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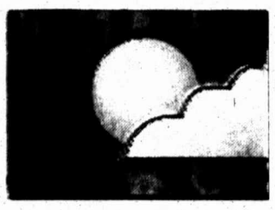
50 CENTS DAILY/$1.25 WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY

January 19, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 34°-36°

TOMORROW 67°-70°

INSIDE

County court jury call is canceled

Jury call for Howard County Court, scheduled for Friday morning, has been canceled.

For more information, contact the County Judge's office at 264-2206.

BRIEFLY

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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Condoleezza Rice, left, is joined by Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) as she appears before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before her confirmation hearing Tuesday, on her nomination by President George W. Bush to succeed Colin Powell as the Secretary of State.

Mission in Iraq dominates Rice's confirmation hearing

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joseph Biden, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, challenged Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice today to acknowledge Bush administration mistakes on Iraq and said he would vote for her confirmation, but only with "some frustration and reservation."

The Delaware Democrat, zeroing in on U.S. policy in Iraq as he had during Tuesday's initial hearing, accused the Bush administration of giving shifting reasons to justify the war to oust Saddam Hussein.

Rice, whom committee members have said is assured of Senate approval, had steadfastly refused Tuesday to say when U.S. forces might be withdrawn from Iraq. And today, Biden cited various rationales for the war, saying "you danced around it, stuck to the party line."

He told Rice that acknowledging mistakes should not be considered "a sign of weakness."

Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I., meanwhile, urged Rice to consider reconciliation with Iran, which he

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National healing

Bush says inauguration should serve as inspiration to fledgling democracies

By SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is calling for national healing after last year's bitterly divisive election, while devoting parts of his inauguration week to core Republican supporters.

Bush said Tuesday his second inauguration should serve as inspiration to fledgling democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan.

> ***"You can help change America for the better, one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time"***
>
> — President George W. Bush

"The inauguration of a president is a great moment in the life of our country," Bush said in a speech to thousands of military personnel and supporters at a sports arena.

"With an election behind us, the American people come together in unity to celebrate our freedom," Bush said. "A presidential inauguration is a testament to the power of democracy, a symbol of our confidence in the popular will and a sign of hope for freedom-loving people everywhere."

Today, Bush was shuttling between private events for supporters and big, semipublic celebrations marking his inauguration.

The president and first lady Laura Bush were beginning the day with a tour of the National Archives. White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the Bushes would be viewing important historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and George Washington's first inaugural address.

"A Celebration of Freedom," complete with musical performances and fireworks, was scheduled for dusk on the Ellipse south of the White House. Bush's schedule was ending late Wednesday night with the first of the week's inaugural galas, the Texas State Society's Black Tie and Boots Ball.

During Bush's first-term inaugural week, the festivities were "such a whirlwind we didn't really absorb it," Mrs. Bush said today. This time, she said, she plans to

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KRT photo/Chuck Kennedy

President George W. Bush, left, stands with his father, former President George H. W. Bush, right, and members of the U.S. armed forces at an event honoring the military during ceremonies at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

Agencies to hold well water screening for public

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

How safe is your well water?

That's the question several area agencies are teaming up to help local well water consumers answer next week with a three-day screening process set to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the Howard County Fair Barn.

"We'll provide people who are interested in testing their water with a test kit and give them instructions on how to pull a sample without contaminating it," said Eddie Spurgin, district conservationist with the Natural Resource Conservation Service office.

Sample kits for the screening are $5 and include everything you need to collect a sample and make it through the testing process, according to Spurgin.

"The next day, everyone that picked up a kit will have until noon to return their sample to the same place at the fair barn," said Spurgin. "The day after that, on Thursday at 5:30 p.m., everyone that submitted a sample will be able to meet and get the results.

"Also part of the final day, we'll provide information on what could be causing certain types of contaminants, as well as information on how to correct the problem. It's going to be very informative."

Spurgin said two of the most common water-culprits in West Texas are bacteria and nitrates.

"The most common problem we found with well water in 2000 was bacteria," said Spurgin. "Things like E-coli and other harmful bacteria.

"Bacteria can get into your well water in a number of different

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Sands CISD trustee will resign; board to consider replacement

❑ Board can hold special election or appoint someone to fill unexpired term.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

ACKERLY — Sands Consolidated Independent School District trustees will be faced with the task of replacing one of their number when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the SCISD board room.

Board member Steve Parker will submit his resignation during the meeting, Superintendent Wayne Blount said.

School officials hope to hire a relative of Parker's as a teacher in the special education department, but state nepotism rules prohibit her hiring while Parker sits on the board.

Trustees have two options in finding a replacement for Parker — they can either call for a special election, or they can simply appoint a person to fill the remainder of Parker's term.

Blount is hopeful trustees choose the latter option. Because of an influx of students into the special education program, Sands finds itself with double the amount of students in that area than it had this time last

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Superintendent hiring process before CISD

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma Independent School District trustees are expected to formalize the search process for a new superintendent when they hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the administration building board room.

Trustees earlier this month accepted the resignation of Dr. Bill Kingston, and will spend time at Thursday's meeting hearing options on how to go about naming his replacement.

"The whole idea for Thursday ... is to bring (trustees) some



Mitchell

options and see what they want to do," said Interim Superintendent Wayne Mitchell.

A likely approach for the board will be the hiring of a search team to find potential hirees.

Regardless of how the board conducts its search, however, the process is likely to take three or four months.

"It's a time-consuming process, and depends on a lot of factors," he said.

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Obituaries

Maurice Dothard Soechting



Maurice Dothard Soechting of Howe went to be with the Lord Sunday, Jan. 16, while at home under the tender care of his family. A memorial service to honor his memory and celebrate his life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005, in Howe at the Howe Church of Christ building. Everyone in attendance is invited for a time of visitation with family and friends immediately following the service. The family has arranged a private time to scatter his ashes upon the back pasture, at Dothard's request.

Dothard was born Sept. 20, 1926, in San Angelo to Earhardt C. and Ruth (Hay) Soechting. He graduated from San Angelo High School in 1947, and is an alumnus of Angelo State University. He married Ellen Marie McLaughlin in 1951 in Big Spring.

Dothard served as a sergeant in troop F 7th Cavalry of the Army of the United States, and served in the guard unit of Douglas MacArthur's residence during the U.S. occupation of Japan. Dothard retired from KFC National Management Company in 1983, and was the owner/operator of Doc's Battery Service in Sherman for 14 years. Dothard was a member of the Howe Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Soechting of Gunter; daughter, Terrye Troxtell and husband, Johnny of Howe; son, Toby Soechting and wife, Debbie of Howe; three grandchildren, Tela Brockelman and husband, Jerod of Howe, Dustin Soechting and wife Beth, of Birmingham, Ala., and Preston Soechting of Howe, attending college in Henderson, Tenn; two great-grandchildren, Hunter and Harley Brockelman; three sisters, Dorothy Morton and Mackey Grief of San Angelo and Virgie Hemingway of Hillsborough, Calif.; one Godchild, Candy Fisher of Colleyville; as well a host of friends he considered family.

Dothard was preceded in death by his parents U.G. and Ruth (Hay) Sewell, sisters Lorrell and Shawn, and friend Toby Cook, whom he counted as a brother.

Dothard (Doc) Soechting was a loving and selfless husband, father, grandfather and friend, with the most cheerful disposition in even the gravest of circumstance.

He is a source of inspiration and strength for his family, and his physical presence will be sorely missed, by all who loved him, as he loved them.

The family requests donations be made to the Howe Church of Christ for books to be placed in the church library in his memory.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe Church of Christ.

Paid obituary

David Anthony Juarez

David Anthony Juarez, infant son of Anthony and Kim Juarez, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005. Vigil services were at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. today, Jan. 19, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

David was born Jan. 17, 2005, in Big Spring.

In addition to his parents he is survived by two sisters, Alexis Carson and Alexia Carson, both of Big Spring; one brother, Aaron Juarez of Big Spring; grandparents, Jimmy and Vicky Carson and Janie Martinez, all of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Dora and Ismael Juarez, Victor Martinez, Marilyn and Boyd Carson, Charlene and Ralph Kennedy and Guadalupe and Sue Ann Villapando, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, David Juarez and great-grandparents, Paula Martinez and Phillip Bruce.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• **STEPHEN GREY CATES,** 53, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a Lea County, N.M., warrant.

• **JOSHUA KENT BECK,** 22, of 1423 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces, less than four ounces.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - MORE THAN TWO OUNCES, LESS THAN FOUR OUNCES** was reported in the 600 block of State Street.

• **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 2900 block of Cactus.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
- in the 1200 block of Wood.
- in the 1000 block of 21st Street.

• **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff's report

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

• **LISA GALE GAMBLE,** 40, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.

• **CHAD LEE PUGA,** 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection certificate.

• **RICHARD FLORES,** 51, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.

• **FELICIA VALENCIA,** 36, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **SHANE THOMAS ESTES,** 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 900 block of Timothy Lane.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 7500 block of Brandon Road.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 3900 block of E. Highway 350.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE** was reported near Paul's Place.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 7400 block of Brandon.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of W. 18th Street at 8:59 a.m. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Gregg Street at 2:22 p.m. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright Avenue at 6:45 p.m. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wright Avenue at 8:47 p.m. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of E. 13th Street at 5:20 a.m. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Hickory at 6:02 a.m. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• 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.

• 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, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

• 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 267-6479.

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.

• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Team exhibition game 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Contact the YMCA at 267-8234 or the coliseum at 264-5040 for tickets.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

Correction

In the weekend edition of the Big Spring Herald, the buyer of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Grand Champion lamb, Tori Borchardt, was making the purchase for First Bank of West Texas in Big Spring and Coahoma.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-4-9-13-37.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: $33,844.
Winning tickets sold in: Dallas, Texas.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-7-8

Take note

❑ **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. Saturday 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.

❑ **HERITAGE MUSEUM EXHIBIT "TEXAS WATERCOLOR SOCIETY"** remains open through Jan. 31. Admission fees are waived for patrons viewing the exhibit. The museum is also accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

❑ **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 benefis the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

❑ **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 Convienent 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.

❑ **RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ** is 10 a.m. Feb. 19, 2005, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, sponsored by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life Team. Entry forms are available at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third and KBST 608 Johnson. Entry deadline is Feb. 8, 2005. Any boy or girl between the ages of 1 day old to 11 years may participate.

❑ **THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME** is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect. Items needed include dressers, bunk beds, mattresses, cookware, recreational and exercise equipment, and a maintenance pickup, can or car. Cash donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Far West is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. To arrange pick up of items or for more information, call 432-353-4464.

❑ **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF CHRIS RIVERA, 26, A FORMER COSDEN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER,** who died Dec. 28, 2004. The fund is to assist his wife, Natasha Rivera and his four children, all younger than 6, with funeral expenses. The account no. is 760221. To donate contact the credit union at 264-2600.

❑ **THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266** is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773.

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Weather

Tonight – Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds near10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable after midnight.
Thursday – Mostly sunny. Highs near 70. West winds near 10 mph.
Thursday night – .Mostly cloudy. Lows near 40. South winds near 10 mph.
Friday – Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds near 10 mph.
Friday night – Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the upper 30s.
Saturday – Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
Saturday night – Mostly clear. Lows near 30.
Sunday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
Sunday night – Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
Monday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
Monday night – Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.
Tuesday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Bill would put obesity rating on student report cards

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas lawmaker filed a bill Tuesday that would require school districts to measure the body mass index of students and include the information in regular report cards.

"We should be just as concerned with students' physical health and performance as we are with their academic performance," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio.

When the measurement, which calculates body fat based on height and weight, indicates a student is overweight, the school would provide parents with information about links between increased body fat and health problems, Van de Putte said.

More than a third of school-age children in Texas are overweight or obese, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Such obesity has serious health implications, including Type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure.

"I'm just trying to keep our kids healthy," Van de Putte said. "It might create some discomfort, but I've seen eight and nine year olds who now inject insulin three to four times a day."

Palestinians promise quick action against militants after suicide bombing

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The top Palestinian security commander on Wednesday promised swift action to stop violence against Israel, a day after a suicide bombing in Gaza disrupted fledgling efforts by Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas to coax militants into halting their attacks.

Abbas, who is under tremendous pressure by Israel to take action, arrived in Gaza on Tuesday for truce talks with Islamic militants in Gaza. But the Hamas suicide bombing, which killed an Israeli security agent and wounded eight, clouded his prospects.

Abbas huddled with his security advisers and commanders in an emergency meeting after the bombing late Tuesday and later held talks with leaders of the two Islamic groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Lt. Gen. Abdel Razek Majaide, the top Palestinian commander in Gaza and the West Bank, said Wednesday that Palestinian forces would soon be deployed near the border with Israel.

"Preparations are under way to deploy Palestinian national security soldiers along the borders to stop any sort of violations," Majaide said in a radio interview. Palestinian militants near the Gaza-Israel border frequently launch rockets into southern Israel.

Car bombs rock Baghdad in stepped-up rebel offensive to stop election

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A wave of car bombings shook the Iraqi capital Wednesday, killing at least nine people as rebels stepped up their offensive to block the Jan. 30 national election. Other attacks were reported north and south of the capital, but the U.N. election chief said only a sustained onslaught could stop the ballot.

U.S. military officials put the death toll from the day's violence at 26, based on initial field reports. Iraqi authorities said 10 people were killed — one in a drive-by shooting on a political party office and the other nine in the bombings. The discrepancy could not be immediately resolved.

The violence began about 7 a.m., when a bomb packed into a truck exploded outside the Australian Embassy in Baghdad, killing two people. Two Australian soldiers were injured.

A half hour later, another car bomb killed six at a police station located next to a hospital in eastern Baghdad.

A third car bombing struck at the main gate to an Iraqi military garrison located at a disused airport in central Baghdad. The U.S. military said two Iraqi army soldiers and two Iraqi civilians were killed in that attack.

The U.S. military also said a car bomb detonated southwest of Baghdad International Airport, killing two Iraqi security guards.

Hours later, another car bomb went off in northern Baghdad around noon near a bank and a Shiite Muslim mosque. Police said one person was killed and one killed at that bombing.

Elsewhere in the capital, insurgents in a car fired on a Baghdad office of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, killing one of its members and wounding another, PUK officials said.

U.N. calls for unified, global tsunami system amid proliferation of differing proposals

KOBE, Japan (AP) — India plans a tsunami-warning system that its neighbors could join, while Indonesia envisions one run by southeast Asian countries. The Germans are pitching their own high-tech network, but the United Nations says it should set up the system — and then extend it globally.

The Asian tsunami disaster demonstrated with terrifying power the need for an alert system in the Indian Ocean and other parts of the world, but the outpouring of support to build one has generated a plethora of overlapping proposals.

Amid the confusion, U.N. officials at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan, called on Wednesday for coordination of efforts — and insisted on their own central role in marshaling the expertise and setting up the system.

"The event was of such magnitude that we have seen forthcoming some very interesting and very complete proposals," said Patricio Bernal, executive secretary of the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, which coordinates a warning system in the Pacific.

But, he said, "we feel we need to provide the common platform."

The conference, which was refocused to concentrate on tsunami after the Dec. 26 Asian tragedy killed more than 160,000 people, has set its top priority as the construction of early warning system for ravaged nations in the Indian Ocean.

RICE

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said was about as repressive as China was when the Nixon administration approached Beijing for better relations.

Rice said, "It is really hard to find common ground with a government that thinks Israel should be extinugished," supports terror groups and is undercutting U.S. peace efforts in the Middle East.

More than 1,365 members of the U.S. military have died since U.S. troops led an invasion of Iraq in March 2003, and the growing U.S. casualty tolls shadowed the hearing.

Through it all, Rice stood fast for the administration's decision to overthrow Saddam by force and for the way Bush is using U.S. troops to try to counter the insurgency.

The Iraqi security force is doing "relatively well," she testified. "But they do need to address these questions of leadership, which then lead to problems with desertion and the like."

Rice said U.S. troops were stepping up the mentoring of Iraqi guardsmen and police.

She would not estimate when even some of the 150,000 U.S. troops may return home.

"I am really reluctant to try to put a timetable on that, because I think the goal is to get the mission accomplished, and that means that the Iraqis have to be capable of some things before we lessen our own responsibility," she said.

The 18 members of the committee were eager to quiz Colin Powell's designated successor, although Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., the panel's chairman, planned a vote following the hearing.

Committee approval would send the nomination to the Senate where confirmation appears certain.

Her positions on the war did not stem blistering criticism from Democratic Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Barbara Boxer of California.

Kerry, who made Bush's management of postwar Iraq an issue in his losing presidential campaign, told Rice "the current policy is growing the insurgency and not diminishing it."

Boxer, going further, accused Rice of twisting the truth to build up a case for the U.S. invasion, which stirred Rice to counter that the senator was impugning her character.

Biden and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska pursued her with criticism on Iraq, as well.

"This was never going to be easy," Rice said in response. "There were going to be ups and downs."

BUSH

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"make notes every night so I can remember things that happened that day, feelings that I had."

Asked during an appearance on CBS' "The Early Show" whether those notes might be turned into a book one day, Mrs. Bush said, "They might. I hate to act like I'm going to write a book. So far I haven't managed to write one...maybe I will."

Later today, Bush was making a dash through three "candlelight dinners" with the heaviest donors to the inauguration. All were closed to journalists.

The inaugural committee raised money from corporations and individuals to finance galas and other festivities during inauguration week. Through Friday, the committee had collected $25.5 million toward a goal of $40 million.

Bush on Tuesday put politics on the back burner, focusing instead on themes everyone can agree on: supporting the troops and encouraging volunteerism.

His speeches dovetailed with the theme of Bush's second inauguration: "celebrating freedom and honoring service."

Bush called elections in Afghanistan and Iraq "landmark events in the history of liberty."

"None of it would have been possible without the courage and the determination of the United States armed forces," he told his audience of military service members and supporters.

"Take time out of your life to make somebody else's life better by helping heal a broken heart or surrounding a friend with love or feeding the hungry or providing shelter for the homeless," Bush told thousands of young people Tuesday evening. "You can help change America for the better, one heart, one soul, one conscience at a time."

WATER

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ways. The most common way we see here is from septic systems. Your water can also get contaminated if there's a water runoff near an area where cattle or hogs are fed."

The screening will also check for nitrates and salt, said Spurgin.

"This is offered as a service for the public," he said. "Anyone that would like to have their well water tested is welcome. We ran the same program in 2000 and it was pretty successful."

For more information, contact Spurgin at 267-1871 ext. 3 or the Big Country RC&D Area Office at 325-235-4300.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

SCISD

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year, making the hiring of an additional instructor a priority.

In addition to an instructor, the department also is in need of a teacher's aide.

An appointed trustee could be named as soon as next week, while setting up a special election could take months, Blount said.

In other business, trustees will:

• Conduct their annual evaluation of the superintendent and consider extending Blount's contract, which currently runs through the 2005-06 school year.

• Consider purchasing a bus for the special education department.

CISD

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Also Thursday, trustees will talk with representatives from the consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, which was hired by the district to assess the current state of campus facilities.

"Some of these facilities are quite old," Mitchell said. "(The consulting firm) is looking at possible upgrades in the buildings ... They're going to see what we need and give us an estimate of what it would cost."

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OTHER VIEWS

Legislature: Revamp our tax system

What a difference one legislative session can make. In 2003, the Republican-led Texas Legislature scoffed at calls for higher taxes to pay for state government and instead slashed the budget to meet a $10 billion shortfall. This year, those same Republicans are talking not only about the necessity for tax reform but also about the shape and scope of taxes needed to paint a new revenue picture for Texas.

Although the discussions are still short on specifics, the overall picture of Texas finances is clear enough. It begins with Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's estimate of $64.7 billion in state revenue for the 2006-07 biennium. But restoring some of the '03 cuts, such as the $160 million cut from the Children's Health Insurance Program, and new initiatives like the $253 million proposed for Child Protective Services, instantly puts the state about $7 billion in the hole over the two-year span of the budget, according to some estimates.

So even the most flinty-eyed tax cutter now seems to recognize that Texas must collect more revenue to pay the bills and that Texas must take some of the burden off the property tax that slugs the middle class so hard. For years, the Legislature has allowed its financial responsibilities to slide. And because of that local governments are bearing more than their fair share of the load.

Public education is one of those expensive obligations the Legislature has been neglecting. About 60 percent of that $31 billion-a-year cost is now paid by property owners. Thankfully, this 79th version of the state Legislature seems committed to changing that.

But change is expensive. Eliminating most local school property taxes in favor of a state property tax set at $1 per $100 of assessed value would save homeowners about $5.6 billion per year. But the state then would have to find that $5.6 billion from other sources, which means other taxes would have to go up.

These are just some of the realities Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick and others are facing. There must be more money coming into the state treasury. Various solutions have been proposed, from a $1-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax (bringing in about $750 million a year) to allowing slot machines to a penny increase in the sales tax (which would generate $2.2 billion a year). But taken together, that's not enough to cover the $5.6 billion in state school funding and the $7 billion estimated for new initiatives and restoring programs slashed last session.

A better solution, one that is at the center of the developing Senate plan, would be a business activity tax on all Texas businesses and professions. Every state official realizes that the franchise tax has collapsed. About 85 percent of state businesses and wealthy individuals legally avoid paying a franchise tax, or minimize payments, by reorganizing as a partnership. The franchise tax needs to be scrapped or overhauled in favor of a tax applied to all businesses, not 15 percent of them. ...

Texas has one of the lowest per capita tax burdens in the nation. And the results of that are showing in sick and abused children, a sinking public school system and underpaid state employees. Texas is a proud state that can do better. But it needs to overhaul its failing tax system to be a great state.

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Crockett Keller's riverside retreat

Some folks in Brady told me I ought to go see Crockett Keller's place south of Mason on the Llano River. It's an interesting place, but not quite as interesting as Crockett himself.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

When I drove up to Keller's Riverside Store early one morning, I saw some guineas and peacocks by the side of the driveway. That gave me a clue that the guy I was going to meet was a character. He certainly lived up to the expectations.

When he came around the side of the building, he was wearing a 20-gallon hat and a pistol. His pants legs were tucked into his boots. After introducing ourselves, he showed me around the place.

His store is like a museum. It has some items that were in the store when his great-great-grandfather had it back in 1862. Crockett bought the place 4 years ago.

"Our house in Austin got ripe and we decided to sell it," says CK. "I ended up with a chunk of money and decided to come to the old home place and spend some of it."

He put in a beer store in Mason and named it Keller's Cooler. He opened a restaurant next to the Llano River store and has a respectable clientele that comes in regularly for a 20-dollar steak and a Greek salad. He designs the menu and sometimes does some of the cooking. He urges his customers to be patient with the slow serving time, since all orders are prepared from scratch using fresh ingredients, some of which come from his garden.

On weekends a room just outside the restaurant serves as a venue for musical entertainment. "Mostly we have solo performers," says CK. "Guitar players, singers, piano players. Spider Johnson comes in at least once a month and plays his saw. Most of the times he has Bill Worrell with him to sing and play the guitar."

CK lives on the premises. His house is just behind the store. He restored an old blacksmith shop for private events. It can accommodate fifty people for parties and some fewer than that for dinner.

CK's background is far from anything having to do with food. He started out in the family engineering business, then was in construction, trailers and trucking. That toughened him up for the restaurant business.

When I asked him about his big hat and pistol, he told me the hat was for shade and the pistol was for protection against rattlesnakes and would-be outlaws. "We're a long way from the law and I want to protect my customers. Actually, I bought this new holster and I'm trying to put some patina on it."



Inside report: Unyielding Chertoff

At a Saturday night party during Washington's bleak holiday season in December 2001, I was a fascinated bystander listening to Michael Chertoff debate a senior Republican congressional staffer. Chertoff, assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, was arguing on behalf of executive privilege to deny congressional requests for documents concerning outrageous FBI behavior. He did not raise his voice, but his tone was unyielding.



ROBERT NOVAK

This was not the passive personality of a dignified U.S. Appeals Court judge who was unveiled last week on television as President Bush's surprise second choice for secretary of Homeland Security. Chertoff is billed as a non-controversial nominee, confirmed by the Senate three times and expected to be approved again without trouble. Behind that facade, however, he proved a fearsome adversary during two years running the Criminal Division.

Republican lawyers who soured on Attorney General John Ashcroft the past four years tend to excuse harsh behavior by Chertoff as a loyal lieutenant supporting his chief. Now that he will be in charge of a huge department, the truth will emerge whether his intransigence as a Justice subordinate will characterize him as a Cabinet member.

The serious confrontation between branches of government involving Chertoff began during President Bush's first year in office. Rep. Dan Burton, chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, sought documents exposing the FBI's shocking misuse of mob information in Boston decades earlier. An innocent man went to prison on murder charges because of lies told by a FBI informant. Two of the Bureau's undercover men, including the notorious Whitey Bulger, committed murder without being charged.

Burton was stunned when informed by Ashcroft and White House counsel Alberto Gonzales that the president was invoking executive privilege and such documents never would be released to the public. Chertoff was out front denying material to the committee, but his real role was unclear. Today, supporters say he was merely taking orders from Ashcroft. But three years ago, congressional staffers told me Chertoff was calling the shots — not just taking them.

The latter view seemed confirmed as I listened to Chertoff at that 2001 Christmas party. He was inflexible about executive privilege, arguing that there never was any need for the executive branch to grant demands for documents from the legislative branch. It was a maximalist position for executive power. Thanks to Chairman Burton's persistence, however, the FBI material eventually was turned over to the committee. But no financial compensation has been granted to the families of victims of the FBI killings.

In Chertoff's remaining year at the Justice Department, he frequently was the man who said no — rejecting requests for documents. By the spring of 2002, it was clear that Bush's Justice Department was not going to investigate the Clinton administration's use of Internal Revenue Service scrutiny on critics of Bill Clinton. The watchdog organization Judicial Watch provided substantial evidence of IRS harassment, but Chertoff denied that any pattern had been established.

By the time Bush nominated Chertoff to the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals two years ago, Judicial Watch was loaded and ready. It raised the old question of misusing FBI resources — claiming an extended pattern when Chertoff was U.S. attorney for New Jersey (1990-94).

Chertoff had been well regarded on both sides of the aisle as Sen. Alfonse D'Amato's chief counsel in the Whitewater investigation and enjoyed soft confirmation treatment. Three days after receiving Judicial Watch's mass of purported evidence, the Judiciary Committee quickly voted to confirm Chertoff (with Democratic senators abstaining). The committee's inquiry consisted of asking Chertoff about the charges, and he said they were not true.

There are no signs of a serious effort to block Chertoff's confirmation for the Cabinet or even slow it down. But the process can provide insight into a high government official's outlook, and difficult questions might well be asked in the case of Michael Chertoff. Does he still believe in unlimited privilege to withhold from Congress even information of criminal activity in the executive branch? Why did he block investigation of IRS harassment? Is there any validity to charges that he misused FBI mob resources in New Jersey?

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U.S. in a class of its own when it comes to junk e-mails

The United States is in a league of its own when it comes to sending junk mail to e-mail users.

Researchers at security company Sophos found after scanning its global network of honeypots — computers designed to attract spam mails and viruses — that 42 percent of all spam sent this year came from the United States.



THOMAS JENKINS

Sophos says this is evidence that America's anti-spam legislation simply isn't working.

"When we released the first report back in February, the US had the excuse that the Can-Spam Act had been in existence for only three months," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant for Sophos, on Friday.

"Almost a year and millions of spam messages later, it is quite evident that that the Can-Spam legislation has made very little headway in damming the flood of spam."

South Korea and China came in second and third place, respectively, but together they sent just half as much spam as the US.

The United Kingdom came in ninth on the list, and was responsible for just 1.13 percent of the world's spam.

The results came in as follows: United States, 42.11 percent; South Korea, 13.43 percent; China (including Hong Kong), 8.44 percent; Canada, 5.71 percent; Brazil, 3.34 percent; Japan, 2.57 percent; France, 1.37 percent; Spain, 1.18 percent; United Kingdom, 1.13 percent; Germany, 1.03 percent; Taiwan, 1.0 percent; and Mexico, 0.89 percent.

Sophos warned that many spammers are using hacked PCs with broadband connections to send out their spam. This could explain South Korea's position near the top of the list, as it leads the world for broadband penetration.

"Spammers are motivated by one thing — quick, easy money," added Cluley. "There are plenty of spammers who have taken their money-making schemes to the extreme by hacking into innocent third-party computers in an effort to do their dirty work."

"Many of the computers sending out spam are most likely to have had their broadband Internet connections exploited by remote hackers. Zombie computers — PCs that have been compromised by hackers or virus writers — are sending out over 40 percent of the world's spam, and many users who fall victim are unaware."

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The latest draft version of a cybercrime bill that will be filed to the Philippines' Congress next year will cover not only computers and computer networks but mobile devices as well.

The proposed bill, entitled the "Cybercrime Prevention Act," is now on its 10th revision after undergoing public hearings during the previous Congress. The bill, however, failed to make the public hearings stage in the Senate.

The bill will be filed again before the House's committee on information and communication technology next year.

Proponents of the bill, some of whom are security experts from the private sector, are confident that the bill will gain more ground this time around following the recent creation on an Internet crime committee in the lower house.

Under the House ICT committee are six subcommittees which focus on different fields of Internet crime, including Internet technology security.

The latest version of the cybercrime bill has additional provisions, such as anti-spam measures, and extends its coverage down to "communication devices" such as mobile phones.

"We have refined existing provisions in the bill to address wireless devices," said Albert Dela Cruz, co-chair of the previous subcommittee on information security of the Information Technology and E-Commerce Council, the forerunner of today's Commission on Information and Communications Technology, which drafted the bill since around two years ago.

The anti-spam measures also cover SMS or text messaging for mobile phones. "There are provisions there that qualify what is spam and what is not," Dela Cruz said, noting that the draft bill covers wireless operators as well.

Another added provision concerns "corporate liability" and proposed that a company can be held liable for cybercrimes like hacking or virus attacks which make use of its computer network.

"A CEO, for example, can be held liable if he knowingly participates or if the commission of the crime occurs due to his lack of supervision," Claro Parlade, the lawyer co-chair of the ITECC subcommittee on security, noted during a forum conducted by Microsoft Philippines.

The bill proposes to create a Joint Cybercrime Investigation Unit, which will include representatives from the National Bureau of Investigation, Philippine Center for Transnational Crime and Crimes Investigation and Detection Group of the Philippine National Police.

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The Justice Department has landed its first conviction against an American defendant caught via Operation Fastlink, a multinational law enforcement effort undertaken against online software piracy.

The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa said that Jathan Desir, 26, of Iowa City, has pleaded guilty to charges related to his role in a criminal enterprise that distributed pirated software, games, movies and music over the Internet.

Appearing in the U.S. District Court in Des Moines in late December, Desir pleaded guilty to a three-count felony that charged him with copyright infringement and conspiracy to commit copyright infringement. Desir will face a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison when he is sentenced on March 18, 2005.

The Department of Justice said that Desir will be the first American citizen convicted as part of the plan that was introduced by outgoing Attorney General John Ashcroft in April 2004. Since the debut of Operation Fastlink, law enforcement investigators have conducted more than 120 searches in 27 US states and 11 countries, resulting in the identification of nearly 100 people considered by the investigation to be leaders or high-level members of international piracy organizations, according to the agency. Three people were arrested in the UK during the crackdown.

In one past sweep, Operation Fastlink officials seized 200 computers, 30 of which were alleged to have been used as storage and distribution servers containing thousands of copyrighted works, including newly released movies and music. The Justice Department estimated that the seized copyright material alone was worth millions.

The global effort specifically targets so-called "warez" groups, members of which are believed to distribute unauthorized copies of material to previously identified clientele over secure servers. Those files typically end up on an Internet Relay Chat network or a peer-to-peer file-sharing service.

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Library News

Out with the old, in with the new. Please welcome Children's Librarian, Janet Osburn to the staff of Howard County Library. She is new to Big Spring, having moved here from Ballinger. She taught school for a number of years and brings her expertise to the children's area. Stop by and make her welcome.



HOLLIS MCCRIGHT

The Texas Legislature allocated a sum of money to be used as direct aid to Texas libraries. This year, that money is being used to beef up the reference section.

Some new titles that we have purchased are: "The Encyclopedia of North American Sports History," (REF 796.097 HIC R) edited by Ralph Hickok; "Leonard Maltin's 2005 Movie Guide" (REF 016.791 MAL L); "An Illustrated Guide to Ceramics," (REF 738.03 SAV G) by George Savage; "Architecture: A Visual History," (REF 720.9 NEA J) by James Neal; and "Consumer Drug Reference 2005," (REF 615.1) compiled by Consumer Reports.

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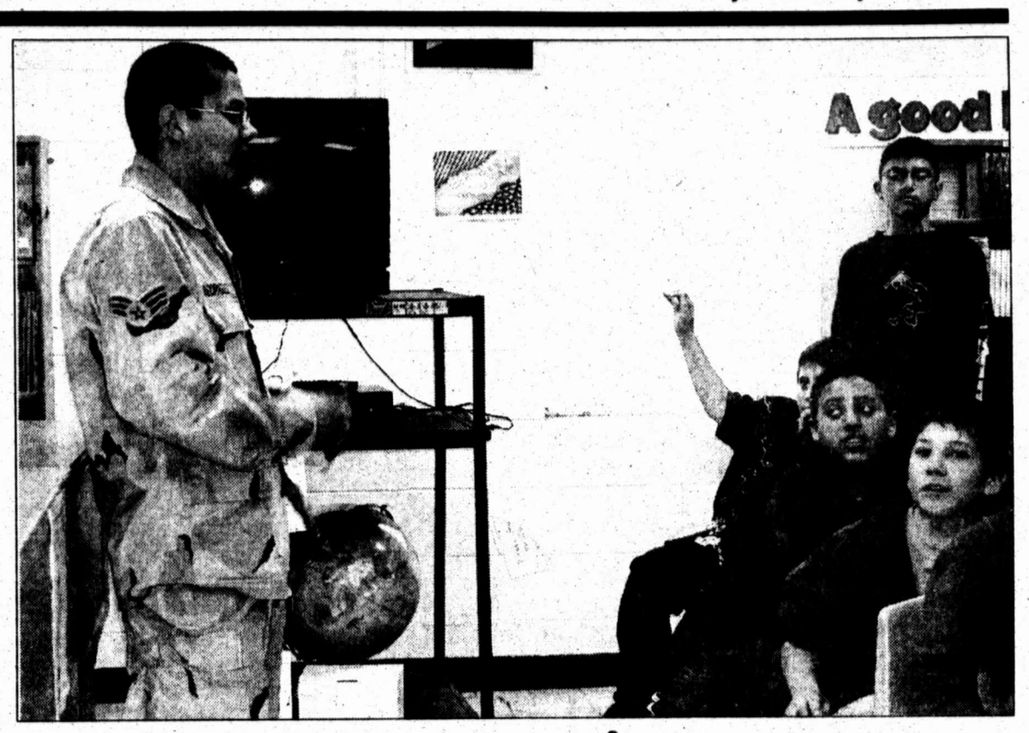
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Air Force Senior Airman Christopher A. Rodriguez talks Tuesday with sixth-grade students in Janie Conley's class at Goliad Middle School. The students, including Rodriguez's brother, Joshua, in the left photo, exchanged letters with the class during his tour in Balad, Iraq. Rodriguez answered questions from the students concerning a soldier's experiences and said he shared the students' letters with his fellow soldiers who were deployed to Iraq with him.

Library News

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Be sure and look at "Birds of Texas," (REF 598.297 PET R) by Roger Tory Peterson and National Geographic's "Field Guide to the Birds of North America" (REF (598.097 NAT G). These are two great books to browse through.

We also have "Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs of Texas," (REF 580.976 TUL D) by Delena Tull and Reader's Digest's "Wildflowers" (582.130 REA D).

We have gotten in maybe a dozen new westerns. Be sure and check the new book binder for a list. We have also received a large shipment of audio books. Again, check the new book binder for what we have received.

A book that came in some time ago is Alan Dershowitz's "America Declares Independence" (973.313 DER A). Dershowitz, one of the nation's most distinguished and celebrated attorneys, tackles these and other disturbing questions head on.

Noting that portions of the Declaration are frequently "wrenched out of context by partisan pleaders to promote parochial causes," Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz explores the document's history, theology and political theory in search of its true and enduring meaning.

No stranger to controversy, Dershowitz also assails some of the Declaration's underlying assumptions and questions the conclusions that these assumptions produced.

"Girl With a Pearl Earring," (F CHE T) by Tracy Chevalier centers on Vermeer's prosperous Delft household during the 1660s. When Griet, the novel's quietly perceptive heroine, is hired as a servant, turmoil follows.

First, the 16-year-old narrator becomes increasingly intimate with her master.Then Vermeer employs her as his assistant, and ultimately has Griet sit for him as a model.

Chevalier vividly evokes the complex, domestic tensions of the household, ruled over by the painter's jealous, eternally pregnant wife and his taciturn mother-in-law. This is a book to read, not just skim.

A couple of young adult books that were recently checked out are "Black Mirror," by Nancy Werlin and "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," by Ann Brashares. In "The Sisterhood.." Carmen got the jeans at a thrift shop.

They didn't look all that great, they were worn, dirty and speckled with bleach. On the night before she and her friends part for the summer, Carmen decides to toss them. But Tibby says they're great. She'd love to have them.

Lena and Bridget also think they're fabulous. Lena decides they hould all try them on. Whoever they fit best will get them. Nobody knows why, but the pants fit everyone perfectly.

Even Carmen (who never thinks she looks good in anything), thinks she looks good in the pants. Over a few bags of cheese puffs they decide to form a sisterhood, and take the vow of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. The next morning, they say goodbye.

And now the journey of the pants and the most memorable summer of their lives begins. This is a really neat book to read, that even adults would enjoy.

"Black Mirror" (YA WER N) is a mystery by Nancy Werlin. Frances refuses to look in the mirror; she can't bear to face her reflection. She has hidden from herself and everyone around her for such a long time, and now that her brother Daniel has committed suicide, she can't help thinking that it's somehow her fault.

If she hadn't been so caught up in her own pain, maybe she would have noticed her brother's. It's time to stop hiding, to reach out to Daniel's friends at their private school. Daniel had been deeply involved in Unity Service, the charitable group on campus, and Frances is determined to join the group and to make amends.

But something's not quite right about Unity, and soon Frances finds herself in the middle of a puzzle too ominous to ignore. Exactly what are the Unity members trying so hard to hide? This time Frances won't scurry away. The memory of her brother is at stake.

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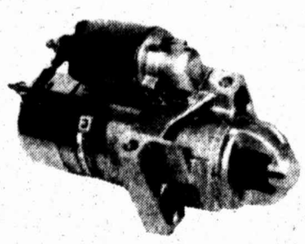
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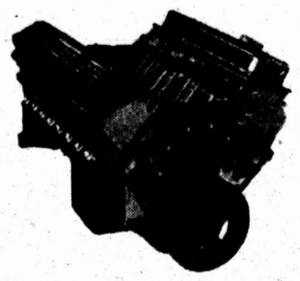
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Lady Steers Booster Club meetings set

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.

Clemens sets record-setting arbitration

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Clemens followed a record-setting season with a record-setting salary request.

After winning his seventh Cy Young Award, the Rocket asked for $22 million in salary arbitration, easily topping the previous high of $18.5 million by New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter.

Clemens, who still hasn't decided whether to pitch this year or retire, was offered $13.5 million by his hometown Houston Astros.

Oklahoma ends Aggies' home streak

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Drew Lavender scored a season-high 23 points and No. 23 Oklahoma snapped Texas A&M's 11-game home winning streak, winning 70-54 Tuesday.

The 18th-ranked Sooners (14-2, 3-0 Big 12) have won eight straight and 12 of 13.

Lawrence McKenzie sparked Oklahoma's game-closing 13-1 run with consecutive 3s and Lavender finished it by scoring seven straight points to help seal the victory.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

Today

Event, Time	Station
Suns vs. Clippers, 7:00 p.m.	1400

Thursday

Event, Time	Station
Howard women @Cameron, 5:45 p.m.	1400
Howard men @Cameron, 7:45 p.m.	1400

Frenship keeps Lady Steers on district slide

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Frenship got out of the gates quick and didn't look back Tuesday as the Lady Tigers dominated the Lady Steers in Wolfforth, 68-27, dropping Big Spring's District 4-4A record to 0-4.

Frenship (18-8, 2-2) led 20-4 after the first quarter and 40-10 at halftime and coasted the rest of the way in the victory. Big Spring scored 10 points in the final frame but it was not near enough as they gave up 19.

Junior Carmen Lewis scored a team-high eight points for Big Spring, while sophomore Mallory Dunn scored seven. Frenship, which hit five 3-pointers in the game, held junior Raegan Ritchey and senior Alex Watkins to a combined four points.

Big Spring (4-15, 0-4) will host Plainview (20-8, 3-1) Friday at the Steer Gym, beginning at 6 p.m. The Lady Bulldogs are coming off a big district loss to rival Estacado in which they blew a 14-point lead at home.

District 4-4A girls standings

Team	District	Overall
Estacado	4-0	20-6
Plainview	3-1	17-8
Frenship	2-2	19-8
Andrews	2-2	9-14
Lake View	1-3	10-12
Big Spring	0-4	4-15

Garden City girls sneak by Borden County at home

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — A game in which Garden City controlled for three quarters ended in a two-point narrow victory Tuesday as the Lady Kats defeated rival Borden County at home, 42-40, and improved to 22-3 overall and 3-1 in District 7-A play.

The Lady Kats were led by their seniors as Megan Niehues dominated the first three quarters and Erin Hirt picked up her play when the team needed her down the stretch.

Niehues scored six points in each of the first two quarters as Garden City jumped out to a 24-11 halftime lead. The Lady Kats ended the second quarter on a 12-0 run and outscored the Lady Coyotes in the period 12-2. Niehues added five points in the third quarter as Garden City pushed its lead to 12 with one quarter to play.

With 2:57 to play, Garden City held a 37-30 lead after Borden County converted an old-fashioned three-point play. Two Borden County offensive rebounds and two Garden City turnovers later, the game was much closer at 39-37.

Hirt's two free throws put Garden City up by four with 1:00 to play. Borden County had two chances to pull closer during the final minute but missed its chances. Hirt got the rebounds on both Borden County misses. She went 0-for-3 from the line, but the misses wouldn't hurt the Lady Kats in the end.

Niehues' free throw with five seconds to play sealed the win as Borden County hit a meaningless 3-pointer as time expired.

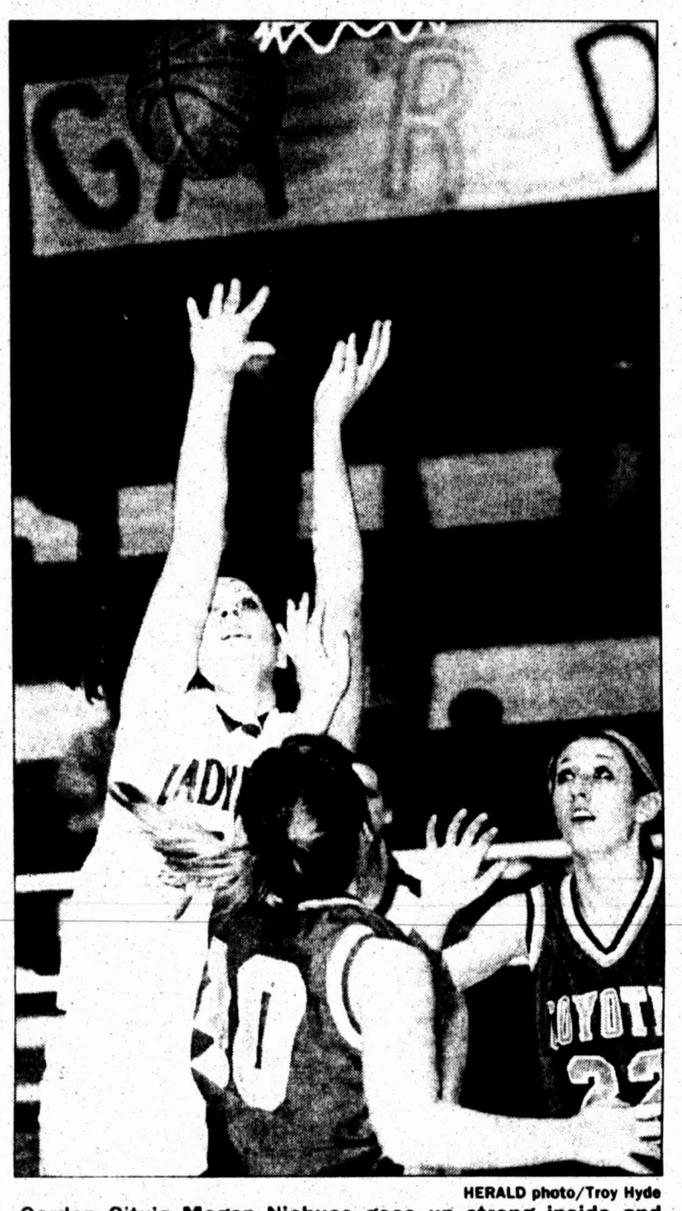
Niehues led the Bearkats with 18 points, while K'Lann Niehues scored 10. Hirt added nine points.

Garden City will travel to Klondike Friday as they hope to hand its rival their first 7-A loss.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Garden City sophomore Shaun Maxie knocks down three of his team-high 11 points Tuesday during the Bearkats' district win over Borden County. Maxie connected on three long balls as Garden City improved to 4-0 in District 7-A.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Garden City's Megan Niehues goes up strong inside and scores two of her team-high 18 points as the Lady Kats defeated rival Borden County in Garden City Tuesday.

Bearkats continue streak against B.C.

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — After a subpar non-district season, the Garden City boys basketball team is 4-0 in District 7-A play after recording another dramatic victory Tuesday in Garden City.

Sophomore Taylor Niehues converted on a big coast-to-coast layup and late free throw to lead the Bearkats to a 45-43 win over the Coyotes.

Garden City led by eight points at one point in the fourth quarter, but Borden County made the game interesting.

After starting the quarter with a 3-pointer, sophomore Shaun Maxie missed two crucial free throws with less than two minutes to go and the Coyotes took advantage, closing to 42-38.

Niehues' layup put the Bearkats back up by six, but his missed free throw with 21 seconds to play gave Borden County a chance and they converted, trimming its deficit to 44-40.

Niehues then connected from the foul line with nine seconds to play to put the Bearkats up five before a long 3-pointer by the Coyotes with three seconds to go made the score 45-43.

Borden County then stole the inbound pass, but its final shot at the buzzer, which was heavily contested, fell short.

The Coyotes matched Garden City (10-12, 4-0) point for point in the first quarter before the Bearkats took a 17-13 lead. Niehues' two 3-pointers and Chais Goodwin's seven points led Garden City in the period as the duo combined for 15 points.

Maxie and Niehues led the Bearkats with 11 points each. Goodwin scored nine points (seven in first quarter).

Austin Tarlenton led Borden County with 11 points, while J'Ryan Gicklhorn and Ben Griffen added 10 apiece.

The Bearkats will travel to Klondike Friday.

Steers fall to district rival, still winless

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — The Big Spring boy's basketball team failed to reach double-digits in any quarter Tuesday on the road and lost to rival Frenship in Wolfforth, 84-27, to remain winless in District 4-4A action.



PIERCEFIELD

The Steers got down 23-8 after the first quarter and were outscored 14-7 in the second quarter. They also managed to score just 12 points in the second half (four in the final quarter).

Frenship improved to 14-9 overall and 2-0 in the district, while Big Spring dropped to 6-18 overall and 0-2 in district action.

Freshman Jordan Kinnear led Big Spring with four points, five rebounds, two assists and three blocks, while junior Kyle Piercefield added a team-high six points and three rebounds.

Senior Bobby Newton added six points, while junior Kalin Whitehead and senior Nathan Teeters scored four points each.

Senior Justin Green had two assists and one steal, as well.

Frenship began district play last Friday with a victory over Andrews, while Big Spring lost at home to Lubbock Estacado.

The Steers will host Plainview this Friday at the Steer Gym, beginning at around 7:30 p.m.

District 4-4A boys standings

Team	District	Overall
Frenship	2-0	14-9
Plainview	1-0	19-4
Estacado	1-0	11-9
Andrews	1-1	17-6
Big Spring	0-2	6-18
Lake View	0-2	4-20

Bulldogs drop first district contest

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

ANSON — A poor shooting performance resulted in a district loss for the Coahoma boys basketball team Tuesday as the Bulldogs lost to rival Anson, 53-48.

"We played well, but just shot the ball poorly," said Coahoma coach Kim Nichols.

Anson (14-7, 2-0) jumped out to a five-point lead after the first quarter and took that same lead into the locker room at halftime.

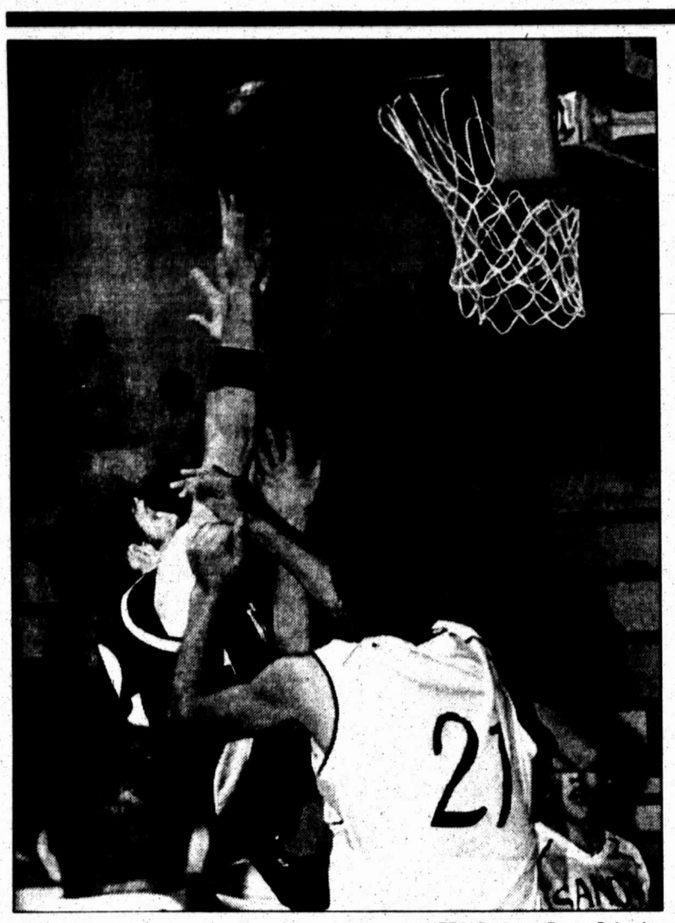
They pushed the deficit to nine after three quarters, but Coahoma fought back and closed the gap in the final frame, but just didn't have enough left to get the win.

Tyler Fowler led Coahoma (13-8, 1-1) with 13 points, while Isaac Brewer and Clint Walker added 10 and nine points, respectively.

The Bulldogs will take on rival Colorado City Friday beginning at 8 p.m.

The girls will take on the Lady Wolves at 6:30 p.m.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Grady freshman Justin Tubb puts in two of his team-high 13 points Tuesday during the Wildcats' win over Sands.

Grady downs rival Sands in Ackerly

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Both Grady basketball teams found the win column Tuesday as the Wildcats and Lady Cats defeated District 7-A rival Sands on the road.

GIRLS

Brittany Rivas and Kelsey Tubb each scored eight points as No. 17 Grady (18-6, 3-1) dominated Sands, 40-25. The Lady Cats led 26-9 at halftime and then cruised in the second half.

Brianna Pribyla added seven points, while Kenzie Madison and Lynsey Pinkerton each contributed six points for Grady.

BOYS

Freshman Justin Tubb hit a free throw with no time left on the clock Tuesday as Grady got by rival Sands, 43-42. Grady (14-8, 3-1) got out of the gates fast and took a 15-7 first quarter lead, but Sands responded with an eight point second quarter advantage and tied the score at 24-24 at halftime.

Sands took the lead heading into the final frame but the free throw late helped Grady earn the District 7-A victory.

Tubb led the Wildcats with 13 points, while Andrew Villa added 10. Marcelo Barraza had 14 points to lead Sands, which dropped to 0-4 in the district.

Grady hosts rival Dawson Friday. The girls game starts at 6:30 p.m., while the boys will tip-off at 8 p.m.

WJCAC Standings

Men		Women	
Team	WJCAC	Team	WJCAC
Howard	1-0 (15-2)	Clarendon	1-0 (14-4)
Midland	1-0 (14-3)	Frank Phillips	1-0 (12-4)
Clarendon	1-0 (9-8)	Odessa	1-0 (11-5)
Odessa	1-0 (7-8)	Midland	0-0 (13-5)
Frank Phillips	0-1 (13-3)	South Plains	0-1 (15-2)
South Plains	0-1 (12-3)	New Mexico JC	0-1 (13-4
N.M. Military	0-1 (8-8)	Howard	0-1 (12-8)
New Mexico JC	0-1 (8-9)		

Garden City, Grady land four to all-state team

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Four area football players earned spots on the all-state six-man team announced recently.

Garden City, who landed its first playoff spot since 1991, was awarded three players to the teams, while Grady — a playoff team with a 5-5 record regular season record — placed one.

Grady's lone representative was spreadback Andrew Villa as he earned a spot on the honorable-mention offensive team.

Sophomore Alex Halfmann and senior Trey Hillger joined Villa on the honorable-mention offensive unit and also placed defensive standout Wade Machicek, a senior, to the honorable-mention defensive squad.

2004 All-State Team
Superlative awards
Offensive MVP — Tanner Mayes, Zephyr; Defensive MVP — Charlie Walden, Valley; Player of the Year — Brain Ford, Calvert; Newcomer of the Year — Tyler Ethridge, Richland Springs; Coach of the Year — Danny Davis, Throckmorton
First-Team Offense
Quarterback — Taylor Wilson, Ropes; Spreadback — Tanner Woods, Follett; Running back — Ryan Adkins, Highland; Running back — Fidel Valdez, Valley; Center — Josh Ball, Aquilla; Tight end — Zack Ramsey, Valley; Tight end — Pablo Avila, Richland Springs; Wide receiver — Justin Hampton, Paducah; Wide receiver — Logan Lewis, Richland Springs; Utility back — Wes Kellner, Ira; Special teams — Lorenzo Sanchez, Sierra Blanca; Kicker — Alvaro Avila, Richland Springs
First-Team Defense
Lineman — Kevin Graves, Ira; Lineman — Bryce Meader, Aspermont; Lineman — Tyler Fox, Richland Springs; Lineman — Chris Jacinto, Milford; Linebacker — David Padilla, Highland; Linebacker — Logan Scarlett, Throckmorton; Cornerback — Cody Spencer, Paducah; Cornerback — Trev Taylor, Strawn; Safety — Bryce Hogue, Throckmorton; Safety — James Ashely, Calvert; Punter — Greg Williams, Water Valley; Utility Player — Alex Espinoza, Valley
Second-Team Offense
Quarterback — Braxton Oliver, Throckmorton; Spreadback — Jared Matlock, Westbrook; Running back — Brandon Johnson, Chillicothe; Running back — De Styles, Aspermont; Center — Corey Gilespie, Highland; Tight end — Geo Estrada, Sanderson; Tight end — Tim Haag, Aspermont; Tight end — Chris Atkins, Aquilla; Wide receiver — Cole Martinson, Throckmorton; Wide receiver — Zack Mallory, Strawn; Utility back — Colt Kittley, Rule; Special teams — Humberto Vasquez, Silverton; Special teams — Blake Brooks, Bryson; Kicker — Erick Mendoza, Wheeler
Second-Team Defense
Lineman — Albert Ezpinoza, Valley; Lineman — Adam McElroy, Happy; Lineman — Malcolm Smith, Trinidad; Linebacker — Freddie Reyna, Whitharral; Linebacker — Caleb Gutierrez, Ira; Linebacker — Joske Brown, Calvert; Cornerback — Dexter Hurst, Paducah; Cornerback — Brandon Kolb, Aspermont; Safety — Kyler Roach, Miami; Safety — Charley Harley, Witharral; Safety — Eric Halfman, Panther Creek; Punter — Wes Shields, Hedley; Utility player — Tate Nicholas, Dell City; Utility player — Lance Caudle, Strawn
Honorable-Mention Offense
Quarterback — Alex Halfmann, Garden City; Quarterback — Torre Grimes, Calvert; Spreadback — Jarrett Nevarez, Bryson; Spreadback — Kyle Wood, Gordon; Spreadback — Michael Young, Rising Star; **Running back — Trey Hillger, Garden City**; Running back — Gerald Walker, Paducah; Running back — Eloy Perez, Dell City; Running back — Adam Shelton, Richland Springs; Running back — Tel Corsi, Cherokee; Running back — Justin Earl, Aquilla; **Running back — Andrew Villa, Grady**; Center — Matt Gorham, Paducah; Center — Yancy Otts, Panther Creek; Tight end — Tanner Streety, Meadow; Tight end — Cole Fullwood, Highland; Tight end — Chris Scott, Gordon; Wide receiver — Cameron Burton, Wheeler; Wide receiver — Robby Garcia, Grandfalls-Royalty; Wide receiver — J.T. Welch, Wellman-Union; Wide receiver — James Morgan, Buckhotls; Utility back — Tanner Collins, Wheeler; Utility back — Jason Williams, Kopperl; Special teams — Kevin Jones, Cherokee; Kicker — Scott Hutchings, Dawson; Kicker — Juan Arredondo, Cherokee
Honorable-Mention Defense
Lineman — Jacob Henson, Ropes; Lineman — Clint Denn, Dell City; **Lineman — Wade Machicek, Garden City**; Lineman — Joshua Torrez, Throckmorton; Lineman — Casey Cooper, Abbott; Linebacker — Jose Pina, Paducah; Linebacker — Emory Dudensing, Rule; Linebacker — Riley McFarland, Lohn; Linebacker — Derek Hinkson, Strawn; Cornerback — Scott Baxter, Highland; Cornerback — Jamie Garcia, Fort Davis; Cornerback — Josh Bates, Panther Creek; Cornerback — Josh Sexton, Aquilla; Cornerback — Clint Condo, Milford; Safety — James Sanchez, Sanderson; Safety — Corey Haupt, Veribest; Safety — Corey Hamby, Walnut Springs; Punter — Gerry Olson, Leuders-Avoca; Punter — Levi McPherson, Blum; Utility player — Corey Griffith, Rising Star.

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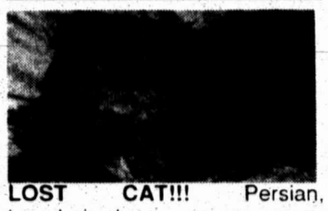
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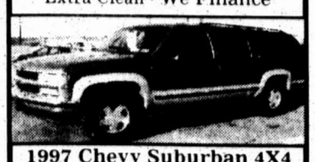
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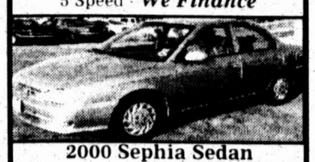
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The owner of Block 5, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Highland Park Addition, located at Locust and 11th Place, 1103 East 11th Place has requested a Specific Use Permit for the proposed use of a restaurant.

#4430 January 18 & 19, 2005.

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The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following insurance:

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Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. (432)264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on March 15, 2005, in the Administrative Annex, room A-2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning the proposals submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting.

All questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu, (432)264-5167.

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#4431 January 19 & 26, 2005

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The last hours of the Capricorn sun are for evaluating your progress over the last four weeks. Don't skip the review! It's crucial in figuring out where you should go next. In the coming weeks, there will be many eclectic influences and opportunities for distraction, so it's important to get focused now! Pen and paper are your finest concentration aids.


HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Establishing a consistent habit is your impossible order. And it's well worth the discipline it takes. Believe this: When you wake up every day with a single purpose, suddenly, one day, it happens -- you transform.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Daunting prospects ahead produce a strong reaction from you -- like the pretty girl in a horror flick, you recoil in shock and terror. Though it's hard to see it now, your power is stronger than the monster's power.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Giving 110 percent to a project is not only mathematically impossible, it's plain foolish. When you overdo, you deplete your resources and work against yourself. Instead, just do your best. Your best is enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your community needs you. Fulfilling a purpose for the group is one of the most satisfying ways you can spend your time. Tonight, if you're not guarded, someone effusively sentimental brings you into his or her mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Each era has a unique spirit distinguishing it from other periods, and this is why you may have trouble understanding the younger generation. Make the effort anyway. It's an enlightening experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll rise above the rabble and be singled out for a specific job. It's hard work being elite, and you may long to return to the crowd and enjoy anonymity. Alas, it's not meant to be, so embrace your special status.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a message you are burning to communicate. Make it short, direct and memorable. Someone at work asks you to advocate on his or her behalf. Do what comes naturally. You were born to lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Money may be tight, but this too shall pass. Rent a movie, and snuggle up with a sweetheart or friend. Get creative in the kitchen, and brown-bag your lunch. Frugal can be fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your home is a flurry of activity, as friends and family wish you well on the launch of an important project or change in status. Don't be afraid to ask for either more help or more privacy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone close to you requires your TLC -- it may even be a pet or favorite plant! It may even be you. Light a candle, quiet your mind, and listen to what your body is telling you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Physical efforts improve your attitude. However, your current fitness routine is getting a bit, well, routine. Fend off boredom by adding variety. Working out with a Gemini keeps things interesting and keeps you honest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When a partner expresses a vision different from yours, things get rough. Nobody said collaboration was easy. But if the outcome is mutually beneficial, and if you want it bad enough, you'll work it out.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Libra born Sept. 24, 1957, and am dating a Cancer born July 3, 1952. Most of the time, we have a fabulous relationship, but there are times when he just stops communicating for days at a time. I find this difficult to understand. I love him, and we have many things in common. Is this a good match? "

Overall, yes. Cancer people have a reputation for being moody, though -- the poor saps can't help it! Their ruling planet is the moon, and she changes signs every few days. It would be an interesting astrological exercise for you to keep track of the non-communication days and see if your guy isn't following a lunar pattern. For instance, he may feel noncommunicative for three days every month when the moon is in introspective Pisces, or he may feel especially talkative when the moon is in Gemini. Luckily, in you, he's got a partner who is willing to overlook much in the interest of keeping the peace. You should know that his withdrawal has nothing to do with you. But do give him his space when he needs it. He can't stand clinginess.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Dolly Parton is a Capricorn whose Virgo moon guarantees that she's the consummate perfectionist who throws herself fully into every endeavor. This year, she could channel that perfectionism into a political cause. Her Mars in Cancer reveals a true patriot, and her Jupiter in Libra shows a knack for taking worthy causes to the public. Societal service is the way to happiness for her.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 25-year-old single mother. I've never been married, and the situation I'm in right now does not make me look forward to walking down the aisle.

I love "Gary" with all of my heart. We have dated for three years, and he eventually wants to marry, but his family is not so welcoming. I was the reason Gary moved out of his mother's home, and I am the reason he does not spend as much time with them as he used to.

Mind you, Annie, I do not stop him from seeing or calling them. I would never do that. His family, however, blames me. They start a lot of arguments. Last week, they lied to him about something I had said in order to make him angry with me. Fortunately, he didn't believe them, but it really upset me that they would stoop to that level.

Gary says he always will put me first, no matter what, but I worry. I want a future with a man whose family welcomes me and treats me as one of their own. I don't see that happening here. How should I handle this? I'm afraid that our life together will be over before it begins. -- Driven Away


KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Driven: The potential in-laws sound difficult and unpleasant, but the important thing is Gary's attitude and support. If you believe that he will put you first, you have nothing to worry about. However, it wouldn't hurt to turn on the charm and try to warm up the relatives. Be friendly and let them know how important it is to you that Gary stay close to his family. It will help.

Dear Annie: I recently bought a set of $60 walkie-talkies for my children, and they brought the sets over to their cousins' home to play. Their 9-year-old cousin "Lila" bent over the pool, and the walkie-talkie fell in. The kids immediately fished it out, but it was not waterproof and stopped working.

My brain wants her parents to pay for the replacement. My heart, however, understands that it was an accident, and since we have more money than they do, we should pick up the cost. But I want Lila to understand the consequences of her actions (a value her parents do not impart). Any ideas? -- Waterlogged in Florida

Dear Florida: Lila's parents should have offered to replace the wrecked unit. Since they have not, you can handle it in several ways. You can pick up the cost and forget about it; you can ask the parents to replace it or pay half; you can ask that Lila make some kind of restitution by helping you shovel snow or wash your car; or you can tell Lila that she will not be able to play with your children's toys until she is a little older and learns to be more careful. Pick one that is comfortable for you.

Dear Annie: Our local paper printed the letter from "Had Enough of That," which parodied Christmas newsletters. You replied, "Thanks for a good chuckle." I laughed so hard, tears ran down my cheeks. There's not enough funny stuff in the newspaper. What a breath of fresh air. -- Thanks, I Needed That

Dear Thanks: We're glad you enjoyed it. We just heard from the author and would like to give her credit for that amusing piece. "A Christmas Letter Revenge" was written by Ines M. Illgen of Hendersonville, N.C. We are eternally grateful. And now for an opposing view:

Dear Annie: In my Christmas newsletter, I didn't write about being unemployed. Instead, I wrote about my son who is an aeronautical engineer working on the International Space Station and how happy we were that so many attended his wedding. I would rather share good news. Thanks for the opportunity to vent. -- Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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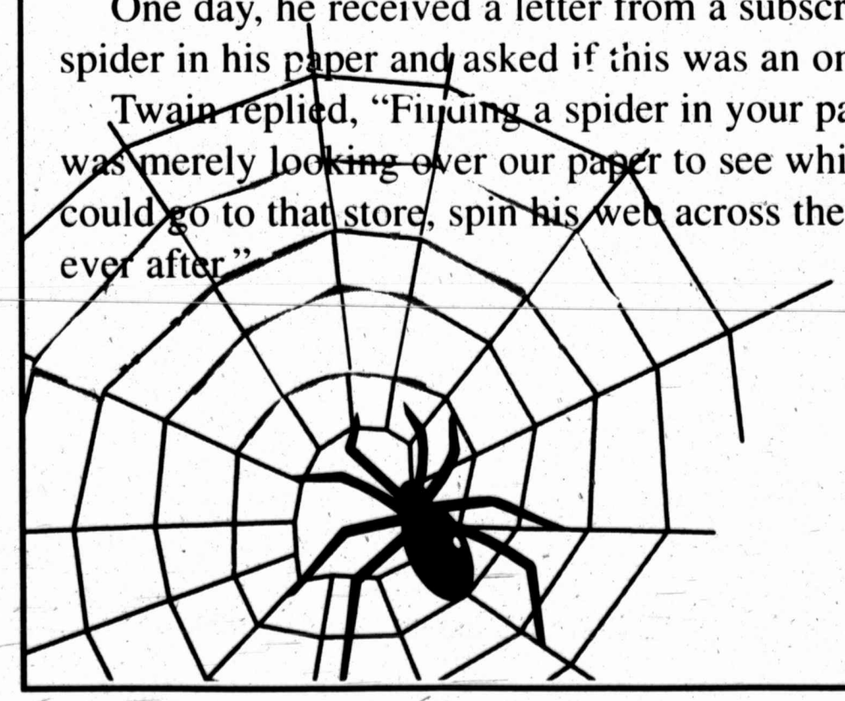
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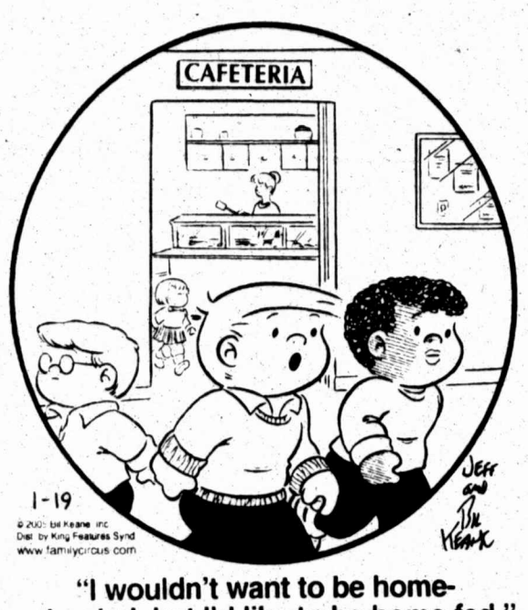
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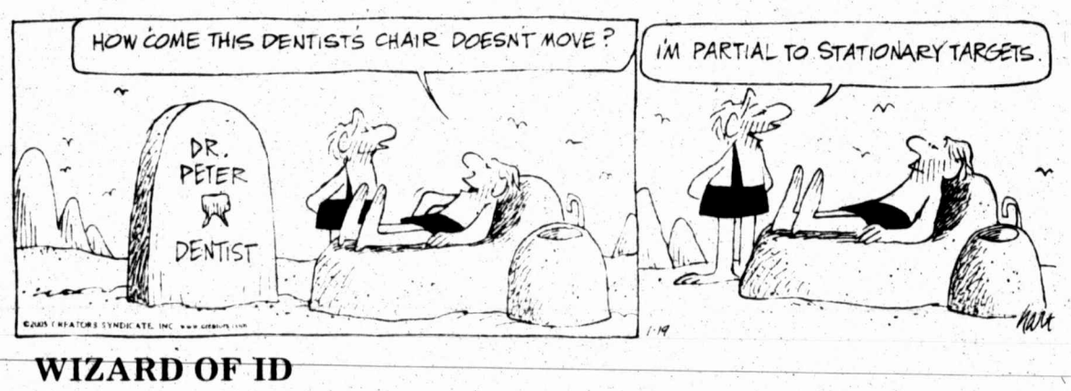
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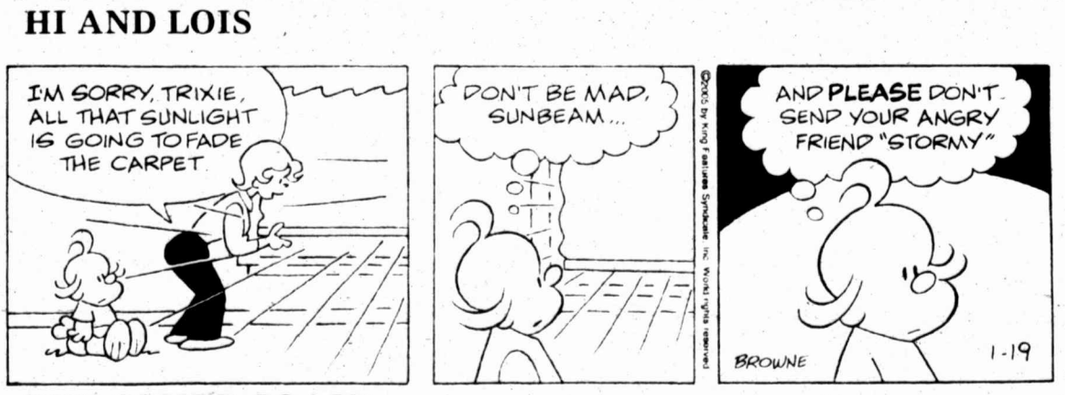
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2005. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 19, 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Eisenhower.

On this date:

In 1736, James Watt, inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

In 1807, Robert E. Lee, the commander-in-chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va.

In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1861, Georgia seceded from the Union.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was elected prime minister of India.

In 1970, President Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1977, in one of his last acts of office, President Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who'd made wartime broadcasts for Japan.

In 1981, the United States and Iran signed an agreement paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jean Stapleton is 82. Actor Fritz Weaver is 79. Actress Tippi Hedren is 75. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 74. Movie director Richard Lester is 73. Singer Phil Everly is 66. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 63. Actress Shelley Fabares is 61. Country singer Dolly Parton is 59. ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 58. Singer Harry McGilberry is 54. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 53. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 52. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 50. Actress Katey Sagal is 48. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (UB40) is 48. Actor Paul McCrane is 44. Actor William Ragsdale is 44. Tennis player Stefan Edberg is 39. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 37. Singer Trey Lorenz is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle

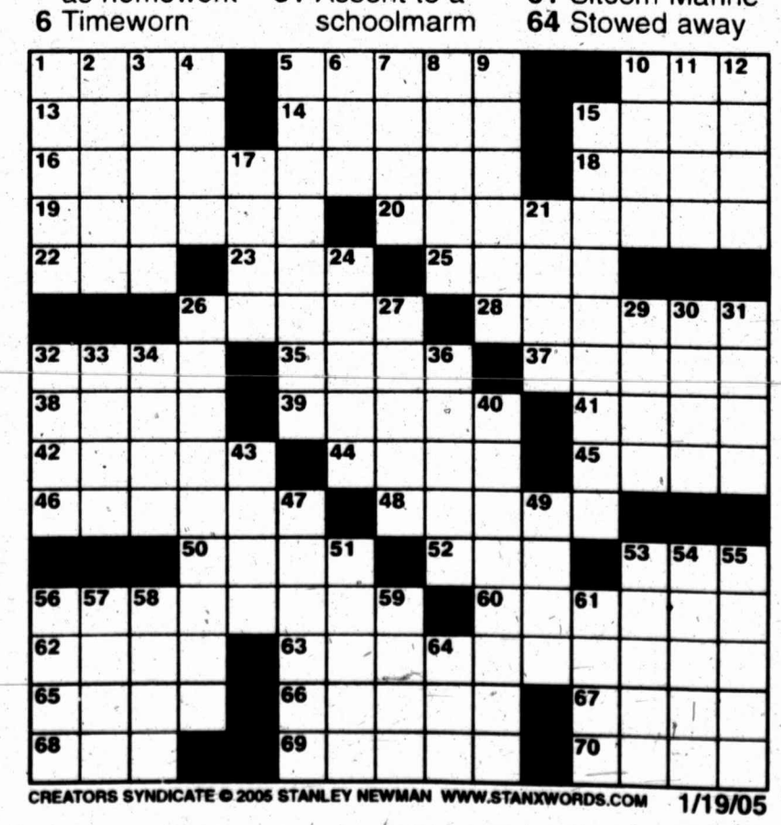
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Newsday Crossword

HOLDUPS by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Something to scratch
5 Redford, in *The Natural*
10 Fork over
13 Light carriage
14 Put to rest
15 Sheltered spot
16 Garment holder-upper
18 Lena of *Chocolat*
19 Never revealed
20 Going stag
22 __ out a living
23 Bumped into
25 Casino game
26 *The Kiss* sculptor
28 Organ grinder's aide
32 Western elevation
35 Bit of gossip
37 Booby trap
38 Word form meaning "height"
39 Backs of necks
41 Hill dwellers
42 Italics feature
44 Zippo
45 Consider
46 Vascular starter
48 French textile city
50 "Slippery" trees
52 __ standstill
53 Pointer
56 Ogden Nash's priest
60 Type of skiing
62 Arp's art
63 Stagecoach holder-upper
65 __ 500
66 Skylit courts
67 Give temporarily
68 Dissenting vote
69 Not reputable
70 Former spouses

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1 Magazine edition
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3 Social stratum
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5 Submitted, as homework
6 Timeworn
7 Wasn't colorfast
8 Ehud of Israel
9 Gambler's strategy
10 Vaulter's need
11 Hertz rival
12 Cravings
15 Architectural holder-upper
17 *Blondie* boy
21 Eve's grandson
24 Giant of myth
26 Ballgame holder-upper
27 Tibet neighbor
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34 Magi guide
36 Radio, TV etc.
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An Assessment of Arafat

Will his death open the way for peace?

Yasser Arafat dominated the scene of the Arab/Israeli conflict for over fifty years. Now that he has died, many believe that new leadership will emerge and that peace will finally come to the Holy Land. Is that a valid assumption?

What are the facts?

Review of an Evil Life: In order to analyze the situation, it is necessary to assess Yasser Arafat and what he has wrought. A Latin proverb admonishes us to say nothing but good about the dead. The Bible, on the other hand, in Proverbs (11:10) states that "when the wicked perish, there is shouting." Following that admonition, one can say without hesitation that Yasser Arafat was certainly one of the most wicked men of this and the last century. While he was not able to work on as vast a plane as Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin, he was certainly in the same evil league.

Here are just a few "highlights" of this monster's career. He was personally responsible for the murder of eleven Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics; he directed the execution of two American diplomats in Sudan; he masterminded the cold-blooded murder of 25 people – 21 of them children – in Ma'alot, a city in northern Israel; he authorized the takeover of the Italian cruise ship ACHILLE LAURO, and the murder of a wheelchair-bound American citizen. He was the originator of the infamous crime of suicide bombings and brought it to a horrified world. He was the inventor of the hijacking and bombing of airplanes that killed thousands. And that is just the tip of the evil iceberg.

> "Arafat's main interest was not the creation of a Palestinian state. His primary goal, ceaselessly pursued, was the destruction of Israel."

As a result of the disastrous Oslo Accord, Arafat was allowed to return to Israel from his exile in Tunis. In the last year of his presidency, President Clinton convened a Camp David summit with Arafat and Ehud Barak, then the prime minister of Israel. Arafat got virtually everything he ever demanded, except the "right of return" of the descendants of the Palestinian "refugees," which would have been the end of the Jewish state.

Little Hope in the New Man: Arafat rejected this more than generous offer and decided instead to start his bloody "intifada," which by now has cost over 1,000 Jewish lives – and three times as many Arab lives and untold thousands wounded on both sides. The Palestinian economy is in ruins. More than one-half of its population is without work; famine would be rampant were it not for the constant infusion of cash by the U.S. and other western countries (most of it pilfered by Arafat and his cohorts and stashed in secret accounts all over the world).

But the greatest harm, the greatest crime that Arafat committed was to poison the minds of two generations of Palestinian Arabs against Israel and against the Jews. Evil propaganda permeates all Palestinian media. Palestinian children, beginning with pre-school, learn to hate Jews and Israel, and to become "*shahids*" – martyrs and suicide bombers. The State of Israel does not appear in Arab textbooks; the area is described as "Occupied Palestine." Even with the best effort, it may take at least two generations to change that mind set.

In retrospect, it seems almost incredible and a cruel joke that such a man, such a fiend, would have received the Nobel Peace Prize and that presidents, prime ministers and secretaries of state of major countries would have attended this man's funeral in Cairo. Our president at least had the good taste to send only a lower-level state department functionary.

Much hope is pinned on Mahoud Abbas, who appears likely to emerge from the inevitable power struggle as the new leader of the Palestinians. But it is most likely that this hope is misplaced. Sure, Abbas obviously has a better tailor and a better barber than Arafat had, and that might make him appear more congenial to Western audiences. But he was Arafat's second-in-command for decades and shares his late master's views in all respects. He got his doctorate in political science from a Soviet university and wrote his thesis on the Holocaust never having taken place. He has already put himself on record that in any negotiation with the Israelis to which he might agree, he will never waver on his insistence on the right of return of the Palestinian "refugees." Since that is obviously a non-starter, it appears that no peace, no settlement can be reached with this man.

Arafat is dead and has gone to his "reward," wherever that might be. He left his people and the territory that the Israelis had generously yielded to him in a shambles. He refused to create any institutions that could possibly become precursors to a government. He looted the treasury that foreign countries – mostly, of course, the United States – had generously provided for the welfare of his constituents. He implanted hate and poisoned the minds of his people. His main interest never seems to have been the creation of a Palestinian state; his primary goal, ceaselessly pursued, was the destruction of Israel. With that heritage, it will take a very long time, if it can ever happen at all, that peace between Arabs and Jews can come about.

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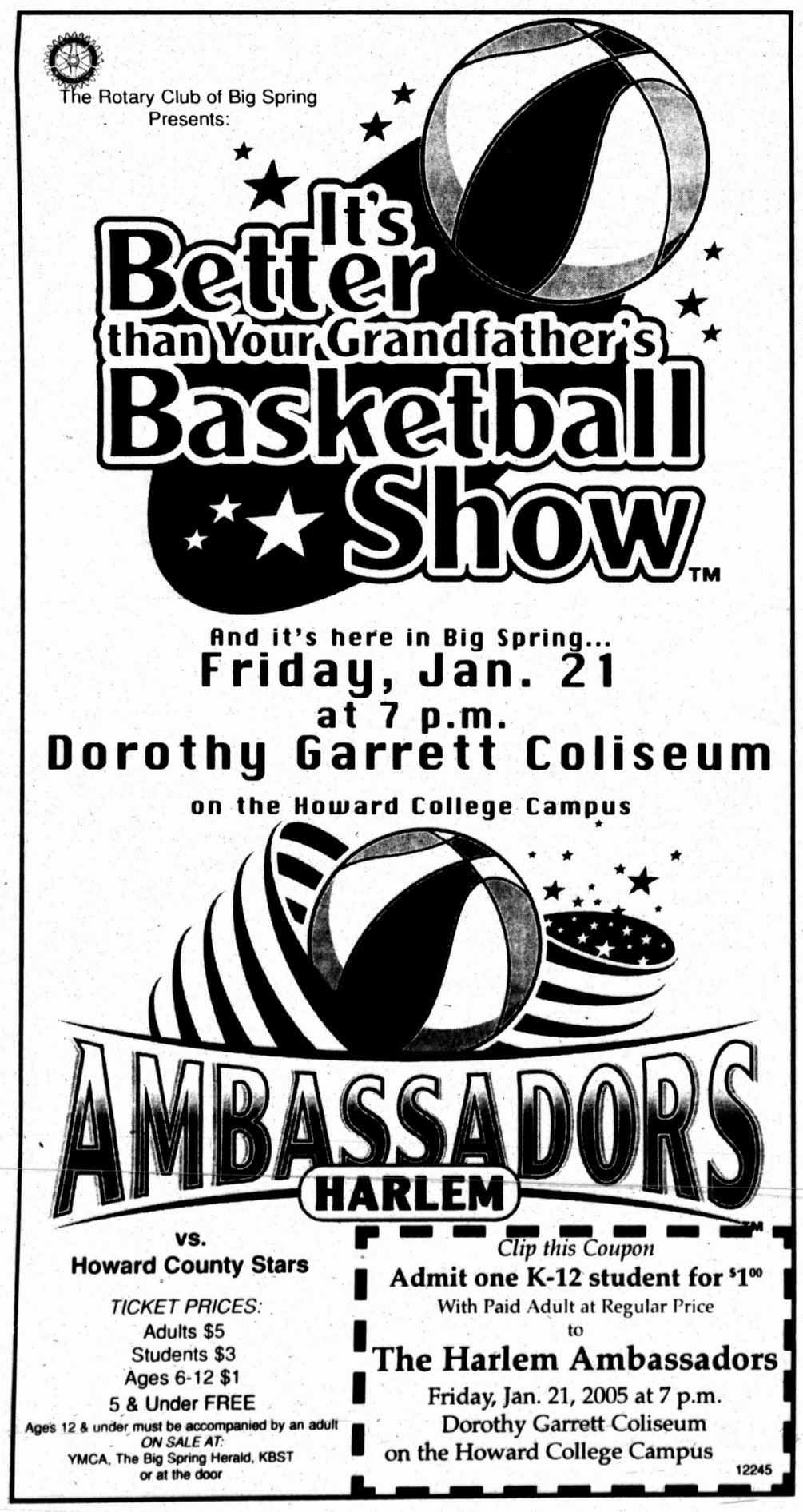
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"We find most brides wear their hair up," said Sandra Johnson, manager of Attitudes Hair Designs in Big Spring Mall. "Even those with short hair will want it to look like it's up.."

For added drama, many brides will add flowers, such as baby's breath, pearls or other jeweled hairpins. Occasionally, a tiara or crown goes with the dress and veil.

"Everyone's an individual, and each has her own idea about how they want to look," Johnson said.

That includes the rest of the wedding party, who may all come in together for a hairdo session, but probably won't leave with copy-cat styles.

"We have three stylists that will work on the bridesmaids and bride all at the same time; we'll just do one after another, and each one can choose her own look."

To schedule hairstyles for a wedding party, it's best to call about two weeks ahead of time. Allow about an hour for each person, and add on extra time for manicures, leaving plenty of time before the ceremony begins.

"If you have a 7 p.m. ceremony, I'd have the hair appointment at 1 (p.m.)," Johnson said. "Wear something comfortable, but be sure it's nothing you have to pull over your head."

The bride needs to bring her veil and any hair accessories. Johnson said some brides take advantage of Claire's location right across the mall from the salon and find something there to accent their gowns.

If hair and nails are on the agenda, start at the bottom, and have the manicure out of the way before the styling begins.

Today's brides usually forego the teased, "big hair" looks in favor of twists and braids. Highlights will enhance your "up do" and add to the look, but get them done ahead of time.

"Anything else you are doing to your hair color, a perm needs to be done for at least a week before your wedding day," Johnson said. That way the bride avoids scary frizz, colors that don't come out quite right and other potential disasters.

Makeup, too, should be planned plenty of time in advance, said Sherry Phillips, owner of Merle Norman.

"My nightmare would be trying brand-new products the day of your wedding," she said. "You need to see how it is going to work for you."



While wedding-day preparations are seldom running on schedule, Phillips said adding a new makeup routine would probably add to the stress. Also, a bride should not accept someone else's well-meaning offer to do her makeup, unless she wants it that way.

"That is the one day I would probably do my own makeup," Phillips said. "It should look the way you want it to look."

Take nail polish, for example: While most brides would prefer a light color, pearl or French manicure for the wedding day, others would want to wear the darker or more vibrant colors they choose on any other day. It's definitely a day to be yourself, only better.

Similarly, there are no rules when it comes to colors for bridal makeup, Phillips said, but a bride should practice her look at least a week before the big day, down to the smallest details. Chances are you will want to wear more makeup than you do on an average day. It's a good idea to check with a professional well ahead of time to find out if your foundation color is right for photographs.

When planning details such as eyes, keep in mind the time of day, the setting and the lighting.

"If it's going to be a dark, candlelit setting, you will need more eye makeup than you usually wear," Phillips said. Line the eye so it will stand out, and remember the waterproof mascara. That's a good idea for the mother of the bride and groom, also, who might shed a few tears at the ceremony.

Consider long-lasting lipstick that won't rub off or "kiss off" on your groom.

And speaking of the groom, pack him off to the salon for a little pre-wedding primping as well, Johnson advised.

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To submit engagement, wedding, or birth announcements come by our office at 710 Scurry and pick up a form. You may also download a form from our website at www.bigspringherald.com. If you have questions regarding the guidelines for these announcements, discuss them with Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 236.

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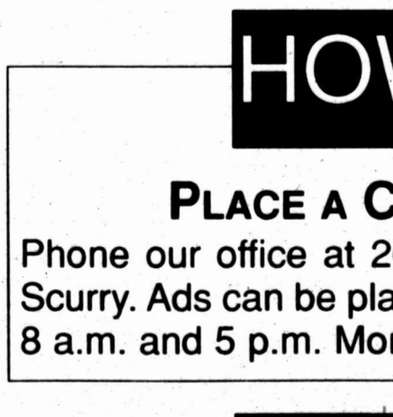
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