

TUESDAY

January 18, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 34°-36° 63°-66°

INSIDE

Bush has big plans for second term

As President Bush prepares to take office for a second term this week, he says he's worried that people "kind of write me off" before he can get things done.

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Blood drives are upcoming

There are several upcoming United Blood Services drives scheduled in Big Spring.

January 21, New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road, has scheduled a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

January 22 from noon until 4 p.m., a blood drive is set in the Big Spring Mall.

Then, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., a blood drive is scheduled in the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway.

Blood drives are also scheduled in February. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Feb. 3 a blood drive will take place in the Rip Griffin Truck and Travel Center.

From 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Feb. 17 a blood drive is set at the VA Medical Center. And the last opportunity to donate blood in February is from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Wal-Mart Feb. 21.

To donate blood an individual must be at least 18 years old or 17 years old with parent's permission and weigh more than 100 pounds. Bring a list of all medications currently being taken to the site.

For more information, contact Peggy Hards at 432-569-5531.

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Trustees taking collective approach on bills

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — School officials here hope the collective approach works best to ward off high utility bills.

In an effort to keep the district's electricity bills at a minimum, the Forsan school board voted during their regular monthly meeting Monday to join in with other districts to see if they can get cheaper electricity rates by taking the group

approach.

The Electricity Aggregation Agreement is an agreement whereby the Texas Association of School Boards acts as an agent to find favorable utility rates for district participating in the program.

"It's a way for schools to group together and negotiate the best prices they can get," Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson said.

In other business, school trustees:

• Extended Johnson's contract through the 2007-08 school year. Johnson, who is in the first year of his contract with Forsan ISD, originally signed a three-year pact with the district.

"We just want to thank Randy for the great job he's done taking care of our school district," Board President Allen McDowell said.

Trustees also voted Johnson a 3 percent raise during the meeting.

• Approved the Stanton accounting firm of Stalling and

Herm to be the district's auditors for the 2005-06 school year.

• Approved the purchase of passenger van for the district. The vehicle will cost just under \$25,000, and will be bought through TASB's BuyBoard, a statewide listing of price quotes, Johnson said.

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IN REMEMBRANCE



A group of about 30 people participated in a march commemorating the birthday of famed civil rights leader Martin Luther King Monday night. The march traversed Martin Luther King Boulevard, from Gregg Street to FM 700.

Forsan board taking its time

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here continue to fine-tune construction plans recently approved by district voters.

A \$4.9 million bond issue passed by voters last year authorizes the district to build or improve several facilities. Among the show-piece items of the proposal are new baseball and softball fields, a new band hall almost double the size of the existing facility, and a practice gym and weight-training facility for the athletic department.

Although the money for these projects is sitting in the bank, trustees are in no overwhelming rush to start cutting checks. In Superintendent Randy Johnson's words, they want to "cut the fluff" out of the construction plans before groundbreaking begins.

To that end, the school board met Monday night with the architectural firm that designed the new facilities in an effort to make sure the district gets the biggest bang for the taxpayers' buck.

Joe Grimes, of Grimes & Associates of Wolforth, gave trustees an updated estimate of \$4.7 million for the various projects, which, in addition to the exterior construction projects, also include items such as renovations in the science lab, more than \$100,000 in computer technology upgrades, new carpeting, and a beefed-up air-conditioning system.

In looking at the plans, however, trustees saw a few areas where they might cut costs. For example, board members doubt the baseball facility will need seating for 500, as called for in the plans. Also debated was the need for a press box or lights at the field.

Board President Allen McDowell said the board's approach should be to "spend money on the students, and scrimp on the adults." In other words, the district should make sure the spending priority is more on student use than on ancillary items like seating or press boxes.

"We want to make sure, especially when we get to areas like science and

Iraq, terrorism, top questions for Rice

By ANNE GEARAN

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — Condoleezza Rice pledged Tuesday to work to mend ties with allies frayed by the war in Iraq. "The time for diplomacy is now," she told senators at her confirmation hearing to replace Colin Powell as secretary of state.

Rice insisted that the administration's actions in the aftermath of Sept. 11, including wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, were "difficult, and necessary and right."

She promised to work to strengthen ties with old and new allies.

And, she said in prepared testimony, "If confirmed, I will work with members of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, to build a strong bipartisan consensus behind America's foreign policy."

Senate confirmation of Rice, 50, was all but assured. But she faced tough questions from

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committee Democrats on her role in U.S. foreign policy as President Bush's national security adviser.

"Our first challenge... is to inspire the American people and the people of all free nations to unite in common cause to solve common problems," Rice said.

She indicated that working to spread democracy through the Middle East was among these challenges.

Rice said there remain "outposts of tyranny" in the world that require close attention, citing North Korea, Iraq, Cuba, Belarus, Zimbabwe and

Myanmar, also known as Burma.

"We must remain united in insisting that Iran and North Korea abandon their nuclear weapons ambitions and choose instead the path of peace," she said.

Rice also cited her background, growing up in Birmingham, Ala. "I am especially indebted to those who fought and sacrificed in the civil rights movement so that I could be here today," said Rice, who like Powell, is black.

She praised Powell, whom she has said she considers a mentor.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-

Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, opened Tuesday's confirmation hearing with warm words about Rice, who has served a mostly behind-the-scenes role at the White House for the past four years as Bush's national security adviser.

He said she was "highly qualified" to meet the foreign policy challenges the United States faces. "We are grateful that a leader of her stature is willing to step forward" and assume the secretary of state job, Lugar said.

"Our success in Iraq is critical," the senator told Rice, saying the Jan. 30 elections must go forward as scheduled.

Rice said that Bush's leadership after the Sept. 11 terror attacks has opened an opportunity "to help create a balance of power in the world that favors freedom."

She called the Sept. 11

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Obituaries

A.P. Smith Jr.

A.P. Smith Jr., 79, of Snyder died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Services are 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005, in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home with Tom Holcomb, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

He was born Dec. 2, 1925, in Dunn and married Virginia Brunkhurst in Fort Riley, Kan. He was a World War II veteran, a retired electrician and a member of the VFW and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Smith of Snyder; daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria Jean and Dennis Watson of Big Spring and Jo Ann and Tim Mitchell of Fort Worth; sons and daughters-in-law, "Butch" and Jean Smith of Carlsbad, N.M., Curtis and Marilyn Smith of Benicia, Calif., Terry and Billie Smith of Benicia, Calif., Tommy and Cheryl Smith of Fairfield, Calif.; sister, Chloe Roberts of Kermit; brother-in-law, Bobby Meese of Oklahoma City; 24 grandchildren; and 46 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Sitty Ashley Landers

Sitty Ashley Landers, longtime resident of Big Spring, died in her home in San Marcos Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005.

David Anthony Juarez

David Anthony Juarez, infant son of Anthony and Kim Juarez, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 44, of 1603 Todd Road, was arrested Monday on a Hale County warrant.
- **OSCAR VELASQUEZ JR.**, 30, of 1309 Princeton, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **FELICIA KAY VALENCIA**, 36, of 1511 Wood, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **RICHARD FLORES**, 51, of 1200 Wood, was arrested Monday on two local warrants and a charge of driving while license suspended enhanced.
- **BRANDON EDWARDS**, 18, of 807 E. 15th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **SHANE THOMAS ESTES**, 22, of 5905 N. Service Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended and a citation for no insurance.
- **DAVID RIOS**, 18, of 800 Creighton, was arrested Tuesday on two local capias warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DAVID LEE CAMPBELL**, 44, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense - judgment.
- **RUBEN MATA MUNIZ**, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense - judgment.
- **JAMIE RAE SMITH**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **BELINDA CHAVARRIA**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **SUSIE LOPEZ MAGALLANES**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of wrong/fictitious license plate.
- **DEREK TARVER MOFFETT**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **MARTIN G. CASTANEDA**, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- **DONALD DAVIS**, 29, was arrested Friday on a judgment for driving while license suspended.
- **KHRISTY ANNE MCMAHAN**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of no liability insurance and forgery of a financial instrument.
- **JANIE AGUILAR**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of bondsmen off of bond for driving while license suspended and failure to identify and a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.
- **DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of credit card abuse.
- **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **IRENE PAREDEZ FLORES**, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsmen off of bond for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **DAVID ARGUELLO JR.**, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment for criminal mischief.

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Fire

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 8:36 a.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of LANCASTER at 12:21 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon at 4:22 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 3:39 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of W. Second Street at 10:30 p.m. Friday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 1:15 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels at 3:47 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of Sheppard at 4:04 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3700 block of HATCH at 5:34 p.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles at 10:31 p.m. Saturday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles at 4:16 a.m. Saturday. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 1:13 a.m. Saturday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 3:10 p.m. Saturday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia at 6:04 p.m. Saturday. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1700 block of Settles at 4:16 a.m. Sunday. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street at 2:23 a.m. Sunday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Utah at 2:54 p.m. Sunday. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 12th Street at 2:45 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 16th Street at 11:24 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway at 4:14 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway at 1:28 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Avion at 11:58 p.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of W. Second Street at 1:14 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87 at 5:34 a.m. Monday. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.

Take note

□ **YELLOWDOG DARE DEVILS RELAY FOR LIFE FUND-RASIER** offers individual-sized, heart-shaped cakes with a Valentine's message for \$4. Order and prepay before Feb. 9. Call the bus barn at 264-4108.

□ **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

□ **THE BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION MEETING BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. TODAY** will feature a video-taped program by Jerry Yarnell on the topic of painting grass in landscapes. Photographer Bruce Schooler is the artist of the month. He will serve as host of the meeting, which takes place in the basement of the Howard County Library.

□ **THE FIRST MASTER GARDENER'S CLASS** is set for 5:30 p.m. today in room C-13 at the back of the Big Spring Mall. Cost for the course that meets once a week from mid-January to mid-May is \$75 and two scholarships are available. For more information, contact Kathy Lusk at the Big Spring Mall, 267-3853 or the Howard County Cooperative Extension office, 264-2236.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 6-WEEK-OLD MAGGIE VASQUEZ TO ASSIST WITH THE EXPENSES OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT.** She is the daughter of Susan Vasquez and Steve Nail of Big Spring. Maggie was born prematurely and suffers from kidney failure. She remains in Dallas Children's Hospital undergoing daily dialysis treatment until the transplant match is found and the surgery performed. The account number at the bank is 9013091. For more information, contact Parks Convenient Store at 263-4498 or Denise 816-1539.

□ **THE HARLEM AMBASSADORS BASKETBALL TEAM** has an exhibition game set for 7 p.m. Friday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as a Rotary Club of Big Spring fund-raiser. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and \$1 for children with an adult. Children younger than 5 are free. To purchase a ticket contact the YMCA, 267-8234 or the coliseum at 264-5040.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Correction

A picture of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Reserve Champion Lamb incorrectly identified the winner and buyer. The information with the picture should have read: Wendell Walker, representing Co-Op Gin of Big Spring, poses with Brittnee Nix whose lamb took the title of Reserve Grand Champion during the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-14-20-35-37.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$35,526.
Winning tickets sold in: Houston.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-17-24. Bonus Ball: 21.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$200,000.
Winning ticket sold in: Fort Worth.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night:
2-3-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon:
8-7-7

Weather

Today — Decreasing clouds. Highs near 50. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. North winds near 10 mph.
Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Friday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Friday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Saturday — Mostly cloudy. Highs near 60.
Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.
Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Danny Wright, left, chops garlic while teammate Jeff Thompson looks on at Saturday morning's Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff. The pair tout their chili cooking team as "Two Fat Guys Plus Two."

Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff winners announced

Following are the winners from Saturday's Boss Hog Chili Cookoff held at the Harley-Davidson Shop in Big Spring:
First place: Tom Jones, San Angelo; second place: Steve Mattingley, Big Spring; third place: Mike Lindsey, Big Spring; fourth place: Tripp gibbs and Dub Grigg, Big Spring; fifth place Mike Calvio, Big Spring; sixth place: Jeremy Klaus, Big Spring; seventh place: Max Green, Big Spring; eighth place: Dalton and Carol Lewis, Big Spring; ninth place: Mike Lindsey, Big Spring; 10th place: Dean Wright and Jeff Thompson, Big Spring.

Showmanship Division
First place: Buffalo Girls, Amarillo; second place: All-American Cabinet, Big Spring; third place: Tata and Mema's: Big Spring.

North Texas VA is nation's worst

DALLAS (AP) — A federal investigation that found dirty, unsafe conditions at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center has ranked the institution as the nation's worst.
An inspector general's report for the Department of Veterans Affairs assessed 80 percent of the system's performance indicators below the "fully satisfactory" level. Investigators at the Dallas VA Center reported that "most patient rooms and bathrooms we inspected were unclean," according to The Dallas Morning News' Tuesday editions.
The center's floors and walls "had buildups of grime," and some stretchers displayed "dried residue suggestive of

body fluids," investigators said.
Those in charge of the North Texas Health Care System's flagship "did not maintain a consistently clean and safe environment," according to investigators, who said they found no evidence of a plan for better management.
Hospital officials contend they already have eliminated most of the problems identified in the report, which was released late last year. Wednesday is the deadline for the system's formal written response to the inspector general.
"Frankly, that's the job of the I.G.," said Dr. Robert Cronin, the system's chief of staff, of the report. "They don't come

and give you a pat on the back and say you're doing a great job. We got the message. We're working hard to correct those things. ... We've added a number of people to help us get the job done."
The hospital complex, which covers 84 acres in South Dallas, is the center of a system that serves 38 counties in Texas and two in Oklahoma, with more than 13,000 admissions and almost 626,000 outpatient visits last year.
The North Texas VA system director, Alan G. Harper, recently left the position after 14 years. But no conclusions should be drawn from the timing of the inspector general's report and Harper's departure, said Allen Clark, public affairs

officer.
Dirty intravenous pumps, insufficient medication refrigeration and exposed electrical connections in patient bathrooms were among shortcomings cited in the inspector general's report.
"It's the worst VA I've been in," said Army veteran Joe Hillyard, who has been treated at five veterans hospitals for post-traumatic stress disorder.
Hillyard, 48, of Waxahachie complained of long waits to see a doctor and delays in the filling of prescriptions at the Dallas medical center.
However, patient Jim Neatherlin supported the hospital and its staff.
"They always treated me real nice," said Neatherlin, 80, of Paris.

DA's history pointed at past drug problems

By ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

PAMPA — Four years after a tough-on-drugs campaign won him the district attorney's office, Richard "Rick" Roach faces federal drug and weapons charges that threaten to send him to prison and end his political career.
Law officers sealed the indictment against Roach, but details could surface Tuesday at a hearing in Amarillo, about 50 miles southwest of Pampa. The Republican prosecutor has been jailed since his arrest last week on charges of possession of methamphetamine, cocaine and unlawful possession of weapons by a drug addict.
Folks in the Texas Panhandle counties he represents say Roach's erratic and aggressive behavior seemed worse over the past several months, but few suspected drug use, even though he had dropped about 30 pounds and his skin became sallow.

nounced and so obvious it really couldn't be ignored," Breeding said.
Roach's attorney, Bill Kelly, declined to comment.
Rebecca Bailey, a secretary in Roach's office, said she saw him use methamphetamine in an apartment twice in the last month, and just two weeks ago saw him take the drug out of his office desk and prepare to use it before she left the room. Her statement is in a signed affidavit filed after Roach's arrest as part of a petition by Gray County Attorney Joshua Seabourn to have Roach removed from office.
Bailey and others who work in Roach's Pampa office declined to comment for this story.

David Holmes, an assistant prosecutor under Roach between 2001 and 2003, said he never suspected drug use. He said Roach at times was friendly and talked about his Christianity — he even sang a few times in a gospel music band.
But more often Roach was demeaning, controlling and paranoid, he said. Roach started locking the main door at his courthouse office, requiring any visitor to knock before seeing the receptionist. Every Friday afternoon, he sent his staff home and stayed alone in the office, where he kept several loaded handguns.
In the counties Roach serves — Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb, and Wheeler — most criminal prosecutions are drug related. Roach prioritized the cases, even over sexual assaults and other felonies, and demanded prison terms of up to 99 years for drug offenders, Holmes said.
Roach rarely tried cases himself, but he kept tight reins on his assistants to make sure they were tough, Holmes said.
"In my opinion, his position on drugs was politically motivated to make him look good," said Holmes.

Last fall at his twin sons' high school football games in neighboring Miami, Roach was the only person standing in the bleachers, yelling curse words at referees and opposing teams and making those around him uncomfortable.
In December, he appeared "wired" during a court hearing, fumbling through papers and repeating what defense lawyers said until a judge told him to be quiet, said attorney John Mann, the incumbent district attorney who lost to Roach in 2000.
Outside another courtroom last month, Roach was jumpy and couldn't carry on a coherent conversation, prompting several courthouse employees to speculate that he was "on something," said Leslie Breeding, the Roberts County attorney.
"There have been rumors for years, but this time it was so pro-

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attacks "a defining moment for our nation and the world."
"Under the vision and leadership of President Bush," Rice said, "our nation has risen to meet the challenges of our time: fighting tyranny and terror, and securing the blessings of freedom and prosperity for a new

generation."
Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the committee's senior Democrat, praised Rice but noted, "relations with many of our oldest friends are quite frankly scraping the bottom right now."
He said the Bush administration must learn to act "with humility as well as force."
"The time for diplomacy is long overdue," he told her.

Rice said she recognized that "America's relations with the world's global powers will be critical."
"Our interaction with the rest of the world must be a conversation, not a monologue," she said.
Both Republican and Democratic senators said that they expected Rice to easily win enough votes for Senate confirmation. They also said they expected tough questioning. The session offered a

rare opportunity to ask the president's most trusted national security adviser about her views and her role in combating terrorism, planning for war in Iraq and the treatment of terrorism detainees.
Turning to the Middle East, Rice said "the stakes could not be higher."
"As long as the broader Middle East remains a

region of tyranny and despair and anger, it will produce extremists and movements that threaten the safety of Americans and our friends," she said.
Rice's previous Washington jobs, including a stint as a foreign policy adviser for Bush's father, President George H.W. Bush, did not require Senate confirmation and the intense

scrutiny that goes with it.

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David Anthony Juarez, infant, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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technology, that we've got to make it right for the students," Johnson said. "The board is watching this very closely to make sure we're not wasteful."
Further plan revisions are likely in the months ahead before actual construction begins, Johnson said. No actual date for groundbreaking has been set, although officials hope construction on the exterior projects begins before the end of the current school year. Interior

projects will have to wait for the summer months, Johnson said.
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OUR VIEWS

County officials take right steps on jail project

It's a first step, but only a first step. Howard County commissioners began the actual process of building a new jail during their meeting last week, voting unanimously to retain architect Phil Furqueron for the design and construction of the projected \$5 million facility.

In addition to Furqueron's firm, commissioners retained HOK Justice of Dallas and Parkhill-Smith and Cooper of Lubbock and Midland, to begin a five-step process to construct the new jail.

There are naysayers, however, who have already begun the process of criticizing the project, doing their best to make it seem that county officials haven't given enough thought to the project.

However, it is clear to us that the commissioners court and Sheriff Dale Walker have given a great deal of thought and study to the project and are just as clearly going to give it much more.

Furqueron made it clear last week that officials will be looking at the area and the demand on the facility, which will involve studies collected by the sheriff's office and state officials, as well as information gathered by his firm and the other companies involved.

Walker noted that authorities are now in the pre-architectural planning stage and that a lot of study has already been done. "We've been collecting data," he noted, "but it hasn't been analyzed yet."

Furqueron said once it's determined how large the facility will have to be to meet commissioner's goals, they will move into the second stage — site selection and planning.

Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing problem.

The county spent \$108,000 on housing female inmates at other facilities in 2002-2003, while fees on male inmates accounted for \$187,000 of the budget because of jail overcrowding.

Clearly, a new jail is needed and we believe commissioners and the sheriff are to be commended on the measured and well-planned manner in which they are approaching the project.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we not act before we think of You.

Amen

CBS and the Holy Grail fiasco

Producer Mary Mapes and the crew at "60 Minutes Wednesday" viewed their segment on President Bush receiving special treatment in the Texas Air National Guard as the "Holy Grail," before it aired last September. Mapes was right. The story is just like King Arthur's Holy Grail: the stuff of legend.

That's my take on a report by former U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and former Associated Press President Louis Boccardi, which CBS commissioned after the expose melted down. The Dan Rather story purported to show that one former National Guard officer was pressured to "sugar-coat" Bush's record. Instead, the story showed that "60 Minutes" was on an ill-fated crusade.

Mapes' quest for the grail began in 1999, when she looked into allegations that Bush pere's political connections got Bush into the National Guard despite a waiting list. "Significantly," the report noted, "Mapes indicated in the April 1999 e-mail that she had been informed that there was no waiting list for President Bush's TexANG unit at the time he entered." Maj. Gen. Bobby Hodges told her that the Guard was "hurting for pilots at that time."

No waiting list. No story. But five years later, Mapes had rejoined the crusade. She contacted a Bush-hating blogger, who told her she believed that a retired Lt. Col. Bill Burkett had a classified document damaging to Bush. Mapes began courting Burkett, apparently undeterred by that fact that he had a history of changing his story.

In 2000, Burkett had told an author and a blogger that he was sent to Panama as punishment for refusing to falsify records on

Bush. Later, he told the Houston Chronicle that wasn't accurate.

In 2000, Burkett also spread the story that he had overheard a conference call on a speaker phone between National Guard brass and staff for then-Gov. George W. Bush about "scrubbing" Bush documents. In 2004, Burkett added a new twist when he told the Dallas Morning News that he saw Bush documents in a waste can. Think about his story: Guard brass and the Bushies were so dumb they left a door open during a speaker-phone conference call as they planned a cover-up, and instead of shredding or burning the documents, they threw them in the trash. Somehow, none of those documents made the papers during the 2000 election. God works in mysterious ways.

When Mapes and a colleague met with Burkett, he didn't hand them a smoking gun from the scrubbed documents. No, in a new twist, he handed them copies of documents purportedly written by the late Lt. Col. Jerry Killian.

Documents from a dead guy, not the official papers that first interested them — and Mapes and company still believed. Talk about faith.

Burkett gave different explanations as to how he got the documents. No problem-o. All four experts hired to authenticate the documents refused to do so, although one authenticated Killian's signature. Two, however, warned that the documents had big problems. Mapes ignored them. She only saw her Holy Grail.

Burkett had told the CBS crew that he wanted to be a paid consultant and that he wanted the network to provide him protection and, if necessary, pay to relocate his family. Still, CBS put its reputation in his hands.

Burkett also wanted Mapes to put him in touch with John Kerry campaign biggies so that Burkett could tell them how he thought they should rebut charges made

by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. Mapes delivered.

Thornburgh and Boccardi summed up her call to Kerry adviser Joe Lockhart as "a clear conflict of interest that created the appearance of political bias." But they refused to "conclude that a political agenda at '60 Minutes Wednesday' drove either the time or the airing of the segment or its content."

Meanwhile, they provided plenty of ammo for those who see bias. There were the men who were cited as authorities on air, even though they had no personal knowledge of the documents. There were the voices that contradicted Burkett — Killian's wife, son and superior officer — but who were left out of the story or misrepresented. Not only did the show not heed experts who warned that the documents were dicey — it told the public these experts authenticated the papers.

Worse, there was no voice of reason that questioned how CBS got information in a week that a pack of journalists had tried to unearth for years.

The worst of it is that Mapes, Rather and company saw this as the "Holy Grail" — when it was a nothing story.

As the report noted, even those who served with Bush had widely disparate views of his service. Some said Bush had a free ride, others that he was an exemplary officer. News organizations already had reported information that supported those who believe Bush slacked off. This one 30-years-cold tidbit — if it were true — would have changed nothing. That's Mapes' Holy Grail.

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Inside report: Bush's new aide

It took personal pleas from his Harvard Business School classmate, George W. Bush, to convince Indiana industrialist Al Hubbard to become head of the White House National Economic Council. Previously, Hubbard had turned down all offers from President Bush.

The Hubbard choice was heralded in Republican and business circles as one of President Bush's best nominations in the second term reconstruction of his administration. However, it caused some distress at the White House, where Hubbard comes in as an influential policymaker with access to the president. His predecessor, New York investment banker Stephen Friedman, did not make much of a stir over the last two years.

A footnote: Hubbard is expected to play a major role in building support for Social Security reform, which has not generated enthusiasm among Republican-oriented business lobbyists.

Minority Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland, second-ranking Democrat in the House, is supporting a former colleague, moderate ex-Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, for Democratic National Chairman.

Frost is a former Democratic Caucus chairman who unsuccessfully opposed Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California for minority leader on grounds that she was too liberal. Frost was defeated for re-election last fall, a victim of Republican redistricting in Texas. Howard Dean recently visited

Hoyer in search of support for the national chairmanship, citing the names of 700,000 contributors he had collected in his campaign for the presidential nomination.

Hoyer responded that Dean would be performing a useful service if he turned those names over to the party.

Sen. Trent Lott, who was thought to be ready to leave the Senate after being pressured into resigning as majority leader two years ago, is now considered likely to seek re-election in Mississippi next year.

After Lott got in trouble with a joking remark about Strom Thurmond's 1948 presidential campaign, he was bitter at lack of support from President Bush. However, Lott has enjoyed being a senator freed from his leadership role.

Lott's re-election would virtually guarantee keeping the Senate seat in Republican hands. If he stepped down, Democrats would make a strong bid. Two former Democratic governors, Ronnie Musgrove and Ray Mabus, would be hard to beat. The most likely Republican candidate to replace Lott would be Rep. Chip Pickering, who has never run statewide.

More than a dozen conservative groups have joined to launch a campaign to end organized labor's 70-year-old exemption from anti-violence prohibitions under federal racketeering laws.

The coalition is getting behind a new bill introduced by Republican Congressman Joe Wilson of South Carolina. The measure would overrule a landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision confirming that-

union violence cannot be prosecuted under the racketeering statute if it is done in pursuit of legitimate union objectives.

In promoting Wilson's bill, conservatives are aiming at individual union members who complain about being intimidated by the union leadership. Conservatives want to protect the 40 percent of union members who voted for George W. Bush from union leaders, who send 96 percent of their political contributions to Democrats.

An "alternative inaugural ball" scheduled in Washington for Jan. 20 appears to have lost its top two attractions: Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

Obama and Dean were featured in mailings sent to Democratic contributors for the event at the National Press Club. However, fund-raiser Ted Westervelt told this column that Obama, originally pencilled in, has become a "maybe." Dean has been removed entirely because, said Westervelt, "he decided he had to do other things because of his run" for chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York promised only to "drop by" the event briefly. The one absolutely certain guest is Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts. Elizabeth Edwards (wife of 2004 vice-presidential nominee John Edwards) and talk-show host Al Franken will likely attend.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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By MARSHA STUR

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HC students display art work at state capitol

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
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Two Howard College students have been selected to display their art work in the Austin office of State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo).

Anastacia De Los Santos' clay sculpture, "Couch Potatoes," and Andrea Torres' graphite, still life drawing will join the original art work of other college and university students within Senate District 31 in an art-on-loan program.

"Two pieces of art work from each school's art department were chosen to be displayed in Austin. A variety of subjects and mediums display the diversity and talent of the artists in West Texas," said Becky Smiley, associate professor of art for Howard College.

De Los Santos, 22, of Big Spring, is a general studies student at Howard College with an eye on business and marketing. She plans to attend McMurry University and enter the field of real estate.

"Art is a hobby of mine as well as a love and a passion. I've been studying art for seven years," De Los Santos said. She added she studied with Judy Tereletsky at Big Spring High School.

Married to Michael Garcia, she has a 5-year-

old son, Arturo Garcia.

"My son and I paint together. I have a corner in my bedroom where my easel is set up. When I paint, I give him water colors and paper and he paints, too," she said.

De Los Santos said landscapes are her strength, and she intends to continue taking art lessons. One of her goals is to open a gallery, either in Big Spring or in Abilene when she attends the university.

"Painting keeps me away from the busy life, the nonsense. It calms me down and gives me serenity," she said.

Andrea Torres, 18, is also from Big Spring. She won a fourth-grade contest that entered her art work in the 1996 state competition.

"I like being creative and all the possibilities creativity gives," Torres said.

A middle daughter, Torres is a 2004 graduate from BSHS, where she also studied art with Tereletsky. She has a 23-year-old sister and a 12-year-old sister.

She plans to attend the

University of North Texas.

"I have liked to draw my whole life. I hope to be an interior designer," she said.

Torres said her creativity is not restricted to art projects. She also creates Christmas costumes and enjoys decorating.

"I like to draw more than I like to paint and I don't like doing portraits. I really like using charcoal," she said.

The art work will be displayed in the senator's office through June.

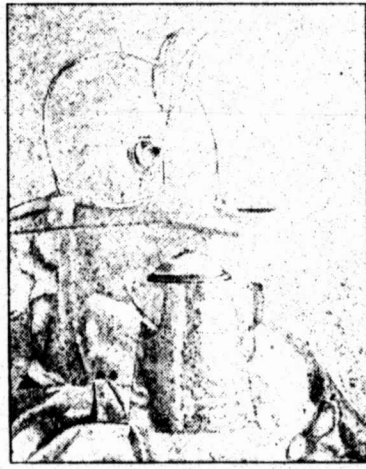
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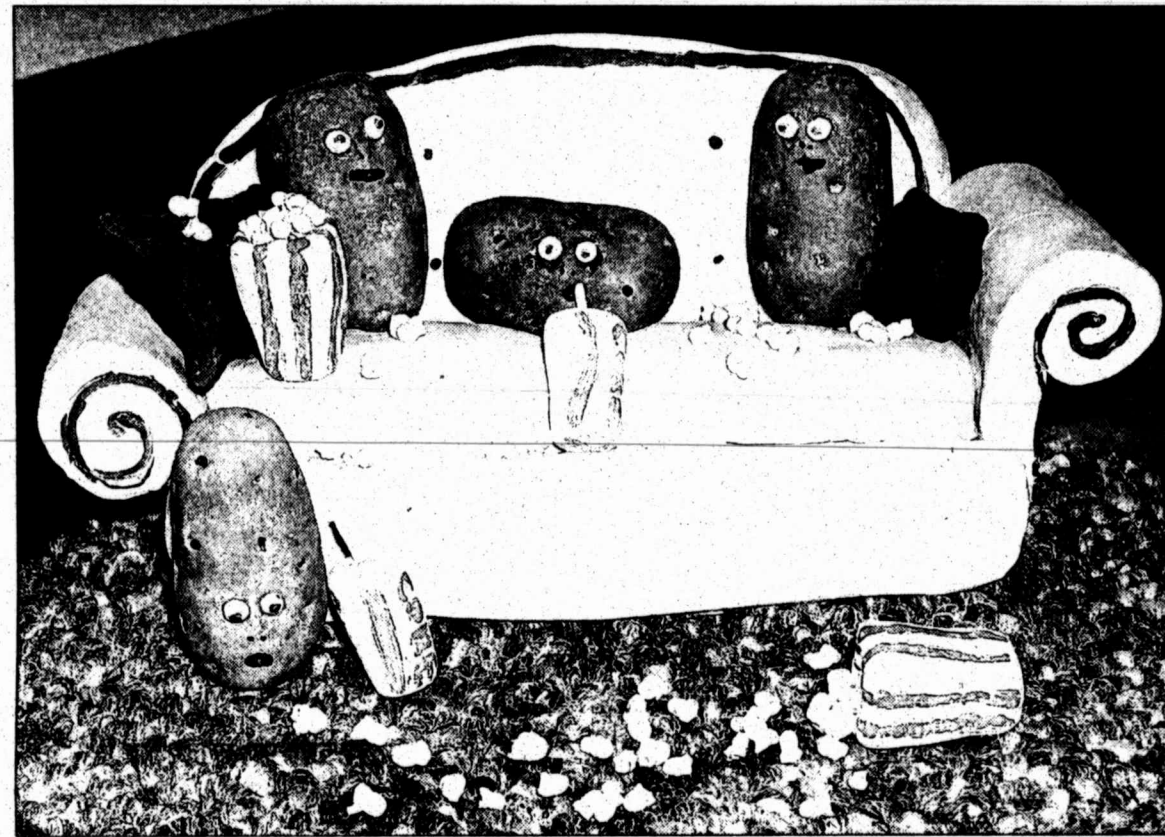
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Top right photo, Andrea Torres, left and Anastacia De Los Santos prepare their art work that will be displayed in State Sen. Kel Seliger's office in Austin. Above, the graphite still life drawing by Torres, and right, "Couch Potatoes" a clay sculpture by De Los Santos. Part of an art-on-loan program, the works will remain on display through June.



Tips for organizing bathroom space

All too many of us have been victims of clutter — when no amount of cleaning or organizing can help that inevitable mess from reappearing.

Before you throw in the towel, learn to develop an organizing system, that suits your lifestyle and eliminate clutter for good.

According to Julie Morgenstern, author of New York Times best seller "Organizing from the Inside Out,"

"Organizing from the outside in fails time after time because it doesn't take into account how you think, relate to the world, pace yourself or like to operate — the total picture of yourself that your organizing system should ultimately reflect."

Organizing a whole house at once can be a very daunting task. Instead, try organizing only one room at a time. According to Morgenstern, the bathroom is a great place to practice your organizing skills because it is generally the smallest room and does not require much effort to get it under control. Since you use your bathroom every day, you will benefit from your organization efforts daily — giving you the momentum to move on to other rooms of the house.

These are some helpful tips from Julie Morgenstern on how to organize your bathroom:

- Toss out anything that is old or you don't use, such as expired medicines, half — used bottles, rusty nail clippers or tweezers and old toothbrushes.

- Consider putting medicines in the linen closet, not the medicine chest. Reserve the medicine chest for items you



A shower caddy organizes personal hygiene items and eliminates clutter.

use every day, such as grooming products.

- Keep all related products together. For example, store your blow dryer and other hair styling products in a caddy mounted on the wall or a cabinet door. This gives you easy access to supplies and helps avoid last-minute, frantic searches.

- Assign a place for each person's belongings. For example, hang a hook for each person outside of the shower/tub area for his or her current towel and supplies.

- Clean up the clutter on the edges of your shower by mounting a shower caddy on the wall to store all your shower products.

The 3M mounted bathroom accessories shower caddy works especially well because it uses Command water-resistant strips that hold strong in cold, hot, wet and humid environments but come off cleanly when it's time to take down, clean or reposition.

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Bathrooms becoming spa-like areas

While the kitchen is considered the "heart" of the home, the bathroom is quickly becoming the "soul," as homeowners transform their bathrooms into spalike environments for quick, private rejuvenating retreats.

The greatest escapes — luxurious showers — provide a more exhilarating, efficient alternative to whirlpool baths.

Homeowners can rejuvenate their bodies and minds by stepping into luxurious, glass-enclosed shower environments bejeweled with ornamental tiles.

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Robyn Waters, president of RW Trend, LLC, a trend consulting company, gives her forecast for bathroom design —

Bigger Is Better

Today's homes are devoting more square footage than ever to bathrooms. Frequently, a master bath becomes a well-thought-out extension of the master bedroom suite, reflecting the homeowner's personal tastes.

Color Rules

Color is a powerful defining element. When customizing the bathroom, color adds a pop of personality and uniqueness to the space. Warm tones, from brushed and burnished metals and deep-toned woods to earth tones in tiles and stones, are very popular.

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Texture, a key design detail, adds dimension and personalization to bathrooms. Stone, wood



Modern bathrooms are becoming spa-like retreats complete with multiple showerheads and jet streaming tubs or jacuzzis.

and textured tiles are popular ways to add interest to the walls and appointments.

Let There Be Light

Utilize skylights to bring the outdoors in and let natural light flood the bath or shower. Wall sconce designs offer a clean and modern look and add an interesting air of sophistication often missing in the generic

bathroom.

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Maddening 'stuff' is out

I've had it. I'm done. I'm through with stuff.

I don't want stuff, I don't like stuff and I'm getting rid of stuff.

I have stuff in the closet. Stuff in the pantry and stuff in the drawer.

I do not like it on a plane. I do not like it on a train. I will not ever, ever, buy it again.

Pictures and paintings and floral decor. I tell you I'm finished. I can't take anymore.

If I see one more something on one more shelf, I might just take it upon myself to do something drastic. I don't know what.

Matches and chain-

saws sound fantastic. I know it sounds a bit extreme, but after 13 years of stockpiling, I have not a nook or cranny left in which to pigeonhole another thing.

Some of this mess hasn't seen the light of day in three-plus years. It's obvious that it isn't necessary to our family wellness. Talk about Christmas past.

I found cards from four years ago! My New Year's resolution is this — Keep it simple.

My stuff will be cropping up at the goodwill shops and the free clothes bins at laundromats.

I'm through with stuff and that's a fact.

Christy Alton is mother of two, works full-time and is married to her park ranger, Ron.



CHRISTY ALTON

Book Review

What goes through the mind of a criminal passing the point of no return? The answer may be in a new psychological thriller that reads into "the madness that can lead to murder," according to John Philpin, forensic psychologist.

The book, "One False Move" (MIRA Books; \$19.95), is by Alex Kava, an author known for exploring the depths and complexities of criminal behavior through her fiction.

"One False Move" follows the path of con woman Melanie Starks, whose teen-age son, Charlie and brother, Jared are part of a bank robbery gone wrong.

The three go on the run and in their efforts to evade the law, they take thriller writer Andrew Kane hostage from a cabin where he's staying on a writing retreat.

As the unlikely foursome hits the road, Melanie finds her world irreversibly altered and her life in the hands of her dangerous and unbalanced brother.

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One-day seminar set at St. Paul Lutheran Church

A one-day seminar, "Creation: From the beginning — A Biblical View of the Origins of a Defiant Culture," is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jan. 22 in the St. Paul Lutheran Church parish hall.

The event is free and open to the public and lunch and child care will be provided at no charge.

This seminar is conducted by the Rev. Steven Misch, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Borger. He has done extensive research into the Biblical creation of the earth.

Call the church office to make arrangements for child care or with any other questions at 267-7163.

AARP senior citizen driver safety course

A senior citizen driver safety course is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday with a half hour off for lunch, in the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

There is a \$10 fee for the books. Most auto insurance companies give a discount on insurance premiums once the course is completed.

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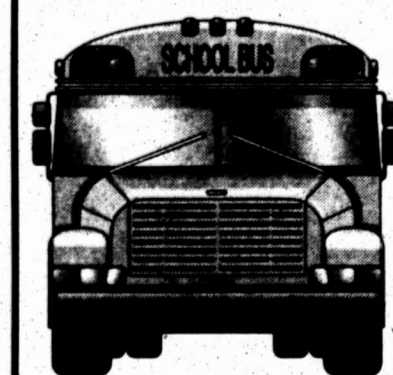
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try!" So, up the hill Wendy headed. She had only gotten a few feet when her wheels started spinning. "What am I going to do? I must get these kids home safely! But I can't get up this muddy hill!" Pool little Wendy was now in big trouble!

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like old 156? Remember, a good friend will always be there to help you! Do you think that she should call 156 to come help her? That is exactly what lit-

tle Wendy did!

Old 156 was there in no time, ready to help his friend. He pulled up beside Wendy and opened his doors. Both of the kids jumped on 156 and away they went, up that hill! He slowly, carefully went through the mud holes and the deep water and up the hill until he finally had the two kids safely home. And boy, did he feel good, knowing that the kids were safe! And Wendy felt good, too, seeing her kids walking happily into their homes.

Then old 156 turned around and went back down that hill and slowly, gently, pushed Wendy back down the hill, and she was now safely out of the mud.

"Thank you, 156," Wendy said. "I know that I could count on you to help me!" "You are welcome, Wendy. I am happy that I could help you," 156 said. "For as long as you and I and all of the busses work together, we can keep our kids safe!" And they did work together, forever and ever!



A few years later, Wendy helped 156 get out of trouble. But, that's another story and someday, I will tell it to you! Right now, it's time to go to sleep, so Good Night!



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High-tech 50 agencies

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — from the Capitol President Bush with the oath of office, of officials from 50 al, state and local agencies will work side in a high-tech command center close tabs on the situation for the presidential inauguration since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

At 120 work stations the northern Virginia center and using video screens, enforcement and personnel will be watch from camera monitor do Washington street track of aerial lance flights and sensors scanning dence of deadly bi or chemical agents.

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For the first time the federal agencies deal with security enforcement and response will be in a single Joint Office for a pre-inauguration. At this time, under Sept. 11 presidential order, the agencies will be under command of a "federal officer" directly to Homeland Security Secretary Ridge.

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Getting prepared

High-tech command center coordinating 50 agencies together on inaugural security

By CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Miles from the Capitol where President Bush will take the oath of office, dozens of officials from 50 federal, state and local agencies will work side by side in a high-tech command center keeping close tabs on the security situation for the first presidential inauguration since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

At 120 work stations in the northern Virginia center and using giant video screens, law enforcement and security personnel will be able to watch from cameras that monitor downtown Washington streets, keep track of aerial surveillance flights and check sensors scanning for evidence of deadly biological or chemical agents.

"If there is a piece of technology that exists, we've put it to use for this event," said Jim Rice, the FBI supervisory agent for Thursday's inauguration.

For the first time, all the federal agencies that deal with security, law enforcement and crisis response will be housed in a single Joint Field Office for a presidential inauguration. Also new this time, under a post-Sept. 11 presidential order, the federal agencies will be under the command of a "principle federal officer" reporting directly to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge.

For this event, that offi-

cer is Tim Koerner, a top deputy in the Secret Service, which is the lead agency for the inaugural security effort.

The idea is to improve coordination among the various federal agencies, especially if there is a terrorist attack or other major disruption and there is an immediate need for such things as medical attention for casualties, hostage rescue or SWAT teams and investigative specialists such as FBI bomb technicians.

Law enforcement officials say that locating all officials under one roof will eliminate confusion and duplication, as well as enable them to quickly determine whether there's a real threat or problem or if it's just a false alarm.

"When an incident first happens, in the first 30 minutes probably about 75 percent of the information you get is wrong," Rice said. "Being able to look the guy in the eye that you're talking to, that eliminates a lot of problems."

The field office will command Coast Guard cutters and helicopters, canine bomb-sniffing units, customs aircraft, bicycle patrols, crowd control and a host of other security and law enforcement assets.

Immigration, terrorism and criminal databases will be closely watched for any suspicious matches of people arriving in the United States or placed under arrest some-

where in the country. Commercial air traffic will be watched closely.

Despite all the preparation, U.S. officials say they have no indications that al-Qaida or any other terror group intends to attack Bush's inauguration. If anything, officials have been saying that terrorist "chatter" picked up in intelligence channels about potential attacks is at a low point compared with previous major events.

A bulletin circulated within the U.S. government on Jan. 11 by the FBI, Homeland Security Department and Defense Department cited "no credible information domestic or international terrorists" are planning to attack the inauguration, according to a federal security official with access to the bulletin.

The bulletin goes on to say, however, that al-Qaida remains determined to mount another major attack on the U.S. homeland and that Washington is obviously a prime potential target.

As a high-profile symbol of American democracy, officials involved in the inauguration's security are taking no chances when it comes to preparing for the worst.

The FBI, for example, has stationed command personnel and other assets in concentric circles around Washington, each a greater distance from the nation's capital, in case terrorists manage

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Sen. Richard Burr and his wife Brooke join Vice President Dick Cheney in re-enacting being sworn in on Tuesday, Jan. 4. The official swearing in takes place in the Senate Chamber and is then re-enacted for photographs in the Old Senate Chamber in the U.S. Capitol.

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Supreme Court sidesteps Guantanamo Bay case

By GINA HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday dodged a dispute over the government's plans to conduct military trials for Osama bin Laden's former driver and other foreign terror suspects, avoiding another clash over the president's powers.

Justices were asked to decide if the Bush administration is trying to shortcut the rights of non-Americans facing trials at the Guantanamo Bay Navy base in Cuba. They declined, without comment.

The court's intervention would have been unusual because an appeals court also is considering the issue and has scheduled arguments March 8. Lawyers for Salim Ahmed Hamdan — a Yemeni charged with conspiracy to commit war crimes, murder and terrorism — tried to speed things up by bypassing that court and filing the Supreme Court appeal.

The Supreme Court dealt with several terrorism cases last year, and in a landmark decision

held that the war on terror did not give the White House a "blank check" to detain people without legal rights.

At issue in the latest case was the government's strategy in holding special military trials, in which defendants do not have the same rights as those in regular courts.

A federal court judge had blocked the first trial and told the government to redo the plans to ensure defendants have more rights.

Neal Katyal, one of Hamdan's attorneys, said the case is not just about the hundreds of people at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba who could face trials.

"This case will affect the well-being of Americans and other individuals from around the world who have been or may be captured in armed conflicts," Katyal wrote in a court filing.

Bush administration lawyer Paul Clement warned that the court could be prematurely making determinations "affecting the exercise of the president's core commander in chief and foreign affairs authority."

such a disaster if its headquarters were wiped out.

"There are contingencies for everything," Rice said.

Officials also have thought about the possibility that terrorists might try to strike a more lightly guarded target outside Washington.

Bush says he has a big agenda, not much time to accomplish it

By NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — As President Bush prepares to take office for a second term this week, he says he's worried that people "kind of write me off" before he can get things done.

Bush said Monday he has "a big agenda in mind," which includes his campaign promises to overhaul Social Security and the legal liability system; improve the tax code, school standards and the budget process; and make health care accessible to more Americans.

He acknowledges that four years isn't a lot of time to get it all done but says he hopes Republicans and Democrats can unite now that all of his campaigns are behind him.

"The good news is I'm not running again, so maybe politics won't creep in quite as fast," he told CBS News during a round of network interviews Monday afternoon. "We got to get moving and get some things done before — before people kind of write me off."

Bush said unity across party lines will be the most important message in his inaugural address Thursday.

"I have a responsibility to try to unite this country to achieve big things for all Americans," Bush told ABC News. "I will say that in my inaugural address. I'm looking for

"The good news is I'm not running again, so maybe politics won't creep in quite as fast. We got to get moving and get some things done before — before people kind of write me off."

ward to the challenge."

Before the president delivers his State of the Union address, Iraqis will hold the first elections for their new government, but turnout is expected to be limited by the threat of violence at the polls. Bush said the elections are proving to be "a little bumpy," but the fact that they are being held at all is a success. "The fact that there's a vote is fantastic," Bush told NBC News.

"I think having a vote is important to them. They're staying away because of fear, not because they don't want to vote," he said. "This is just step one of a series of important steps toward an emergence of a democratic Iraq, and America will be more secure in the long run."

Asked on the "Today" show whether it would be more difficult now to launch a pre-emptive attack against a country deemed to represent a threat, Bush said, "We hope we don't have to. But

if we had to, to protect America, you know if all else failed and we needed force to protect the citizens of the United States, I would do so. But my hope is we never have to do that again."

On concerns about the possibility that Iran could pose such a threat with a nuclear weapons capability, the president said, "I hope we can solve it diplomatically but I will never take any option off the table."

Besides Bush's swearing in on Thursday, the inaugural week festivities include a salute to America's military and several lavish balls. Bush said he doesn't agree with critics who say all the pomp is excessive in a time of war and with last month's devastating tsunami. "I've never been much of a dancer, and the idea of going to 11 balls might be viewed as excessive," he joked on CBS.

Bush said it's important to celebrate a "peaceful transfer of power" and

that he suspects inaugural guests have been generous in donating to tsunami victims. "You can be equally concerned about our troops in Iraq and those who suffered at the tsunamis with celebrating democracy," he said.

The president opened the inaugural week Monday with a salute to his departing secretary of state, Colin Powell, and the late Martin Luther King Jr. on the official observance of the slain civil rights leader's birthday. Bush called Powell "one of the most effective and admired diplomats in America's history."

Bush presented Powell and his wife, Alma, with the John Thompson Legacy of a Dream Award for representing King's ideals and commitment to community service.

In an interview Monday, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said Bush has failed to live up to King's legacy on public policy or social justice. He criticized the president for cutting social services, failing to raise the minimum wage, leading a war with "no moral legitimacy" and refusing to meet with civil rights leaders.

"Extolling plaudits on an outstanding individual is no substitute for a commitment to enforcing civil rights laws," Jackson said.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club meetings set

The Lady Steers Booster Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the ATC, which is a change from its original date.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

Softball Booster Club meeting set

The Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Thursday. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC.

All parents of girls involved in softball are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Abner at 264-0023 or Veronda Vassar at 267-4657.

Ambassadors to play at Dorothy Garrett

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team will play an exhibition game in Big Spring at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College Friday beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$1 for youth accompanied by an adult and youth under the age of five are free when accompanied by an adult.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring YMCA, KBST, the Big Spring Herald and at the coliseum during the night of the game.

The game is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Big Spring.

Baseball Booster Club meeting set

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club has set up a meeting for today at the ATC.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and it is open for anyone who has a child in high school baseball.

For more information, call John Sparks at 263-8527.

Rangers give Soriano one-year extension

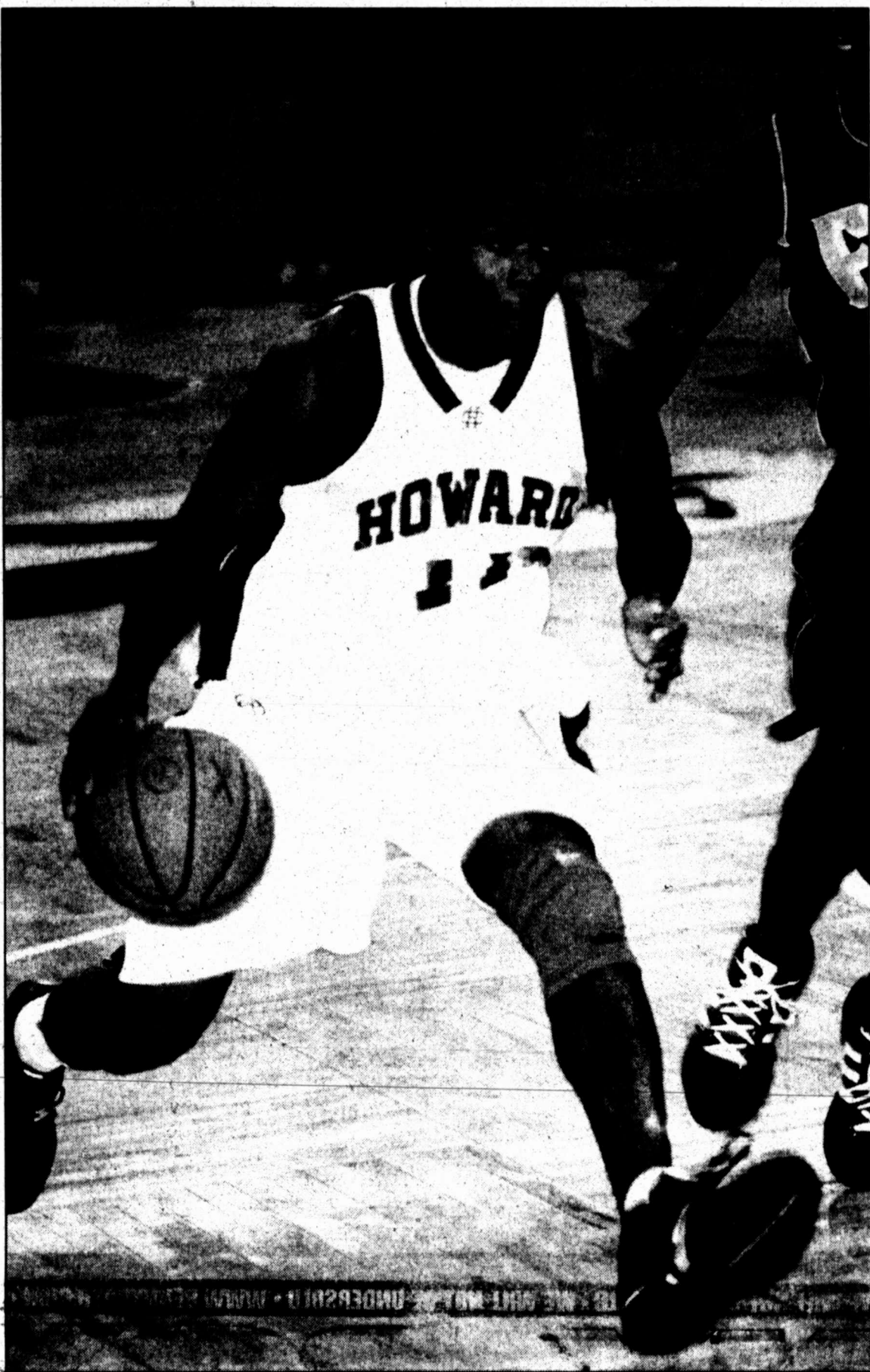
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Alfonso Soriano agreed to a \$7.5 million, one-year contract with the Texas Rangers, who avoided salary arbitration with the All-Star second baseman they insist they aren't trying to trade.

Several teams have inquired about a trade for Soriano, but none of the talk has been serious enough to intrigue the Rangers.

Soriano came to Texas last February in the trade that sent Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yankees. While he had an average of 23 errors, Soriano hit .290 with 10 home runs and 10 RBIs in 16 games last season due to an injury.

ON THE AIR

Role players come up huge in big Howard win



Howard College freshman Charles Burgess takes the ball strong to the basket Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum during the Hawks' 73-66 win over No. 16 Frank Phillips in the WJAC opener. Burgess finished with a team-high 18 points. He also had six rebounds and three assists.

Hawks battle foul trouble, defeat No. 16 Frank Phillips to open WJAC Conference

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — After his team started the season 14-2, Howard's first-year men's coach Mark Adams still did not know how his team would begin conference play Monday and he wasn't sure if the schedule they played — which featured several junior varsity programs — was good enough to prove the team's worth.

However, if Monday's game against No. 16 Frank Phillips was any indication, the Hawks are here to stay.

Powered by four players in double figures, including a double-double performance by freshman James Barrett, the Hawks defeated the nationally ranked Plainsmen at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 73-66.

"This is a big win for us to knock off a top-20 team," said Adams. "It proves to us that we are a good team and that we are serious about contending for the conference title."

Howard (15-2, 1-0) got the win despite not having two of its starters in the lineup due to foul trouble.

Freshman Rashad Mintz, who would eventually foul out, picked up his second foul with 14:31 to play in the first half, while freshman Brandon Sampay recorded fouls two and three 27 seconds apart. His third foul was whistled with 13:44 to play until half-time.

"We never know who

our hero is going to be," said Adams. "Munir (Shakir) shot the ball well, Dezon (Harris) gave us valuable minutes off the bench and James (Barrett) had a big night, too."

Shakir scored 14 points, Harris added 15 and Barrett contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds in getting the start for the injured Dwayne Abraham.

The most impressive stat of the night was Howard's ability to shoot free throws. They went 22-for-26 on the night and made them when they needed them down the stretch.

Harris connected on seven-of-eight during the final three minutes and freshman Charles Burgess, who led the Hawks with 18 points, went four-for-four in the final 10 minutes.

"We had a free throw contest last week in practice and Dezon hit 40 in a row, so we were pretty confident when he was at the line down the stretch," said Adams. "In close games free throw shooting is usually what it comes down to and we were able to convert the shots at the line tonight."

Howard never trailed in the second half and grabbed a lead as big as nine.

Harris and Barrett each came up big at the defensive end for the Hawks, as well. With 2:01 to play and the Hawks up by just four points, the duo had back-to-back blocks on the same defensive possession as Frank Phillips couldn't score to pull within two points.

Harris, along with

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Fairley, Pena score at will, still not enough for Hawk women

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — After a 22-point loss to Frank Phillips earlier in the season and several injuries plaguing the Howard College women's basketball team, the Hawks really didn't have much to look forward to Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in the WJAC opener.

Well, maybe they did.

A new year and a new coach brought a new result

to the table, but in the end the Hawk women still came out on the short end as Frank Phillips defeated Howard (12-8, 0-1) 71-65.

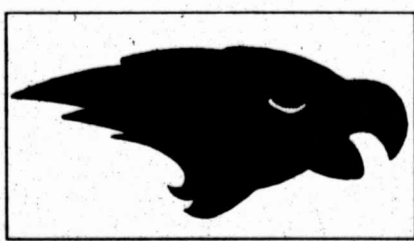
Unlike the first game at Odessa College in the WJAC preseason tournament in November, the Hawk women were in the game from start to finish. Howard trailed 37-35 at halftime, but led by as many as six in the first half.

"I thought we were right there the whole time," said first-year coach Earl Diddle, who took over the program earlier this month. "The turnovers hurt us tonight and we need to work on our passing as a team."

Howard committed 20 turnovers in the game, but 13 came in the first half.

Howard trailed by five points with just more

than six minutes to play in the game when freshman center Latoya Fairley took over. She battled Frank Phillips center Rochelle Vance for every point and the two traded baskets on four straight possessions. And at one point, Fairley scored seven straight Howard points, which cut the Hawk deficit to two with 3:30 to play.



"We did a good job of getting the ball to who we needed to get the ball to,"

said Diddle.

Freshman Jennifer Pena, who finished with a team-high 23 points scored an old-fashioned three-point play after Frank Phillips went back up by four on a Natasha Summerville jumper. Pena's free throw cut the Howard deficit to one, but that is as close as they would get as Tiffany Davis' 3-pointer and another Summerville jumper pushed the Plainswomen lead back to six.

Sophomore Jessica Shusteric had two chances from the behind the 3-point line with under 30 seconds to go, but both shots hit the rim and bounced off.

"Their guards at the end of the game hit some big shots for them," said Diddle. "It was pretty

much one of those things where they hit the big shots and we missed them."

Fairley finished with 22 points and 18 rebounds, while sophomore Ciara Tidwell, who was questionable before the game due to injury, started the game and finished with seven points and six rebounds. Pena led the team in scoring and pulled down six rebounds and dished out three assists. Shusteric scored five points, grabbed five rebounds and delivered a team-high four assists.

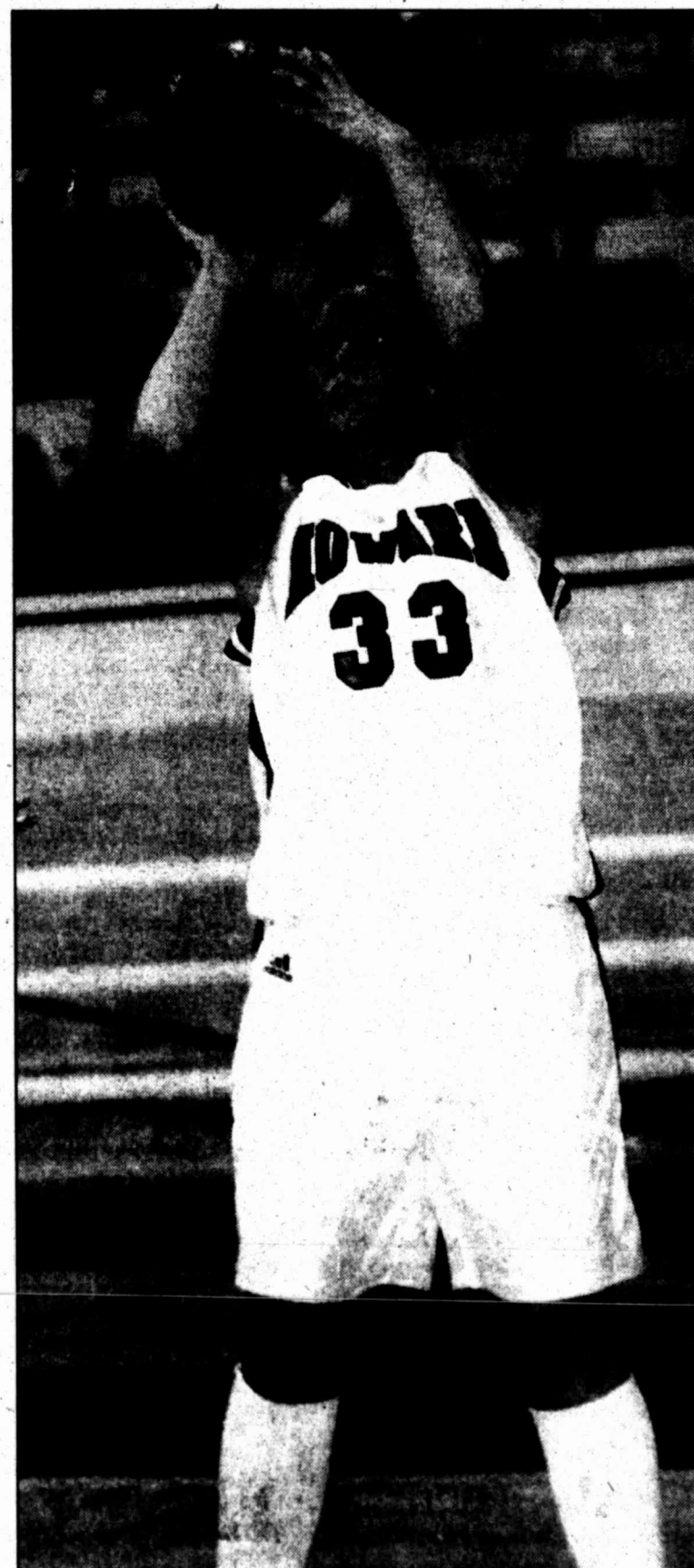
"I thought we rebounded the ball extremely well tonight," said Diddle. "Jennifer is a smart player and she has a lot of energy."

"We need to work on our communication on the defensive end of the floor. I think they scored like eight to 10 points on miscommunication situations throughout the game. Our subs entered the game not knowing who they had on defense."

Howard stayed in the game early due to strong offensive rebounding. They scored four straight points at one stretch off three offensive boards. However, every time the Hawks would begin a run, Frank Phillips would answer at the offensive end.

Summerville, Vance and Shakia Sanders led a

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Howard sophomore Jessica Shusteric hits on a jumper during the Hawk women's six-point loss to Frank Phillips Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Shusteric finished with five points, five rebounds and four assists.

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MEN

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Mintz, Burgess and Shakir, was one of many who had the pleasure of guarding Frank Phillips' best players all night.

Jerome Richardson and DeAndre Rice each entered the game averaging more than 20 points per game. Richardson had three points at halftime, while Rice failed to score. Both players would heat up in the second half, though, as Richardson finished with 14 and Rice scored 20. However, Adams was overall pleased with the way his guards played against such prolific scorers.

"We didn't want them to touch the ball because their offense is geared around them," said Adams. "I was very pleased with the effort in the first half, but overall we did a good job."

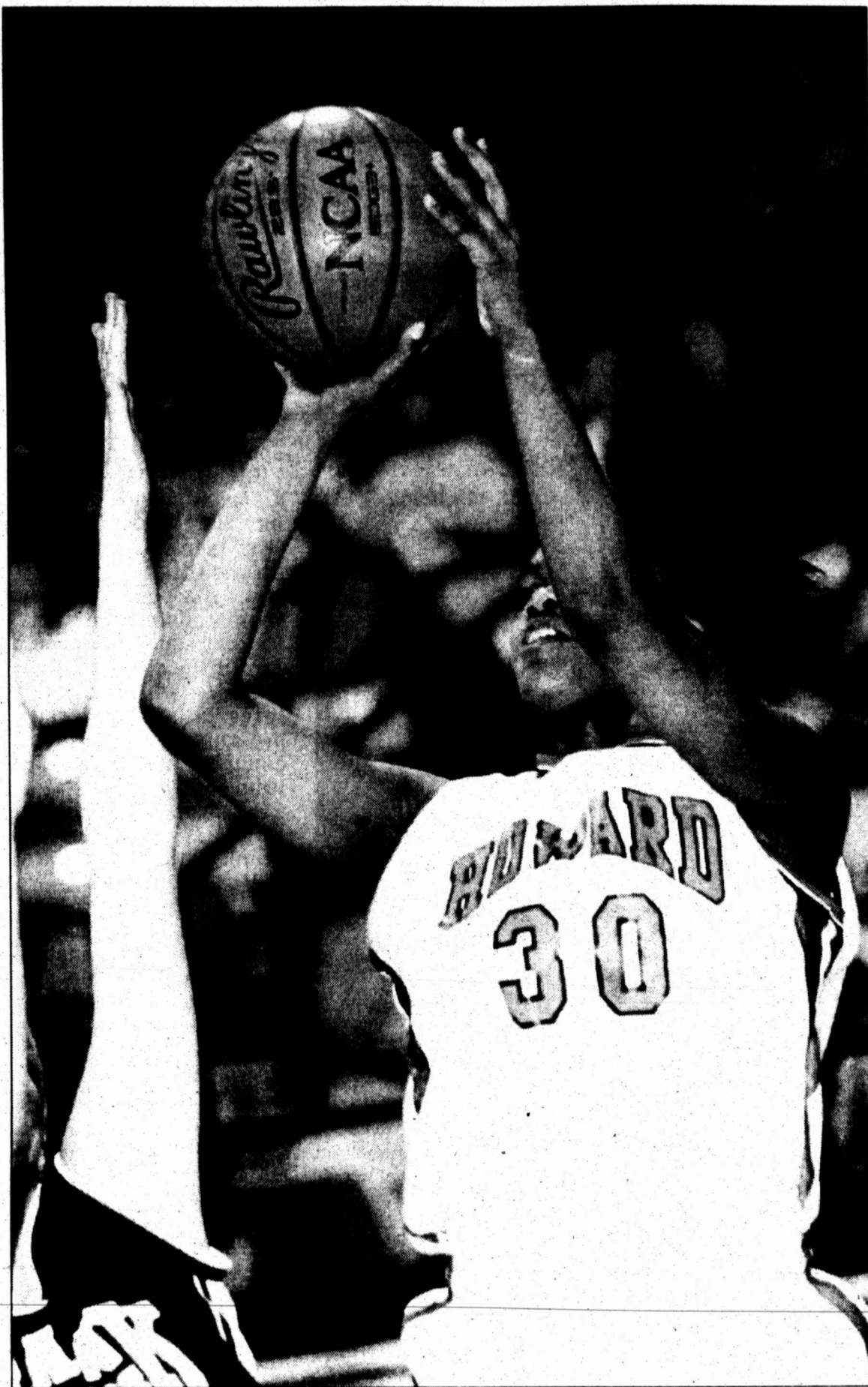
Howard led 32-28 at halftime, but Frank Phillips (14-3) ended the half with four straight points.

Mintz and Sampay combined for 12 points. Burgess added six rebounds and three assists and the Howard committed 16 turnovers on the night.

"We were able to win without our best player on the floor for much of the game," said Mintz. "Whoever wins the conference is going to have to play together."

"We did a great job of controlling the tempo because that is something Frank Phillips likes to dictate."

Howard will travel to Clarendon Thursday to take on another conference rival. The game will start at 8 p.m.



Howard College freshman Latoya Fairley scores two of her 22 points Monday during the Hawk women's game against conference rival Frank Phillips. She also pulled down 18 rebounds, but Howard lost, 71-65.

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balanced Frank Phillips scoring attack with 17, 16 and 16 points, respectively. Ela Zawadke had 10 points and Howard held

Davis to 10 points, which was seven below her season average.

Howard connected on 10-for-16 from the line, while Frank Phillips made eight-of-11.

Howard travels to Clarendon Thursday.

built a 12-point lead. Tucker's clutch play down the stretch he was 9-of-9 from the free-throw line helped stifle a brief Oklahoma State rally. Texas, which also played without 6-foot-10 freshman center LaMarcus Aldridge, who is out indefinitely with a knee injury, went 25-of-28 from the line.

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 16 Connecticut beat Seton Hall 77-68.

The Longhorns hardly missed Tucker when he wasn't on the floor in the first half.

Gibson hit a pair of 3-pointers and routinely snaked through the Cowboys' defense for open shots. He scored six points in a 15-3 Texas run that closed the first half.

Oklahoma State (13-2, 3-1) was plagued by foul trouble all night. Starters Joey Graham and Terrence Crawford both fouled out with more than eight minutes to play.

Ivan McFarlin scored 19 to lead the Cowboys.

The Longhorns, the highest-scoring team in the Big 12, forced 10 turnovers in the first half and Gibson turned two of them into fast-break layups. Texas held the Cowboys scoreless for six minutes and built a 39-27 halftime lead.

"He's going to be one of the top point guards in college basketball," Lucas said, referring to Gibson. "He didn't play like a freshman. He played big

tonight."

Tucker still played big role. A 10-0 Oklahoma State run to open the second quickly cut the lead to two, but fouls continued to hinder the Cowboys. Crawford and Graham both picked up their fourth about 20 seconds apart.

Tucker finally did some damage when he ended the Cowboys' run with his first basket, a tough layup in the lane, and Crawford fouled out. Tucker then fought his way around two Cowboys under the basket to fire a sharp pass to Kenton Paulino, whose 3-pointer pushed the lead to 46-39 before Gibson made it a 10-point cushion again with another 3.

"He was the spark that they really needed," McFarlin said of Tucker. "They kept going back to him and it began to be a big problem."

Gibson made another big play when he stole a pass and drew the fifth foul on Graham with 8:23 to play. Graham, who leads the Cowboys in scoring at 19.1 points per game, finished with 12.

Texas ended a four-game losing streak in the rivalry. Oklahoma State outrebounded Texas in three straight victories, but came up short this time as the Longhorns had a 36-34 advantage on the boards. "A lot players stepped up and made big plays," Tucker said.

S.F. goes defensive, hires Nolan as coach

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Dick Nolan led the San Francisco 49ers to several historic firsts when he was their coach. He hopes his son can do even greater things in the same job.

Baltimore defensive coordinator Mike Nolan accepted his first head coaching job Monday and began to negotiate a contract to take over the team that had the NFL's worst record last season.

Dick Nolan led the 49ers to their first playoff victory while going 56-56-3 from 1968-75, winning three straight division championships and reaching two NFC title games. The current Niners bear no resemblance to his up-and-coming squads, finishing this season 2-14 to tie the worst record in franchise history.

The Nolans are just the fifth father-and-son duo to become head coaches in NFL history — the first to coach the same team since Bum and Wade Phillips led the New Orleans Saints.

"I never dreamed he would be the head football coach of a team I coached," Dick Nolan said. "I never thought it would be that way. It is great to see that happen."

The elder Nolan also has no doubt his son can succeed in one of the NFL's toughest spots.

"He understands players and can handle situations on the field," Dick Nolan said. "He can han-

dle players and can help them with any problems that they have on or off the field."

Mike Nolan, a longtime coordinator for four teams, wowed 49ers owner John York in an interview Thursday. Nolan flew to York's home in Ohio on Monday to work out a deal.

"(York) had a good, strong list of candidates, and they felt that Mike was the perfect candidate to lead us into the future," 49ers spokesman Kirk Reynolds said.

Nolan, who will be the 15th head coach in 49ers history, didn't return a call to his cell phone. York also didn't return calls.

General manager Terry Donahue was fired along with Erickson, and Nolan will have a hand in picking Donahue's successor. York has said he planned to hire a coach with broad personnel powers, supplemented by a general manager who concentrates on salary cap issues.

Nolan is a protege of Dan Reeves, who hired the former Oregon safety for his first NFL job with the Denver Broncos in 1987. Reeves then made Nolan one of the youngest coordinators in league history with the Giants in 1993.

"It's a good fit," said Giants defensive end Michael Strahan, who played his first four NFL seasons under Nolan and Reeves. "I loved him back then, and I love him still."

Texas routs No. 5 Cowboys

Big victory overshadowed by star's academic issues

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — After coming up with a big win, the Texas Longhorns wondered if their top scorer would be with them the rest of the season.

Tucker, who spent most of the first half on the bench in foul trouble, scored 15 points in the second and Freshman point guard Daniel Gibson had 27 points and 10 rebounds in No. 15 Texas' 75-61 victory over No. 5 Oklahoma State on Monday night.

Tucker, a sophomore forward, is facing academic issues that could make him ineligible for the spring semester, which was to start Tuesday. That means No. 15 Texas' impressive 75-61 victory Monday night over No. 5 Oklahoma State could be his last game.

Tucker and Texas coach Rick Barnes wouldn't comment on his status after the game, pending the outcome of how Tucker's situation is resolved. For now, the Longhorns can at least take comfort in the fact Gibson appears ready to take over Tucker's role if needed.

"It really motivated us," Gibson said. "It really gives guys the opportunity to step up and do big things. It was a confidence boost."

Especially for Gibson, who scored 17 in the first half as the Longhorns

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon and sun in earth signs encourage reasonable decisions that lead to greater stability both financially and emotionally. Taurus lunar influence promises that with consistent baby steps we will prevail. The goal is still out of reach, but it is a tangible goal, and it doesn't take much imagination to actually feel what it will be like to hold it.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

defense is a good offense. The element of surprise is on your side. Keep him off balance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The timing is right to begin any sort of spiritual practice, such as tai chi, meditation or yoga. Even if you've been practicing a particular discipline for years, you will benefit from a renewed sense of commitment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are able to convey your thoughts clearly to those you love. Even if the words aren't right, the emotion says it all. Your willingness to communicate even when you feel awkward will create even more love in your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Gratitude is one of life's greatest blessings. If something irritates you, thank the universe for giving you this opportunity to better yourself by rising above it. It is impossible to feel sorry for oneself while being grateful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As Yogi Berra said, "It's deja vu all over again." But this time, a flash of insight into your own behavior could suddenly come to you, steering you in a new direction. Your curiosity is your best asset.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A friend or colleague is stretching his or her wings, experimenting with finding personal power within the group dynamic. Encourage this person. The karmic payoff for you is huge, even if you can't immediately see it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The gateways to success are always open. If one door seems inaccessible, go around to the next. Keep trying until

you find the one that yields easily to your touch. You, more than anyone, know the true value of patience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A co-worker or parent figure may make his or her affections known to you. If you feel the same, congratulations -- you've made a love connection! If not, an honest discussion will restore the balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Snuggle up to your sweetheart. You feel a close emotional bond to your partner, that reassures you you're headed in the right direction. Single fish could find late-night romance at a social gathering near the sea.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kid Rock believed he was meant for big things since he was a wee tot, and his Capricorn ambition led him up the ranks of the music scene in Chicago with an outrageous show the music industry could not ignore. Rock's chart signifier that he'd be a brilliant record-label owner, especially for an international market. This year, he could branch out by releasing a product that appeals to a niche market.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not feeling particularly social, so don't even try to fight it. Use the astrological vibes to get in tune with your body. Hit the gym. Put on the Walkman, and vent some of that restless energy on the treadmill.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Emotional support comes in a feminine package. Reach out to a woman in your family, particularly a grandmother or elderly aunt. She needs your strength as well but may be too proud to admit it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the clown of the zodiac now, juggling several different projects with ease and never letting anyone see the person behind the greasepaint. Watch for opportunities to delegate. The perfect person for the job is there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A difficult situation concerning a man (probably not a family member or someone with whom you have romantic ties) will arise. The best

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am in a sticky situation with a longtime friend, "Joe," and his wife, "June." June is a pathological liar. She tells big ones and small ones, and her lying has caused some conflicts in their marriage, and now in our friendship with Joe. June recently skipped out on a big bill she accumulated by saying their child needed an organ transplant. People in the neighborhood are concerned for the family's welfare, and they are rallying around, putting together fruit baskets and raising money. Of course, their child isn't sick at all and never was.



KATHY MITCHELL
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Other than this, Joe and June are great people, and we've had many good times over the years. I don't want June's lying to come between our friendship. Joe has never mentioned his wife's fabrications, and we suspect it hasn't occurred to him that her tall tales get back to us. We hate seeing him oblivious to what she is doing. We no longer trust her, and it is increasingly uncomfortable to be around her.

Do we tell Joe what we know? Should our children still be able to play with theirs? -- Concerned Friends in Illinois

Dear Friends: Taking money donated for her child's "transplant" puts June squarely in the criminal-fraud division. She can be arrested.

June needs therapy, and soon. If you are certain of your facts, confront June and tell her she needs help. If she refuses, talk to Joe. Yes, it may damage the friendship, but it sounds as if that's going south anyway, and this is too serious to ignore. As for the children, unless they are following in Mom's foot-

steps, there is no reason they cannot continue to play with yours.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the letter from "K.B.," the woman whose dentist and doctor had given up on her problems with temporomandibular joint pain. TMJD is complex, and management includes a comprehensive exam and diagnosis, addressing all possible contributing factors. "K.B." should ask her dentist for a referral to a center that specializes in chronic pain or a dental school that does research in TMJD. -- Claire E. Collins, D.M.D., University of Colorado School of Dentistry

Dear Dr. Collins: Thank you for your expert advice. For information on TMJ, we recommend The TMJ Association (tmj.org), P.O. Box 26770, Milwaukee, WI 53226-0770. We heard from hundreds of readers, many of whom had their own suggestions. For those who are interested, read on:

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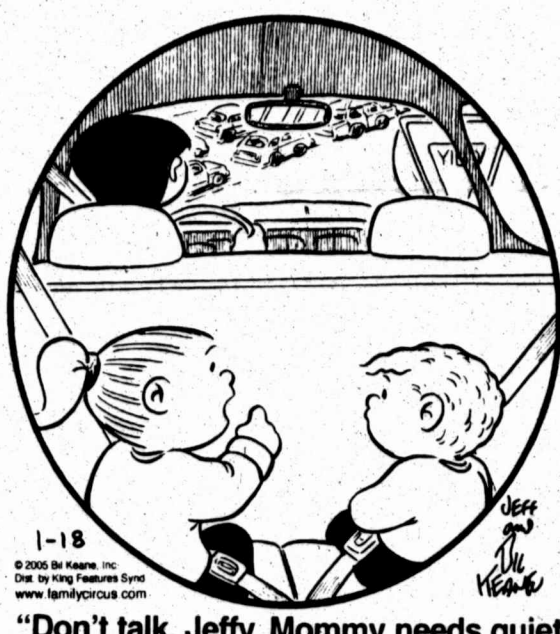
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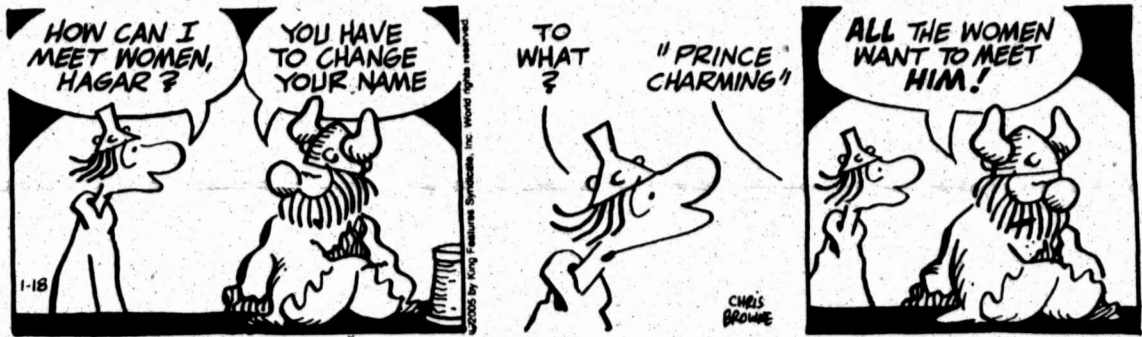
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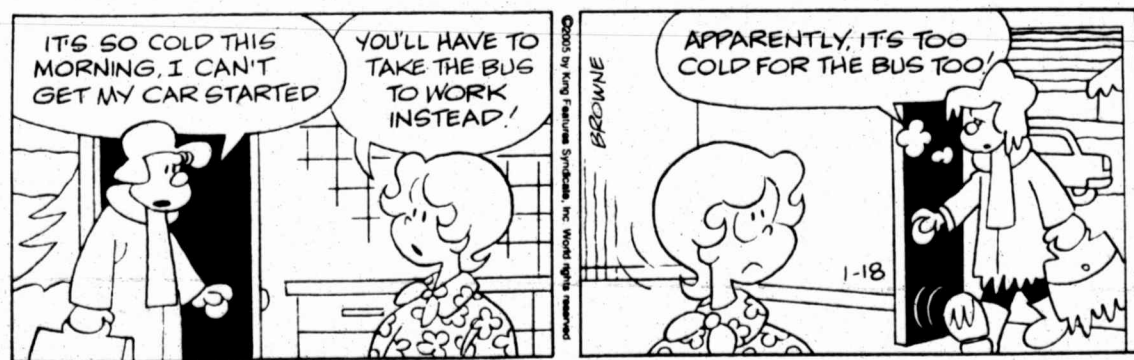
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2005. There are 347 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had beaten them to it. (Scott and his party perished during the return trip.)
On this date:
In 1778, English navigator Capt. James Cook reached the Hawaiian Islands, which he dubbed the "Sandwich Islands."
In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.
In 1862, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.
In 1919, the World War I

Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.
In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.
In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.
In 1943, a wartime ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread in the United States aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts went into effect.
In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at the age of 96.
In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS TV.
In 1990, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckey and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, of 52 child molestation charges.
Ten years ago: The death toll continued to climb in Kobe, Japan, where a major earthquake had claimed more than 6,000 lives. South

African President Nelson Mandela's cabinet denied amnesty sought by 3,500 police officers in apartheid's waning days.
Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 72. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 64. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 52. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 50. Country singer Mark Collie is 49. Actress Jane Horrocks is 41. Comedian Dave Attell is 40. Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is 36. Rapper DJ Quik is 35. Rock singer Jonathan Davis (Korn) is 34. Singer Christian Burns (BBMak) is 32.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ON THE SURFACE by Gail Grabowski

- ACROSS
- 1 West Point student
 - 6 Hourglass filler
 - 10 Part of R&R
 - 14 Fragrance
 - 15 Busy as
 - 16 Barber's expertise
 - 17 Hamburger, essentially
 - 19 Stanley Gardner
 - 20 Long period of time
 - 21 On an even (steady)
 - 22 Tot's toy
 - 24 Cardigan or crew neck
 - 26 Compass direction
 - 27 Most overbearing
 - 29 Faucet
 - 32 Arrive at a total
 - 35 Defense org. since 1949
 - 36 Spanish cheer
 - 37 Horse's pace
 - 38 Heelless shoes
 - 40 Winter precipitation
 - 41 Make a blunder
 - 42 Cabbage salad
 - 43 Track events
 - 44 Prepare, as a table
 - 45 Joke teller
 - 48 Routine task
 - 50 Pillage
 - 54 South Pacific island
 - 56 Gracious
 - 57 "The Raven" author
 - 58 Skater's leap

- DOWN
- 1 Homes for parakeets
 - 2 Cupid's projectile
 - 3 Loma
 - 4 Australian bird
 - 5 Summer garment
 - 6 Cavalry weapons
 - 7 Brother of Cain
 - 8 Maiden-name indicator
 - 9 Thaws
 - 10 Fictional Butler
 - 11 Neutral color
 - 12 Window ledge
 - 13 Ash or elm
 - 18 Low grades
 - 23 Coupe or convertible
 - 25 Be next to
 - 26 Bicycle part
 - 28 Filled with wonder
 - 30 Tons (of)
 - 31 Church benches
 - 32 Years and years
 - 33 Take a chance
 - 34 Very inexpensive
 - 38 Bouquet creators
 - 39 Flimsy, as an excuse
 - 40 Members of Congress: Abbr.
 - 42 Edinburgh native
 - 43 Authoritative order
 - 46 Shop tools
 - 47 Fleming and McKellen
 - 49 Ant mounds
 - 51 The Big (New York City)
 - 52 Former general Powell
 - 53 Holds onto
 - 54 Scarlett's home
 - 55 Woodcutters' tools
 - 56 Tartan garment
 - 60 Western treaty grp.
 - 61 Stick-in-the-

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Your Health Report Card

What Did the Doctor Say?

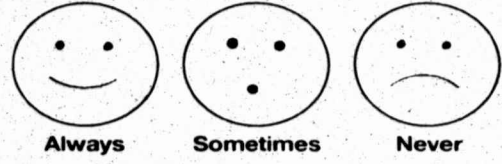
"What did the doctor say?" We often ask this of someone who has just visited his or her doctor.

The Mini Page visited a doctor who is an expert in kids' health, Dr. Al Bellard. Here are some tips to pass on to our readers.

To be healthy, start building a strong body now, so you will have one along the way and when you grow up.

Test yourself

Draw a face that shows how often you do these healthy things. Frowns mean that you should work to improve.



Feelings count

Try to have a positive outlook about your family, friends and classmates. Don't always criticize. When you see someone doing something nice, praise him or her. Look for the good in others. Feeling good about yourself and appreciating others is important.

YOU DID A GOOD JOB!



Bathe daily

A bath or shower every day decreases the number of bacteria or germs on your skin and helps your looks, too. Since baths and showers also remove some of the skin's natural oils, it's a good idea to rub on a perfume-free lotion to keep your skin moist.

SKIN IS THE LARGEST ORGAN IN YOUR BODY!



Protect your back

THERE ARE 26 BONES THAT RUN DOWN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR BODY AND FORM YOUR BACKBONE.



Sit and walk straight and tall. Good posture habits build strong backs. You look better with head up and shoulders back!

Carry light loads in your backpack. A heavy load can cause problems, especially if you carry it on one shoulder. Heavy backpacks can cause back trouble when you grow up.

Eat well

Start off each day with a good breakfast. You need energy to concentrate and focus.

THE SMALL INTESTINE IS ABOUT 21 FEET LONG IN ADULTS!



Be willing to try new foods. Don't eat too many snacks, especially sweet and salty ones.

Eat a well-balanced diet with foods from the five food groups. Take a vitamin each day.

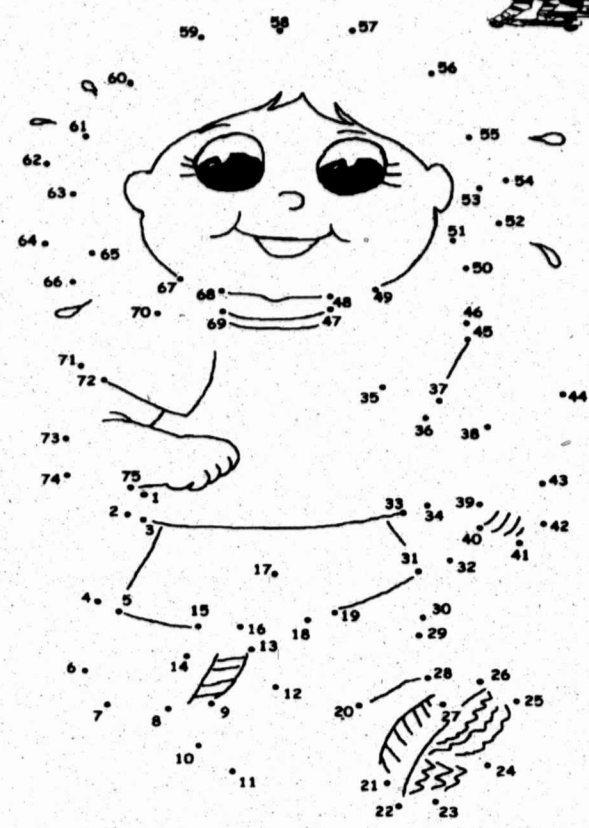
Brush your teeth

Brush after each meal and after eating snacks. Use fluoride toothpaste. Floss once a day. When you are at school or somewhere you can't brush, swish water around in your mouth to rinse it out.

The Mini Page talked with Dr. Al Bellard of Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Bellard is a pediatrician (pea-dee-uh-TRISH-un), or a doctor who specializes in children's health.

Site to see: Children's National Medical Center at: www.dchchildrens.com

Go dot to dot and color. Doing this activity gives you stronger muscles and bones, and also makes you feel good!



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Peppermint Hot Chocolate

- You'll need: 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 4 cups skim milk, 1 teaspoon peppermint extract, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

What to do:

- 1. In a small pot, combine cocoa and sugar and stir well. 2. Stir in water and bring to a boil. 3. Add the milk and cook on medium heat. Stir continually until heated, about 5 minutes. 4. Remove from heat and stir in the peppermint and vanilla extracts. Makes 5 (1 cup) servings.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Grant Hill

Height: 6-8, Weight: 225, Birthdate: 10-5-72, Hometown: Dallas. In Orlando, Fla., home of Disney World, Grant Hill hopes to help establish a Magic basketball kingdom. After missing the majority of the past two seasons with ankle injuries, Hill is back and playing like the old Grant. Through the first 25 games, he was averaging 19.3 points and 3.8 assists. That's comparable to the numbers Hill produced when he was a five-time NBA All-Star with the Detroit Pistons.

Meet Amy Davidson

Amy Davidson is the actress who plays the part of Kerry in the TV sitcom "8 Simple Rules." Amy grew up in Phoenix, and as a young girl was a member of Dance Motion, a dance production company. In high school she got parts in some commercials. Her acting coach believed in her talents so much that he thought she should move to Hollywood. Amy went to Los Angeles to further her career and played the character of Cammie on the TV show "So Little Time" with Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. She also played the part of Annie in the Hallmark Channel movie "Annie's Point."

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

- Jane: What snake builds things? John: A boa constructor! Mary: How do you make a poisonous snake cry? Larry: Take away his rattle! Rob: What did the boy snake say to the girl snake? Spencer: "Give me a little hiss!"

HEALTH TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of good health are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: WASH, BATHE, CALORIE, CHOICES, SHOWER, PRAISE, HEALTHY, DOCTOR, FLOSS, WEATHER, LIFESTYLE, SLEEP, EAT, HAPPY, DIET, EXERCISE, BRUSH, VITAMINS.

WEAR A HAT IN COLD WEATHER! E E N S S R S T E I D K W Q W I R X R E S Y L B A F E A T A R E D E O C Y V I T A M I N S O W Y L R T J Y H T L A E H H L O F K S C J O H V O P S B H A H P E A Z I E H L M L O A S C S F S B Q R S F C E R S T U Y I H A P P Y G E E T N W H R L R O T C O D M P R A I S E B

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are practicing good health habits, such as washing their hands and covering their noses when they sneeze. See if you can find:

- man in the moon • bell • carrot • letter A • candy cane • comb • bird • letter C • pig's face • toothbrush • snake • word MINI • lima bean • letter U • ruler • olive

What Did the Doctor Say?

How often do you do these things? Fill in the face and let's see!

Wash your hands

Wash your hands before you eat and try not to put your hands near your mouth.

EVERY FINGER EXCEPT YOUR THUMB HAS THREE BONES. YOUR THUMB HAS TWO BONES.



Good hand-washing is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. Each hand-washing should include soap and last at least two minutes. There are many hand soaps with lotion that make washing easier on your skin.

COUGH! COUGH!



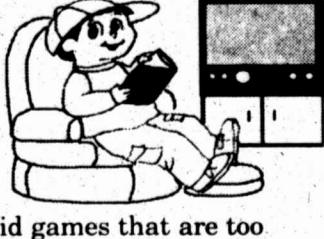
Cover your mouth

Another way to stop the spread of germs is to cover your mouth when you cough. If you have a cold or the flu, coughing can spread germs to those around you.

You can also stop the spread of germs by not sharing bites of your food or sips of your drink. Also, don't put pens or pencils in your mouth.

Not so much TV

Don't spend too much time watching TV and playing video games. Avoid games that are too violent for kids.



By concentrating on this kind of entertainment, you might have trouble listening and paying attention in school. You might get restless if you aren't holding a game in your hand.

Set a daily time limit of two hours or less for TV and video games.

Find some other interest. Read a book. Write a story. Do something artistic.

Exercise, exercise

Exercising makes: your mind more alert so you can do better in school. Exercise increases the blood flow to your brain and to all parts of your body.



you burn calories. you less tense so you feel better. If you can't exercise outdoors, exercise indoors. Exercise for 20 to 30 minutes each day.

Dress for the weather

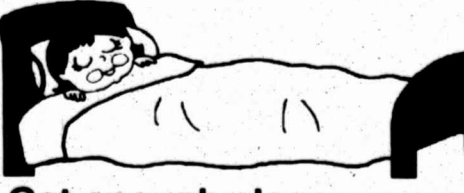
Check the weather before you go outside. Wear clothes that keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

No smoking

Smoking is a dangerous habit. One danger is damage to your lungs. It also makes your breath smell bad and can turn your teeth yellow. Don't smoke, period.

Tell a trusted person

If someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, tell your parents, or a teacher or trusted adult.



Get enough sleep

Enough sleep helps to make your body strong so that it can fight illnesses. Enough sleep helps to make you alert and able to focus. It also helps you to think clearly. Kids should get at least eight hours of sleep each night.

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