, ask residents and visitors how they feel about the program and its staff. You may want to consider spending some time in the unit so you can see firsthand the interaction between the residents and staff.

"We've worked with many nursing home staffs to help them understand how Alzheimer's can affect the way a person behaves. The advice and training that we offer makes the caregivers more aware of how they can help Alzheimer's patients and their families face the daily challenges of the disease," said McMahon.

• How will we pay for Alzheimer's care?

One of the most difficult issues families face is how to pay for Alzheimer's care. Nursing home business office managers are familiar with the various ways to finance this care, and they are available to offer their expertise to families. Keep in mind there is a range of benefits available including Medicare, Medicaid, long-term care insurance policies, retirement plans such as IRAs, Social Security and annuities, as well as personal savings and investments. The options available are dependent on specific circumstances.

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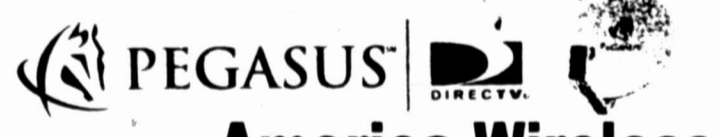
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