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A retirement reception for Margy Thompson-Bradberry, chief juvenile probation officer for the 118th District Court, will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Thompson-Bradberry has served in the position since 1982 and has received numerous awards in juvenile probation. She has received the prestigious Amador Rodriguez Lifetime Achievement Award. For more information on the reception, call Sylvia Dominguez at 264-2240.

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THURSDAY



CHAMBER EDITION

What is the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce? How does it operate? Who makes up the board of directors? What services does it provide for our community? Find out the answers to these questions and more in the *Herald's* annual salute to the Chamber of Commerce.

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More than 2,000 fans turned out at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Monday night as the No. 3-ranked Howard College Hawks edged rival Midland College 72-71. The fans not only enjoyed some nail-biting basketball action, but some exciting halftime entertainment as well. At right, Stevi Bingham leads dancers from the Dance Gallery. For game writeups on the Hawks and Lady Hawks, see Page 6.

HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler



WTO schedules seminar for those on fixed income

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

You're retired and living on a fixed income. You get sick and suddenly have to pay an extra thousand dollars or more for prescription medicine. Your Social Security check and retirement fund don't stretch far enough for the medicine as well as the food, shel-

"These people a lot of times don't know that these programs are out there and families are emptying their pocketbooks to pay for prescriptions."

Judy Reed,

West Texas Opportunities

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An important lesson: Learning needs to be fun

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

One simple question meant as encouragement changed the life of a young West Texas woman.

"I was working at the Senior Citizen's Center and Janet

Smith, (former director) asked me 'Why don't you go to school? You're so bright you could do something with yourself,'" said Rosie Lain, Washington Elementary fourth-grade teacher.

Lain had never considered the idea of attending college.

The daughter of summer migrant farmers, Lain experienced a variety of different cultures — the beach life in California as her parents worked the grape vines, and migrant school in Nebraska as her family toiled in the sugar beet fields.

"I had an opportunity to

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see lot of things across the country," she said. "I had wonderful teachers in migrant school. They were so caring and we did lots of exciting activities."

Always, the family came home from their summer journeys to the small oil and farming community of Westbrook.

Schooling was encouraged by the family and teachers but education beyond high school was never expected, never spoken of nor considered.

Lain herself never regarded college as a possibility until the prompting of her boss and the support of her husband.

"She let me go in the morning and afternoons," Lain said. "She's the one who really encouraged me, plus my husband, Bill."

Washington

"Every child should be encouraged to go to school, no matter their circumstance."

Rosie Lain,
fourth grade teacher



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Rosie Lain, Washington Elementary fourth-grade teacher, watches as her students perform a multiplication exercise. An eight-year career educator, Lain tries to make learning fun.

Elementary was where Lain received her first real experience in the classroom as a student teacher. That's where she

stayed after her graduation from college and where she learned a valuable lesson.

"Learning needs to be fun," Lain said. "Mr. (Royce) Cox (former Washington Elementary

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Presbyterian seminary president to address area leaders

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The newly installed president of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will address area Presbyterian leaders Thursday in Big Spring.

"He will address the



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state of theological education and opportunities at Austin Seminary under his new leadership," said Jack Harrison, co-host of the event. "This is a conversation for ministers and staff members of the Tres Rios Presbytery in the Presbyterian Church USA."

According to Harrison, the seminar is Dr. Theodore J. Wardlaw's first outing to speak to church leaders since his installment as president

on Nov. 9, 2002. Approximately 50 Presbyterian ministers and leaders are expected to attend.

A "Theological colloquium" will held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Rannels and Eighth Street.

The first session will be from 10 a.m. until noon. Wardlaw will address the audience about the state of theology and take questions from the audience

the second hour.

The second session will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will be directed by a panel consisting of Harrison, Long, Wardlaw and Hilton.

"We will address the theological education needs in the Presbyterian and local churches," said Harrison.

The seminar is co-hosted by Harrison and Flynn Long, both retired Presbyterian ministers.

and Gerry Hilton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

Prior to accepting the position as president of the seminary, Wardlaw held a lengthy career as a pastor of several Presbyterian churches across the nation. He served as pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, the Setauket Presbyterian Church in Setauket, Long Island.

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Volunteer fire department receives grant approval to purchase new fire truck

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department has been approved to receive a grant to purchase a new fire truck, HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan announced Friday.

"In 2002 the president signed a grant through FEMA for \$350 million to help support fire departments after Sept. 11," Sullivan said. "We spent many hours writing a grant for a pumper-tanker. We did a risk analysis of Howard County, our shortfalls, and we determined that

"This allows us more firefighters on the truck with the water supply, getting there quicker without two separate trucks."



Tommy Sullivan,
HCVGD fire chief

we needed a pumper-tanker. It's a lot of money for this piece of equip-



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department was recently approved to receive a \$208,500 grant to purchase a new fire truck similar to this one. Having the truck available will slash insurance rates for rural Howard County residents, said HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan.

ment. It's actually two trucks in one. It has 3,000 gallons of water, plus it's an engine. Our big problem is water supply. This allows us more firefight-

ers on the truck with the water supply, getting there quicker without two separate trucks."

The grant is close to a quarter-million dollars,

Sullivan said.

"We put in for the grant and we did get awarded through FEMA in the

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principal) always told us, "Do your job but have fun doing it."

And she does. "She taught me how to learn and understand things and have fun doing it," said Lindsey Deel in nominating Lain as Teacher of the Week. "One time she was reading a book about insects and she clipped a fake scorpion in her hair to see if anybody noticed."

Lain said she enjoys teaching and even misses the classroom during the summer break.

"You can see the students' growth at the end of the year," she said. "I don't think I want to do anything else."

Through the fun activities and the less exciting lectures, Lain hopes children take at least one bit of knowledge when they leave.

"Every child should be encouraged to go to school, no matter their circumstance," she said.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Nominator

I would like to nominate my fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Lain. She is a teacher at Washington Elementary.

She taught me how to learn and understand things and have fun doing it. One time she was reading a book about insects and she clipped a fake scorpion in her hair to see if anybody noticed.

She was a very creative and fun teacher. She taught me to start any project with what I already know and then go with it. She helped me to realize that reading and learning can be fun. It is how you go about a project that makes it fun. Anybody can read a book but Mrs. Lain kept you interested in the story



because you never knew what she would come up with to make the story more exciting.

And she came up with some good things. She read a story about the Mad Hatter and changed hats every page or so. Mrs. Lain, if you read this, I hope that you know how much I appreciate you teaching me.
Lindsey Deel

HOW TO NOMINATE

The Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union congratulate Rosie Lain as the Teacher of the Week.

If you want to earn your favorite teacher a quick \$25 in cash, send your nomination for Teacher of the Week to the Herald at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net or jmoseley@crcom.net

Nominations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720.

more than 2,000 residences. We're asking them, if they'd just donate \$10 per residence, we'll make it."

The donation will be made up in fire insurance savings, Sullivan said.

"Through this, this is going to help us when we do our fire-flow test for the Insurance Services Office. It will help lower their insurance rate on their residences out in the county," he said.

"Right now we have a 5/9 ISO rating. If there's a water supply they get a class 5 rating, but if there's not a water supply, they get a class 9. With this truck when we do our fire-flow test for the ISO, we can actually bring that down to a 5/5 or a 5/6. On an average \$30,000 home it will save them about \$200 a year on fire insurance."

The department is excited about the prospect of having a new truck, he said.

"This is going to be our first brand-new pumper out of the box," he said. "It will be built to our

specs. It won't be used. This will be a brand-new truck. The life expectancy of this truck will be anywhere from 15 to 30 years. So the long range aspect of it plus the needs of the fire department met by

this particular piece of equipment will fit right in with what we're trying to accomplish."

For more information about the grant or to make a donation, call the HCVFD at 268-1165.

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ter and other necessities. What do you do?

That's the focus of a community meeting planned for 10 a.m. Wednesday at West Texas Opportunities Inc., 4005 E. Interstate 20.

"We're going to have a home health nurse here who can direct low-income people to where they can apply for dental and medical assistance, prescription assistance," said Judy Reed of West Texas Opportunities.

Everyone is invited. "It's for the community," Reed said. "But the people that are going to qualify for the programs are people that are at a certain poverty level, a certain income level."

Community members who may know someone who could benefit from dental or prescription assistance are also encouraged to attend.

"These people a lot of times don't know that these programs are out there and families are emptying their pocketbooks to pay for prescriptions," Reed said. "A lot of us know people that could use that assistance, in fact, maybe our mothers or fathers. Once a person gets on a set income, a retirement income, Medicare pays three prescriptions a month. So once their fourth and fifth prescriptions come along, that's up to them. These prescriptions can be \$400 or \$500 a month."

For more information call West Texas Opportunities at 267-9536.

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N.Y. Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church, Sherman; and Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tenn.

In 2001, Wardlaw was moderator of the

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta as well as a commissioner to the 213th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) where he chaired the committee on church policy.

He is a member of the Pastors Working Group of the Louisville Institute. He has twice been editor-at-large of the Presbyterian Outlook and served on the board of directors for the Journal of Reformed Liturgy and Music.

He has served on the Union / P.S.C.E. Board of Trustees and on its alumni board of directors, chairing their 1996 alumni giving campaign. Wardlaw has been an adjunct professor of preaching at both Union / P.S.C.E. and Columbia

Theological Seminary and was a member of the board of visitors for Johnson C. Smith Seminary.

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12th round, \$208,500," he said. "With this we have to match it with 10 percent. It will be \$20,850. We're going to work on a fund-raiser without trying to approach the commissioners at this time. We're going to make it a community project for our citizens in Howard County."

The HCVFD has a year to raise the money.


"We're going to the community," Sullivan said. "Outside the city limits of Big Spring, there are

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OUR VIEWS

Please make most of the Chamber's Leadership class

One of the most common mistakes people make is a rush to judgment. We criticize first and ask questions later. The solution, of course, is to take some time to get the facts before we put our mouths into gear. Just sitting in on a few school board or city council meetings can be a real eye opener.

There's a great way to get that kind of insight and knowledge and have fun in the process. The program is called Leadership Big Spring, and there are still a few spots available for 2003. The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored program takes its students throughout Big Spring and Howard County — to government offices, major industries such as Western Container and ALON USA, the public school district, agri-businesses and many, many others entities vital to our community. Those in the program see first-hand how businesses and government work. There is also a focus on developing leadership skills.

The course is a "must" for new business persons in Howard County and should be a prerequisite for anyone interested in a locally-elected office.

It's a year-long program — but just one day a month. Classes run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month except June and July.

An introductory class was held earlier this month, but it's still not too late to apply. The next class won't meet until Feb. 13.

Tuition is \$300 per person and covers transportation, lunch and textbooks.

Applications can be obtained at the Chamber, 215 W. Third St.

Leadership Big Spring is building this community's leaders. Be a part of it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us, Lord, know that we can survive and overcome anything through your love.

Amen

America's overweight problem

The problem with America's poor kids is that they're too fat.

Few policy-makers are willing to say this rather obvious truth, which is why America's nutritional programs are caught in a 1930s time warp that amplifies the chief health problem facing poor children — namely, that they're overweight. Liberal advocacy groups, stuck in a gruesome nostalgia for a bygone era of deprivation, still talk of hunger as if it stalks every poor household in the country. They maintain that there are 13.6 million children hungry or at risk of hunger in America, one of the great bogus statistics of our age.

As poverty expert Robert Rector of the Heritage Foundation explains, malnutrition, understood as a significant dietary deficiency, essentially doesn't exist in America except in small pockets of the population with other problems, e.g. drug addicts or anorexics. Hunger,

defined as going without a meal at least once in the past month, is also extremely rare, according to the Department of Agriculture, affecting roughly one-half of 1 percent of American children.

Advocacy groups get their higher number by resorting to a category in Agriculture Department surveys measuring "food insecurity without hunger," meaning the worry that it might be hard to find a meal. This statistic tries to capture a psychological state rather than anything real, and contradicts the harder (or at least pudgier) evidence on the ground.

According to Rector, the average poor child is, in fact, supernourished. On average, he consumes twice the daily recommended allowance of protein. By age 18, he will be an inch taller and 10 pounds heavier than the average teenager in 1950.

This is all to the good, except that this positive trend has been supersized. Douglas J. Besharov of the American Enterprise Institute notes that 65 percent of Americans are overweight, and the poor are even more so, by an estimated 5 percent to 10 percent. Adolescents from poor households, Besharov reports, are

twice as likely to be overweight.

This reflects a worldwide trend. In poor countries, it's the rich who tend to be disproportionately overweight, while in advanced, rich countries it's the opposite, since it takes so much time and effort not to be overweight (rich urbanites, for instance, have the fancy gym memberships).

Excess weight is, of course, associated with the increased incidence of all sorts of health disorders, from coronary disease to type 2 diabetes. It's important, therefore, to get kids on the right nutritional path. "The simple fact is that more people die in the United States of too much food than too little," said Clinton Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman in 1998, "and the habits that lead to this epidemic become ingrained at an early age."

The federal government helps ingrain them, as Besharov argues. Food stamps can't be used for anything other than food, forcing some recipients to buy more than they need. School breakfast and lunch programs are stacked with calories on the assumption that kids will go hungry the rest of the day. The Women,

Infants and Children food-support program — roughly half of all newborns are enrolled — also favors high-calorie, high-cholesterol food.

Besharov suggests substituting cash for food stamps, slimming down school meals and focusing the WIC program more on fruits and vegetables and on sound nutritional counseling. Doing any of this, however, will require prevailing over the howls of liberal advocacy groups, which love to feel as if they are "crusading against hunger" in a calous country two steps away from the starvation of Zimbabwe.

Such groups are increasingly disconnected from the real problems of the urban poor. They talk about hunger and housing, which are conveniently susceptible to big-government solutions (more food programs! low-income housing!). The real problems of the poor tend to be crime, failing schools, out-of-wedlock births, sexually transmitted diseases and poor eating habits.

It's time for liberals to upgrade their image of America. We live in such a splendidly abundant nation that even the poor are overweight. Get over it.

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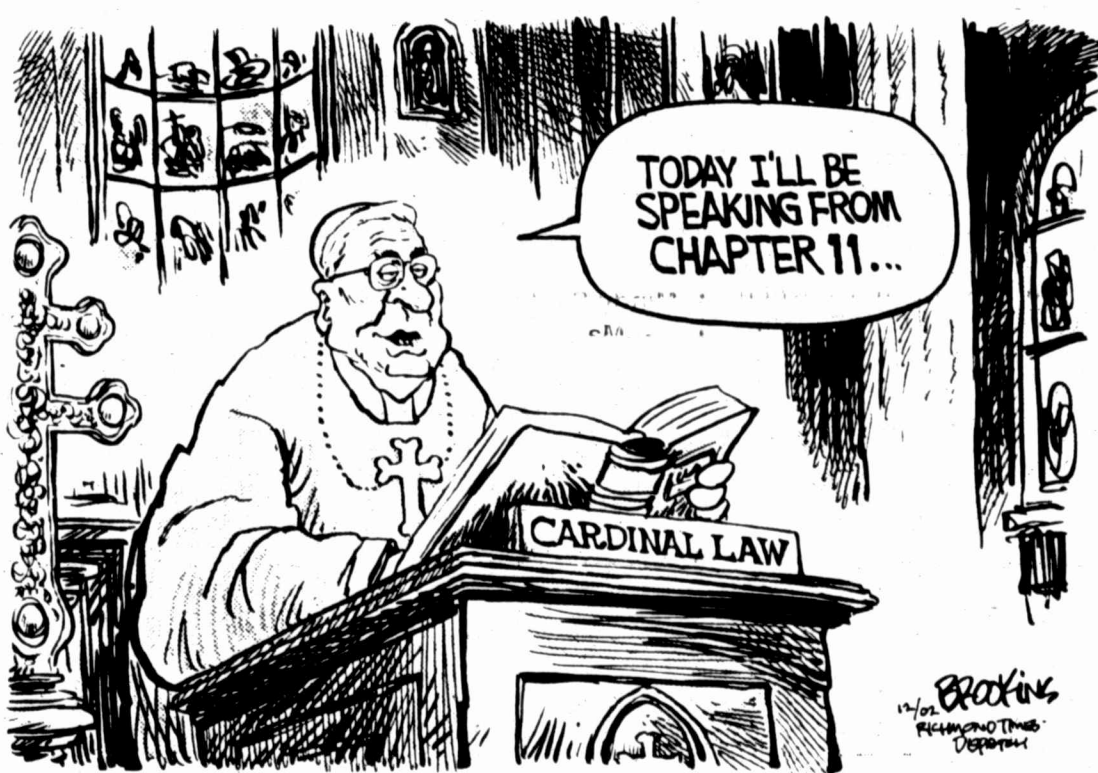
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Sharpton wants his 15 hours of fame

Sharpton wants his 15 hours of fame. There are more reasons to run for president than thinking you can win, and the Rev. Al Sharpton is more direct than most in owning up to his real motive. As the only African-American in the field, he has a niche that together with his leftist politics could translate into a tidy number of delegates at the Democratic National Convention. Like the Rev. Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988, he could accumulate enough influence to affect his party's platform, and perhaps its nominee.

Democrats are divided about Sharpton's potential impact. His critics say he's no Jackson, and that his in-your-face urban style of confrontation won't play outside of New York City. Those who have dealt with him warn against underestimating his quick mind and sharp tongue. He

could be the equivalent of a gale force wind in Democratic Party politics.

Sharpton has built an empire for himself in New York, where disenchanted minority populations are receptive to his theatrics. Taking his act national could divide Democrats and be the best thing that ever happened for Republicans as they try to create a bigger base of minority voters in the wake of the Trent Lott fiasco. Unlike the other candidates, Sharpton has nothing to lose in pressing his issues in the most extreme fashion, or getting personal with his rivals. He's not angling to be chosen vice president by the eventual victor, and a Cabinet post is unlikely. He wins if he creates a ruckus, and he's good at doing that.

There's no holding him back from the early debates. Until they start counting votes, everybody is equal, and everybody debates. He's readying his zingers. He told The New York Times that he'll ask North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, a former trial lawyer who says he fights for regular people, "Name one regular guy

you fought for that you didn't get paid for.

Sharpton blames Democratic losses in recent elections on the party moving to the center and abandoning its liberal base. By unabashedly staking out leftist positions on everything from Iraq (he's anti-war) to affirmative action (he's for beefing it up), Sharpton can complicate the efforts of Democrats to adopt centrist positions. He can also live up to the debates and perhaps attract more voters to pay attention, whether they agree or disagree with him.

But real impact requires winning some primaries, as Jackson did when he ran. Among the early contests, Iowa and New Hampshire are not natural fits for Sharpton, whose breakthrough, if it occurs, would come in South Carolina, where 40 percent of Democratic primary voters are African-American. Otherwise, given Sharpton's penchant for making racially polarizing statements, he might be tempted to stay in the race for pure theater.

He first burst onto the national scene in 1987 as the spokesman for a young girl, Tawana

Brawley, who claimed she had been the victim of a terrible rape. Her racially inflammatory story turned out to be a hoax. Sharpton never apologized, and his credibility was irreparably damaged. He later made anti-Semitic remarks, a side of himself that he is trying to leave behind as he attempts to go national. Smart and shrewd, Sharpton wants his 15 hours of fame, which the upcoming Democratic primary debates should provide. How he handles the airtime, and how his opponents handle him, will send a message to the electorate about the Democratic Party.

A messy primary season that pits Democrats against each other or forces them to pander to African-Americans could hurt the party's nominee. It could also settle the ongoing fight for the party's soul. Either way, Sharpton's candidacy, which he will soon announce, has Democrats cringing and Republicans cheering.

Prediction: Sharpton will alienate people across the racial spectrum. He will not be a candidate generally embraced by African-Americans.

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Task Force Ironhorse' receives orders

FORT HOOD (AP) — More than 37,000 soldiers from Fort Hood and other Army posts making up what will be known as "Task Force Ironhorse" have received their orders for an imminent ground-force deployment, the largest so far in the buildup for a potential war against Iraq.

The 4th Infantry Division's two ground brigades and one aviation brigade at Fort Hood — its 12,500 soldiers by itself making up almost 40 percent of the deployment — are at the core of the forces that received marching orders on Monday.

"This is the largest deployment here at Fort Hood since Desert Storm," said Lt. Col. Dan Baggio, public affairs officer for III Corps and Fort Hood. "During (that) time frame, we deployed roughly 25,000 soldiers."

Central Texas business and government leaders who recalled the economic downturn that followed the last large deployment, during the Persian Gulf war, said they hoped that changes over the past decade would help avoid that fate again. Military dependents were preparing for the latest deployment.

Soldiers from Fort Bliss; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Polk, La.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Fort Bragg, N.C., will also make up Task Force Ironhorse.

Balance may shift in abortion politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruling allowing legal abortions turns 30 years this week, an anniversary heavily shadowed by speculation that a high court retirement could shift the balance of power in abortion politics.

For abortion rights supporters, the departure of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor would be most troublesome. For anti-abortion forces, the wild card could be the exit of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

The court is split 5-4 in favor of abortion rights. O'Connor is considered a cautious supporter and the swing vote to uphold Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 case providing for legal abortions.

Should she retire, President Bush's more conservative supporters will certainly press for him to pick a strong anti-abortion nominee.

"It's in the greatest danger it's ever been in," Feminist Majority President Eleanor Smeal said of the Roe decision. "You're one vote away."

Investigation: Wife buried husband in yard

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities are investigating the stabbing death of a Houston-area man which, according to his wife's attorney, she did in self-defense when she thought the man would kill her and their two children.

No arrests have been made and authorities have yet to talk to the woman, said Lt. Danny Billingsley, the homicide chief at the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

"We have a lot of work left to do," Billingsley said Monday. "While her attorneys say she's admitted to this, she has not admitted it to us, and until we finish investigating I'm not willing to say she's a suspect."

According to Houston attorney Neal Davis, Susan Lucille Wright, 26, called him to her home just outside the city limits of Houston's northeast side Saturday. That evening, Davis went to the district attorney's office and told prosecutors a body was partially buried behind the house.

"When we got out there we eventually recovered the body of a white male who appeared completely buried at one time, with a dog (living) on the premises," Billingsley said. "It looked like the dog had dug it up."

Woman convicted in parents' slaying

FORT WORTH (AP) — A jury on Monday convicted a woman of capital murder in the 2001 stabbing and bludgeoning deaths of her elderly parents.

Deborah Pieringer, 49, received an automatic life sentence because prosecutors declined to seek the death penalty for the attack at the victims' Fort Worth home.

Prosecutors said Pieringer killed Loyd Courtney, 75, and his wife Agnes, 71, to collect an inheritance.

During the trial, Pieringer told jurors that her mother was her best friend and called her retired policeman father the "most honorable man in the world."

Prosecutors said Pieringer cut, stabbed and bludgeoned her parents with four cast-iron skillet.

Dentist's murder trial set to begin

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston dentist accused of killing her husband will spend the next few weeks in a Harris County courtroom where jurors will determine whether she purposely or accidentally ran him down

with her Mercedes Benz in a hotel parking lot.

Clara Harris, 44, is accused of killing her orthodontist husband, David Harris, on July 24 at a Houston area hotel following a hotel lobby confrontation with him and his alleged mistress.

A panel of 120 potential jurors in the case were set to gather in State District Judge Carol Davies' courtroom Tuesday, where prosecutors and defense attorneys will have narrow the panel down to 12 jurors and two alternates.

Jurors selected to hear the case must decide if Clara Harris intentionally ran over her husband, or if 44-year-old David Harris' death was an accident, as Clara Harris says.

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Last-second FT lifts Hawks past Midland

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The breeze you felt exiting the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Monday night wasn't a Canadian cold front, it was a collective sigh of relief from Howard College fans who watched on as sophomore Jared Fears sank a free throw with 3 seconds left to lift the third-ranked Hawks to a 72-71 win over the Midland College Chaparrals.

With the win, the Hawks improved to 19-0 and, more importantly, moved into control of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race with a 3-0 record. The win also moved Howard to within one win of matching the school's all-time mark for consecutive wins of 20.

"That was a great ballgame," said Howard College head coach Chris Jans. "This is one of those game's neither team deserves to lose."

It was a struggle down the stretch for both teams. The two teams exchanged the lead seven times over the final 6:34 of the contest. The Hawks didn't seal the win until Fears drew a foul while attempting to push in an 8-footer from the baseline with time running out.

It was a foul Midland coach Scott Raines felt was unnecessary.

"The referee made a high school call," said Raines. "The kid from Howard comes down and throws his body in there. Every official in America knows you do not blow the whistle in that case. He was doing nothing but hunting for

a foul."

Fears promptly turned the foul against Midland. He snapped a 71-71 tie by hitting the first of two free throws — and setting up a last-second half-court heave by the Chaparrals that bounced off the backboard.

Midland looked as it would dominate the Hawks in the opening minutes. The Chaps, now 10-6 and 2-1, stormed out to an early 10-point lead by outscoring the Hawks by a 12-2 clip in the first four minutes.

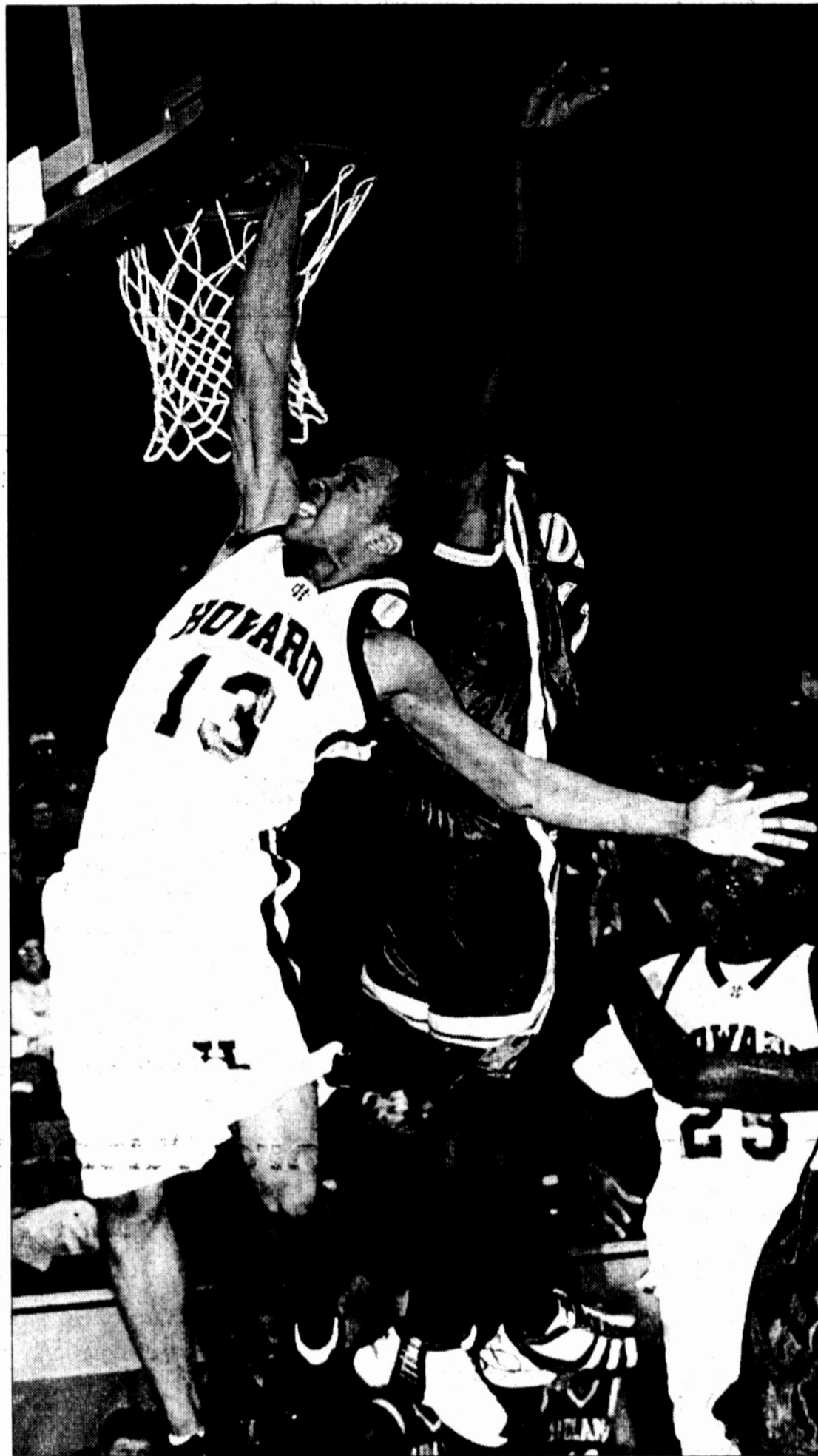
Howard, sparked by 3-pointers by Je'Kel Foster, Eddie Starks and Chaun Brooks battled back to tie the game at 28-28 with 4:16 to play in the half. Just 33 seconds later, Vas'shun Newborne buried a shot from inside the paint to give the Hawks their first lead of the evening.

Midland rallied back to pull into a 36-36 tie at the half.

Howard College found its game in the early minutes of the second half. The opened the half by going on a 19-11 run that was capped by a shot from Daniel Price at the 12:33 mark.

The Chaps, who were led offensively by Robert Sevalia's game-high 27 points, rebounded. They regained the lead with 6:45 remaining on a basket from Englebert Cherrington.

Pate rallied the Hawks from there. He sank two free throws with 2:12 to cut the Chaps' lead to one, at 69-68 — and then hammered home a dunk with 48 seconds left to stake the HC men to a 70-79 advantage.



Howard College's Chaun Brooks drives past Midland's Marques Woods for a basket during the first half of the Hawks' 72-71 win. The win improved the Hawks to 19-0.

Lady Steers looking for 2 in a row vs. LVHS

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers know all too well their playoff hopes hinge on what they do this evening against the San Angelo Lake View Maidens. A win will let them live another day while a loss all but eliminates them from the hunt.

The Lady Steers, 16-9 and 2-3 in District 4-4A play, is slated to lead off a high school basketball double-header against Lake View beginning at 6 p.m. in the LVHS gym. The Big Spring boys will follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The matchup against the Maidens couldn't come at a better time for the BSHS girls. The Lady Steers, fresh off a thrilling win over Andrews, could even its loop mark with a win and pull to within a game of Frenship for the third playoff position.

The BSHS girls are led into the game by juniors Leina Braxton and LeKenya Wrightsil and senior Krystle Long.

Lake View, which enters the game riding a 34-game district losing streak, is paced by Allison Hill.

The Maidens are 7-17 for the year.

The BSHS boys, 2-22 overall, will be gunning for their first 4-4A win against a Lake View team (12-12) that is also winless in league play.

Hunter safety class slated for Feb. 8-9

A hunter safety class will be available for local residents on Feb. 8-9 in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce offices.

For more information contact course director Boyce Hale at 267-6957 or 267-7891.

MC keeps Lady Hawks women winless in WJCAC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The No. 23-ranked Midland College Lady Chaparrals reeled off a 15-2 run midway through the second half and rolled to a 73-59 win over the Howard College Lady Hawks Monday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

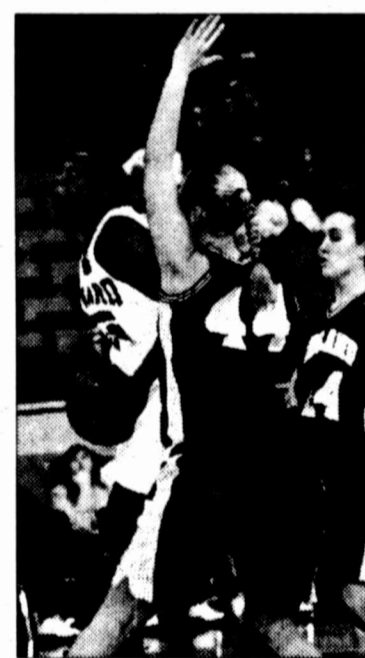
The win was Midland's sixth straight win over the HC women. It also kept the Lady Hawks winless in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play at 0-3.

Howard College, which picked up double-digit

efforts from Jeanenne Colbert and Brittani Calhoun, held their own in the first half. Sparked by a late shot rom LaTasha Davis, the Lady Hawks pulled to within eight at the end of the first half, at 34-26.

The Lady Chaps blew the game open in the second. They used a 9-2 run to start the half to stretch their lead to 43-28 with 16:41 to play. Their 15-point spree minutes later upped the lead to 26.

Calhoun led all HC scorers with 11. Colbert had 10 more.



Howard's Shacauna Woods works around a block against Midland.

Tickets for '02 BSHS football banquet on sale

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be holding its annual football banquet on Jan. 23 in the junior high cafeteria.

The event will honor all the Big Spring High School freshman, junior varsity and varsity football players from the past season. The banquet is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Nature's Fireworks

Volcanoes

When volcanoes erupt, they can create some of the most spectacular and dangerous displays in nature. They are places where magma and hot gases push through the Earth's surface. Volcanoes can erupt with violent explosions. Or the lava can spill out and flow quietly onto the surface.

Erupting volcanoes

The decay of radioactive elements within the Earth creates heat so high it partially melts rocks. Gases in this melted, or molten, rock build up pressure, like the pressure in a shaken can of carbonated soda. The pressure of the gas causes the molten rock to rise toward the Earth's surface.

The magma and gases may collect in large underground chambers, or holding tanks.

As more magma and gas collect, pressure builds up and forces the magma up to the surface.

There are more than 500 active volcanoes* on land in the world. Even more are under the ocean.

*An active volcano is one that has erupted at least once in history.



In 1980, Mount St. Helens in Washington erupted after being quiet for 123 years. There were five more eruptions that year. The eruption, and the mudflows and floods caused by the eruption, took 57 lives and caused more than \$1.2 billion in property damage. For weeks ash covered the land hundreds of miles to the east, where the wind blew it. There was enough ash to bury a football field under ash 150 miles high! Scientists say it could erupt again.

The Mini Page thanks Steven Brantley, Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, U.S. Geological Survey, for help with this issue.

Volcano damage

Volcanoes can cause great damage. They can wipe out whole towns, killing thousands of people, plants and animals.

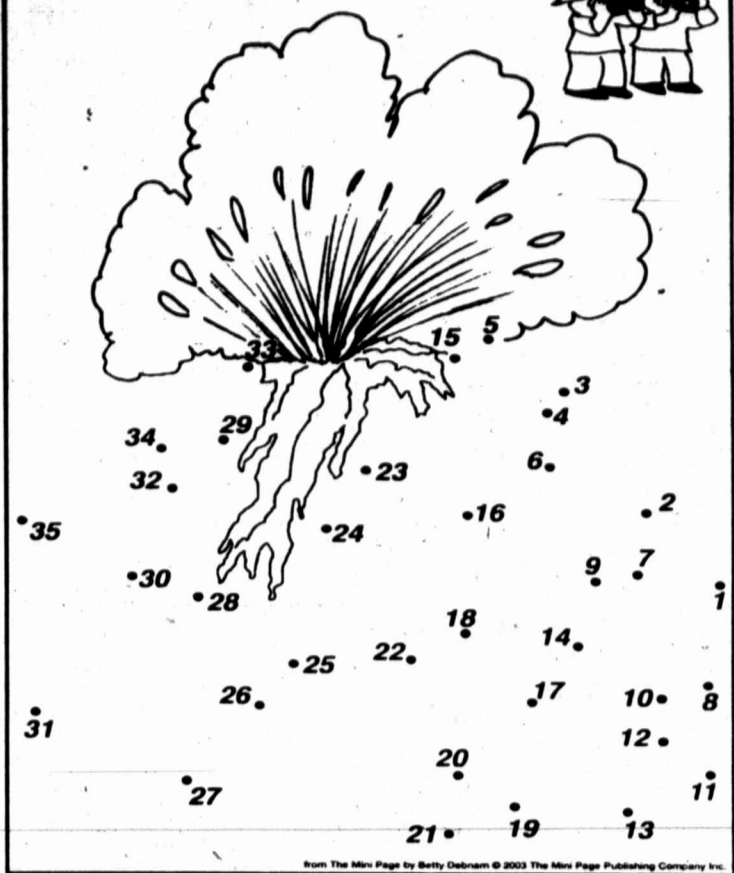
When lava erupts, it is red-hot, measuring more than 2,000 degrees F. An explosive eruption may throw out big rocks, known as bombs. These can weigh hundreds of pounds.

Volcanic rocks can cause dangerous mudflows if they mix with water. These mudflows might rush by at 10 to 30 miles per hour.

Winds can carry volcanic ash around the world many times. Experts believe volcanic ash from big explosive eruptions can block the sun and change the climate.



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Supersport: Carson Palmer

Height: 6-6 Weight: 230 Birthdate: 12-27-79 College: Southern Cal
In his first three seasons as a college quarterback, Carson Palmer experienced frustration and disappointment. But he didn't quit. He kept striving, and his hard work paid off. In December, the Southern Cal senior was voted winner of the Heisman Trophy, the most prized award in college football. Palmer completed almost 63 percent of his passes for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns. He was a major reason his team, the Trojans, won 10 games and lost only 2. While at Southern Cal, Palmer has been a solid student as well, majoring in public policy and management. He also has helped area schoolchildren by participating in the Read Across America Program. Palmer has more big plans for next year. He's scheduled to marry his fiancée, Shaelyn Fernandes, in July.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you find the common theme or category?

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- Ken: Groundhogs!
- Sam: Is there a way to make a hamburger do the hula?
- Rosy: Order it with a shake!
- Foster: Where do monkeys cook their hamburgers?
- Trudy: On grillas!

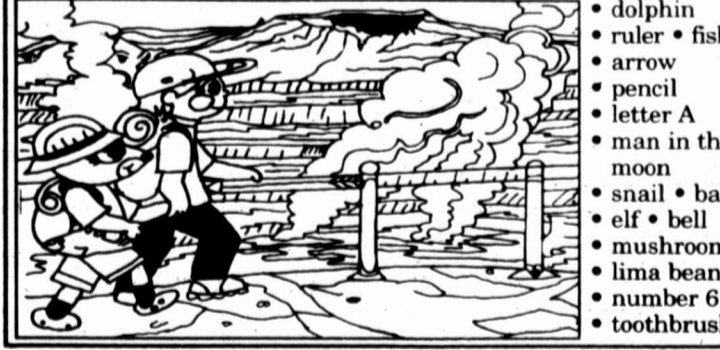
Basset Brown The News Hound's VOLCANOES TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of volcanoes are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ERUPT, DANGEROUS, MELT, HOT, LAVA, GASES, ROCK, FLOW, MAGMA, EARTH, ACTIVE, ISLANDS, MOUNTAINS, ASH, MUD, FIRE, DUST, VULCAN, PELE, KILAUEA, HAWAII, NATURE.



Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset are exploring a volcano in Hawaii. See if you can find: • exclamation mark • question mark • number 3



More About Volcanoes

Volcanoes can build
Volcanoes have played a big role in forming the surface of our planet. More than 80 percent of the Earth's surface was made by volcanoes, including much fertile soil. Many mountains are volcanoes. The first oceans and the Earth's atmosphere were created from the gases from volcanoes erupting several billion years ago.



The Kilauea (kee-lo-WAY-ah) volcano in Hawaii began erupting again in 1983. It has been erupting continuously since then. It is one of the most active volcanoes in the world. "Kilauea" means spewing, or much spreading.



Many earthquakes and volcanoes occur in the area known as the "Ring of Fire."

Volcano sites
More than half of the active land volcanoes circle the Pacific Ocean in a "Ring of Fire." In this area, parts of the Earth are slowly colliding with each other.

The Earth's crust is broken into huge parts called plates. When one of these plates slides under another plate, they rub against each other. This is where rock melts to form magma.

Most active volcanoes border the edges of continents. Many are in or around the Mediterranean Sea. One, Mount Etna in Sicily, had a big eruption in October 2002, and it is still continuing.

There are a total of about 50 active volcanoes in the United States, in Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California.

Look on the weather page of your newspaper to see if any exciting natural events such as storms are predicted. Next week The Mini Page is about the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Volcanic mountains

Most land volcanoes are mountains, formed after layers of lava and ash built up over thousands of years. These volcanoes are usually cone-shaped mountains with a hole, or vent, where the lava has erupted.

Some volcanic mountains include Mount Fuji in Japan, Mount Shasta in California, Mount Hood in Oregon and Mount Rainier in Washington.

Ancient legends

The word "volcano" comes from the Roman god Vulcan, the god of fire and the blacksmith for the gods. Hundreds of years ago, the Romans believed a volcanic island off the coast of Italy, Vulcano, was part of Vulcan's blacksmith forge.

The Romans believed the lava and dust erupting from Vulcano came when Vulcan made thunderbolts for Jupiter, the king of the gods, or weapons for Mars, the god of war.

The Polynesian people who settled the Hawaiian islands believed eruptions were caused by the beautiful goddess of volcanoes, Pele (PAY-lay).

Hawaiian volcanoes

Many islands, such as the Hawaiian Islands, are really volcanoes that have built up from the ocean floor.

Kilauea and Mauna Loa on the Island of Hawaii are two of the most active volcanoes in the world. Mauna Loa is also the biggest active volcano in the world. It rises more than 30,000 feet above the surrounding ocean floor.

Many island volcanoes are near hot spots in the Earth. These hot spots are areas where the Earth's activity is creating higher temperatures under the Earth's surface.

The Island of Hawaii is near a hot spot that has been there for at least 70 million years. This island of Hawaii has existed about 1 million years.

The U.S. Geological Survey's Volcano Hazards Program is using knowledge gained from the Hawaiian volcanoes to keep people around the world safe.

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9:30	NYPD Blue (CC)	70s Show Dharma-Greg	P.O.V. (CC)	Last Resort Whose Line?	Judging Amy (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	DateLine (CC)	(15) Movie: Crocodile Dundee II (CC)	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Even Stevens	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Traffic (CC)	Mandolin (CC)	Oz (CC)	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC)	Protect and Serve		
10:30	News Nightline	Raymond Sudden	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Dundee II (CC)	En las Mejores Familias	Boy World	Blind Date	..	(15) Movie: The Proposal (CC)	Taxicab Confessions 2003	Liberty Church	Biography (CC)	New Detectives	X-Files (CC)	Prophets: Seers		
11:30	Up Close Hollywood Sq	Spin City (CC) Blind Date	Secrets of the Dead (CC)	Caroline Rhea Show (CC)	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Up Close	Show (CC) (37) Late	Kindergarten	Tu y Yo	Sister, Sister	Real TV (CC)	Movie: Enemy at the	Movie: Red Team (CC)	(11:50) King of the Jungle	Update With Promise	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files	X-Files (CC)	Miracle Statues		
12:30	Cowboy (35) To Be	Beyond Beyond	Dead (CC) Everest	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Cop (CC)	Tu y Yo	Sister, Sister	Real TV (CC)	Movie: Enemy at the	Movie: Red Team (CC)	(11:50) King of the Jungle	Update With Promise	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files	X-Files (CC)	Miracle Statues		

DENNIS THE MENACE

1-21

"ANYBODY HAVE A CLUE HOW TO GET A FROZEN WAFFLE OUT OF THE VCR?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

1-21

"The noodles keep runnin' away from my spoon."

HAGAR

1-21

WHO'S AT THE DOOR, HAGAR? HE SAYS HE'S FROM SOMETHING CALLED THE GIANT BILL COLLECTORS AGENCY, INC., HELGA...

BLONDIE

1-21

THERE'S NOBODY HOME NEXT DOOR AT THE BUMSTEADS. WILL YOU ACCEPT THIS PACKAGE? ... KNOWING THIS CATALOG COMPANY, AND KNOWING BUMSTEAD, I'D SAY IT'S A PAIR OF FIREPLACE LOAFER SLIPPERS, FULL-FOAM FOOTBED CUSHION, SIZE 10 ... I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS ALL THESE YEARS FOR NOTHING, YOU KNOW

BC

HULL-A-BALOO

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN TITANIC HIT ICEBERG

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

WIZARD OF ID

YOU SHOULD TRY CUTTING YOUR DRINKING IN HALF

I ALREADY DID...

I JUST JOINED THE 'A'

GEECH

OKAY, GET IN AND HIT THE STARTER.

HIT IT WITH WHAT?

JUST BEND OVER, AND I'LL GIVE IT A KICK-START.

HI AND LOIS

DID TRIxie LEARN A NEW WORD TODAY?

NO!

NO! NO! NO!

I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THIS SPECIAL MOMENT WITH YOU!

GASOLINE ALLEY

How do I know you are an angel? Believe it! I was in the angel band when GOD gave Moses the Ten Commandments! That was a cool gig!

That's no proof! Tsk! Times haven't changed! Gotta have a sign, huh?

SNUFFY SMITH

JUGHAID !! GIT OVER HERE AN' HELP WIF TH' WASH !!

THANKEE !! IT GOES FASTER WHEN I GIT A GOOD RHYTHM GOIN' !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

THIS IS A UNIVERSAL REMOTE. IT GETS EVERYTHING WORKING

REALLY? LET ME TRY IT!

CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK

People In the News

By The Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. Five former first ladies are expected to attend a Jan. 17 celebration for the 20th anniversary of the Betty Ford Center for drug and alcohol abuse. Nancy Reagan, Rosalynn Carter, Barbara Bush and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton will join and honor Betty Ford at the black-tie event at the Hyatt Grand Champions resort in Indian Wells. "People have told us that this many first ladies getting together is extraordinary. It speaks to their respect of Mrs. Ford," center President John Schwarzlose said Wednesday. President Bush and first lady Laura Bush will send videotaped remarks, he said. Tickets cost \$1,000 for the private event, which will be closed to the news media.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) The Nashville radio station that broadcasts the "Grand Ole Opry" has dismissed at least seven employees, including its operations manager. WSM-AM fired Opry announcer and operations manager Kyle Cantrell, a 20-year veteran who oversaw programming at the last 50,000-watt clear channel station that hasn't converted to news, talk or sports. "Opry Star Spotlight" hosts Matthew Gillian and Johnny Koval also said they lost their jobs. Gillian said he was stunned by the news after the positive feedback he had received from listeners. WSM's night signal reaches 38 states, and the station offers an Internet Webcast.

"We really had something going with that show," Gillian told The Tennessean newspaper. K.K. Wilson, a 12-year veteran who oversaw the station's Web site, said that WSM fired him, afternoon DJ Allen Dennis, assistant promotions director Trish Matthews and Cantrell assistant Carolyn Davis. "I truly love the station," Cantrell said Tuesday. "My fondest dream was to be able someday to announce the 'Grand Ole Opry.' I did that." General manager John Padgett said Cantrell would be replaced, but didn't comment on the future of "Opry Star Spotlight."

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

KEEP SMILING by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Be in harmony
- 5 Chicken king
- 8 Gossip fodder
- 12 Kowtow
- 14 "Golly!"
- 15 Sound from Simba
- 16 Hens, e.g.
- 17 Way in
- 19 Hockey great Bobby
- 20 Nostalgic decade
- 22 Stray animal
- 24 Brainstorms
- 25 Tape replacements
- 26 Broom's target
- 29 Noontime naps
- 31 Brightly colored songbird
- 38 Unpaid debt
- 39 Go back to the drawing board
- 40 Leaves high and dry
- 42 McCormick's machines
- 43 Railroad structure
- 45 Paul and John: Abbr.
- 48 Slugger Hank
- 50 Reverberate
- 53 Team booster
- 57 Ordinance
- 58 Acts vindictively
- 59 Tax form
- 61 Hurler Hersher

DOWN

- 1 Reckless drivers
- 2 Got a Secret
- 3 Ice mass
- 4 Famous lioness
- 5 Meeting schedule
- 6 Lax
- 7 Prudential competitor
- 8 "Confound it!"
- 9 Greek column type
- 10 Ran at Indy
- 11 Lock of hair
- 12 Shimmer
- 13 avis
- 18 Scale notes
- 21 Puppy sounds
- 23 Railroad warning flare
- 27 Constellation unit
- 28 Fruit-filled pastry
- 29 Down in the dumps
- 30 Intense anger
- 32 Greek war god
- 33 Shipshape
- 34 pandowdy
- 35 Choral groups
- 36 Musical sense
- 37 Med. personnel
- 41 Thoroughfares
- 42 Tear apart
- 44 Prepares pork, perhaps
- 45 New England seafood
- 46 Over yonder
- 47 Dwarf complement
- 48 Prince Valiant's son
- 49 Pond organisms
- 51 Rabbit cousin
- 52 Possesses
- 54 Snakelike fish
- 55 Historic periods
- 56 Start over
- 60 Freight weight

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