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Howard stays unbeaten in league with sweep of

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YOUNGLIFE ROUNDUP BANQUET TONIGHT



Eric Valle, left, and Brandon Pierce participate in an ice breaker mixer during YoungLife Club recently. The annual YoungLife Roundup Banquet, one of two annual fund-raisers for the non-profit organization for high school students, is 7 tonight in the Dora Roberts Communty Center. To check reservation availability or to donate to YoungLife or WyldLife, the junior high school organization, call area director Shelly Warren at 432-213-4819.

School board candidate workshop tonight

Special to the Herald

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd.. Conference Center, Rooms A and B, in Midland.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running

for the board with a better under- Participants will also view A Call standing of what is involved in to Service, a Texas Association of being elected and serving as a local School Boards' video highlighting trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to more information.

many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512 467-0222 or 800 580-8272, ext. 6248, or check the TASB Web site at www.lts.tasb.org/candidates other dates and locations.

Alert!

City, Big Spring ISD to take part in severe weather drill Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents will get a surprise "wailing" Tuesday, as the city of Big Spring and Big Spring Independent School District take part

in a nationwide severe weather drill, coordinated the National Weather Service.

According to Big Spring Chamness Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness, sometime before noon Tuesday the police department will fire up the city's emergency siren system as

part of the drill. "It is National Weather Week," said Chamness. "Tuesday, the National Weather Service is working with all the communities across the nation to do a weather-related drill. Here, in Howard County and the city of Big Spring, we'll be doing a tornado drill.

"We'll be sounding the sirens between 8 a.m. and noon. We're not completely sure what time they are going to hit us with the drill, because we have to wait for them to notify us through the NOAA Related event

The National Weather Service will hold weather spotting classes Thursday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Big Spring City Council Chambers. There is no charge and the public is invited.

radio system."

Once NOAA gives the word, Chamness said the city — joined by BSISD schools — will go through the established steps to keep everyone safe in a real emergency.

"We'll be testing our sirens and making sure everything is working properly, said Chamness. "And since this is a nationwide program, the school district will also be participating in the drill. So sometime between 8 a.m. and noon we'll be testing to make sure all of the drills we have are ready to go in case we have severe weather."

Although Tuesday's drill is just that — an exercise in preparedness - Chamness said he's trying to get the word out

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U.S. to conduct broader review of Arab company in ports deal

By TED BRIDIS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration will conduct a highly unusual second review of potential security risks in a business deal it previously approved for a United Arab Emiratesbased company to take over significant operations at six leading U.S. ports.

The new, 45-day investigation is aimed at averting an impending political showdown as Congress returned to Washington on Monday from a weeklong break.

"We think this is a good middle ground that has been found," White House press secretary Scott McClellan

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, who helped negotiate the plan, quickly recommended that lawmakers wait for the outcome before acting on legislation to delay or block the deal. Frist, R-Tenn.,

"We hope that voluntarily agreeing to further scrutiny demonstratés our commitment to our long-standing relationship with the United States"

> -Edward H. Bilkey, **DPS World CEO**

said he expects oversight hearings to continue this week.

In six pages of legal documents sent Sunday to the White House, Dubaibased DP World offered to submit to a second, broader investigation of its plans to run shipping terminals in New

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KRT, Dallas Morning News photo/Vernon Bryant

Krewe of Tucks pass out frisbees at the Krewe of Tucks parade during Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Participants said Mardi Gras "is just a symbol of the fact that New Orleans is going to come back" after Hurricane Katrina. See Page 5A.

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LEGAL AID AVAILABLE

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, Social Security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an

appointment.
Criminal cases, however, are not

Anyone recently served with legal documents is encouraged to call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-

COUNCIL TO CONVENE

The Big Spring City Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Among the agenda items are:

- First reading of a resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Abusaab Companies.

First reading of a resolution authorizing a contract amendment with the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing an agreement with the West Texas Water Ski Club.

 Presentation of financial reports for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 2005. The meeting will be held in City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth S

CATCH ME, PLEASE

STEVENS POINT, Wis. (AP) - A woman didn't have to look far to figure out who likely broke into her home and took a camera from her purse. Police said the burglar left behind his probation and parole card.

The woman was going through her purse after the burglary to make sure nothing other than the camera was taken, Detective Sgt. Tony Babl said. She found the man's probation and parole card, which had a date and time stamp on it for his next appointment.

"He must've had the card in his hand when he went into her purse," Babl said. "He doesn't even know how it got there."

Obituaries

Dominga De La Cruz Hernandez



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Dominga De La Cruz Hernandez, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, at her residence following a long illness. Prayer service is 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 20, 1920, in Del Rio to Jesusita and Selestino De La Cruz. She married Jesus Hernandez in San

Antonio and he preceded her in death May 20, 1963. They moved to Big Spring in 1943 from San Antonio. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by four daughters, Mary H. Gomez of Big Spring, Esther Hernandez of Denver, Colo., Rosita H. Aguirre of Sand Springs and Juanita H. Walton of Big Spring; three sons, Jesus Hernandez, Luis Hernandez and Selestino Hernandez Sr., all of Big Spring; 27 grandchildren; and several nieces and

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Sheriff's report

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

 MARGIE ANN GONZALES, 39, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• BRANDON JONES, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

 JAIME TORRES MAYDRQUIN, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear. OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 39, was transferred to the

county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving LEVI PATRICK CARTER V, 27, was arrested

Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license suspended and violation of probation for possession of marijuana. SCOTTY ALLEN MEEKS, 23, was arrested Friday

by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence.

• STEPHEN LEE HOYT, 35, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled sub-

 CLETE MATTHEW STONE, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-

• NICHOLAUS MOLINA, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

 DOLLY REBECCA HOGAN, 29, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

· CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES, 31, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

• JACOB STRAIN, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

• JUAN CARDONA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for making a false statement for credit/property, bondsman off bond for criminal mischief and charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, evading arrest or detention, driving while license invalid and failure to stop and render aid.

• BRYSON DEWAYNE JENKINS, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of open alcoholic beverage container.

 OLIN THOMAS LANE, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS, on charges of bond forfeiture on theft by check, passing in a no passing zone and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container.

• RANDALL RAY TODD, 45, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

 WILLIAM JARRETT TODD, 19, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.

 LASARO CERVANTES JR., 30, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of no valid driver's license and no liability insurance.

 RICKEY JAY WHITE, 18, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

Take note

 RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING is 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Room 133 in the Big Spring Junior High School.

 KIWANIS CLUB OF BIG SPRING ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER is Friday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Howard College cafeteria. Admission is \$5 per person.

 BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB IS SELLING KRISPY KREME DONUTS through Friday. Cost is \$6 per dozen. Donuts available for pickup March 13. Contact Marie Wells at 264-3641, ext. 180 to order.





Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m.

· LAURA QUEVEDO ALVARADO, 26, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration ser-

• CARMEN ALVAREZ-AGUILENZ, 38, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration ser-

 ALIANA MENOOZA-MEDEL, 21, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration services.

· LILIANA QUEVEDO-MENDEZ, 22, of Mexico, was arrested Sunday and held for immigration services.

 ABEL LOZANO TORRES, 17, of 1408 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage

EARNEST WILLIAM CLARK, 65, of 1901 S. Scurry, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public

 ABEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS, 33, 100 N.W. Third Street, was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and duty on striking fixture or landscape.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 1500 block of Sycamore. - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 300 block of Owens.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported: - in the 2500 block of Ann.

- in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 1700 block of Third

 FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.

 EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Eighth Street and Abrams. Service was refused.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 195 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of

Abrams. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of

Connally. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of Parkway and Wasson Road. Service was refused

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Wood. Service was refused.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of East 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Support groups

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month. The next meeting is March 6. For more information, call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is Feb. 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 283-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

· Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

· Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY · Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the

Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. 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. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

 Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

 Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet

Shoppe. · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-

 Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

· Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rofary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

 Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors ar invited.

SATURDAY

 Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

 Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets

at noon at 610 Scurry. • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30

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• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

· Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at • Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at

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Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake-on-a-stick, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, fish fries, mac and cheese, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, hushpuppies, milk (high school second choice, steak fingers).

Thursday: Breakfast, cheese sticks, mixed fruit cup, milk; Lunch, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, spiced apples, rolls, milk (high school second choice, grilled chicken sandwiches).

Friday: Breakfast, peanut butter uncrustables, orange juice, milk; Lunch, stuffed baked

potatoes with chili and cheese, Ranch-style beans, grapes, cornbread, milk (high school second choice, stuffed crust

Coahoma ISD

Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast, sausage, syrup, orange juice, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, Shake-and-Bake chicken, macaroni, green beans, bread, pineapple, milk, corn dogs.

Thursday; Breakfast, sweetened rice, ham, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, waffles, sausage, syrup, apple sauce

cups, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, apples, milk.

Forsan ISD

Tuesday: Breakfast, breakfast bagel, juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, lettuce and tomatoes, apple, cornbread, pinto beans, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, oatmeal with raisins, apple wedges, juice, milk; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potato with gravy, peas, pears, rolls,

Thursday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken N rice wrap, refried beans, corn, fruit cup, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, biscuits with gravy, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, carrot sticks, fresh fruit,

Sands ISD

Tuesday: Breakfast, hot pockets: Lunch, tacos, grated cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce and tomatoes, fresh fruit, milk.

Breakfast, Wednesday: sausage and biscuits, milk, juice; Lunch, steak fingers, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, cereal and graham crackers, milk, juice; Lunch, spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit cobbler,

Friday: Breakfast, breakfaston-a-stick, juice, milk: Lunch. chicken patty sandwich, southwest beans, tater tots, apples,

Stanton ISD

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk; Lunch, hot dogs, combination burritos, chili, buttered corn, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail,

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Tuesday: Lunch, catfish, fries, beans, cornbread, milk, fruit salad.

Wednesday: Baked pork shops, potatoes, green beans, bread/milk, pudding.

Thursday: Chicken strips, noodles, spinache salad, bread/milk, apple crisp.

Friday: Meatloaf, black-eyed peas, squash, cornbread/milk,

DRILL

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to the public so the sirens don't catch people off-

"These types of drills are extremely important for a number of reasons,' said Chamness. "We test our sirens from dispatch regularly to make sure they are working, but to actually sound them is something different. We too often because it can really disrupt things. That's why we want to be sure to let people know what's going to be going on Tuesday, so people will be prepared."

According to Greg Waller, spokesperson for the Texas division of the NWS, everyone should have a severe weather plan in place, especially with the severe weather season set to begin.

"The best defense is

try not to alert the public preparation," said Waller. vehicle. Do not try to out-tunate — knock on wood at citydesk@bigspringherfamily or employees of the business know the appropriate locations of tornado shelters. Don't panic. Move to an interior room away from windows. If at all possible cover yourself with blankets, pillows, or other soft

> "If driving, find a suitable low spot on the ground as quick as possible and abandon your

objects.

"Practice tornado drills so run a tornado. If you that all members of the reside in a mobile home, leave and find appropriate shelter as mobile homes offer little, if any, protection from tornadoes. Stay informed with the changing weather conditions." Chamness said Big

Spring has been very lucky over the last 100 years, but that luck could run out at any point in time.

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It also said it will appoint an American to be its chief security officer in the United States.

"We hope that voluntarily agreeing to further scrutiny demonstrates our commitment to our long-standing relationship with the United States," said Edward H. Bilkey, the company's chief operating officer.

 when it comes to tornadoes," said Chamness. "The last serious tornado we had in Big Spring was back in something like 1905. We've been very, very fortunate when it comes to that type of weather. That doesn't mean tomorrow we can't

have one, and we're coming into tornado season." Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail

President Bush has personally defended his administration's earlier approval of DP World's proposal to buy Londonbased Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.

It was not immediately clear whether the reexamination by the same U.S. officials would produce a different outcome.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Agustina Molina Vejil, 74, died Thursday. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dominga De La Cruz Hernandez died Sunday. Prayer Service will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel Funeral Service

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PORTS

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York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia. Treasury

Department, which governs the U.S. review panel, said it would accept DP World's extraordinary offer once the company formally filed its request for one. It said the same government panel will reconsider the deal that it earlier had agreed unanimously posed no national security concerns.

Some senators, led by Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said they still intend to legislation introduce Monday to block the déal pending a 45-day review and to require congressional approval before DP World can conduct business in the United States. Under existing law, Congress effectively has no role considering deals. Bush has pledged to veto any measure blocking the deal. "The president's position remains the same," McClellan said. After the review, it will

be up to Bush to decide whether the deal takes effect. Schumer said Monday

he is skeptical of the Woodsedia on Baconomic Bytwo idesen times among national security.

group did a very cursory review" when it approved the deal, Schumer said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "I'm a little dubious of this review, but let's wait, let's see the report and see what they say."

Still, the administration's announcement means the White House likely won't face a broader revolt this week by fel-

low Republicans. A united GOP can assert that its leaders — in Congress and at the White House have taken additional steps to protect national security. DP World's offer was

highly unusual. The secretive U.S. committee that considers security risks of foreign companies buying or investing review panel's ability to in American industry has evaluate the deal, saying conducted such full-blown the panel has been more reinventigations only about development rather than the more than 1,500 international deals it has "The bottom line is this reviewed.

The company said that during the renewed scrutiny, or until May 1, a London-based executive who is a British citizen would have authority over DP World's U.S. operations. It pledged that Dubai executives would not control or influence company business in the U.S., but said it was entitled to all profits during the period.

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DREW MOUTON

Republican for State Representative, District 85

COMMON WEST TEXAS VALUES

- Strong Public education
- No public tax dollars for private schools
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Teenager suspected of car theft shot during chase

teenage car theft suspect during a chase that ended at the B&M International Bridge.

Edgar Ivan Lopez, 17, was pronounced dead early Saturday after being shot multiple times inside stolen white Chevrolet Suburban he driving, officials was said.

Lopez, who had recently moved from Atlanta, wasn't armed, leaving his family asking questions about the shooting.

"We are outraged for the way the kid was shot," Lopez' unde Ovidio Serrato said in Spanish. "There are ways to detain an unarmed juvenile."

Authorities say stolen vehicle's driver sped toward officers several times and became a safety risk during the chase.

"The driver was basically using the vehicle as a weapon. Our officers, to protect their safety and the safety of others, fired at the vehicle and were

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — able to neutralize the Police officers and federal threat," said Rick Pauza, agents fatally shot a spokesman for Customs and Border Protection. Police investigating a

> string of car thefts began trailing Lopez around midnight when he got into the suburban and drove away, heading toward the international bridge, **Brownsville** Chief Police Carlos Garcia said.

The driver tried to turn away after seeing police and Customs and Border Patrol agents waiting at the bridge, hitting a curb in the process. Agents

placed tire deflation devices in the vehicle's path, causing it to run into a fence separating north and southbound lanes, Garcia said.

As officers approached on foot, the stolen vehicle's driver backed into traffic barriers and a golf

Then, the suburban turned into another fence and headed toward a customs agent, who managed to get out of the way. One customs agent injured his foot while fleeing from the vehicle's path, Garcia

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OUR VIEWS

Justice system needs to be tough and fair

obody can blame the public for becoming increasingly skeptical about the Texas criminal justice system in light of the steady stream of folks who have been released from prison because they were inno-

We certainly believe that the criminal justice system most often punishes the guilty. But in too many cases, it has been hard to determine whether a defendant was truly guilty or simply too poor to hire a competent lawyer. The Texas justice system doesn't inspire confidence when it defends sleeping lawyers as well as shoddy ones and sends people to prison on false or shaky evidence.

Reasonable people can disagree about the severity and effectiveness of punishment including the death penalty handed out by the courts. But everyone wants to get convictions right. That's why we welcome recommendations released last week by the governor's advisory council on criminal justice. The council's recommendations would emphasize

fairness without compromising toughness.
Several proposals rightly focus on expanding the use of DNA testing during trials and after convictions. Forensic testing now is limited because trial judges are reluctant to order DNA testing without specific statutory authority. We agree with the governor's council that judges should have that authority. In cases with DNA evidence, there is a sure way to know if the accused or convicted is guilty. That makes sense. We have the technology, we should use it.

The council recognized that expanding DNA testing would add to the backlog at Department of Public Safety crime labs, so it proposed that the state pay private labs to do DNA testing, expand capacity at state labs (including Austin labs) and give pay raises to forensic scientists who work for DPS. That, too, is reasonable.

The council rightly proposed expanding methods to track, monitor and apprehend sex-crime offenders. It wants the Legislature to finance global positioning satellite surveillance of registered sex offenders for at least three years, and, in some cases, for life. Another recommendation would add \$9.5 million to the attorney general's sex offender enforcement unit over two years. When combined, those recommendations would help protect children and others from sexual predators.

We're glad the council didn't ignore the quality of legal representation for poor defendants especially those accused of capital murder. Under the current system, defendants who are too poor to hire their own lawyers are appointed ones by the courts. Hampered by a lack of standards and money, the court-appointed lawyers system has largely failed to provide poor defendants with experienced, and in many cases, competent lawyers. We've witnessed cases in which court-appointed lawyers failed to do the basics interview witnesses, check alibis, obtain DNA testing or conducted investigations.

The state has made improvements in the courtappointed lawyers system. But we agree with the council that Texas might need a totally different system to provide legal representation for poor defendants in capital murder cases. The council recommended further study on using state money to establish a network of public defenders offices. (Here in Travis County, county officials are looking at a similar initiative not associated with the council's recommendation.)

We don't know the total price tag for the recommendations. But estimates to get started on the proposals above would put the cost in the neighborhood of \$20 million. That doesn't include a statewide public defenders network, which by itself could cost tens of millions of dollars to start up. Fortunately, Texas has a surplus. Considering the state of public education, the Legislature should use much of that to improve public schools when it meets in special session later this year. But lawmakers can't afford to ignore the state criminal justice system.

The system can be fair and still be tough. A system that is tough but unfair gambles its credibility. Austin American-Statesman

Knowing him was a fringe benefit

here I was, leaning back against the bar at the famous Copacabana nightclub in New York City, enjoying one of the fringe benefits of being a journalist.

Sometimes, because of the nature of my business, I get to rub shoulders with celebrities I admire. When this happens with a politician, in the interest of impartiality, you have to keep your dis-

But when the celebrity is a musician, someone you have admired as a fan for many years, you can let your guard down and enjoy the fringe ben-

And that night in 1988, the man standing next to me was an idol of my youth,

a living legend of Latin music, and he was chatting with me as if we were old buddies.

"I read your column [in The New York Daily News]," said the great percussionist Ray Barretto, "and I enjoy it."

"I listen to your music," I told him, "and I love it."

Moments later, he was chuckling at my story about the time when, still under-age, I snuck into a Miami nightclub just to hear him perform.

This wasn't the first time I had spoken to Barretto, who died Friday, at the age of 76, in a New Jersey hospital as a result of complications from heart bypass surgery. But it was the time I felt we were becoming friends.

What an awesome privilege, I kept telling myself, to know someone so talented and yet so humble, someone who doesn't let his fame go to his head.

Barretto was best known for

integrating the conga drum intojazz. They called him "Mr. Hard Hands." His towering height and friendly disposition earned him another nickname: "The Gentle Giant." Yet, those who knew Barretto the human being knew he was a giant in many other

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., of Puerto Rican ancestry on April 29. 1929, Barretto went on to become the world's most famous conga player, replacing Mongo Santamaria in the Tito Puente Orchestra in the late 1950s.

Later, leading his own band, he released more than 70 albums, including "Ricanstruction" in 1979, considered one of the classic salsa recordings. In 1989, he won a **Grammy for best Tropical Latin** performance for the song "Ritmo en el Corazon" ("Rhythm in the Heart") with superstar singer Celia Cruz.

His "Time Was — Time Is" CD, released in September, was nominated for a 2006 Grammy in the Best Latin Jazz Album category. And he was named one of the National Endowment for the Arts' Jazz Masters of 2006, the nation's highest jazz honor.

It was a privilege to call him my friend. And when celebrities become your friends, they introduce you to other celebrities.

"Miguel, do you know Charlie Palmieri?" Barretto asked as he introduced me to another living legend — a five-Grammy winning pianist and bandleader, another salsa pioneer. "Of course, I know Mr. Palmieri," I said as I shook the hand of a heavy-set, bearded man who had just joined us at the bar at the Copacabana. "Mr. Palmieri may not know me, but I know his music very well."

That moment came rushing back to me Friday, as I learned of Barretto's death, because only a few months after meeting

Palmieri, the pianist died of a heart attack in September of 1988 - and I had a chance to talk to the percussionist again.

It seemed eerie last week that the things Barretto told me about his friend Palmieri are the same things people are now saying about my friend Barretto.

"Charlie was that combination of a great man and a good man, which is not very common in a very competitive field such as music," Barretto told me. "He maintained his sense of balance about humanity and about music. He was just a very nice man, a humble man, and when you matched that with his talent, it almost seems incongruous."

During the last few days, as Latin and jazz radio stations kept playing his music, everyone has been saying the same thing about Barretto.

It was uncanny. The things Barretto admired about Palmieri are the same things others admired about him.

"Charlie never took himself so seriously as an artist that he let it affect his relationship with other people," Barretto told me. "I think that was Charlie's strength."

But there was one thing that bothered Barretto after Palmieri's death: He felt musicians get more recognition after dying than during life.

He told me that artists should be sent flowers while they can still enjoy the fragrance. "Now, they will play his music, although they turned their backs on him when he was alive," Barretto said of Palmieri. "It happened to [singerbandleader] Machito and so many other people. Now, they will hear how good his music sounds. That is a tragedy I guess we all have to endure sometime."

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Bioterrism threat all about hype

he United States has spent at least \$33 billion since 2002 to combat the threat of biological terrorism. The trouble is, the risk that terrorists will use biological agents is being systematically and deliberately exaggerated. And the U.S. government has been using most of its money to prepare for the wrong contingency.

A pandemic flu outbreak of the kind the world witnessed in 1918-19 could kill hundreds of millions of people. The only lethal biological attack in the United States the anthrax mailings - killed five. But the annual budget for combating bioterror is more than \$7 billion, while Congress just passed a \$3.8-billion emergency package to prepare for a flu out-

The exaggeration of the bioterror threat began more than a decade ago after the Japanese Aum Shinrikyo group released sarin gas in the Tokyo subways in 1995. The scaremongering has grown more acute since Sept. 11 and the mailing of anthrax-laced letters to Congress and media outlets in the fall of 2001. Now an edifice of institutes, programs and publicists with a vested interest in hyping the bioterror threat has grown, funded by the government and by foundations.

Last year, for example, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist described bioterrorism as "the greatest existential threat we have in the world today." But how could he justify such a claim? Is bioterrorism a greater existential threat than global climate change, global poverty levels, wars and conflicts, nuclear proliferation, ocean-quality deterioration, deforestation, desertification, depletion of freshwater aquifers or the balancing of population growth and food production? Is it likely to kill more people than the more mundane scourges of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, measles and cholera, which kill more than 11 million people each year?

So what substantiates the alarm and the massive federal spending on bioterrorism? There are two main sources of bioterrorism threats: first, from countries developing bioweapons, and second, from terrorist groups that might buy, steal or manufacture them.

The first threat is declining. U.S. intelligence estimates say the



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number of countries that conduct offensive bioweapons programs has fallen in the last 15 years from 13 to nine, as South Africa, Libya, Iraq and Cuba were dropped. There is no publicly available evidence that even the most hostile of the nine remaining countries — Syria and Iran — are

ramping up their programs. And, despite the fear that a hostile nation could help terrorists get biological weapons, no country has ever done so — even nations known to have trained terrorists.

It's more difficult to assess the risk of terrorists using bioweapons, especially because the perpetrators of the anthrax mailings have not been identified. If the perpetrators did not have access to assistance, materials or knowledge derived from the U.S. biodefense program, but had developed such sophistication independently, that would change our view of what a terrorist group might be capable of. So far, however, the history of terrorist experimentation with bioweapons has shown that killing large numbers of people isn't as easy as we've been led to believe.

Followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh succeeded in culturing and distributing salmonella in Oregon in 1984, sickening 751 people. Aum Shinrikyo failed in its attempts to obtain, produce and disperse anthrax and botulinum toxin between 1990 and 1994. Al-Qaida tried to develop bioweapons from 1997 until the U.S. invasion

of Afghanistan in 2001, but declassified documents found by U.S. forces outside Kandahar indicate the group never obtained the necessary pathogens.

At a conference in Tokyo last week, bioterrorism experts called for new programs to counter the possibility that terrorists could genetically engineer new pathogens. Yet three of the leading scientists in the field have said there is no likelihood at this time that a terrorist group could perform such a feat.

The real problem is that a decade of widely broadcast discussion of what it takes to produce a bioweapon has provided terrorists with at least a rough roadmap. Until now, no terrorist group has had professionals with the skills to exploit the information - but the publicity might make it easier in the future.

There is no military or strategic justification for imputing to realworld terrorist groups capabilities that they do not possess. Yet no risk analysis was conducted before the \$33 billion was spent.

Some scientists and politicians privately acknowledge that the threat of bioterror attacks is exaggerated, but they argue that spending on bioterrorism prevention and response would be inadequate without it. But the persistent hype is not benign. It is almost certainly the single major factor in provoking interest in bioweapons among terrorist groups. Bin Laden's deputy, the Egyptian doctor Ayman Zawahri, wrote on a captured floppy disk that, "We only became aware of (bioweapons) when the enemy drew our attention to them by repeatedly expressing concerns that they can be produced simply with easily available materials." We are creating our worst night-

Milton Leitenberg, a senior research scholar at the University of Maryland, is author of "Assessing the Biological Weapons and Bioterrorism Threat."

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Don Knotts, the railthin comic actor who was perhaps best known to millions of television viewers as the bungling Deputy Sheriff Barney Fife in "The Andy Griffith Show" and the squirrelly landlord in "Three's Company," died of lung cancer Feb. 24 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He was 81.

who often Knotts, played high-strung characters, won five Emmys for Best Supporting Actor in the 1960s as the swaggering but hapless Fife. Knotts developed the idea of the deputy sheriff when he heard that Andy Griffith, with whom he had worked in the play "No Time for Sergeants," was putting together a TV pilot set in the fictional North Carolina town Mayberry.

The series was a huge success when it aired. from 1960 to 1968, consistently ranking in the top 10 of the Nielsen ratings.

Fife, who grew into one of the most beloved comic characters in American popular culture, generated sympathy and laughs in scenes in which he fumbled to load his service revolver with the single bullet Griffith allotted him.

"Don meant everything," Griffith said in a telephone interview. "Don made the show. I've lost a lifetime friend."

actors The two remained close friends over the years and reprised their roles in the 1986 television movie "Return to Mayberry"

Knotts's wife, actress Francey Yarborough, said in a statement that Virginia University. Griffith visited Knotts at hospital shortly before his death to say goodbye.

"Don was an actor who played comedy opposed to a comedian who does stand-up," said Knotts's longtime manager, Sherwin Bash, in a telephone interview. "He was one of a kind."

Knotts, who lived in West Los Angeles, left television in 1965 to devote more time to family-oriented film comedies that featured his bugged-eyed expressions, highpitched voice and perfect slapstick timing.

His movie credits include "The Incredible Mr. Limpet" (1964), "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken" (1966), "The Reluctant Astronaut" (1967), "The Shakiest Gun in the West" (1968) and "The Love God?" (1969).



In the 1970s, Knotts teamed with fellow comic actor Tim Conway in the Disney movies "The Apple Dumpling Gang" and "The Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again."

Knotts returned to television in the late 1970s, joining the cast of ABC's popular sitcom "Three's Company" as the cad landlord Ralph Furley, a swinger who usually donned an ascot and bright, colorful leisure suits. He remained with the show until its final season in 1984.

In recent years, he had recurring roles on television, including a part on Griffith's "Matlock" and the series "Pleasantville." He also performed in dinner theaters and did voice-over for animated films. Most recently, he was the voice of Mayor Turkey Lurkey in last year's "Chicken Little."

He was born Jesse Donald Knotts July 21, 1924, in Morgantown, W.Va., where he grew up with three brothers. As a young man, he gravitated to the world of entertainment, starting as a ventriloguist. He briefly lived in New York before returning home and enrolling at

He joined the Army during World War II and served as an entertainer. After the military, he returned to Virginia University to finish his degree.

He worked in radio before getting his big break in the 1950s, when he won a spot to perform on "The Steve Allen Show." He drew howls from the audience playing a weatherman.

The skit featured Knotts as a television weatherman forced to adlib the forecast without any information on the weather. As he wrote on a map about a weather system in California, stumbling over his words, it became clear he

was writing "h-e-l-p." His marriages to Kay Knotts and Loralee Knotts ended in divorce. Survivors also include a son and a daughter.

Festive crowds celebrate as New Orleans gears up for Fat Tuesday

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tourists other fun I've ever had." and locals stood side-by-side - in some spots 6 to 8 feet deep — as two of the Carnival season's biggest and glitziest parades rolled through a city struggling to reclaim some of its famous fun.

"It's very special," said Barbara Sykes, who flew in from Irving, where she's been living since Hurricane Katrina. "It's part of my heart, my blood."

The prelude to Mardi Gras - or

Fat Tuesday — brought party-hungry crowds to New Orleans' traditional parade route Sunday, nearly six months after Katrina flooded 80 percent of the city and dispersed more than two-thirds of the popula-

Mardi Gras "is just a symbol of the fact that New Orleans is going to come back," said Stephanie Hall, 28, a city resident. "New Orleans has always done what it wants to do and it's gonna come back whether the country wants it to or not."

A threat of thunderstorms Saturday prompted a one day delay of the Krewe of Endymion's parade, which followed the Krewe of Bacchus through the Uptown neighborhood on Sunday night. Three smaller parades were held in the afternoon.

Lori Caswell, 34, of Chesapeake, Va., said this is her first time participating in the festivities and she was surprised by the number of people involved. "It's a blast," she yelled, above the screams of children seeking beads. "It's like no

Caswell's friend, Yvette Hairston, said she was glad the parades drew so many people back to her hometown because it's a sign that people are putting money back into the economy.

"It's a sign there's life here," she said. "It's a rebirth."

The Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, the predominantly black organization that puts on one of Fat Tuesday's most beloved parades, was scheduled Monday to hold its annual "Lundi Gras" party - the start of the ceremonial arrival of make-believe monarchs Rex and the king of Zulu by boat on the Mississippi River.

While some decried the city's plan to hold Mardi Gras celebrations while tens of thousands of residents were displaced, Ebony Jenkins, who lost her home, car and possessions in the flood, was in a festive mood nonetheless.

"My take on it is: Let it roll," she said as she waited for floats and masked riders to fill the street and shed a rain of doubloons and beads on the throngs.

Celebrities in town for the long weekend included musician Harry Connick Jr., actors Dan Aykroyd, Michael Keaton and Jim Belushi, and CNN's Anderson Cooper, who rode on a float.

Nearby, Mark Krasnoff and Monica Verdin sold boudin — a type of sausage mixed with rice, onions and peppers — to parade-

"This is important to us, whether we'd be doing this now."

tourists come or not," said Krasnoff. "Every parade brings out the locals and lifts people's spirits. We can dance again."

Visitors are often estimated at more than 1 million for Mardi Gras. Pat Kaschalk, a public school teacher in New Orleans, said this crowd seemed a little thinner.

"It was actually possible to catch something this year," she said. "We were able to get close to the floats and make eye contact with the riders. Normally we wouldn't be able to do that."

The party began Friday in the French Quarter, as the streets filled with revelers, many in costumes white Elvis jumpsuits, sexy bustiers and T-shirts with obscene slogans taking aim at government officials.

New Orleans native Martin Bordon, 56, a firefighter, said he's never ridden in a Mardi Gras parade, but on Tuesday planned to don a costume and ride.

"I'm rewarding myself for the episode, the Katrina episode," he said. "I'm going to celebrate fully."

Ordinarily, most New Orleans residents skip the French Quarter frenzy in favor of family celebrations along the parade routes, but many said they changed their minds after being exiled by Katrina.

Police officer Jonathan Carroll Jr., whose house took 8 feet of water, said: "Six months ago, when we were pulling people out of the flood, I would have never believed

Supreme Court refuses to broaden death penalty review

By GINA HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court refused today to directly consider whether the drug combination used in executions across the country amounts to unconstitutional cruel punishment.

The justices had already agreed to hear arguments in April in a case brought by Florida death row inmate Clarence Hill about the procedure for lethal injection challenges to be filed in federal court.

Today's decision, which came on a separate appeal by Hill's lawyer, has little practical significance because Hill's other case is still pending.

The justices did not comment when they declined to broaden their review and take up Hill's appeal that raised constitutional concerns about lethal injection.

The execution method is used by the federal government and every state that has capital punishment, except Nebraska.

Interest in lethal injection has escalated in recent weeks. California, an execution was postponed last week when no doctor or nurse would agree to administer a fatal dose of barbiturate.

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Hill is on death row for killing a Pensacola, Fla., police officer after a bank robbery in 1982.

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Hill came within minutes of being executed last month when the court intervened. His lawyer said he was already strapped to a gurney when the high court

In issued a stay.

His lawyer said that the doses of drugs used in Florida executions - sodium pentothal, pancuronium bromide and A judge is reviewing the potassium chloride — can cause pain. The first drug Death penalty support- is a painkiller. The secers contend that the ond one paralyzes and the third causes a fatal heart attack.

The attorney, D. Todd Doss of Lake City, Fla., pointed to a 2005 study published in the Lancet medical journal indicating that the painkiller can wear off before an inmate

The Florida Supreme Court ruled that the study was inconclusive.

The latest case is Hill v. Florida, 05-8731.

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Utah Senator retracts remarks

OREM, Utah (AP) -U.S. Sen. Bob Bennett apologized Friday for telling Utah Valley State College students and faculty that a legendary U.S. House speaker took cash from lobbyists.

Bennett, R-Utah, was talking about the evolution of ethics at the nation's capital when he made the comment about Sam Rayburn, a Texan who served as House speaker for 21 years until his death in 1961.

"Sam Rayburn, after whom the House office building is named, used to keep a jar on his desk and when lobbyists would come in to see him, they would deposit the appropriate envelope with cash," Bennett told about 100 students and faculty.

The claim is not supported by written histories and accounts from aides of Rayburn, who represented Texas in Congress for 48 years.

don't know how (Bennett) could say that," said 84year-old Fort Worth resident Rene Kimbrough, Rayburn's secretary from 1947 through 1961. "I'd "That's a damned lie, I like to see him prove it."



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Trekking poles: A boost for middle-aged hikers

By TOM UHLENBROCK

St. Louis Post-Dispatch ST. LOUIS — Rich Orr gave his wife, Jill, a pair of trekking poles. She wasn't impressed.

"She stubbornly resisted using them on a flat or moderate slope," he said. "She would drag them or put them over her shoulder.'

Then they hiked the Grand Canyon from the North Rim.

"She didn't believe that going up could be so much fun," he

Orr, camping buyer at the Alpine Shop in Kirkwood, Mo., believes trekking poles are a godsend for extending the life of hikers not quite over the hill.

"As people age, your knees become less resilient," he said. "Trekking poles take so much of the stress off your legs and knees. If there is any segment of the outdoors-loving public that really needs these, it's people pushing 40 and over."

A normal hiker has two points of balance, the feet. Adding two more contacts with the ground not only improves balance and stability, it also allows a hiker to use his torso and upper body when walking, lessening the impact on the knees and lower back.

"It's a quantum increase in efficiency," Orr said. "You use more of your body, you get less tired."

The poles actually function as an extra set of legs, especially on uneven terrain. The benefit is especially evident when walking downhill, which can cause the most pain for people with problem knees.

"They will actually allow people who thought they'd have to give up hiking to keep on hiking — and I speak from experience," said Orr, 55. "I had serious difficulty going down steep mountain trails. It benefits people who had to be more cautious, and baby their knees."



J.B. Forbes/St. Louis Post-Dispatch/KRT

Karen and David Dapron use their walking sticks to exercise in Blackburn Park in Webster Groves, Mo.

And the entire benefit is multiplied several times for hikers carrying backpacks. Instead of being bent over, your posture can be upright, allowing more air to get into your lungs so breathing is maximized.

Using a pair of hiking poles, versus a single staff, is "night and day different," Orr said.

"The rhythm is much easier to maintain and the efficiency goes up dramatically when they are used as a pair," Orr said. "There's no point in leaving half your body out of the equation."

Leki, Swix and Excel are

three ski-pole companies that also make trekking poles. Most poles are made of aluminum and range from \$65 to \$150 a pair. The poles have hand straps, and are adjustable so the elbow is slightly higher than 90 degrees when resting in the straps.

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"The most important aspect as you go up in price is you get the spring-loaded model, which takes some of the snock off your elbows and shoulders, and they get lighter," Orr said. "It's like anything else: People are skeptical in the beginning, and they won't invest in the over-\$100 pole. They start at \$65, and eventually upgrade."

Nordic walking

While trekking poles are starting to become more popular, there is another kind of walking pole that is still something of a secret in the United States.

"Nordic walking poles are very popular in Europe; they have Nordic walking parks in Germany and the Scandinavian region," said Angela Bono, an assistant manager at the Alpine Shop. "They were developed in 1997 for cross-country skiers to train in warm months.'

"You burn up to 40 percent more calories with the same effort, but you're using your upper body," Bono said. "You also see increases of up to 25 percent in a cardiovascular workout."

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While trekking poles are planted vertically on the ground for support, Nordic walking requires that the poles be planted diagonally. The left arm swings forward with a pole as the right foot steps forward. As you become more accustomed to moving the poles correctly, you develop a rhythmic stride.

The same ski-pole manufacturers that make trekking poles also offer Nordic walking poles. They cost from \$89 to \$150 a pair.

The Alpine Shop has loaners for people who want to try out trekking or Nordic poles. The shop also offers Nordic walking classes and demonstrations in the spring.

Strength training key for bones, balance and burning calories

By DOUG WORGUL

Knight Ridder Newspapers First off, let's dispel that silly notion that muscle weighs more that fat and that strength training in an exercise and weight loss program is counter productive for that reason. A pound of muscle weighs the same as a pound of fat. They each weigh a pound.

The difference, according to Bobbi Dunn, a fitness specialist at the Center for Health Enhancement at Luke's Hospital in the Kansas-City, Mo., area, is muscle takes up less space than fat.

"So when you use weights to build and strengthen your muscles, you may not notice immediate weight loss," Dunn says. "But you will begin to notice that you lose inches — around your waist, hips, arms, and thighs."

Strength training is an important part of a total exercise program, Dunn says.

"One of the most important reasons for this is that as you increase muscle and lose fat you increase your metabolism - the rate you burn calories," Dunn says.

Another primary reason for including strength training in an exercise program, according to Dunn, is that it can play a critical role in preventing osteoporosis. This is especially important for women.

"We have lots of evidence that exercising with weights helps prevent loss of bone density," she says. "For women and older adults bone density is a significant issue. Brittle bones can lead to serious health and quality of life consequences." Finally, Dunn says,



Fitness specialist Bobbi Dunn, left, shows Carol Osborne how to properly use a fitness device in Kansas City, Mo.

weight training is an effective way to reduce the body's output of corti-

"Cortisol increases one's appetite and it also into abdominal fat, which is especially dangerous, because abdominal fat belly fat — is so close to vital organs and it puts pressure on those organs.

"Strength training with weights should be a part of any balanced exercise program. The bottom line is that it's healthy to be strong."

Bobbi Dunn has a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Kansas State University.

Her recommendations for adding weight training to your workouts: Consult with a personal

trainer at a gym or health club (there will likely be a fee) before incorporating weights into your work-

"A good trainer will tends to convert calories show you which exercises will help you most, and will provide instruction on how to do them,' Dunn says. "Proper technique is critical. If you're not using the weights correctly you may get hurt, or you may just be wasting your time.'

Go slow at first. "Start with two or three sets per week," she says. "A 'set' consists of several repetitions, or 'reps,' which is the number of times you lift the weights or complete the movement of the exercise. Try to do one set for each major muscle group."

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in the third quarte fan. He was frustrated after being called for and offensive foul with the Wolves leading 64-61 with 7:47 left

Before leaving the arena, Garnett said he didn't intend to throw the ball into the stands, but rather was trying to get a delay of-game call.

Referee Bob Delaney assessed Garnett a technical foul for toss ing the ball, and he was automatically ejected because it hit the fan. Afterward, Garnett walked over to the fan, who did not appear to be injured, to apologize before leaving the court.

Garnett had 17 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

McGrady, Yao lead Rockets to victory ORLANDO.

McGrady added 19 points, nine rebounds and five assists for Houston Rockets defeated the Orlando Magic, 89-84. It was McGrady's

second regular-season game in Orlando after the Magic traded him a year and a half ago and the star wa booed each time he touched the ball. Grant Hill led Orlando with 22 points, four rebounds and four assists

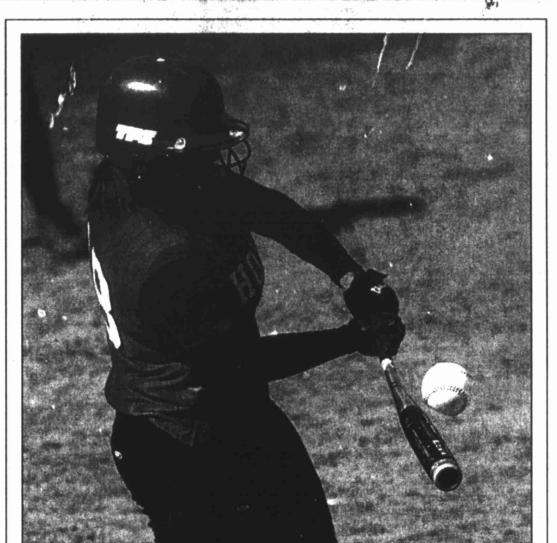
Oglivy makes short work of Love III in match play final

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Ten times dur-ing the Match Play Championship, Geoff Ogilvy watched his opponent stand over a putt that would have sent him home. There was no such stress Sunday when h made short work o Davis Love III. Ogilvy pulled away

with an eagle-birdie knockout punch and won 3 and 2 in the final tournament a La Costa Resort to join Craig Parry the only Australians to capture a World Golf Championship

Ogilvy played 12 holes, the most by anyone in the eight year history of the ournament, which included four cons But he was solid

The victory was orth \$1.3 million.



Howard sophomore Palge Rulz makes contact with a pitch during the Hawks' dou-

bleheader sweep of conference rival El Paso Community College Sunday. Ruiz got a win on the mound in both games and put her team ahead 6-5 in Game 2 with a tworun home run.

Howard stays unbeaten in league with sweep of EPCC

· Hawks gets two wins heading into big WJCAC series'

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

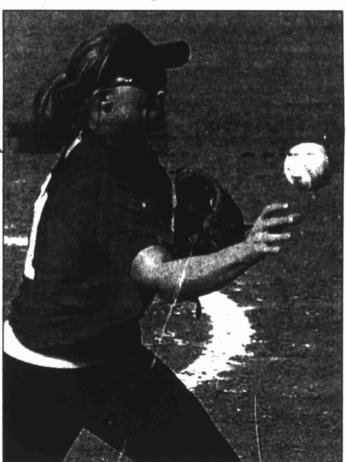
The Howard College softball team improved to 4-0 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with two home wins over El Paso College Community Sunday at Foundation Field in a game which was originally scheduled for Friday, but was postponed due to rain.

The Hawks won the first game, 9-1, in six innings, but needed all seven innings in Game 2 as they won 8-5.

"We knew El Paso's pitching couldn't stop our offense so we just talked about coming out strong with the bats and we did that," Howard head coach Kelly Raines.

Sophomore Paige Ruiz improved to 7-1 on the mound this year as she got a win in both games. She also helped out with the bat as she went fourfor-four in the first game and hit her seventh home run of the

season in Game 2. Howard jumped on El Paso in the first game early. The Hawks did not score in the first inning, but grabbed four runs in the second inning. Ruiz began the inning with a hard single and then was moved to second on a sacrifice



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Howard sophomore Nicole Dickson throws out a runner heading to first base during action at Foundation Field Sunday. The Hawks won two conference games against rival El Paso Community College.

bunt by sophomore Nicole Dickson. Ruiz moved to third on a ground out by freshman Kendra Corbin and then scored on an RBI single by sophomore Amanda Kuramata. Abby Wilson walked and freshman Honda Rodriguez drove Kuramata and Wilson with a two-RBI double. Freshman Alisha Rams reached base with a bunt single and took second on an errant throw. Rodriguez

was able to score from

second. The Hawks got three more in the third inning. Freshman Jessica Garcia and Ruiz got back-to-back singles to start the inning. Dickson's fielder's choice retired Garcia at third, but Ruiz scored on an RBI double from Corbin. Dickson and Corbin also reached homeplate

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Fierro, Rodriguez win two golds at first meet of year

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — The Big Spring track teams got their seasons underway this weekend at the 20th Annual Peoples Bank Relays at Frenship High School in

Wolfforth. The boy's team used strong finishes in the distance events to

take third

overall, RODRIGUEZ while Monica Fierro's two firstplace finishes helped the

enth place. Junior Michael Rodriguez took home two first-place

Lady Steers capture sev-

finishes in the 1,600and 3,2000meter runs to lead Big Spring. He ran across the line in the mile in 4:48.22,

while two-mile gold medal run was clocked at 10:18.03. Junior Chris Salazar and freshman Jordan Valle helped Rodriguez sweep the 1,600 meters as Salazar finished second with a 4:55.59 and Valle took third with a 5:06.70. Valle also placed fourth in the 3,200 with a time of 11:04.52. The 800-meter run was

also a strong event for Big Spring as Chris Martinez took third with a 2:09.43 Mark Sanchez grabbed fifth with a 2:15. **Junior Raymond Porter** had the two next best individual performances as he took third in the long jump and the triple jump. He recorded a leap of 20-08.5 in the long jump and soared 39-10.50 in the triple. Junior Scott Fankhauser took sixth in

the triple as well. Jacob Cortez took a topfive finish in the pole vault as he finished fourth with a mark of 11

feet. Senior Calvin Butler placed sixth in the shot put with a toss of 42-08 and the distance medley relay and 800-meter relay placed third and fifth, respectively.

Palo Duro ran away with the boy's title as it finished with 160 points. Abilene Wylie was second with 84 and Big Spring scored 82 and took third. Plainview was fourth, while Frenship and Lubbock Estacado placed fifth and seventh, respectively.

Estacado's Tony Glynn had a nice individual day as he carried the Matadors with three firstplace finishes. He won the 100-meter dash in :10.64 and sprinted to the gold in the 200 with a time of :22.30. He also won the long jump with a leap of 21-08.5.

Fierro's two first-place finishes were in the girl's shot put and discus. She threw 35-07 in the shot put and her gold medal toss in the discus was 99-

Junior Katy Abner took third in the 200-meter dash as she was just barely defeated by two runners from Estacado. Abner ran a :26.52 and was beaten by times of :26.45 and :26.47.

Mistie Aguilar recorded two solid finishes in the 1,600- and 3,200 meter runs. She was fifth in the two mile with a 13:15 and was sixth in the mile with a 6:17.

The Lady Steers 400meter relay, 800-meter relay and distance medley relay teams placed fifth, sixth and sixth, respectively.

Big Spring's District 4-4A rival Frenship won the team title on its home turf as the Lady Tigers scored 145, edging out Lubbock Estacado, which finished with 140 points. Hereford took third with 136 and Plainview was fourth with 63.5. Big Spring scored 38 points.

Both Big Spring squads will run in Snyder

Cain leads Steers at **Tall City Invitational**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

MIDLAND - The second day of the Jack Ratcliff Tall City Invitational did not go as well as Day 1 for Big Spring golfers as the Steers finished in 12th place as a team with a 729.

Aledo entered the day one stroke back and in a See GOLF, Page 2B



second-place tie with Andrews, but managed to outshoot both Andrews and first-round leader

No practice, no problem for Bulldogettes in Midland

 Coahoma softball team wins three to open new season

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

MIDLAND - Several Coahoma softball players ended their basketball season last Tuesday on the hardwood against Jim Ned, but one would hardly notice Thursday as the athletes changed sports and competed in the West Texas Classic softball tournament in Midland with just one full day of practice as a team.

Not practicing was not a problem the for Bulldogettes as they recorded three wins and won their pool in the rain-shortened tournament.

Coahoma (3-0) defeated Greenwood, 7-5, just two days removed from the basketball playoff loss and then took down Class 4A Andrews, 5-0, and Junction, 3-2, Friday.

Each game had an hour and a half time limit. The win against Greenwood went just four innings as junior Ami Martinez got the win on the mound. She threw all four innings, gave up five runs on four hits and struck out 10 batters, while walking three.

"We played the game with just two softballs and probably spent 20 or 30 minutes of the allotted time chasing foul balls and fixing the field," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "We originally just wanted to use these games as practice games so we can get into game shape faster, but we won all three and I was very pleased with the play."

Martinez, who did not play basketball, had two hits and two runs at the plate.

Senior Ashle New had one hit and scored twice, while senior LIz Conley had one hit and one run. Sophomores Janice Gonzales and Krista Kerby each scored once as well.

The Bulldogettes scored four runs in the fourth inning against Andrews Friday and shut out the Lady Mustangs, 5-0.

Senior Sarah Dunn got the win on the mound as she threw seven innings and gave up no runs and struck out three while walking two.

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Kuramata delivered a

two-RBI single. Corbin scored in the fifth as she reached on an error and stole second, third and home.

The final run of the game was scored in the sixth inning as Dickson knocked in Garcia with a game-ending RBI single. The game ended due to the eight-run mercy rule.

The Tejanas scored their only run in the fourth as Ashley Turner delivered an RBI single.

Ruiz had four singles in the game at the plate with two runs and two stolen bases.

Ruiz gave up just one run on four hits and struck out seven on the mound, while walking three.

"Paige pitched well for us today," said Raines. "She is going to strike out a lot and with that comes a little bit of walks because her gameplan is to try to get hitters to swing at bad pitches and El Paso swung at a lot of stuff outside the zone."

Kuramata went two-forthree with three RBIs and got an RBI double, a run and a walk.

Corbin scored twice. added an RBI double and had three stolen bases.

The Tejanas' bats woke up a bit in Game 2, but Howard was able to score three innings. a bunch of runs again.

Howard got on the board first with two runs in the first inning. Freshman Alisha Rams got on base with an infield single and scored from first after freshman El Paso and triggered a Laura Lopez crushed an RBI double to the wall. Lopez later scored on an RBI groundout by Ruiz.

El Paso came back with a run in its second inning. Jessica Strong led off the inning with a dou-ble and scored later on an on the mound," said RBI single by Laura Raines. "Nicole tries to be

The Hawks pushed it to 3-1 after two innings as Corbin got an infield single to start inning two and later scored after stealing home.

Ruiz reached on an error in the third inning and later scored on an eled to the wall and then RBI double by Corbin.



Howard sophomore Nicole Dickson, left, and freshman Honda Rodriguez get geared up to start another inning at Foundation Field Sunday. The Hawks won two games against El Paso Community College and Improved to 4-0 in WJCAC play.

but the Hawks stranded two runners on base in the third inning.

El Paso tied the game in a run, while Rodriguez the fourth with three runs. Marissa Avalos led off the inning with a solo home run off Dickson and then Turner walked and scored on an RBI double by Walp. Walp later scored to make it 4-4 after

> The Tejanas took their first lead of the day in the fifth inning as Avalos maintained her hot bat as she crushed another home run over the fence. The solo shot made it 5-4 pitching change from Raines. Dickson left the game as Ruiz came on in relief.

"I was not going to let one player an their team beat us so I made a perfect some times and she wasn't getting the outside corner today and you can tell she was getting flustered out there.

The Hawks did not stay behind for long. Garcia led off the fifth inning with a double which trav-Ruiz crushed her seventh put Howard up 6-5 in the fifth. The Hawks left two on base in the inning, but regained the lead.

"After they took the lead you could kind of see our kids get down, but I told them to get back up because I don't ever think we are out of a game because our offense is so good," said Raines. "I am happy the girls were able to battle back. We are going to need to learn to do that."

Ruiz got El Paso in order in the sixth inning and Howard added to its lead in the bottom half of the inning. With two outs, Garcia smoked a double to the wall again and Ruiz walked after that. Garcia stole third and scored on another steal and then Ruiz scored on an RBI single by Dickson.

"The girls did exactly game," said Raines.

Ruiz hit a batter in the seventh, but finished off the Tejanas with three strikeouts. She got the win as she threw the final 2.1 innings. She gave up no runs and no hits.

Dickson got the no decision as she did not have her best stuff. She gave

The run pushed it to 4-1, home run of the season to up five runs on six hits and had just one strike-

> Ruiz had three RBIs at the plate in the game. Corbin had three hits including an RBI double and scored once.

> Garcia had two doubles and scored twice, while Kuramata and Dickson both went two-for-four.

The Hawks are now 14-4 overall and 4-0 in the WJCAC.

The Hawks have two big doubleheaders coming up and the winner of those games could be the early favorite to win the conference.

Howard travels to No. 7 Odessa Friday afternoon before traveling to No. 3 Midland Saturday. The games start at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Friday and noon and 2 p.m. Saturday

"Those are both big series' for us," said what they had to do to get Raines, who coached back in control of the under Midland head coach Tommy Ramos three years ago. "They are good teams and we are going to need to be on our game. We have to be ready defensively and we can't make any mistakes in the field. If we do that and continue to hit the ball like we can I think we'll win."

Hawk baseball team to play two in Weatherford today

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team's doubleheader scheduled for Saturday on the road against Weatherford was postponed due to rain, but the two teams will play a makeup series today.

The Hawks will travel to Abilene Wednesday to take on Hill College and will nos. Weatherford Friday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The doubleheader against Weatherford College Friday was originally scheduled for Saturday, but was

changed due to a scheduling conflict.

Howard sophomore catcher Jeff Ward will miss the rest of the season as he is scheduled to have elbow surgery in the near future. Ward will take a medical redshirt and return to Howard next season.

sophomore Howard Matthew pitcher Shepperd is still on the shelf with a shoulder injury, but the Hawks should get starting pitcher Bobby Gonsoulin back after he sat out a few games with numbness in his fingers.

This Week's Area Lineup

Monday

Howard baseball DH @Weatherford, 3 p.m.

- Howard basketball vs. Frank Phillips, 5:50 p.m. and 7:50 p.m. • The Hawk men won at least a share of the conference title with

their win over South Plains last Thursday. Howard, which is now 28-0 on the season, will cut the nets down as WJCAC conference champions if they beat Frank Phillips Monday.

- Forsan baseball @McCamey, 5 p.m.

- Forsan softball vs. Big Lake, 5 p.m. Coahoma baseball vs. Kermit, 6 p.m.

- Big Spring softball @Lubbock High, 6:30 p.m.

— Coahoma softball vs. Greenwood, 7 p.m.

Howard baseball DH vs. Hill College @Abilene, 1 p.m.

Wednesday

- Howard basketball @Clarendon, 5:50 p.m. and 7:50 p.m. - Big Spring softball @Killeen Tournament, TBA

- Big Spring baseball @Monahans Tournament, TBA

- Forsan baseball @El Dorado Tournament, TBA - Forsan softball @San Angelo Tournament, TBA

- Howard baseball DH vs. Weatherford, 1 p.m.

- Howard softball DH @Odessa, 1 p.m.

- Big Spring tennis @Arlington, TBA Big Spring golf @Andrews/@Monahans, TBA

- Big Spring softball @Killeen Tournament, TBA

- Big Spring baseball @Monahans Tournament, TBA

- Forsan baseball @El-Dorado Tournament, TBA - Forsan softball @ San Angelo Tournament, TBA

Dorothy Garrett Collseum Tuesday's playoff matchups Class 1A boy's regional quarterfinal Grandfalls-Royalty vs. Roby, 6 p.m. Class 2A boy's regional quarterfinal Crane vs. Reagan County, 8 p.m.

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"She did a nice job and overall I was pleased with everyone who pitched," said Dickenson. Gonzales, Dunn and sophomore Christie Rich

once, while Martinez and Conley scored a run. "The basketball girls are doing well," said Dickenson. "They are obviously not where they will be later in the year,

but our experience should

allow them to get into

all got one hit and scored

form fairly quickly." Senior Kali Roberts and



New each pitched in Game 3 against Junction. Roberts, who dominated on the mound last year in helping the Bulldogettes reach the state tournament, started the game and ended it. She threw four innings to begin the contest and gave up no runs and, after two innings of work by New, returned to the hill in the

seventh where she gave up one run. She struck out six and walked one and got the win. New struck out three.

"Kali and Ashle kind of got thrown into the fire in this game," said Dickenson. "They haven't pitched much because of basketball, but they both did a good job."

Coahoma scored two runs in the third inning. Junction scored its first run in the sixth and then tied the scored in the seventh. Coahoma won the game with a run in its final at-bat.

Gonzales led

Bulldogettes at the plate with two hits and one run. She had the gamewinning RBI hit in the gave up one run and bottom of the seventh inning.

Kerby had one hit and scored the game-winning run in the seventh. Roberts also got a hit and scored once. while Martinez and Conley each had a hit as well.

The Bulldogettes will host Greenwood Tuesday in their home opener at 7 p.m.

Roberts is expected to start on the mound, but Dickenson said he will probably use more than the one pitcher.

GOLF

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Frenship to win the team title with a 629. Frenship finished second and improved on its one-shot lead on Andrews as the Tigers scored a 634 and the Mustangs turned in a Cain with a 167.

second-round 84 and

Senior Brian Hale shot Big Spring senior an impressive second-Chance Cain turned in a round 89 and finished with a 186, while Jared 216, respectively.

of Aledo as he turned in a second-round 76 and won by one stroke over Andrews' Dylan Dockery. Dockery shot a second-Frenship's

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edged senior teammate Wilkerson and Blaze round 78 and finished Tommy Billalba for team Carroll scored 213 and with a 151, while honors. Billalba stroked a Landon second-round 87 and fin-The tournament was Waters was third with a ished two shots back of won by Austin Berkovsky 152.

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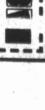


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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS When the moon and sun meet up in the same sign, their energies blend and empower one another -

this is called ___ a "conjunction." The new moon in Pisces brings a gift of mercy. it Turn inward. Forgive yourself for forgetting to be on your

own side and

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for not believing in yourself enough. Today is a fresh start.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You recently discovered something new about yourself, which enables you to better understand others who previously baffled you. Truly, it takes one to know one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You come up with the clever answer and are stellar with quick repartee - that's what your colleagues love about you and also what they fear. Be gentle with someone whose ego is fragile! (And whose isn't?)

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When it comes to certain words, you have developed a kind of impediment. speech Words like "sorry" or "l-llove!" A Pisces can help you get over the fear that's keeping you from communicating well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Listening is the best tool for bridging the gap between you and a loved one. Come with an open mind and a soft heart. Your natural ability to hear is the only gift you need give.

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don't lead with your rushing, passionate heart. Your finances will be better off for this new approach.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Bad judgment is the root of misfortune. So, to keep bad luck away, be a shrewd observer. You have the exceptional ability to keep your ego out of the equation and see things as they really are. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

A long-awaited situation has finally arrived. The choices in front of you are somehow not what you had imagined. That's because you're missing something. Go for things that come in small packages.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not utilizing your network to its potential. This includes, physical, emotional and spiritual potential. Check available resources for support. You get what you ask for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The men in your life are highly intelligent. So, don't discount their wisdom. However, it's better to do as they do and not as they say. Business people find a partner with deep pockets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Trust your inner knowing more than the experts, more than the crowd, more than your own mother. If you listen but don't trust, your intuition will become hardly audible. So, tune in, and turn it up.

18). You have an ongoing dialogue with destiny, which today gets rather argumentative. At what point should you stray from the path of least resistance? When your whole body and soul makes it nearly impossible not to do so.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your loving thoughts are beautifully expressed now. Your not-so-loving thoughts, however, seem to come to your lips and decide to go back the other way. Be careful it's not healthy to swallow too many of your opin-

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "He was born April 12, 1956. I was born Nov. 10, 1959. He does everything right - almost calculatingly so. Flowers, thoughtful gestures, attentiveness ... everything I thought I wanted and needed. So, if he's so perfect, why am I not head over heels? Am I crazy? Can Scorpios and Aries live in harmony?"

Why, yes, Scorpios and Aries (SET ITAL) can (END ITAL) live in harmony. Unfortunately, harmony is not what you are looking for in love at this time. Everyone says they want someone to treat them well, be sweet and caring and thoughtful, to communicate and be decent, yada-yada-yada lies, all lies. Where's the fun? Where's the mad-hot passion? Where's the push-pull dance of love? Sexy Scorpio sirens like AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. yourself need a cinematic DICATE, INC.

gesture to spark the movie of your romance. A big event. A conflict. An impossible circumstance keeping you apart - like the fact that he's unavailable or, even better, a thoughtless jerk who hardly notices you except when he's advancing toward you in the manner of a caveman. (I kid because I care.) Here's the good news. Your Aries guy actually IS a caveman-warrior-thug under all that decency. The more honest and real you get with him, the more he-manly he becomes.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Successful actor, writer, director, producer ... Is there anything Ron Howard touches that doesn't turn golden? Pisceans tend to have a deep ability for feeling, which is why thespians and creators like Howard can touch people so greatly through their artistic talents. I predict the upcoming "The DaVinci Code" will add another batch of golden statuettes to Howard's already awardfull mantle.

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Annie's Mailbox **®**

Dear Annie: I'd like to comment about long-married husbands giving their wives sexy lingerie. Guys are visually stimulated, so they should refrain from buying such gifts unless they know they are appreciated. Otherwise, it comes across as giving selves a present.

My husband thinks our waning sex life is all my fault. I am in my early 50s, married 30 years. When middle-age spread started winning a few years ago, I got in gear and reclaimed my figure. My husband gave up the battle. I've tried everything to encourage him to lose weight, but he's not interested. He hasn't had a checkup in more than 20 years. He is a stroke wait-

ing to happen. He asks what he can do to improve our sex life. I say start taking care of your health and body. Instead, he gives me sexy lingerie. I try to cooperate, but my resentment about his disregard for our future has all but erased my desire. And you can imagine the impact an apron of fat has on getting things done in bed. One of these days, I won't be able to find the

naughty bits. I never expected him to keep the athletic body he had when we married, but. I am mad at him for doing this to himself and to us. If he becomes incapacitated, he expects me to divorce him and put him in a nursing home rather than drain our finances. He actually believes when "the big one" hits, he will die quickly with no regrets. He is the dumbest smart guy I know.

To all those ladies who are happy to wear the lingerie, I'm glad it's working for you. I wish that's all it took for me. -

Missing Him Now Dear Missing Him: It's much easier for your husband to buy sexy lingerie than admit his weight is the problem. That would require too much effort. You might be able to get him to take long walks in the evening if you tell



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him it's foreplay, but unless he is willing to work on this, there is nothing you can do. If you love him, please keep "cooperating" and hope your TLC helps him live

longer. Dear Annie: Has common courtesy fallen by the wayside? This is for those rude, insensitive people who dial a wrong number. At least have the decency to say, "I'm sorry. I dialed the wrong number." Don't just hang

Nothing is more frustrating than answering a phone, only to hear a click and then nothing. This stresses me out, wondering if it might have been a friend or family member in need who was disconnected. Sometimes, I dial Star-69 to find out who called, and this costs me money. It only takes a few seconds to say "Sorry," and courtesy doesn't cost a thing. Not Just a Number

Dear Not: Most people stay on the phone long enough to ask for the wrong person, but you are right that others simply hang up as soon as they hear an unfamiliar voice. They are probably embarrassed and confused. We hope they will remember that the person on the receiving end is confused, too. Be polite, folks.

Dear Annie: May I add my two cents about thank-you notes?

From the time my two girls could print their names, they wrote all their own thank-you notes. It sometimes was just a picture with the

words "Thank you," but I know they were appreciated. When my mother-inlaw passed away two years ago, my husband and I found every note our girls had written to

The girls are now 26 and 28, and we still get the most beautiful thank-you notes for even the smallest things, like helping them move furniture. A little effort while your children are young can pay off triplefold. May God bless parents who take the time to teach their children manners.

— L.B. Dear L.B.: Amen.

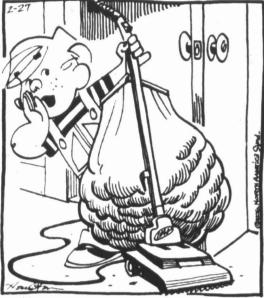
Dear Annie: This is for Tresses "Limp Tennessee," who asked about using beer as a hair setting lotion. Years ago, lotions were made up mostly of protein, so I would whip up an egg white and apply it with a comb. It made a nice tight set when dry and added sheen as well. I hope this helps. — Still Curling in

Illinois Dear Illinois: Thanks for the input. Another writer said the beer should be flat, and we especially liked the letter from "Larry," who said the type of beer is irrelevant. After drinking five or six, who cares what your hair looks like?

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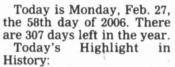
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Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress. In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1902, American author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif.

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes. In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communique at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China. In 1979, Jane M. Byrne

confounded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis. In 1991, President George

H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight. Today's Birthdays: Actress

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Smith (Iron Maiden) is 49. Actor Timothy Spall is 49. musician Paul Rock Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 46. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 46. Basketball Hall-of-Famer James Worthy is 45. Actor Adam Baldwin is 44. Actor Grant Show is 44. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 41. Actor Donal Logue is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 35. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 33. Chelsea Clinton is 26. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino (formerly Bobby Wilson) is 26. Singer Josh Groban is 25.

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