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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Income tax volunteers are being sought

IRS instructors will be conducting a training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in attending the class.

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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m., 3203 W. Hwy 80.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.
- AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.
- ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.
- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m. Masonic Lodge, 21st. and Lancaster. Breakfast served.
- Big Spring Evening Lions will give used eye glasses to needy adults today from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork.

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Tri-College Professional Development Day set here Friday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Special to the Herald



BURCHETT

More than 380 instructors from Howard, Midland and Odessa colleges will gather Friday in Big Spring for Tri-College Professional Development Day.

"This is an opportunity to bring the instructors from all three area community colleges together for networking, to exchange ideas and to share classroom experiences," said Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president of instruction and student services for Howard College.

Along with breakout sessions that gather instructors from similar disciplines, motivational speaker Dr. Louis Schmier from the Valdosta State University in Georgia will offer three presentations to the assembly.

"I teach students," Dr. Schmier responded when asked about his teaching discipline. He received his doctorate from the University of South Carolina. He has taught at the Georgia university since 1967.

Schmier said he believes education should "foster a life of continual growth and development."

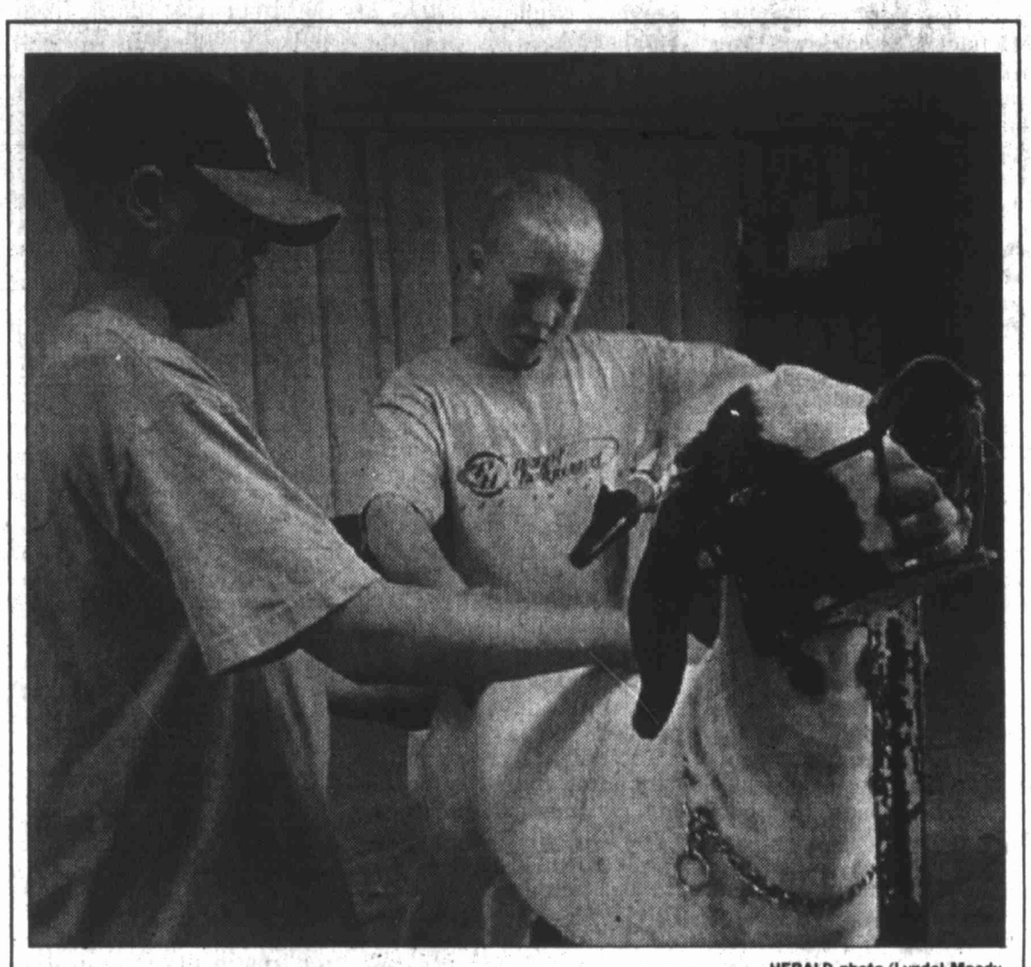
"It should encourage and assist students in developing the basic values needed for learning and living: self-discipline, self-confidence, self-worth, perseverance, responsibility, pursuit of excellence, emotional courage, intellectual honesty, humility and compassion for others," he said.

Schmier's first presentation at 10 a.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is titled "Great Expectations." This will be followed by "The Parable of the Dandelion" at 11 a.m. and "Relationships" at 2:15 p.m.

Those attending this professional development day will also have an opportunity to meet with other instructors in a breakout session that begins at 1 p.m.

"'Great Teaching Ideas' will allow instructors to meet with others in their field to discuss strategies, share positive experiences, or present teaching chal-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Thirteen year olds Matthew Buske holds his lamb while Keith Smith helps dry the animal for Wednesday's Howard County Junior Livestock Show. The exhibition continues today at the Howard County Fairbarns at 6 p.m. for rabbit showings. The barrow show starts off Friday's activities at 8:30 a.m. followed by heifers and steers at 3 p.m. On Saturday, the annual banquet begins at noon with the award presentation at 1 p.m. followed by the premium auction.

FFA, 4-H teach life skills, responsibility, agent says

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

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SCOTT

Leadership, responsibility and life skills are the lessons 4-H and FFA clubs hope to teach area youth.

"Part of the 4-H and FFA experience is learning to work with animals while teaching responsibility, leadership and preparing skills that can be used throughout life," said Robert Scott, Big Lake County extension agent, a judge at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

The show began its four-day run on Wednesday at the Howard County Fairbarns. It continues through Saturday.

"4-H and FFA prepare a person for anything they want to do once they get out of high school," said Scott, as he looked over the lambs.

"I am looking to see if the lamb is structurally correct, well balanced, that it has a level hip and correct finish, meaning fat covering," said Scott.

Scott was also carefully watching the student's showmanship of the animal.

"You can have a great

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Murder trial

Prosecution, defense wrap up testimony; arguments under way

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer



FRIDAY



WILKERSON

Attorneys in the Carl Stanley Friday murder case presented their closing remarks this morning after the defense presented its entire case Wednesday afternoon.

Friday is charged with the May 3 killing of Bob Joe Coonce, 64, of Midland. Coonce's body was discovered by a Howard County sheriff's deputy May 4, burned beyond recognition in his car.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson rested his case as the jury was excused for lunch Wednesday.

The defense, spearheaded by Midland attorney Norvert Morales, centered around presentation of a timeline it contends would have made it almost impossible for Friday to have done all the things the prosecution contends he did the day Coonce was killed.

Wednesday morning, Wilkerson presented evidence that Coonce's murder actually occurred in Big Spring at Coonce's mother's house at 500 Abrams.

"In regard to the house located at 500 Abrams, who owned it, the mother of the defendant?" Wilkerson noted. "The fact that there were blood splatters in the dining room area of that house, that the area looked like had been tried to be cleaned up and it was ultimately burned by an intentionally-set fire in an attempt to cover up that evidence."

Evidence about the house was presented by Big Spring Police Department evidence technician Bob Moore and Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray.

Wilkerson also called Department of Public Safety DNA expert Angelina Reeves to the stand, who said she analyzed evidence from the house on Abrams, including flecks of blood found at the scene.

"It was consistent with the DNA of Bob Coonce," she said. "It means Bob Coonce is the originator of that sample."

The prosecution's final witness was David Hyer, a friend and co-worker of Friday, who testified that Friday confessed the murder to him on May 6.

"Stanley got in the truck and we was just sitting there talking and he said 'I killed a man.'" Hyer said.

Hyer testified that he originally chalked up Friday's comments as a joke, but started to wonder when he heard about the discovery of Coonce's body.

"I didn't want to be, what do you call it, a 'recessory'" Hyer told Wilkerson.

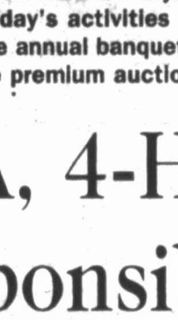
Hyer said that, during the alleged confession, Friday's demeanor was different than normal.

"He almost had tears in his eyes. He was pretty scared," Hyer said, adding that Friday usually "jokes

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Chase ends in Snyder with capture of juveniles

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer



SWEATT

A high-speed chase involving two juveniles in an apparent stolen vehicle and six law enforcement agencies ended a block from the Snyder County Courthouse on Wednesday.

The pursuit was terminated when a Scurry County sheriff's deputy and Snyder Police Department officer rammed their cars into the fleeing vehicle.

The officers rammed the vehicle as it slowed to cut across a parking lot and no injuries were reported, noted Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department.

The teen-agers, one male and one female, were taken into custody after leading lawmen on the chase that began in Big Spring around 9:30 a.m.

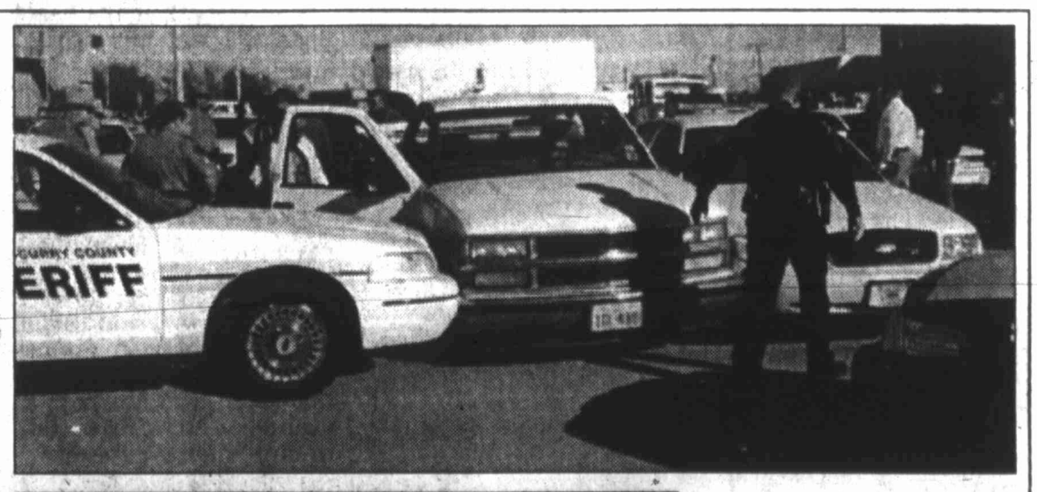
Police received a report of a stolen pickup in the 1700 block of Gregg. Moments later, officers observed a vehicle fitting the description of the stolen truck pass them, Sweatt said.

The pursuing officers communicated to other police personnel that the fleeing vehicle was traveling up to 80 mph east on Fourth Street. The truck continued to Interstate 20 and on to Coahoma, then headed north to State Highway 350 toward Snyder.

During the chase, at least one of the tires on the stolen vehicle blew out near Ira but the juveniles continued to travel at an excessive rate of speed, said Sgt. Johnny Bekkelund of the Department of Public Safety.

Howard County deputies, Department of Safety offi-

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Above, law enforcement cars surround a stolen vehicle after two juveniles allegedly took the vehicle on a high speed chase from Big Spring to Snyder Wednesday. Left, a male juvenile is taken into custody after the chase. A female juvenile was also taken into custody at the scene.

Photos courtesy of *Snyder Daily News*

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OBITUARIES

Janice Pitts

Funeral service for Janice Pitts, 48, of Pecos, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Pitts died today, Jan. 10, 2002, in an Odessa hospital.

Charles Brown

Funeral service for Charles Brown, 76, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Brown died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002, at a Midland hospital following a long illness.

Virginia Whitten

Funeral service for Virginia Whitten of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Whitten died today, Jan. 10, 2002, at a local hospital.

Howard County Junior Livestock show results

Herald Staff Report

Results from Wednesday's events at the Howard County Junior Livestock show.

LAMB RESULTS

Grand Champion Lamb-Morgan Kight, Howard County 4-H

Reserve Champion Lamb-Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA

Southdown: 1. Christin Powell, Coahoma FFA (Grand Champion).

Fine Wool: 1. Lani Mow, Howard County 4-H (Grand Champion); 2. Grayson Wegner, Howard County 4-H (Reserve Champion Fine Wool).

Fine Wool Cross: 1. Aaron Realsola, Howard County 4-H (Grand Champion); 2. Christin Powell, Coahoma FFA (Reserve Champion); 3. Grayson Wegner, Howard County 4-H.

Light Weight Medium Wool: 1. Morgan Kight, Howard County 4-H (Grand Champion); 2. Lani Mow, Howard County 4-H (Reserve Champion); 3. Porsha Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 4. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA.

Medium Wool: 1. Morgan Kight, Howard County 4-H (Grand Champion); 2. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA (Reserve Champion).

GOAT RESULTS

Grand Champion-Dee Fryar, Sands FFA

Reserve Champion-Steven Nichols, Sands FFA

Light Wt. Goat: 1. Chelsey Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 2. Christina Vickers, Howard County 4-H; 3. David Crow, Big Spring FFA; 4. Cory Clanton, Coahoma FFA; 5. Brashara Brown, Howard County 4-H; 6. Cassie Coates, Big Spring FFA; 7. Alyssa Hodnett, Howard County 4-H; 8. Skyler Ashley, Big Spring FFA; 9. Kendra Perry, Big Spring FFA; 10. Linzee Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 11. Brennan Bailey, Howard County 4-H; 12. Matias Cisneros, Big Spring FFA; 13. Brennan Bailey, Howard County 4-H; 14. Mykel Wagner, Howard County 4-H; 15. Chris McBrayer, Big Spring FFA; 16. Lindsey Wagner, Big Spring FFA; 17. Rocky Salazar, Big Spring FFA.

Medium Lt. Weight Goat: 1. Steven Nichols, Sands FFA; 2. Taylor Leatham, Big Spring FFA; 3. Heather Justice, Coahoma FFA; 4. Porsha Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 5. Riquee Ison, Big Spring FFA; 6. Michael Shockley, Big Spring FFA; 7. Logan Gaskins, Howard County 4-H; 8. Rickey Richters, Coahoma FFA; 9. Andrew Vizcaino, Big Spring FFA; 10. Dustyn Beauchamp, Big Spring FFA; 11. Matthew Buske, Coahoma FFA; 12. Justin Cline, Howard County 4-H; 13. Garrett Nichols, Sands FFA; 14. Nick Bailey, Big Spring FFA; 15. Brashara Brown-Howard County 4-H; 16. D'Amberly; Averette, Howard County 4-H; 17. Nick Bailey, Big Spring FFA; 18. Keagan Hunt, Coahoma FFA; 19. Aubrey Foster, Howard County 4-H; 20. Ralston Coates, Big Spring FFA.

Medium Wt. Goat: 1. Kyland Wegner, Big Spring FFA; 2. Logan Gaskins, Howard County 4-H; 3. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 4. Justin Cline, Howard County 4-H; 5. Kip White, Big Spring FFA; 6. Jeremy Knight, Big Spring FFA; 7. D'Amberly Averette, Howard County 4-H; 8. Garret Cline, Howard County 4-H; 9. John Chandler, Big Spring FFA; 10. Kenzie Hunt, Coahoma FFA; 11. Corbin Brown, Howard County 4-H; 12. Aubrey Foster, Sands FFA; 13. Cassie Coates, Big Spriing FFA; 14. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 15. Keisha Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 16. Kendra Perry, Big Spring FFA; 17. Courtney Schaedel, Coahoma FFA; 18. Taylor Fraser, Big Spring FFA; 19. James Bennett, Big Spring FFA; 20. Clayton Wigington, Big Spring FFA.

Medium Heavy Wt. Goat: 1. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 2. Steven Nichols, Sands FFA; 3. Logan Gaskins, Howard County 4-H; 4. Garrett Nichols, Sands FFA; 5. Skyler Ashley, Big Sprng FFA; 6. Courtney Schaedel, Howard County 4-H; 7. Aubrey Foster, Howard County 4-H; 8. Tony Wyrick, Big Spring FFA; 9. Dustin King, Big Spring FFA; 10. Keith Smith, Coahoma FFA; 11. Logan Gaskins, Howard County 4-H; 12. Heather Rich, Coahoma FFA; 13. Ralston Coates, Big Spring FFA; 14. Michael Shockley, Big Spring FFA; 15. Amanda White, Big Spring FFA; 16. Jeremy Knight, Big Spring FFA; 17. Keisha Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 18. Cody Riddle, Howard County 4-H; 19. Garret Cline, Howard County 4-H; 20. Tony Wyrick, Big Spring FFA; 21. Steven Heffington, Big Spring FFA; 22. Coley Hollandsworth, Big Sprng FFA; 23. Brett Bennett, Howard County 4-H.

Heavy Wt. Goat: 1. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA; 2. Rickey Ricters, Coahoma FFA; 3. Steven Nichols, Sands FFA; 4. Kyland Wegner, Big Spring FFA; 5. Grayson Wegner, Howard County 4-H; 6. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA; 7. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA; 8. Porsha Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 9. Grayson Wegner, Howard County 4-H; 10. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA; 11. Michael Shockley, Big Spring FFA; 12. Keisha Yarbar, Howard County 4-H; 13. Brandon Gross, Big Spring FFA; 14. Dee Fryar, Sands FFA; 15. Michael Shockley, Big Spring FFA.

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William Foster Padgett, 90, died Monday. Graveside services are 3:00 PM Friday at the Dallas Ft. Worth National Cemetery. He will be in state today at the funeral home.

Charles Brown, 76, died Wednesday. Services are 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Friday.

Virginia Whitten, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Activities will resume today at the fairbarns with the rabbit show at 6 p.m. The barrow show starts off Friday's activities at 8:30 a.m. followed by heifers and steers at 3 p.m.

On Saturday, the annual banquet begins at noon. An awards presentation is set for 1 p.m., followed by the premium auction.

Morgan Kight, Howard County 4-H, exhibited the grand champion lamb on Wednesday. Amanda Watkins, Sands FFA, showed the reserve champion.

Showing the grand champion goat was Dee Fryar, Sands FFA. Exhibiting the reserve champion was Steven Nichols, also of Sands FFA.

TRIAL

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around a lot. He's an easy going guy."

Hyer had some difficulty remembering the date of the conversation, originally believing it had been on May 13. He told the attorneys that he was basing his recollection of the date on the fact that he began a construction job two days before the conversation.

Wilkerson presented Hyer with a copy of an invoice for that job dated Friday, May 4, and Hyer changed his testimony to reflect that the conversation was on May 6, just three days after the murder.

The defense presented its case after lunch, introducing witnesses including Friday's mother, Paula Warford; his 13-year old son, Chad Nicholson; and his wife, Paula Friday.

"This afternoon we had an opportunity to finally present the defense case, which we were really looking forward to," Morales said after resting his case. "Our main goal and objective was simply to give the jurors a timeline in regard to Carl Stanley Friday so they know where he was at and can basically put two and two together and realize that it was not feasible for him to get out there to Old Gail Road with a car and start a fire, come back in and try to clean up, and do all that the state's alleging."

Novert said he's happy with the defense case.

"I feel like we did a good job of that and presented our case quite well," he said. "I think the witnesses did a good job and we look forward to handing our case to the jury."

COLLEGE

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lenges," Burchett said.

"We're encouraging these instructors to bring their innovative ideas that work in the classroom to the breakout session. Or they might present an unsolved problem, for feedback from others within their discipline.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for these instructors to meet and share resources. And it is also a great opportunity for all three community colleges, since geographically we are so close," Burchett said.

Discipline divisions expected to meet are allied health; business and accounting; computer and information sciences; cosmetology and culinary arts; criminal justice and fire protection; developmental studies; English and foreign language; fine arts, speech and communications; history, political science, economics and sociology; industrial/construction trades and automotive/aviation; math; psychology and child development; and science and agriculture.

"We are looking forward to this day for our campus and for our instructors," Burchett said.

SHOW

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lamb and it doesn't get shown while an average lamb that has a student with great showmanship will beat that other."

Coahoma FFA member 13-year-old Matthew Buske, who was showing in his second stock show this year, works with his lamb about two hours almost everyday.

"I exercise the lamb," said Buske. "I run him around or walk him around."

Buske said he sticks with the work because he enjoys it.

"I just have a love for animals," he said.

Around 450 animals were excepted to be shown at this year's stock show.

"We are looking forward to the show," said David Kight, Howard County extension agent. "Many of the kids have worked all year long and this is definitely a highlight for them."

CHASE

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cers, Mitchell County deputies, Big Spring police, Scurry County deputies and Snyder police all joined in the pursuit.

Sweatt said the juveniles may face additional charges of aggravated assault on a police officer because they attempted to ram the stolen vehicle into some of the officers' cars during the pursuit.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

•Al-Anon support group, 7 p.m. 615 Settles.

TEXAS LOTTERY

FRIDAY

PICK 3: 0,8,4

LOTTO: 38,34,14,43,9,5

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

BRIEFS

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A MEN'S RALLY WILL be held Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church, 12th and Owens. Speaker will be Kevin York, pastor of Mid-Cities Church, Midland.

Music will be provided by Men's Praise Team of Cornerstone Church. This rally is sponsored by West Texas Men of Integrity.

MELANIE GAMBREL, OWNER OF the Pet Connection, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has no insurance. Tests and treatments are required at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

A fund to defray these costs has been set up at First Bank of West Texas located on FM 700.

To make a donation call the bank at 267-1113 and ask for the Gambrel account.

THE WIC PROGRAM THROUGH the Texas Department of Health has variable hours to accommodate those who work or go to school during the day. The Women, Infants and Children progam offers food, nutrition and child health services.

WIC is open Monday and Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Tuesday hours form 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Appointments are also available one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Europacific	26.81 -.16
Prime Rate	4.75 %
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Silver	4.66 - 4.75

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

5:54 a.m. — 600 block of W. 17th, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:05 a.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:15 a.m. — 2500 block of Seminole, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:13 p.m. — 2200 block of Runnels, trauma call, service refused.

2:49 p.m. — 1700 block of Gregg, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:59 p.m. — 2800 block of Goliad, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:21 p.m. — 1000 block of Sgt. Paredez, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:14 p.m. — 500 block of W. 17th, trauma call, service refused.

1:49 a.m. — 5600 block of Wasson, structure fire, smoke scare.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

• **TANYA MCCOY**, 21, of 3904 Hamilton was arrested on a charge of theft $50 to $500

• **MICHAEL LEE MUNOZ**, 18, of 204 Johnson was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **MARC WESLEY SCHMIDT**, 23, of 1102 E. Mulberry was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia, and on a Howard County warrant.

• **FEDERICO MARTINEZ**, 54, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **POSSESSION OR DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 400 block of N.W. 10th Street.

• **THEFT** was reported at Wal-Mart. Someone reportedly stole $57.65 worth of clothes from the department store. The merchandise was later recovered.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of South Gregg.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 2600 block of Barksdale Drive.

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Rocky terrain hinders effort to recover bodies of seven marines

WASHINGTON (AP) — Steep, rocky terrain hindered efforts today to recover the bodies of seven marines killed when their tanker plane crashed into a mountain in Pakistan, defense officials said.

It was the worst U.S. casualty toll of the Afghanistan campaign, and included the first woman killed since U.S.-led Afghan bombing began in early October.

Residents in the region reported seeing helicopters flying over the site early today.

In Kandahar, Afghanistan, where the Marines have established a base, spokesman 1st Lt. John Jarvis said the plane was on its final approach to the Shamsi airfield. It had been on the first of what normally would be four refueling stops per mission, so it likely had an almost full cargo of fuel.

A military team was heading from the Marine base at Kandahar to Shamsi to investigate, Jarvis said, echoing statements from the Pentagon that there had been no indication of hostile fire. He had no information on any weather factors, either.

"We're going to do everything we can to find out what caused the accident," Jarvis said. "Recovery is going to be tough. It's very tight terrain — mountainside, not vehicle accessible. It's going to be tough going up to the point the accident occurred."

Marine staff in Kandahar observed a moment of silence.

Earlier Thursday a Pakistani military official at the base where the plane was headed told The Associated Press by telephone, speaking on condition of anonymity, that "U.S. officials are examining debris at the site of the incident and we are extending them full support."

Marines and Pakistanis approached the site within hours after the crash about three miles from the airport, but no bodies were recovered immediately, Maj. Ralph Mills, a spokesman with the U.S. Central Command, said late Wednesday evening in Florida.

"They made it to the crash site on foot," Mills said. "But they were unable to remain there. It is a very steep grade and they were unable to get footing. The site is secure."

He said early Thursday the team pulled back after seeing no evidence of bodies and then returned at first light to continue the search.

Meanwhile, Mills said, the war goes on, with one B-52 bomber and one B-1B bomber attacking a complex of caves, tunnels and buildings used as an al-Qaida training camp at Zawar Kili in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan at about 10:30 p.m. EST Wedneday.

The site has been struck several time in recent days and Mills said the bombing there would continue until all terrorist "infrastructure" at the location has been destroyed.

President Bush said the crash was a reminder of "how serious the times are today."

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of the soldiers," Bush said at a fund-raiser for the re-election of his brother Jeb as governor of Florida. "But I want to remind them that the cause that we are now engaged in is just and noble. The cause is freedom and this nation will not rest until we've achieved our objective."

The crash occurred late Wednesday night local time, and a search-and-rescue mission continued into the next morning. The plane crashed as it approached a military airfield called Shamsi in southwestern Pakistan. That air base is about 180 miles southwest of Quetta, Pakistan, according to U.S. Central Command.

Witnesses reported seeing flames shooting from the plane before it slammed into the mountainside.

The Pentagon identified the seven Marines who were killed as: pilot Capt. Matthew W. Bancroft, 29, of Redding, Calif.; co-pilot Capt. Daniel G. McCollum, 29, of Richland, S.C.; Gunnery Sgt. Stephen L. Bryson, 36, of Montgomery, Ala.; Staff Sgt. Scott N. Germosen, 37, of New York City; Sgt. Nathan P. Hays, 21, of Wilbur, Wash., Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Bertrand, 23, of Coos Bay, Ore.; and Sgt. Jeannette L. Winters, 25, of Gary, Ind. All were based at the Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, Calif.

Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations in Pakistan and the surrounding region, said the four-engine KC-130 Hercules took off from Jacobabad, Pakistan, and was making multiple stops.

In a brief exchange with reporters at the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he did not know the circumstances of the crash or whether the KC-130 was on a refueling mission.

"I'm going to wait for the investigation to be completed," he said. "We've got some folks heading up there now.

"It is a tough, dangerous business over there," he added.

Morales draws distinction with Sanchez on death penalty

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dan Morales contends he is a stronger supporter of the death penalty than Tony Sanchez, whom he criticized for supporting a bill banning the execution of mentally retarded inmates.

Capital punishment is one of the biggest areas of disagreement between the two Democratic contenders, Morales said in an interview Wednesday.

A bill the Texas Legislature passed last year but vetoed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry would have prevented mentally retarded killers from being put to death.

Morales said he also would have vetoed it.

"I am against watering down capital punishment in Texas, and obviously my opponent has demonstrated he is in favor of that," Morales said.

Sanchez countered that he is a firm supporter of the death penalty, although he said as governor he would have signed the bill sponsored by Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston and Rep. Juan Hinojosa of McAllen, both Democrats, that would have protected the mentally retarded from lethal injection.

"I have trouble believing that you accomplish a lot by executing mentally retarded people," Sanchez said. He emphasized that he doesn't oppose incarcerating mentally retarded criminals.

Sanchez said he also worries about the possibility of putting an innocent person to death and said he favors using DNA testing when appropriate as a means of checking for guilt or innocence.

Perry signed a bill during the 2001 legislative session giving Texas prisoners more access to DNA testing under certain circumstances.

Since Morales' surprise entrance into the governor's race last week, campaigning has begun in earnest. Also seeking the Democratic nomination in the March 12 primary are businessman Bill Lyon and attorney John WorldPeace.

Morales, a former Bexar County prosecutor, said as attorney general from 1991-98 he defended the state in hundreds of challenges to capital murder convictions.

Morales said the bill banning the execution of mentally retarded inmates was an attempt to undermine capital punishment in Texas. He said death penalty opponents were "trying to pull a fast one."

Ellis, a supporter of Sanchez, took issue with that and chastised Morales for using capital punishment as a "political football" in an effort to distinguish himself from Sanchez.

Ellis said Morales didn't show leadership on criminal justice issues when he was attorney general. And he criticized Morales for being silent on public policy issues since leaving office.

"Dan's a nice guy, but he's been like Rip Van Winkle when it comes to public policy since he left public office," Ellis said. "Come on Dan, wake up."

The bill, which went through several changes before its final passage by the Legislature, would have allowed a defense attorney to petition the judge to consider the issue of mental retardation if the jury did not determine a person was mentally retarded. Two experts would have been assigned to make a determination.

If the evidence showed the person to be mentally retarded, the judge would have issued a sentence of life in prison.

With his veto, Perry said the state already has safeguards to protect mentally retarded defendants and that the bill would wrongly give judges the power to overturn a jury's decision.

Current state law takes into account whether a defendant is competent to stand trial, including whether the defendant can aid his own defense, and whether a defendant was able to distinguish right from wrong.

Plane, search helicopter crash, some are injured, no one killed

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — A sightseeing plane crashed in a remote mountain creek valley, and rescuers reached the two passengers today after a search helicopter crash-landed. No one was killed.

After the plane crash Wednesday, the pilot hiked six hours to find a place where his cell phone would work so he could call for help.

The plane's passengers — one wearing shorts — were found early today with broken bones. None of the eight aboard the helicopter from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque was injured.

The four-seat, single-engine Cessna 172 took off from Farmington, N.M., and crashed about 60 miles to the north in a grove of trees, said Mike Spray of the Civil Air Patrol.

The pilot was picked up by helicopter about six hours later and briefly helped with the search.

A dozen rescuers were ferried by ski lift to the top of Durango Mountain Ski resort and then boarded Sno-Cats and snowmobiles to head for the crash site 25 miles north of Durango.

Snow flurries and temperatures in the 20s were reported in the region overnight. The passengers had jackets but no survival gear, said Lt. Dan Bender of the La Plata County sheriff's office.

The rescuers reached the site before sunrise today, said Butch Knowlton, the director of emergency preparedness for La Plata County.

The two passengers, both in their 40s, had broken ribs, a broken ankle and some facial injuries. One was from Florida and the other from San Juan County, N.M. Their names, and that of the 31-year-old pilot of Farmington, were not released.

The MH53J Pavlow helicopter crash-landed less than a mile from the plane-crash site after its main rotor struck a tree as it either was landing or departing.

Bush orders review of rules on pension, 401(k) plans in wake of Enron bankruptcy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, in a follow-up to the criminal investigation of Enron Corp., has ordered the Treasury Department to review rules regulating company pension and 401(k) plans, The Associated Press has learned.

Administration sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush would announce the action Thursday in the Oval Office, in part to inoculate himself politically from the bankruptcy of the Texas-based energy company that has ties to Bush and administration officials.

The Justice Department announced Wednesday it has begun a criminal investigation of the bankrupt energy company whose collapse caused many employees to lose their life's savings.

The Justice Department is forming a national task force to look into the company's dealings. The group will be headed by lawyers at the department's criminal division and include prosecutors in Houston, San Francisco, New York and several other cities, said a Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

As a follow-up, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill will head a review of laws and regulations to determine if they can be tightened to protect worker pension plans. A senior official involved in discussions on the issue said the Justice Department will determine whether Enron broke any laws and the Treasury Department will study whether Enron's conduct, although potentially legal, exposed loopholes in the system.

Enron's chairman and chief executive, Kenneth L. Lay, is a political ally of Bush's. He and other Enron officials met six times with Vice President Dick Cheney or his aides last year, before and after the release of the administration's energy plan.

Lay and his company have been leading contributors to Bush as well as to a long list of Democratic and Republican candidates.

The Center for Public Integrity, a nonpartisan watchdog agency in Washington, says Enron's executives contributed nearly $800,000 to Bush, members of Congress and the two national political parties from 1999 to 2001.

A senior Bush adviser said the president wants to protect workers' pensions. His political team, the adviser said, is worried that the administration could face intense criticism for its association with Lay and Enron as hearings heat up on Capitol Hill.

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OUR VIEWS

Youth benefit from stock show auction

One of the best ways to show support for our youth is by participating in the auction at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show this Saturday. Each year, many local businesses and some individuals take this opportunity to reward these young men and women for their efforts.

Through programs such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America, our youth are provided hands-on instruction not only in animal care but in responsibility and teamwork.

Those who are unfamiliar with the Howard County Junior Livestock Show and auction may not realize that the bidders are not actually purchasing the animal, rather, they are supplying the student with a premium for his or her efforts. By doing this, the students stay eligible for future shows.

Buyers can make the "purchase" by themselves or they can participate as an "add-on," whereby they pay a portion of the bid and someone else pays another portion.

The annual buyer appreciation luncheon will be held at noon Saturday at the county fairgrounds with an awards program to begin at 1 p.m. and the sale to follow at 1:30.

We hope you or your business will consider participating in this very worthwhile activity.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the people in the Big Spring area that took part in the fund-raisers that helped the Harley Owner's Group purchase toys and clothing for 28 angels this year.

Daryl Holley of Wal-Mart also worked together with the Harley Owner's Group to purchase 50 turkeys that the Salvation Army delivered to needy families.

I also want to thank Capt. Russ Keeney at the Salvation Army and Howard Walker, owner of the Big Spring Harley Davidson Shop, for without their help we would not of been able to the work for Big Spring this last year.

The Harley Owner's Group is looking forward to next year and hope that the people of Big Spring will continue to help with fund-raisers for 2002. Our first activity will be the Chili Cook-Off on Jan. 19, at the Harley Davidson Shop, 900 West Third Street. We hope everyone will come out and try the different types of chili offered by more than 20 cooks.

The Harley Owner's Group is comprised of people who ride Harley motorcycles and make Big Spring a nicer place to live. New members are always welcome to join the fun. For more information call 263-2322.

RUEL METCALF
BIG SPRING

DEAR EDITOR,

This year Big Spring RSVP began our sixth Christmas Bicycle Project. Each year we have worked with the city of Big Spring, Big Spring Police Dept., Peyton's Bikes in Midland, RSVP volunteers, West Texas Opportunities, Child Protective Services, Texas Rehabilitation Commission and West Texas Centers for MHMR. We refurbish unclaimed or donated bicycles and distribute them to children who would otherwise not have a present for Christmas.

This year we added two new community partners, Cornell Corrections Cedar Hill Unit and The Paint and Safety Store. They are wonderful, enthusiastic additions to our group.

I want to thank Mr. Celestine Correa and Mr. Augustine Garcia for the tireless efforts of the Cedar Hill Maintenance staff and inmates. They have taught me how to stretch dollars and aim for excellence. Santa would be so proud of these "elves" this year. With the 24 bikes they refurbished and others that were donated, we were able to make 30 children and handicapped adults happy this year.

I would like to thank the *Big Spring Herald* and KBST Radio for the promotion they give our project each year. We appreciate the cash donations for parts and many used bikes that we have received. Thank you Big Spring for your support!

Sincerely,

NANCY JONES
RSVP PROJECT DIRECTOR

Racial profiling is sometimes necessary



LINDA CHAVEZ

Racial profiling is an ugly business — and I have been on record opposing it for years. But I'm not opposed to allowing — no, requiring — airlines to pay closer attention to passengers that fit a terrorist profile, which includes national origin. The problem is distinguishing between what is permissible, indeed prudent, behavior and what is merely bigotry. As the Christmas day incident involving an Arab American Secret Service agent who was denied passage on an American Airlines makes clear, it's not always easy to tell the difference.

Racial profiling entails picking someone out for special scrutiny simply because of his race. It happens when highway patrolmen pull over blacks who've committed no traffic violations for spot checks but ignore other drivers who share similar characteristics, say out-of-state plates or expensive cars. It happens when security guards at a mall tail black customers in stores or insist on inspecting only their bags, ignoring whites. The underlying presumption in these cases is that blacks are more likely to be involved in criminal acts because of the color of their skin.

This kind of racial profiling is both morally wrong and ineffective. But there are times when it makes sense to include race or national origin in a larger, criminal profile, particularly if you're dealing with a crime that has already been committed or is ongoing and the participants all come from a single ethnic or racial group.

It would make no sense if witnesses identified a six-feet-tall, blond male fleeing a homicide but police stopped females, short men, or blacks or Latinos for questioning. Likewise, if you stopped every tall, blond man, a lot of innocent people would be inconvenienced, if only temporarily. Which brings us to the case of the Arab American Secret Service agent.

Walid Shater was allowed initially to board an American Airlines plane in Baltimore headed for Texas, carrying a loaded gun, but then was pulled off the plane, along with a handful of other passengers, for questioning. In the intervening 90 minutes, Shater's lawyers allege that he was mistreated and denied the right to fly because he was an Arab American, while the pilot claims that the agent became loud and abusive, leading him to keep Shater off the flight.

I can fully sympathize with the agent's anger — but I don't think the airline acted improperly. I've had encounters similar to Shater's, largely because of my appearance. When I used to travel frequently in Europe from the mid-'80s to the mid-'90s, I was routinely questioned more than other passengers, I suspect because I look vaguely Middle Eastern — or as one airline agent put it, "Your passport's American, but you don't look American."

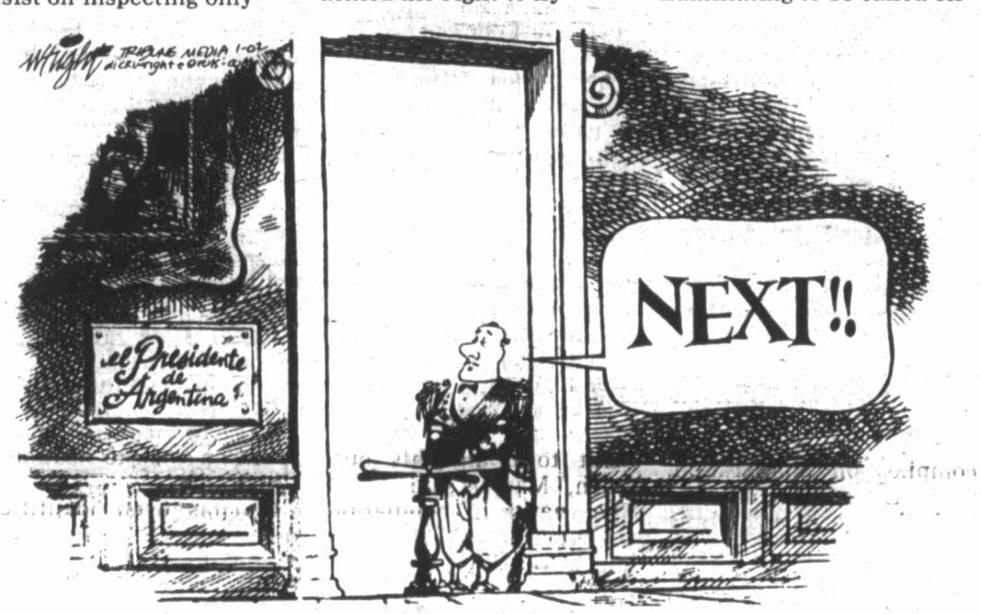
On a trip from Israel in 1985, where I was an official government guest of the Israelis, security agents at Tel Aviv Airport questioned me for almost an hour. "But you can't keep me from leaving Israel," I protested. "No, but we can keep you from doing so on an airplane," the guard responded. They finally let me go when another passenger, who recognized me from the newspapers, vouched for me.

On another flight, this time from Switzerland, I was asked to de-board the plane after the passengers were in their seats and questioned about items in my checked luggage. It was humiliating to be called off the plane and to have the passengers told the flight would be delayed because of concerns about one of the passenger's bags.

But I didn't rush to file a discrimination complaint. I didn't like being singled out, but I understood why I was being subjected to more scrutiny. At the time I was hassled, Middle Eastern terrorism was very prevalent in Europe, and female terrorists were operating as well as men, usually on stolen or phony passports. It wasn't unreasonable for airlines to look at me a little more closely than other passengers given these facts.

In Shater's case, 19 Arab terrorist killed more than 3,000 Americans on Sept. 11, and several of the hijackers possessed stolen identification cards and pilots' uniforms. It wasn't unreasonable for the American Airlines pilot to be extra cautious with Shater under the circumstances, despite his official ID. As a law enforcement officer himself, Shater might have cut these guys a little more slack.

Sure it's unpleasant to be a suspect when you're innocent. But it's worse to overlook terrorists because we ignored their pertinent characteristics. I sometimes felt annoyed when I was singled out, but I also felt safer because the airlines were doing their job.



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Lee, Jackson celebrated this month



CHARLEY REESE

Many a glass of buttermilk will be hoisted this month from Virginia to Texas as Southerners gather to celebrate the birthdays of Gens. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

Lee, who was born Jan. 19, 1807, probably comes as close to perfection as a human being can get. Jackson, born on Jan. 21, 1824, was a sterner man and was admired and loved more for his ability than for his personality. There are few Southerners who do not believe that had Jackson, who was killed after the battle of Chancellorsville, lived, the outcome at Gettysburg would have been different.

January is actually the birth month of others who played prominent roles in that war. Confederate States of America Gens. James Longstreet (on the 8th) and George Pickett (28th), as well as U.S. Gens. Henry W. Halleck (16th) and John C. Fremont (21st), were January presents to their parents.

I'm proud that the Sons of Confederate Veterans makes a Lee-Jackson banquet an annual and permanent celebration of these two heroes. It's a shame more great Americans aren't honored and remembered. We no longer have a day for George Washington or Thomas Jefferson or (forgive me, my Southern brothers) Abraham Lincoln. All of these men were lumped together as Presidents Day, a meaningless generality. Actually, this is the work of lobbyists from the travel industry and federal employment unions. What they wanted and what they got was not an occasion to honor anybody. It was a three-day weekend.

At least some of us in the South have not allowed commercial interests to substitute consumerism for remembrance. The value of remembering great men is that, first of all, it teaches us to recognize greatness. After the war, Lee did not go on the speaking circuit collecting big fees, as is customary for modern generals whose records on the battlefield are laughably scant. Nor did he accept gifts or high-paying jobs, though plenty were offered. Lee did not think that he should profit from a war that caused so much misery to the Southern people. Instead, he accepted the presidency of a small, nearly bankrupt college, which today is Washington and Lee University.

Lee was already a hero before Secession. He was offered command of the U.S. forces. Only a professional soldier can appreciate the excruciating decision Lee made to turn it down. Here, for the taking, is what every professional officer would dream of. Moreover, Lee did not think Secession was a wise idea, though he recognized the right of states to do so. He did not approve of slavery. When Virginia left the union, however, he could not bring himself to draw his sword against his own family and friends. He resigned his commission and went home a civilian.

I should add, to save a few cranks an e-mail, that no Confederate committed treason, and none was ever tried for it. The South never tried overthrowing the U.S. government, nor did it have any intention of doing such. The states simply withdrew from what, for decades, most people in the country agreed was a voluntary union. There is nothing in the Constitution to justify Lincoln's war on the South. He waged it in violation of the Constitution.

The best books on Lee are "The Recollections and Letters of Robert E. Lee" by his son, Capt. Robert E. Lee (Konecky & Konecky); "Personal Reminiscences of General Robert E. Lee" by Rev. J. William Jones (LSU press); and "Robert E. Lee on Leadership" by H.W. Crocker III (Prima Publishing). For Jackson, go to the source: "The Life and Campaigns of Lt. Gen. T.J. 'Stonewall' Jackson" by R.L. Dabney, one of his staff officers and a great theologian.

Lee once wrote: "You have only always to do what is right. It will become easier by practice, and you will enjoy in the midst of your trials the pleasure of an approving conscience. That will be worth everything else."

Lee is one of the few men of whom it can be said: "He lived his Christian beliefs." Longstreet said that as a soldier, Lee's men respected him, but as a man, they loved him. I do not know of any modern general in the world whose men, after suffering a hellish defeat, would beg the general to let them try one more time to take the objective. Lee's men did that at Gettysburg. What better tribute can a military officer have?

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Depression treatment soared over 10-year period

CHICAGO (AP) — The number of Americans treated for depression soared from 1.7 million to 6.3 million between 1987 and 1997, and the proportion of those receiving antidepressants doubled, researchers say.

The researchers attributed the sharp increases to the emergence of aggressively marketed new drugs like Prozac, the rise in managed care and an easing of the stigma attached to the disease.

The study found that the share of patients who used antidepressant medication climbed from 37 percent to nearly 75 percent. At the same time, the proportion who received psychotherapy declined from 71 percent to 60 percent.

While an increase in treatment for depression was not surprising, "the size of the increase was larger than I think most people in the field expected," said Dr. Mark Olfson, a psychiatrist at Columbia University and the New York State Psychiatric Institute who led the study. Studies since 1997 suggest the trend continues, he said.

The study was an analysis of two national surveys. The findings appear in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The publicizing of newer antidepressants that have fewer side effects — such as Prozac, which was introduced in late 1987 — has helped make patients more willing to seek treatment, the researchers said. This publicity has included pharmaceutical industry efforts to market the drugs directly to consumers and public-awareness campaigns about depression.

The rise in managed care also has contributed to the increase in use of medication, which may be less costly and time-consuming than psychotherapy, the researchers said.

Managed care also has placed more emphasis on primary-care physicians, who may be more likely to prescribe medication than to refer patients to specialists for psychotherapy, said Ronald Kessler, a professor of health care policy at Harvard University who was not involved in the study.

Kessler said evidence shows that combining medication with psychotherapy is the most effective treatment for depression. While many of the patients studied received both, some clearly did not, and Kessler said the findings do not indicate whether patients received adequate treatment.

The analysis is based on data from 34,459 people who participated in a 1987 medical expenditures survey by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The researchers compared those findings with data from 32,636 participants in a similar 1997 survey by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

While the study shows "that the acceptance of a medical intervention for depression is clearly increasing, it still is significantly below what the potential need for care is," said Dr. Darrel Regier, research director for the American Psychiatric Association.

Other surveys have suggested that about 5 percent of the U.S. population — roughly 14 million people — could benefit from treatment for depression, but the study suggests that only about half that number are actually receiving care, Regier said.



Courtesy photo

Megan Fishback, 16-year old Forsan High School junior, prepares for take-off with instructor Ned Crandall. Fishback recently flew the Cherokee Piper 180 solo for the first time after acquiring just 11 recorded flight hours. Fifteen hours are the usual requirement for most flight students. Fishback hopes to obtain her pilot's licence before she graduates in May .

Religious leaders pore over census numbers to find ways to reach prospective members

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Rev. Richard Magnus looks at the mountain of data gleaned by the Census Bureau and thinks about churches — where to build them, whether they need bilingual pastors, if they should offer day care.

Magnus runs the national outreach office for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is among many religious leaders who are using the 2000 census to expand their denominations.

The bureau collects no information about religion. But the statistics the agency compiles on immigration, population shifts, income, and the age and ethnic makeup of states are critical to spreading the faith.

"It tells us where we ought to do some shifts in ministries," said Magnus, who works from the Lutheran headquarters in Chicago. "It tells us if this is a good place to do a congregational start."

Mainline Protestant churches that have been losing membership for years are hoping to reverse the trend, while majority white denominations are struggling to diversify. All see the census as helping them fulfill a mandate to identify spiritual needs and meet them.

Some denominations, such as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have their own demographers who break down census data for individual churches.

Many more also have contracts with companies that use the census to create neighborhood profiles, with information ranging from residents' buying patterns to reading habits to income in areas surrounding a church.

"It's the same type of approach as any business — understanding who your customer is, what it is we can do to enhance our membership," said Diana Dean-Nau, a sales executive with Claritas, Inc. The San Diego-based marketing company serves churches along with corporations like the Lowe's Cos. Inc. home improvement chain.

Using demographics to market faith makes some religious leaders uncomfortable, but most feel a sophisticated approach is necessary to draw nonbelievers and dropouts to church.

"We've got a deep commitment to doing this outreach," Magnus said.

The nation's population increases in the West and South pose a particular challenge, since many denominations have their roots in the Northeast.

For example, Pennsylvania has historically been a stronghold for Lutherans. But the state's sluggish growth rate means Evangelical Lutherans have to establish a strong presence elsewhere. At the same time, the census found the Hispanic population in Pennsylvania has increased by 70 percent in a decade, creating a need for Spanish-language worship and other ministries.

The Roman Catholic church faces similar pressure. Mary Gautier, a senior researcher with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, said the census confirmed that the church needs to put more resources in the South and West, where Catholics historically have not had a large presence.

"The places where the Catholic institutions are is not where the Catholic population is," Gautier said.

Sam Vinall, a demographer for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, uses special software to develop the same kind of neighborhood reports that Claritas offers — but with all his efforts aimed at helping his state's 1,700 Southern Baptist churches. In one study, he analyzed the lifestyles of the young families who were members of an Oklahoma City church, then identified other areas of the city where residents fit that same profile.

"The church used that as a basis for having block parties, home Bible studies and to start a satellite location," Vinall said.

Claritas even identifies how many churches are in a given area, to determine the level of competition among houses of worship. And some churches use census data in their hiring process, to match a pastor's skills to a community's needs.

"I feel that God gives us these tools to use and he allowed these tools to be developed and not just for business use but for reaching people for him also," Vinall said.

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One shot can prevent potentially deadly infections

Texas Department of Health

It kills 40,000 people in the United States each year — more than all other vaccine-preventable diseases and, combined with the flu, is the seventh leading cause of death for Texans.

But many potential victims of pneumococcal disease don't get the one shot that could protect them from a possibly deadly infection of the lungs, the blood or the covering of the brain, Texas Department of Health (TDH) immunizations officials report.

Anyone can get pneumonia (pneumococcal disease), says Lisa Davis, TDH's adult immunization coordinator.

But those most vulnerable are over 65 and anyone 2 or older who has diabetes, heart or lung disease or other long-term health problems or lowered resistance to infection.

"Those are the people who need the protection of the pneumococcal polysaccgaride vaccine (PPV)."

The culprit is Streptococcus pneumoniae, a bacteria that is a common cause of pneumonia, bacteremia and meningitis.

Drugs such as penicillin once were effective in treating infections such as these, says Davis.

But the disease has become more resistant to antibiotics, making treatment of pneumococcal infections more difficult and prevention through vaccination even more important.

Those who should get PPV include — all adults 65 or older, anyone 2 and older who has a long-term health problem such as heart disease, lung disease (not including asthma), sickle-cell disease, diabetes, alcoholism, cirrhosis or leaks of the cerebrospinal fluid.

Anyone 2 and older who has a disease or condition that can lower the body's resistance to infection. These include Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma and leukemia, kidney failure, multiple myeloma, nephrotic syndrome, HIV infection or AIDS, damaged spleen, or organ transplant.

Anyone 2 and older who takes long-term steroids or certain cancer drugs or receives radiation therapy, Alaskan natives and certain Native American populations.

Davis says that people 65 years and older — especially those living in group settings such as nursing homes and long-term care facilities — and those identified as being at risk for pneumococcal illness are more vulnerable to infection. "The idea is to prevent the infection from happening in the first place, and PPV is an effective and easy way to do that."

The vaccine is in adequate supply, she says, and one dose is all most people need — although there are a few exceptions to the one-dose rule. "If you were vaccinated before 65, and it's been at least five years since you received your PPV shot, you should ask your doctor if you need a booster," Davis said.

Others who may be candidates for a booster shot after five years include those with functional or anatomic asplenia, transplant patients, patients with chronic kidney disease and those who are immunosuppressed or immunodeficient, she added.

Pneumococcal disease doesn't have a season, said Davis, although some infections seem to be more common in the winter and spring. "When you get the vaccination is not as important as that you do get it.

A lot of people choose to get their PPV shot when they get their influenza vaccine because it is convenient to do both at the same time."

More than 55 percent of Texans 65 and older have received at least one dose of PPV.

Health officials are aiming for a 90 percent vaccination rate for those 65 and older by 2010.

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Big Spring, TX - Fiesta Dodge in Big Spring, Texas is hosting a tremendous 3 day sale to help liquidate the flooding of used cars that are available because of lease returns. These returns include all makes and models; General Motors, Ford, Chevy, Toyota, Honda, Nissan and many, many more.

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"You won't believe the selection of lease return vehicles and you won't believe the

What's the story? It's simple. Because of all of the special deals that manufacturers have had on leasing in the last 3-4 years, leasing became very popular. Now we're seeing all of those leases expire and the auctions are being flooded with vehicles. Excess supply has driven the prices down and Fiesta Dodge has arranged to buy those vehicles and pass the savings on to their customers. Some vehicles are as low as $169 a month.*

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This huge event will last only 3 days. It begins Thursday, Jan. 10 and continues Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12th.

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us to help them get the best vehicles at the best prices, and lease returns is the answer".

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IN BRIEF

Softball boosters meeting tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Bossters Club will meet at 6:30 tonight at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center's meeting room.

Parents of all BSHS softball players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Lady Hawks suffer loss at Shootout

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered an 80-66 loss Wednesday night at the hands of Northeast Colorado's host team at the Northeast Junior College Shootout in Sterling, Colo.

Alexis Burton paced the Lady Hawks with 16 points, while Latasha Matthiew added 11 in the losing effort.

The Lady Hawks will open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play on Monday when they travel to Odessa for a 6 p.m. tip against the Odessa College Lady Wranglers,

Sul Ross netters take championships

Shane Zimmerman and Christina Reimers, both members of the Sul Ross State University tennis team, took singles championships during the Winter Hardcourt Tennis Championships staged Satuday and Sunday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Zimmerman took the men's title with a win over Big Spring's Michael Williamson, while Justin Ferrell of Big Spring was third.

Reimers defeated Andra Dunham of Snyder for the women's title and Pat Vargas of Snyder was third.

Heather Parnell of Big Spring was the consolation winner in women's singles, knocking off Natasha Neighbors of Big Spring in the consolation finals.

Reimers and Zimmerman also cobined for the mixed doubles championship, defeating Big Spring's Williamson and Parnell.

Vargas and Neighbors teamed together to take the women's doubles title over the tandem of Dunham and Crystal Ward.

YMCA expanding gymnastics program

The YMCA gymnastics program has expanded its field of classes to include cheerleading, boys gymnastics and a "Toddler Time," in addition to its traditional gymnastics classes for girls.

For more information, Call Leslie Northrup at 267-8234.

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PRO BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. — New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks, KBST-AM 1490.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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6:30 p.m. — UCLA at Southern Cal, FXS

8 p.m. — Georgia Tech at Duke, ESPN.

10 p.m. — UC Irvine at Utah State, ESPN2.

PRO BASKETBALL

8 p.m. — New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks, TNT.

HOCKEY

6:30 p.m. — New Jersey Devils at Philadelphia Flyers, ESPN2.

Nate Newton indicted on federal drug-trafficking counts

DALLAS (AP) — A grand jury has indicted former pro football offensive guard Nate Newton on federal drug-trafficking counts.



NEWTON

The indictment, dated Tuesday, alleges that Newton and three other suspects conspired to possess and distribute marijuana.

Newton, who lives in East Ellijay, Ga., was a six-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman who helped the Dallas Cowboys win three Super Bowls in the 1990s. He spent 14 seasons in the NFL, 13 with Dallas. He retired last year after a season with the Carolina Panthers.

Newton, 40, has been held without bail at a detention center in Seagoville, a southeast Dallas suburb, since his arrest Dec. 12. At the time, he was free on $100,000 bail in connection with similar charges in Louisiana a few weeks earlier. Louisiana police said Newton was driving a van following another vehicle when he was arrested with 213 pounds of marijuana and $18,000 in cash.

In the latest arrest, federal prosecutors say Newton and his passenger, Bruce Freeman-Canady, 30, of Jacksonville, Fla., traveled in Newton's red Ford F-150 pickup in formation with a white Chevrolet rental car that was alleged to be carrying a shipment of marijuana from Garland to Houston.

Drug enforcement agents, acting on a tip, followed the vehicles on a circuitous route through Dallas, eventually turning south on Interstate 45. Officers stopped the vehicles about 25 miles south of Dallas near the Ellis County community of Palmer.

Drug Enforcement Administration agents said they found $10,000 in cash in Newton's pickup and 175 pounds of marijuana in two duffel bags and a suitcase in the trunk of an accompanying Monte Carlo driven by Charles Deaundra Howard, 25, of Garland. Authorities said the marijuana had a street value of $700,000.

A Carolina Panthers gym bag in the bed of Newton's pickup and belonging to him had trace amounts of marijuana but not enough to warrant additional charges, said John Donnelly, a special agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency.

The other suspect is Billy Crenshaw, 25, of Dallas. Agents said Crenshaw took an informant to a meeting in Garland concerning the marijuana delivery.

Hawks knock off Cedar Valley

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Howard College went on a 7-0 run during a three-minute span in the latter part of the second half to open up a tight game with the defending 2001 NJCAA Division III Cedar Valley Suns 56-46 Wednesday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The last time the two squads met in early November in Lancaster, Howard pulled away with a 70-57 win.

Howard improves to 12-4 on the season entering next Monday's WJCAC opener against Odessa College. Cedar Valley falls to 6-10 with three games remaining before starting play in the Metro Athletic Conference.

Cedar Valley slowed the tempo in the low-scoring affair, unlike Howard's scorefest with Panola College on Saturday, where Howard earned another 10-point win in a 91-81 decision.

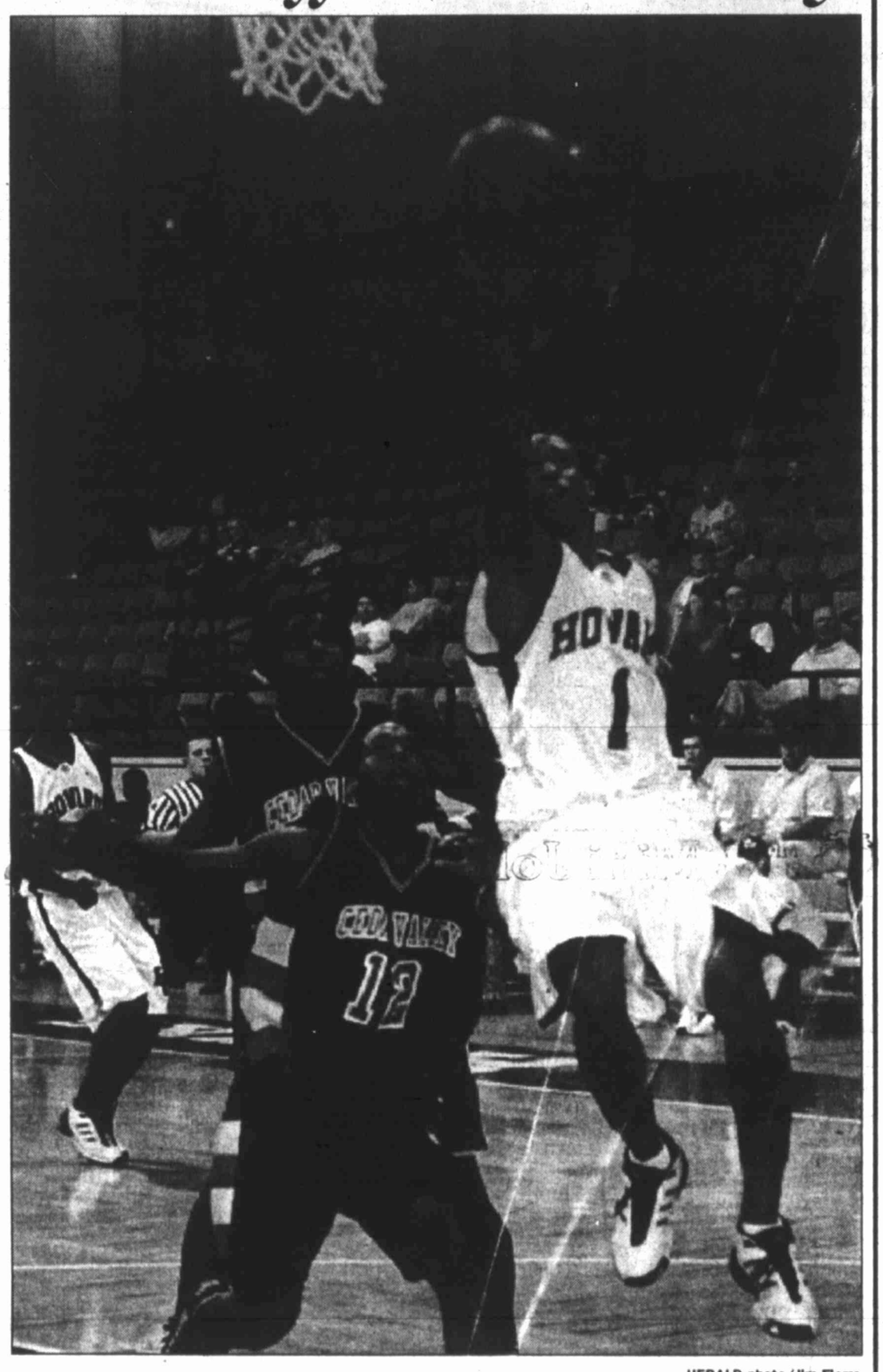
"It was good for us," first-year Head Coach Chris Jans said. "It was a good opportunity for us to be able to win scoring 91 points (Saturday), and win, scoring 56 points. It put us in a different position and showed our guys we can adjust to different styles of play."

"This was easier for us to play against (than Panola). It was much easier, defensively."

Cedar Valley struggled from the field shooting 30.6 percent.The Hawks limited Cedar Valley to two points in the first six minutes after intermission, pushing their 29-27 halftime advantage to 37-29 when sophomore Rodney Blackstock caused one of the Suns' 18 turnovers and went in for the easy lay-up with 14:08 remaining.Cedar Valley cut it to 37-35 when former Hawks' player Xavier Milligan hit one of his four field goals. But Howard College was ready to go on their 7-0 run during the next three minutes, punctuated by Zach Moss' monster dunk and a trey by Jared Fears, who led all scorers with 20 points.

Sophomore Brandon Haughton, who recently worked his way into a starting position, had a putback for a 48-37 advantage with 3:15 left. Another putback by the Baltimore native made it 50-39 with 2:45 remaining.

The Hawks' defense held Cedar Valley at bay down the stretch.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College's Jared Fears (1) drives to the hoop for a layup before Cedar Valley's Darren Dennis (12) and a teammate can get back to make a defensive play during Wednesday night's game at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Fears paced the Hawks with 20 points in a 56-46 win over the Suns.

"I think having (Moss) back in the game for us helped at that point," Jans said of his sophomore forward who played in limited action with four fouls. "He got some baskets and his defense got to them."

"Defensively, it was a great test for us," Jans said. "Defensively, it was a very good effort. I thought our defense created some turnovers, and our kids kept fighting."

The Hawks trailed early, 7-2, but went ahead on back-to-back three-pointers by Fears and Blackstock for a 14-11 advantage. Cedar Valley knotted it at 15 with 8:41 remaining, but Moss' dunk and Fears shot from the top of the key pushed the lead to 19-15.

Dominique Brown's trey from downtown turned out to be the last points Howard would score for 3:00 as the Hawks stalled at 24. Free throws and a trey by the Suns' Elester Whitmore cut the lead to two until Andre Fishenden hit a bucket for a 26-25 advantage.Fears drained his second of four treys with :20 for a 29-25 lead, but Justin Collins' tip-in at the buzzer sent Howard in with a slim 29-27 advantage at intermission.

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HAWKS 56,
CEDAR VALLEY 46

CEDAR VALLEY – Xavier Milligan 4 0-0 10; Gerald Booker 0 0-0 0; Chad Davis 0 0-0 0; Albert Cager 1 0-0 2; Mike Qualls 0 0-0 0; Elester Whitmore 5 2-5 15; Tony Swindle 0 0-0 0; Terry Anderson 2 3-7 7; Justin Collins 3 3-4 9; Bryce May 0 3-4 3; Vasilis Tsolakidis 0 0-0 0. Totals: 15 11-20 46.

HOWARD COLLEGE – Jared Fears 8 0-0 20; Zach Moss 4 0-3 8; Rodney Blackstock 5 2-2 14; Andre Fishenden 1 1-2 3; Artavius Davis 0 0-0 0; Gilbert Glaster 0 0-0 0; Tyrone Payne 0 0-0 0; Andre Wright 0 0-0 0; Dominique Brown 2 2-4 7; Maushae Byles 0 0-0 0; Brandon Haughton 2 0-2 4. Totals: 22 5-13 56.

Halftime score: Howard 29, Cedar Valley 27

Three-point goals: Cedar Valley 5 (Whitmore 3, Milligan 2); Howard 7 (Fears 4, Blackstock 2, Brown). **Total fouls:** Cedar Valley 17, Howard 15. **Fouled out:** None. **Technical fouls:** Howard bench. **Rebounds:** Cedar Valley 43 (Anderson 16); Howard 37 (Haughton, Blackstock 6). **Records:** Cedar Valley is 6-10; Howard College is 12-4.

Warner named MVP

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kurt Warner had a debut season for the ages in 1999. This year, he topped it.

But the St. Louis Rams quarterback just couldn't talk about it.

Warner edged teammate Marshall Faulk to win The Associated Press MVP award for the second time in three years Wednesday. He has been ordered not to talk for a week after taking a hit to the throat in the regular-season finale, so he responded to questions via e-mail, and then deferred to his wife, Brenda, in a news conference.

"This season has been more rewarding than 1999," said Warner, who led the Rams to the NFL's best record at 14-2, and threw for 4,830 yards, the second-highest total in history.

"I think it is because we were the favorites coming in and the toughness of our schedule," he said. "To be able to accomplish what we have this season, on both sides of the ball, has been truly rewarding."

Coach Mike Martz said there's no doubt that Warner is a better player than his first MVP season. In 1999, he had 41 touchdown passes and 13 interceptions and threw for a then-team record 4,353 yards with a 65.1 completion percentage with a rating of 109.2 — fifth-highest in NFL history.

"You've got to look at the defenses that we played this year," Martz said. "What he's been able to accomplish this year, some of the throws and plays he's made have been pretty remarkable. He's had a great year, just a great year."

Warner said he's more comfortable in the offense, and the numbers support that. He completed 68.7 percent of his passes, by far the best in the NFL, and threw 36 touchdown passes, tied for sixth-best ever. Although Warner threw an NFC-high 22 interceptions, he also led the league in yards per completion (8.85), completions (375) and overall rating (101.4).

"We are truly in a special place and special time that may never be equaled again," Warner said. "I am truly blessed to have been placed in the middle of such a tremendous situation."

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Rangers may be content to be baseball's version of Rams

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez is what the pitching-poor Texas Rangers really didn't need: another slugger.



GONZALEZ

But maybe the addition of Gonzalez to a lineup with Alex Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Carl Everett eliminates their concerns about pitching.

They can just outscore teams with a powerful offense, baseball's version of the St. Louis Rams.

"The name of the game is runs scored and Juan Gonzalez is certainly going to add to an already potent offensive club," general manager John Hart said Wednesday.

"I think this certainly bodes well for us winning additional games and being ever closer to being a contending, championship-type club."

Since becoming the Rangers GM on Nov. 1, Hart talks about improving the Rangers pitching — and did sign free agent Chan Ho Park and added relievers John Rocker, Jay Powell and Todd Van Poppel.

But his biggest moves have been the additions of Gonzalez and Everett to a team that led the majors with 246 homers last year and had the No. 2 slugging percentage behind Colorado. The Rangers scored 890 runs (5.5 per game), but had the worst ERA in the majors at 5.71 and finished last in the AL West for the second straight year.

Gonazlez agreed late Tuesday to a $24 million, two-year contract to return to the team for which he spent his first 11 seasons before being traded by former GM Doug Melvin to Detroit after the 1999 season.

Even after two years away, Gonzalez is still the Rangers' career leader in home runs, RBIs, total bases and extra-base hits. He was the AL MVP in 1996 and '98 while in Texas.

"With Juan, you know he's going to be productive," said Palmeiro, who hit .273 with 47 homers and 123 RBIs last season. "We have a much better lineup, and I think we will prove it on the field."

Gonzalez had an off-year with the Tigers in 2000, then signed a $10 million, one-year contract with Cleveland last season with Hart. He hit .325 with 35 homers and a team-high 140 RBIs.

Hart said Wednesday that he was still waiting to complete the deal with Gonzalez, who was home in Puerto Rico with an inner ear infection. Hart said there were just a few minor details and logistics to overcome but that he anticipated no problems.

The Rangers got Everett from the Red Sox in a Dec. 13 trade for left-hander Darren Oliver, who was 13-22 with a 6.60 ERA the past two seasons.

Everett was an All-Star his first

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RANGERS

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season in Boston, hitting .300 with 34 homers and 108 RBIs in 2000. But he clashed with two managers this year and struggled on the field, batting .257 with 14 homers and 58 RBIs before his season ended Sept. 8 because of a knee injury.

Everett could bat as low as seventh in a lineup behind designated hitter Frank Catalanotto (.330 average, fifth in the AL), left fielder Rusty Greer (.305 career hitter), shortstop Alex Rodriguez (.318 and an AL-leading 52 homers), right fielder Gonzalez, first baseman Palmeiro and catcher Ivan Rodriguez (.304 career hitter).

The starting rotation led by Park, Kenny Rogers and Doug Davis — with at least four others battling for the last two spots — certainly isn't as imposing. But they should have plenty of runs scored for them.

"Having a big offense certainly helps. And our bullpen is competitive and it's better," Hart said. "Put those components together and you can get starters to say we can go six innings, give up three runs and suck up a lot of wins.

"Believe me, I would love to win a lot of 1-0, 2-1 games. Everyone would like to have that depth in starting pitching, but it's hard to find," he said.

But Hart will continue to search for pitching, and one option could be to trade Gabe Kapler, the starting center fielder last year who was expected to move to right before Gonzalez signed.

"We're catching our breath a little bit. We'll examine and take a good look at the club," Hart said. "There are a number of possibilities."

WARNER

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Martz hoped that Warner and Faulk, last season's MVP, could somehow tie in the balloting and split the award. It nearly happened as Warner got 21 1/2 votes and Faulk 17 1/2 in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters.

Green Bay's Brett Favre was third with five votes, Pittsburgh's Kordell Stewart had four and Chicago's Brian Urlacher, the only defensive player to receive votes, two.

"I think the MVPs we have won the past three years have been awards that reflect the accomplishments of our whole team," Warner said. "We see these awards as team awards, for we know that we benefit from all the great talent surrounding us.

"I really think that this year's award should have been split between Marshall and myself."

Despite missing two games with a knee injury, Faulk became the first player in the NFL with four consecutive 2,000-yard seasons. Faulk had 2,147 total yards from scrimmage, second to Priest Holmes of the Chiefs, rushing for 1,382 yards and 12 touchdowns and leading NFL running backs with 83 receptions for 765 yards and nine touchdowns.

Together, Warner and Faulk are the foundation of one of the most potent offenses in NFL history.

The 30-year-old Warner already has equaled Joe Montana, Steve Young and John Unitas with his two MVP awards. Only Brett Favre, with three, has more.

"It is always a tremendous honor to be mentioned with the likes of those great players," Warner said. "But it is still very early in my career and my hope is that I can be mentioned in the same sentence as these guys (and Faulk) when my career is finished."

The Rams are the second team to win three straight MVP awards. Favre took it in 1995 and '96, and shared it with Detroit's Barry Sanders in '97. The only other Rams player to be voted MVP was Roman Gabriel in 1969.

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The Beehive State

Utah From A to Z



Utah has a variety of landscapes that often overlap. The Rocky Mountains are in the northeast. Brightly colored rock formations cover about half the state. Deserts and forests each cover about one-third.

Thousands of years ago, people such as the Anasazi and Fremont Indians had advanced civilizations.

Spanish and Mexican explorers were the first Europeans to explore the area, in the late 1700s.

In 1847, Mormon* settlers came to the area to seek religious freedom.

*Mormons are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The United States acquired the Utah area after the Mexican-American War. It became a state in 1896.

Utah has more than 2 million people and is the 34th-most populated state. It has one of the highest literacy rates in the country. About three-fourths of its population are members of the Mormon church.



The Salt Lake Tabernacle, better known as the Mormon Tabernacle, has one of the world's largest pipe organs. It is known worldwide for its Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Arches National Park has 23,000 natural stone arches, more than any other place in the world.



Because of its hard-working people, Utah is called the **Beehive State.**

The **Blue spruce** is the state tree.



Bryce Canyon National Park has thousands of brightly colored pink rock spires called hoo-doos.

The **California gull** is the state bird.

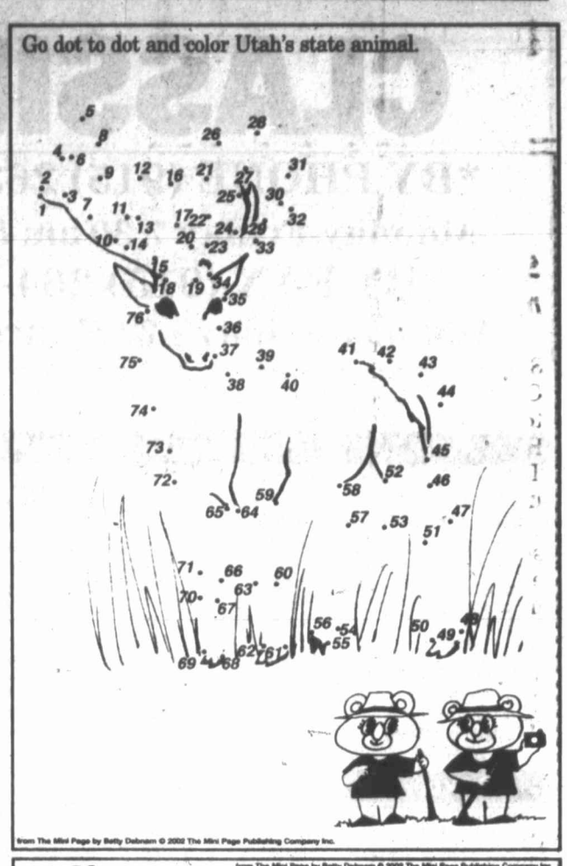


At **Canyonlands National Park,** canyons thousands of feet high rise above the Colorado and Green rivers.

Downhill and cross-country skiing attract millions of tourists. Fishing, whitewater rafting, hiking, snowmobiling and mountain biking are also popular.

The **Bonneville Salt Flats** are the bed of an ancient lake, about the size of Lake Michigan. When the lake dried up, it left a salt floor from 1 to 6 inches thick and as hard as concrete. Many world records in car racing have been set on the flats.

Go dot to dot and color Utah's state animal.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Nutty Fudge



You'll need:

- 1 (6-ounce) can evaporated milk
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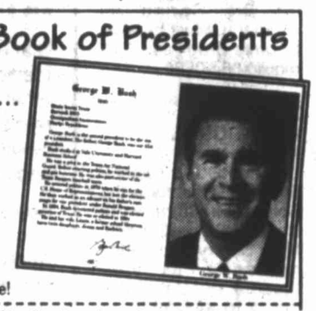
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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Randy Moss



Height: 6-4 **Birthdate: 2-13-77**
Weight: 204 **College: Marshall**

One of the stars of the Minnesota Viking football team is wide receiver Randy Moss.

He joined the team in 1998. That year he scored 17 touchdowns, the most of his career. Last year he set a team record by catching for 1,437 yards.

He has played in three Pro Bowls and was the Most Valuable Player of the 2000 game.

Randy was born in Rand, W.Va. In high school he played football, basketball, baseball and ran track. He was twice named the state's Basketball Player of the Year. He also played college football and studied business. He has a daughter, Sydney, and a son, Thaddeus.

Meet Nickel Creek



Sara, Chris, Sean

The group Nickel Creek was formed more than 10 years ago when the members were children. The group is made up of Chris Thile, 20; Sean Watkins, 24; and his sister Sara, 20. They are from San Diego, Calif.

Chris plays the mandolin and sings. Sara plays the fiddle and sings. Sean plays the guitar.

Chris' father, a musician, helped form the group.

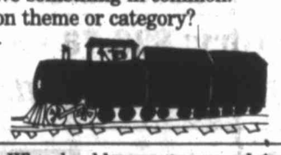
Sara began singing when she was 8 years old. Growing up, she liked to go to bluegrass festivals. Sean began taking music lessons when he was 6.

Chris and Sean have released their own solo albums.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Linda: A train just passed!
Sam: How do you know?
Linda: I saw the tracks!





Mary: Why should you never complain about the price of a train ticket?
Todd: It's bound to be fare!

John: What difference is there between a teacher and an engineer?
Barbara: A teacher trains the mind, and an engineer minds the train!



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

Words and names that remind us of Utah are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: UTAH, MOUNTAIN, DESERT, STATE, PLATEAU, VARIETY, CLIMATE, FEDERAL, PARKLAND, MILITARY, BASES, INDIANS, SPANISH, BRYCE, GULL, ELK, GORGE.



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Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and Alpha Betty are hiking in Arches National Park. See if you can find: • horse's head • bird • bell • camel • snail

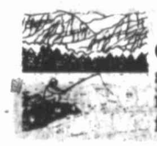


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More About Utah

The **Rocky Mountain Elk** is the state animal.





Flaming Gorge Lake, surrounded by bright-red rock mountains, is famous for its trout fishing.

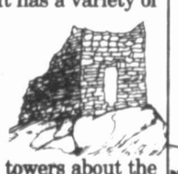
One of the biggest **Genealogical** libraries in the world belongs to the Mormon Church. People are encouraged to use the records to trace their family trees.

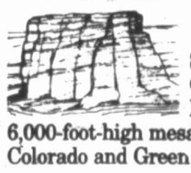




Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was the last place on the continental United States to be mapped. It has a variety of rock formations.

Hovenweep has strange towers rising from the ruins of six ancient towns. Native Americans built these towers about the time Europeans were building medieval castles.





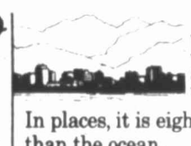
Island in the Sky in Canyonlands National Park is a 6,000-foot-high mesa overlooking the Colorado and Green rivers.

Juke Box Cave and Danger Cave were homes to Native Americans from 8,000 to 2,000 years ago.





The sandstone formations in **Kodachrome Basin State Park** seem to change colors depending on the weather and time of day.



The **Great Salt Lake** is the biggest salt lake in the Western Hemisphere. In places, it is eight times more salty than the ocean.

More than 200 valuable **Minerals** are found in the state. Crude oil, coal, natural gas, uranium, silver, oil shale, copper, gold, magnesium and different salts are important.

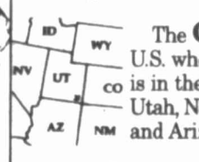




Mormons believe the Book of Mormon is a sacred text that goes along with the Bible. They believe the book was given to prophet Joseph Smith by an angel in the 1820s.

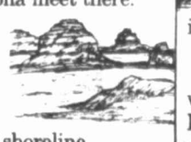
In **Nine Mile Canyon,** thousands of ancient drawings and carvings cover the canyon walls.

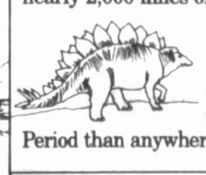




The **Only place** in the U.S. where four states join is in the southeast corner. Utah, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona meet there.

Lake Powell is the second biggest human-made lake in the country. It has nearly 2,000 miles of shoreline.





Dinosaur Quarry has more dinosaur bones from the Jurassic Period than anywhere else in the world.

Site to see: www.utah.gov/learning/Kidspage.html

Next week The Mini Page is about Martin Luther King Jr. as a boy.

Look through your newspaper for stories about the Olympics and Salt Lake City.



Railroads from the East and West coasts were joined in Utah in 1869.



Rainbow Bridge, the biggest natural bridge in the world, is 290 feet tall, taller than the U.S. Capitol.



Salt Lake City, the capital, has a population of about 182,000. The Capitol building is on a hill overlooking the city.

The **Sego lily** is the state flower.

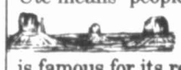




Temple Square, site of the Salt Lake Mormon Tabernacle, is the most visited spot in Utah.

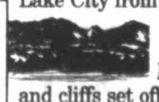


Utah is named after the Ute tribe, some of the first native people to live in the area. Ute means "people of the mountains."



Monument Valley is famous for its red rock formations.

The 2002 **Winter Olympics** will be in and around Salt Lake City from Feb. 8-24.



In **Dixie National Forest,** red rock spires and cliffs set off dark green ponderosa pine trees.

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Zion National Park features giant rock towers such as the Great White Throne.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

No. P-12,765
ESTATE OF
MILDRED RISTER FRYAR, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mildred Rister Fryar, Deceased, were issued on the 6th day of April, 2001, under Docket No. P-12,765, pending in the county court of Howard County, Texas, to Randy Rister, Independent Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of Randy Rister, Independent Executor to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Mildred Rister Fryar, Deceased
c/o Randy Rister,
Independent Executor
525 County Road 152
Abilene, Texas 79601

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 6th day of April, 2001.

Randy Rister,
Independent Executor of the Estate of Mildred Rister Fryar, Deceased
#3420 January 10, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Howard College will receive sealed bids for the removal of asbestos containing material up to and no later than 1:30 p.m., CST, on Monday, February 04, 2002. Bids received after that date and time will not be opened. Bidders are requested to mark the outside of the bid envelope: "Asbestos removal at SWCID, Student Union Building, February 04, 2002, 1:30 p.m." Mail or deliver bids to:

Terry Hansen,
Executive Vice President
Howard College
1001 Birdwell Lane
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Bids will be opened and tabulated in the Board Room at Student Union Building 1001 Birdwell lane, Big Spring, TX. Federal excise and state sales taxes are not to be included in bid. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished to the successful bidder.

All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form, included in these specifications. The terms are to be net 30 upon completion or progress payments may be made for projects of 45 days duration or longer. Progress payments shall be made on the 1st of given month and will be payable at 90%, pending completion.

Bidders must submit along with their proposal a cashiers check, certified check or a bid bond payable to: The Board of Trustees, Howard College, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the largest total of the amount of the proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract and execute surety within 10 days of notice of award of contract.

Other bidding requirements are included in the instructions to bidders section.

Howard College reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities or informalities for the best interest of the college, for any proposal received.

Bid documents may be obtained from:
CET Analytical, Inc
2404 I-20 West
Odessa, TX 79763

Bid documents will be available January 07, 2002. A mandatory pre-bid walk through is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., CST, Monday January 21, 2002 at 3200 Avenue C. Big Spring, Tx.
#3422 January 10 & 17, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

Bids for the construction of:
Remodeling of the Student Union Building
Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf
3201 Avenue C
Big Spring, Texas

will be received at the Howard College Board Room located in the Student Union Building at 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, January 24, 2002. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids will be addressed to:
Mr. Terry Hansen, Executive Vice President
Howard College
Remodel Student Union Building
Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf
(Name and address of bidder)

A mandatory pre-bid Conference will be held at the SWCID administrative conference room, 3201 Avenue C, Big Spring Industrial Park, Big Spring, Texas on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

This will be a single lump sum contact and shall include all general, electrical and mechanical work. Make proposals on unaltered proposal forms furnished by the Architect. Fill in all blank spaces and have the proposal signed by a legal officer of agent authorized to bind the Bidder to a contract.

Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of J. Phillip Furqueron, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Bid Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the instructions to Bidders. The refundable deposit will be $100.00 per set.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection therein. The owner reserves the right to contract within 30 days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time.
#3414 January 3 & 10, 2002

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 11:

You develop an even stronger personality this year. You learn quickly that sitting on the back burner doesn't work. Others respond to your charisma and style. Many opportunities present themselves once you make yourself available. Pick and choose with an eye to your long-term desires. If you are single, you will develop quite an entourage of friends. Wait until summer, when it becomes clear as to whom you want for a sweetheart. If you are attached, avoid getting into minibickering matches over little things. Use your warmth and understanding, and so will your sweetie. CAPRICORN understands.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** Do research in the morning, as the afternoon becomes more demanding. You're on call, whether you know it or not. Don't explode at someone's inadequacies. That is why this person looks to you for help. This person knows that he or she has a problem. Tonight: Once again, others want your suggestions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)***** Your mind might be already gone for the weekend, even if your body is still at work. Face facts: You might as well call it an early day. Clear out calls. Network. You excel in social interactions. Don't forget someone at a distance. Tonight: Go to a jazz tavern or a blues haunt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** Deal with others individually and success will greet you. What you discover is that people might not want to share as much as you would like them to. Someone might just blow his or her fuse rather than reveal what's on his or her mind. Be compassionate and understanding. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)***** Your fun nature emerges despite someone's change of plans or information that you hear. Don't be uptight with someone. Don't listen to gossip. Stay even-tempered when dealing with those in your life, as they present different options. Stay upbeat and positive. Tonight: Be a social animal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Someone might push your buttons before you're even out the door this morning. As a result, you throw yourself into work, determined to get the job done. You relax through concentrating and accomplishing. Call a friend and make plans. Tonight: Get a good workout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Someone might be clearly out of sorts with an emotional collision in the morning. Respond to others in your day-to-day life. Be grateful as people lighten up your mood. A flirtation could grow and become more. Trust. Tonight: Dance away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Someone whom you count on is on a tear. Review your decisions carefully, especially at work. Sloppiness in any way, shape or form could cause a problem or snafu. Close your door when balancing and checking all financial figures. You cannot be careful enough. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*** Take a hint from today's Libra message, especially involving your finances. Avoid risks. You, however, could be the person on a tear — out of control trying to accomplish way too much. Slow down! Be cautious and develop a detail-oriented approach. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Someone charges right in and could let you know exactly what he or she feels and thinks. Don't allow a situation to get out of control. Listen more carefully to someone's sharing. Realize your limits with certain individuals, especially if trying to stabilize an emotional situation. Tonight: Treat someone to munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*** You could have a blow-out in the morning. Though you might feel better, it could take another temper tantrum before you are heard. Remain sure of yourself when meeting someone's challenges. Your sense of humor goes far in relaxing those around you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*** An unanticipated expenditure could cause you a problem. Rather than discussing the problem, you withdraw into your cocoon and work it out. Review a situation in your head. You not only find the solution, but also decide how to avoid this problem in the future. Tonight: Do what's good for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Understand that you could be exhausted. You react strongly in the morning to different items. Relax in the afternoon, making plans for the weekend. A meeting turns from businesslike to extremely social. What occurred in the a.m. quickly becomes the past. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY

Actor Rod Taylor (1930), singer Naomi Judd (1946), golfer Ben Crenshaw (1952)

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His refusal to be neat brings myriad of responses


ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about the letter signed "Weakening in Buffalo," whose husband refused to put his dirty clothes in the hamper. She finally got tired of it and refused to pick up after him. As a result, his good suit has been on the floor for two months, and it is driving her crazy. You told her to pick up the suit and hang it in the closet. You also said when her husband saw it hanging in the closet, he would be ashamed of himself and shape up. I disagree.

That husband is exhibiting classic passive-aggressive behavior. Giving in to him will only support his controlling, childish behavior. She should pick up the suit, toss it in his car, and let him deal with it. — Easton, Md.

Dear Easton: I was bombarded with mail from outraged readers. After sorting through the incendiary letters (with asbestos gloves), I decided you are right. This is an issue of respect. "Weakening" needs to stand her ground so her husband will stop treating her like a doormat. Read on for more "suggestions":

From Madison, Wis.: When I was a teen, I often left my clothes and makeup all over the house. This drove my dad crazy. One day, he put all my makeup in his toolshed and locked it up. Two days without makeup taught me to be neat.

Chicago: I'd put that suit under the bed until it picked up dustballs.

Kinnelon, N.J.: Tell that woman to pick up her husband's suit and give it to the Salvation Army. That will teach him a lesson he needs to learn.

Cortland, Ohio: She should hang up that suit all right — on a scarecrow on the front lawn so all the neighbors can see what a jerk he is.

Machesney Park, Ill.: This man will not be ashamed of himself. It's a power trip for him. She should bag up all his soiled laundry and put it in a closet. When he runs out of shirts and shorts, he'll get the message.

Westville, Ind.: I think the beleaguered wife should stomp on her husband's good suit (with muddy shoes) until he needs it again. Enough is enough.

Eau Claire, Wis.: She should give that suit a little kick every day so it gets closer and closer to his closet. When he doesn't see it on the floor any longer, he'll ask where it is, and she can honestly say, "It's in the closet."

Washington, D.C.: What kind of marriage is it when the husband treats his wife like a slave? She should move out immediately and let him see how much fun it is to do the laundry himself. He sounds like a spoiled brat.

Looking for an uplifting, quick read? "A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" contains hand-picked jokes and witticisms from the world over. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for $5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562 (in Canada, $6.25). To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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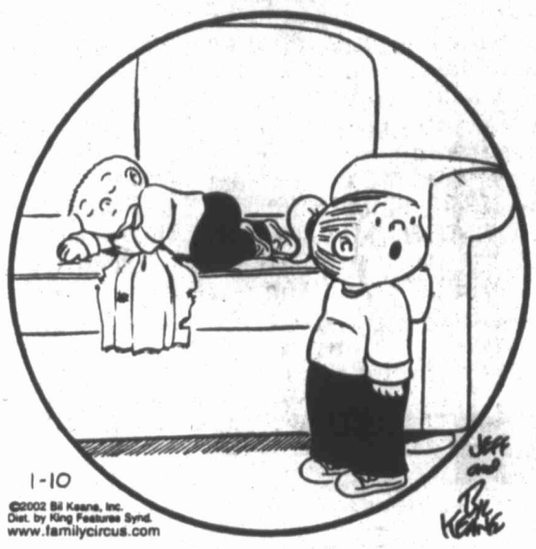
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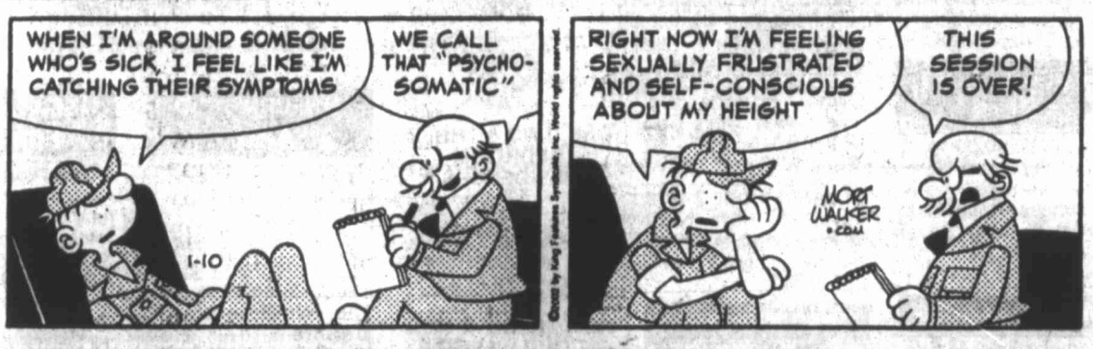


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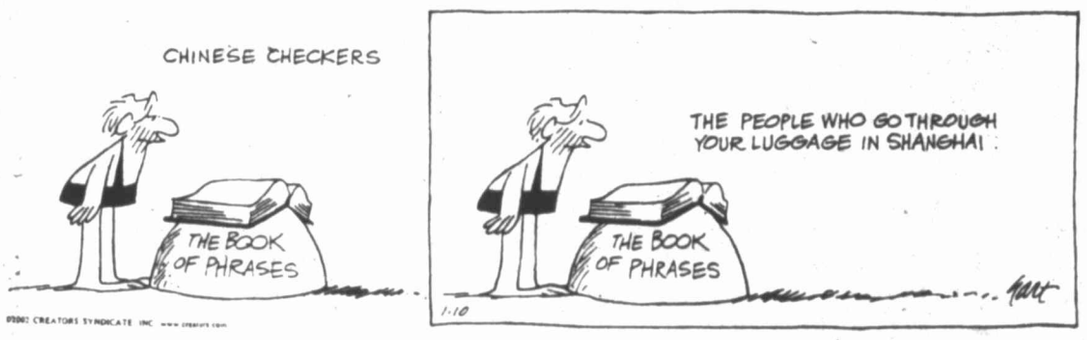
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Jan. 10, the tenth day of 2002. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

On this date:

In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

In 1928, the Soviet Union ordered the exile of Leon Trotsky.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.

In 1967, Massachusetts Republican Edward W. Brooke, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.

In 1971, "Masterpiece Theatre" premiered on PBS with host Alistair Cooke introducing a drama series, "The First Churchills."

In 1978, the Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard a Soyuz capsule for a rendezvous with the Salyut 6 space laboratory.

In 1980, former AFL-CIO president George Meany died in Washington, D.C., at age 85.

Ten years ago: President Bush returned home from his grueling 12-day journey to Australia, Singapore, South Korea and Japan, boasting of "dramatic progress" on trade issues.

Five years ago: Dallas police ended their investigation into Dallas Cowboys stars Erik Williams and Michael Irvin, saying a woman's claim that Williams had raped her while Irvin held a gun to her head was false.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Max Roach is 78. Singer Gisele MacKenzie is 75. Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 67. Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 67. Rock singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 67. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie McCovey is 64. Movie director Walter Hill is 60. Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. is 58. Singer Rod Stewart is 57. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 54. Boxer George Foreman is 53. Singer Pat Benatar is 49. Rock musician Michel Schenker (The Scorpions) is 47. Singer Shawn Colvin is 44. Rock singer-musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 43. Actor Evan Handler is 41. Rock singer Brad Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 38. Actress Trini Alvarado is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

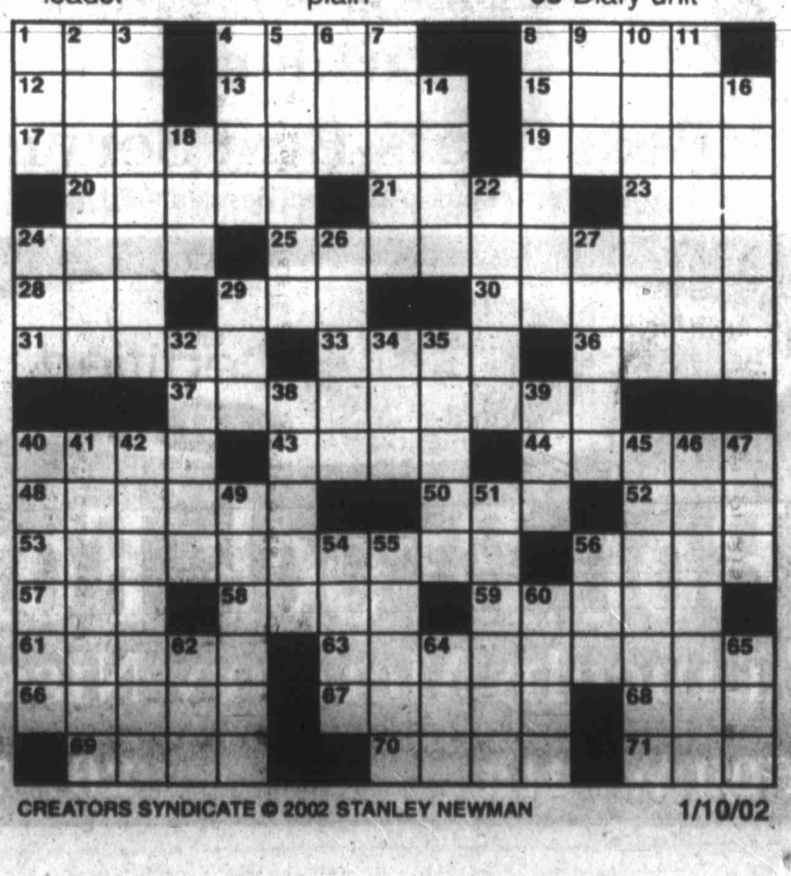
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Newsday Crossword

SPLIT P'S by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Inc., in the UK
4 Riyadh citizen
8 One-name supermodel
12 Bush spokesman Fleischer
13 Play matchmaker to
15 Clunky shoe
17 PAP
19 Singer Lena
20 Parting word
21 Tweed caricaturist
23 Oddjob's creator
24 Pesky flier
25 PEP
28 Sprint rival
29 Antietam fighter
30 Crater Lake state
31 Irish dramatist
33 Had chits out
36 Poetic dusks
37 PIP
40 General __ chicken
43 Helps out
44 Shortsighted one
48 Slacks measure
50 "__ tu" (Verdi aria)
52 Former Mideast org.
53 POP
56 Wd. parts
57 Prefix for system
58 Young salmon
59 Pre-1917 autocrats
61 Martini's partner
63 PUP
66 Villain's contortion
67 Skiing site
68 Actress Long
69 Barely defeat
70 Hightailed it
71 Le Carré figure

DOWN
1 Hasty escape
2 Hooky-playing
3 Regard with contempt
4 "__ sow, so . . ."
5 Safe place
6 __ snail's pace
7 Beyond well-done
8 Beatty/Hoffman film
9 Long March leader
10 Condense, as a book
11 Nine-sider
14 __ de soie (silk cloth)
16 Mortise mates
18 Perfect-game spoiler
22 Fine china name
24 Baseball execs.
26 *Christ Stopped at* __
27 Strapped
29 Training unit, for short
32 Neon and argon
34 Get hitched
35 Snaky shapes
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39 British record label
40 Board-game accessories
41 Icy treat
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54 Eyes, in poetry
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64 Gillespie's genre
65 Diary unit



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