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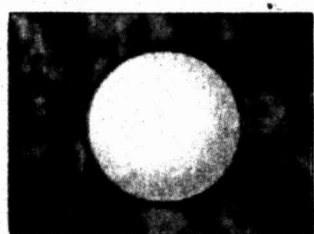
50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

MONDAY

January 10, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 47°-50°
TOMORROW 68°-70°

BRIEFLY

ALON blood drive set for Wednesday

United Blood Services has a blood drive set for 8 a.m. until noon Wednesday at the ALON USA refinery, 1-20 and Refinery Road.

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

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

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

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

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: The top-rated PBS series "Antiques Road Show" has become a national phenomenon as people flock to the show's appraisers to determine if their keepsake is trash or treasure. The excitement builds in Reno, Nevada, where a day-long evaluation takes place of America's hidden treasures.

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Howard County 4-H Livestock show begins Wednesday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The animal kingdom will temporarily overrun the County Fairbarns this week when the annual Howard County 4-H Livestock Show begins Wednesday.

More than 100 4-Hers will exhibit more than 300 animals in four categories during the show, which runs through Saturday at the county fairbarns.

County Extension Agent Michael Brooks said the show

"Some of these kids will have been working a full year getting their animals ready for the show. This is kind of a reward for their hard work."



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will be the end result of a lot of hard work on the part of the 4-H students.

"Some of these kids will have

been working a full year getting their animals ready for the show," Brooks said. "This is kind of a reward for their hard

work."

All that hard work pays off, and not just during the stock sale, Brooks said.

"It teaches them responsibility," he said. "They learn to take care of something else besides themselves."

Activities begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday, with the lamb exhibition. The goat show will follow at approximately 4 p.m.

The rabbit show will be held on Thursday. Judging gets

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ON WITH THE SHOW



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Contestants in the Senior Lamb Division line up their animals for inspection during the 68th Annual Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show Friday in Garden City. Almost 100 Glasscock County area 4-H members participated in the show, which concluded Saturday. For results, see Page 3A.

Heart Association gayla set for February

Special to the Herald

The American Heart Association's "Hollywood for Heart — Western Style" gala will be Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Big Spring Country Club.

The event brings the community together in order to raise funds in the fight against heart disease and stroke. The evening will feature dinner, dancing and silent and live

auctions.

There is a special part of the evening called Paddles Up, which gives everyone in attendance an opportunity to share a name of someone they know, perhaps a loved one, who has been afflicted by cardiovascular disease and or stroke.

The event is open to the public. Coronary heart disease is the No. 1 killer of all Americans. The

American Heart Association's event brings attention to the threat of heart disease and stroke to men and women as well as creates a call to action to commit to living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

Individuals in the Big Spring community who have suffered heart disease, have had heart surgery or who have been disabled

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Four!

Council to accept bid on renovations for golf course

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A great deal of Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting will center around the Comanche Trail

Municipal

Golf Course

and upcoming

renovations to

the facility,

according to

city officials.

The council

is expected to

award a contract

for the

renovation of several

holes at the course to

Cornerstone Golf

Services of Leander, a

move Director of Public

Works Todd Darden said

should advance the facility

into the 21st Century.

"The project will consist

of holes 10, 11 and 16,"

said Darden. "We'll be

reworking the greens, as

well as two tee boxes for

each hole. The contractor

will also be doing some

landscaping, which

includes seeding and sod-

ding, work on bunkers

and new cart paths.

"This will help bring

the golf course up to date

— move it into the 21st

Century. It increases

both the aesthetics and

the difficulty of the

holes."

Once the bid is award-

ed, the council is expect-

ed to approve the first

reading of a resolution

authorizing the mayor to

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Stalking: Clearing up some misconceptions

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Few things can be more terrifying than just the thought of being stalked.

The reality might be even worse.

An estimated 200,000 stalking cases occur each year in the United States, and if you think sleepy little Big Spring is immune from this crime, think again.

January has been designated National Stalking Awareness Month, and one thing you should be aware of is that stalking can and does occur even in small town like Big Spring.

"Unfortunately, we've had a number of those cases here," said Denise Hester of the local Victim Services center.

The term "stalking" is commonly used to describe specific kinds of behavior directed at a particular person, such as

Stalking Awareness Quiz		
1. The majority of stalking victims are celebrities (True or False).	their current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner (True or False).	ed by the stalker (True or False).
2. How many people are stalked in the United States each year (choose one)?	5. What percentage of stalking victims are men (choose one)?	8. How many states have stalking laws (choose one)?
a. 560,000	a. 2 percent	a. 30
b. 1.4 million	b. 12 percent	b. 40
c. 3 million	c. 22 percent	c. 50
3. What percentage of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also sexually assaulted by that partner (choose one)?	6. What percentage of stalkers are women (choose one)?	9. What percentage of male stalking victims are stalked by other men (choose one)?
a. 11 percent	a. 13 percent	a. 50 percent
b. 21 percent	b. 23 percent	b. 60 percent
c. 31 percent	c. 33 percent	c. 70 percent
4. The majority of women stalked by	7. Most stalking victims who had obtained a protective order against the stalker had the protective order violat-	10. More than 80 percent of women who were stalked on campus knew it (True or False).

Answers are on Page 3A

harassment or threats. Virtually any unwanted contact between the perpetrator and their victim which directly or indirectly communicates a threat, or places the victim in fear, can generally

be referred to as stalking, according to information released by the Stalking Resource Center.

There are many misconception about stalking. Perhaps the biggest is that it is something that

happens to just famous people.

"If you look at reports on television, stalking cases usually involve celebrities or athletes," Hester said. "People don't realize that those are very

rare cases."

Locally, violations of protective orders are the most common example of stalking-type behavior, Hester said.

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Obituaries

Jason Cruz Hernandez



Jason Cruz Hernandez, 6 months, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil Services are 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service is 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born June 11, 2004, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his parents, Lori Hernandez and Armando Lopez, both of Big Spring; grandparents, Dora Hernandez and Ernest Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; and great-grandparents, Juan Hernandez and Minnie Hernandez, both of Big Spring.

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

Georgia Cauble



Georgia Cauble, 89, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at the First Church of God with the Rev. Darrell Hendrickson officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. She was born Oct. 27, 1915, in Montgomery County, Ark. and married

Rexie Cauble Dec. 7, 1951, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death June 16, 1961. A longtime resident of Big Spring, she had worked at various shoe and clothing stores. She was a faithful member of the First Church of God.

Survivors include two brothers, Dale Stroope of Odessa and Cecil Stroope of Mount Ida, Ark.; two sisters, Neola Miles of Odessa and Fern Walton of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Alva Stroope and Earl Stroope and by two sisters, Oda Jenkins and Ivah Morgan.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Dale Fryar

Dale Fryar, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday night, Jan. 9, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Emmit Charles Moore Sr.

Emmit Charles Moore Sr., 66, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, Jan. 9, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take note

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

□ **REGION 18 SERVICE CENTER** has video and audio-visual material used in the schools available for viewing Jan. 27. The session is 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the center, which is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport. Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Pam Winn, media supervisor of the education service center, at telephone number 432-567-3260.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant car seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ **A BENEFIT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Jeremiah Best, to help with the cost of his cancer treatment. Contributions and prayers are appreciated.

□ **AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL**, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

□ **BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA** is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947. For more information about the Buffalo Fina fund-raiser call 267-5050.

□ **THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM** is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

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

Police blotter

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

• **JOAQUIN PINON JR.**, age not provided, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.

• **DENNIS DELEON**, 43, of 708 NW 10th Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while license suspended, displaying a counterfeit inspection certificate and two local citations.

• **DAVINA TERRELL**, 32, of 1400 Wood, was arrested Saturday and held for the HCSO.

• **DAVID HEFFINGTON**, 36, of 4501 Parkway, was arrested Sunday on a Llano County warrant and a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **REYNALDO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 27, of 1302 Wright, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **REYNALDO HERNANDEZ SR.**, 47, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Sunday on seven local warrants.

• **CYNTHIA HALL BOLT**, 44, of 1902 Settles, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 2700 Block of Central.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of Wright.

Sheriff's report

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

• **DICKIE DWAYNE DODSON**, 28, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of theft by check and burglary of a building.

• **TARA L. COATES**, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended and charges of issuance of a bad check and failure to appear.

• **IRMA VALERIE ORTIZ**, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off of bond for criminal mischief.

• **IRMA CRUZ**, 39, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.

• **SCOTT ANTHONY FOWLER**, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.

• **WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY**, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• **ROBERT RODRIGUEZ VILLARREAL**, 57, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a violation of parole for delivery of heroin.

• **THOMAS ROBERT POTTS JR.**, 31, was arrested Friday on a warrant from the attorney general's office.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

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

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

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

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

• Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

• Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

• Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

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

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-15-19-27-43. Bonus Ball: 25.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$46 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-20-22-26-28.

Number matching five of five: 2

Prize per winner: \$19,080.

Winning tickets sold in: Plano, Abilene.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 3-7-4.

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy with areas of fog in the morning. Then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows near 50. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs near 70. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Decreasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Highs near 60. West winds 20 to 30 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows in the mid 20s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs near 40.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows near 20.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs near 40.

Friday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows near 20.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

Saturday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows near 20.

Sunday — Mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.

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By BETSY BLAN

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GETTING IT READY



Mike Lindsey prepares his "mild, with a kick" specialty during the Third Annual Eagle's Lodge Chili Cook-off Saturday morning. More than 20 teams competed in the event. Proceeds from the cook-off benefit the West Texas Centers for MHMR. When all the cooks' efforts had been tasted by the judges, Troy Wrye was declared the contest's first-place cook. Tommy Tilly and Gary Gillihan took second place, while Ronnie Miller and Mark Walker claimed third place.

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Glasscock Co. Junior Stockshow results

Wether Goats

Grand Champion: Brody Halfmann; Reserve: Alex Halfmann.
Champion: Alex Halfmann.
Nannies — Champion: Brody Halfmann; Reserve: Alex Halfmann.
Light Weight — Champion: Hannah Halfmann; Reserve: Reggie Halfmann.
Medium Weight — Champion: Cade Halfmann; Reserve: Cade Halfmann.
Heavy Weight — Champion: Lane Halfmann; Reserve: Lane Halfmann.

Samantha Kellermeier; Reserve Grand Champion: Garrett Kellermeier.
Showmanship — Senior: Garrett Kellermeier; Intermediate: Samantha Kellermeier.
English — Champion: Whitney Kellermeier; Reserve: Shaun Maxie.
European — Champion: Samantha Kellermeier; Reserve: Garrett Kellermeier.

Rabbits

Grand Champion: Britni Cook; Reserve Grand Champion: Marcus Cook.
Pen of 3: Britton Avery.
Fancy — Champion: Britni Cook; Reserve: Wade Machicek.
OPB — Champion: Marcus Cook; Reserve: Kamie Halfmann.

Lambs

Grand Champion: Colby Hirt; Reserve Grand Champion: Colby Hirt.
Showmanship — Junior: Reggie Halfmann; Intermediate: Amber Halfmann; Senior: Colby Hirt.
Fine Wool Cross — Champion: Colby Hirt; Reserve: Colby Hirt.
Fine Wool — Champion: Jared Bradford; Reserve: Colby Hirt.
Medium Wool — Champion: Colby Hirt; Reserve: Colby Hirt.

Steers

Grand Champion:

Former Tulia drug agent's perjury trial begins today

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — When former police officer Tom Coleman goes on trial on aggravated perjury charges, someone from his past plans to be watching: Joe Welton Moore, who spent four years in prison based on Coleman's discredited Tulia drug busts.

Moore, who had been sentenced to 90 years, was one of dozens pardoned on a judge's recommenda-

tion after a 2003 hearing to determine if some of the 46 arrested in the small farming community received fair trials.

Ron Chapman, a retired state district judge who presided over the hearings, stopped Coleman's testimony when he, defense attorneys and prosecutors agreed that Coleman was "simply not a credible witness under oath."

Coleman's trial on the perjury charges, which centers on whether he

lied about his own arrest record during the evidentiary hearings for four defendants in 2003, was to begin with jury selection Monday. It was expected to last about a week.

Coleman worked alone in Tulia for the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force. He kept no written records of his drug buys, except for incident reports, some which were later determined to be false. He didn't make audio or video tapes. No

drugs or money were confiscated.

Following the 18 months in 1998 and 1999 that Coleman built cases and made arrests, 38 people — most of them black — were convicted of selling small amounts of cocaine and sentenced to prison.

The cases received international attention after civil rights groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, questioned whether the busts were

racially motivated since most of the defendants were black and Coleman is white.

The hearing to determine if Coleman's testimony was the sole basis for several convictions proved to be the first step toward pardons for most of the Tulia defendants.

In August 2003, Gov. Rick Perry pardoned 35 of 38 who went to trial or accepted plea agreements to avoid long sentences. Last year, 45 of those arrested split a \$6 million

settlement of a civil rights lawsuit against Coleman and the government agencies for which he worked.

Coleman was arrested in August 1998, amid the Tulia investigation, on charges of theft and abusing authority while he was a deputy with the Cochran County Sheriff's Office.

He had walked off that job and skipped town owing more than \$7,000 to local stores that extended

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COUNCIL

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execute a contract with Cornerstone Golf Services for the renovations, in addition to increasing annual green fees.

"During last year's budget work sessions the council looked at how to finance these renovations," said Darden. "The council has been self sustaining for several years and hasn't had to receive an subsidies from the general fund. The

council decided to finance the renovations partially through increases in the fees.

"Increases in daily fees went into effect with the new budget back in October, but the annual fees don't go out in the mail until February. So there was no hurry to approve the increases in the annual fees, which is what the council is expected to approve Tuesday."

"We have a copy of the master plan posted at the golf course, and a committee of local golfers

helped with the project," said Darden. "They were very receptive of the changes and the cost increases."

Also on Tuesday's city council agenda are:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager and the director of administration services to act as the city's authorized signatories for the Texas Community Development Program.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Memorial

Monuments Inc. as a supplier of markers and monuments.

- Acceptance of minutes from the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Development Board and Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Award bid for radio equipment.

- First reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article 7, by amending Sections 6 through 146, increasing annual green fees and revising Twilight Discount Rates at the Comanche Trail Golf

Course.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute and agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc. for professional services to furnish miscellaneous engineering consulting and design services.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute and agreement with Howard County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 for the sale of water. The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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

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by the effects of strike, are especially encouraged to attend the event.

For more information, contact Bobby Roever at 264-2271 or the American Heart Association office in Midland at (432) 640-5090.

STALKING

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Another misconception is that stalking is a relatively new phenomenon. It's not. The Stalking Resource Center states that stalking has "been with us as long as relationships."

What is new is that it has recently been labeled as a distinct class of deviant behavior.

Another misconception is that this crime occurs only to women.

While most stalkers are men (about 75 percent, figures show), more than 20 percent of reported cases in the United States involved male victims.

All 50 states have enacted anti-stalking statutes. In Texas, stalking is third-degree felony, punishable by between two and 10 years in state prison and a fine of as much as \$10,000.

But Hester stressed that all the legislation in the world is useless unless stalking victims seek help.

"Contact (Victim Services) and contact law enforcement," she said. "If the crime is not reported, there's nothing we can do. If no one knows, no one can help."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Stalking Quiz answers

1. false
2. b
3. c
4. true
5. c

6. a
7. true
8. c
9. b
10. true.

Urgent news for people who took
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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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The Chamber-sponsored program takes its students throughout the city and county — to government offices, major industries such as Western Container and the ALON Big Spring Refinery, the public school district, agribusinesses and many, many other entities vital to our community. Those in the program see first-hand how businesses and government work. They learn about communication resources and law enforcement. There are also workshops on developing leadership skills.

This is definitely not a "do-nothing" escape. Participants are required to attend three board meetings of a local governmental entity, ride in a patrol car with a police officer and take part in a community project.

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

The day-long classes are held on the second Thursday of each month for nine months.

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

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

If you haven't considered taking part in the program, we strongly suggest you do so now.

Leadership Big Spring builds community leaders and that's something we can't have too many of these days.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Open the windows of heaven, Lord, and pour Your miracles on our friends and families.

Amen

Assisted suicide; death trumps choice

What if you knew that legalizing assisted suicide meant that sick and disabled people, who don't ask to die, nonetheless would be killed? That's the central question that lawmakers in California will have to address as they consider a bill to legalize assisted suicide to be introduced by Assembly member Patty Berg, D-Eureka.

Simple fact: After the Netherlands essentially decriminalized the practice of assisted suicide and euthanasia, a government report conducted by Jan Rummelink found that 1,000 patients were killed without requesting to die in 1990 and 900 in 1995. More recently, the British medical journal *The Lancet* estimated that in 2001, among some 140,000 Dutch deaths, doctors euthanized some 3,000 patients, assisted in the suicide of about 140 patients — but ended "life without patient's explicit request" for some 840 patients.

That's progress, I guess — only 840 killed without asking for it. Why the change? "In 2001," *The Lancet* wrote, "physicians more frequently reported having become more restrictive about euthanasia and less frequently permissive."

In 1997, *The Lancet* found that 8 percent of infant deaths in the Netherlands were physician induced.

Professor Raphael Cohen-Almagor of the University of Haifa in Israel wrote a paper for *Issues in Law & Medicine* in 2003 based on his interviews with Dutch doctors about the Rummelink data. He concluded, "Most of the interviewed Dutch authorities in the field of medical ethics are quite complacent about involuntary and non-voluntary euthanasia, recruit-

ing an array of justifications to show that there is no real cause for alarm even when patients' lives are terminated without their consent."

A non-complacent doctor, Frank Koerselman, told Cohen-Almagor about an 85-year-old patient with pneumonia and depression. The man's family didn't want Dutch doctors to treat him. The patient's doctor was ready to take the easy way out. Koerselman said that he had to order security guards to remove the family so that he could question the patient in private. Then, the patient opted for treatment, got it and was discharged from the hospital in very good condition, physically and mentally.

If he had not intervened as he did, Koerselman told Cohen-Almagor, the man would have died, and everyone would "say that I acted humanely and (I) would receive a nice bottle of wine from the family who physically wanted to prevent me from treating him."

Similar stories from Oregon, however, are anecdotal only. It should be noted that Oregon practices haven't been studied as the Dutch system has, and Oregon prohibits euthanasia.

Another difference: The Dutch medical system isn't plagued by the pressure to produce a profit. Pressures to cut costs are enormous in America, as politicians promise cheaper health care to assuage workers angry that their wage packages are eaten up by soaring medical costs.

People, who mean well, say, "Why not let people choose death to save society a little money?" The answer: Already some patients can't get the care they want — even the care they paid for — because of the bottom line. Already some suffer because a health-care administrator has decided their quality of life is so deficient they might as well die. Let me be clear. Patients have a

right to refuse care. They can say no to therapies, drugs, feeding tubes and being hooked up to life-extending machines. They should have the pain medication they need, even if it eventually kills them.

But assisted suicide changes the role of doctor from healer and protector of the sick and the disabled. Here is a noble profession that shields people who can't walk and live without assistance. Here is a calling dedicated to caring for people who are vulnerable, who may waste away, with all those messy smells and cosmetic changes that disease can bring. Still, the sick and disabled should know they will find comfort and relief from their doctors, not wrinkled noses and sneers.

Yet self-styled do-gooders want to turn these healers into professionals who kill the sick and disabled, because incontinence is undignified or because death is imminent anyway. But it's OK, people who call themselves compassionate argue, because they're doing it for the patient's own good.

Is it any wonder that some Dutch doctors took the role further and chose to kill the disabled for their own good, whether they asked to die or not? This is where the whole argument that assisted suicide is about choice evaporates. If assisted suicide offers choice for those who want it, but not for those who do not, then proposed legislation is not about promoting choice but about promoting death.

Note: My husband, Wesley J. Smith, is a consultant to the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

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Lowering moral ethics bad start for new year

Oh boy! Starting the year off briskly, lending it such tone already, such cachet, such *je ne sais quoi* — those Republicans are so special, aren't they? Their first move, first rat out of the trap, top priority: lower ethics standards. Yessiree, this 2005 is going to be quite a year, some pip.

Let's put that to a vote. Many problems before us — Iraq, a Social Security "crisis," a real health care crisis, world terrorism, our international reputation possibly at its lowest ever ... who is in favor of lowering ethics standards first? Who thinks ethics standards in Washington are too high?

House "Republican leaders" — that would be your Tom DeLay, Dennis Hastert and other moral heroes of our time — want to repeal the rule that makes it possible for the House to censure members for bringing "discredit" on the House, even if their behavior does not fall under a specific rule.

They also want to relax a restriction on relatives of lawmakers accepting foreign and domestic trips from groups interested in House legislation. How very ... Bourbon of them. Wives and kiddies are already comped to go along on junkets. With the new rule, parents, cousins and grandparents could go, too. Good grief, how can the Republicans maintain family values without them?

Then there's the rules change that will make it possible for either party to stop the House ethics committee. As it is now, if the ethics committee, five Republicans and five Democrats, deadlocks, the complaint automatically goes to an investigative sub-

committee after 45 days. Nope, they want to change that to a majority of the committee. More "Protect Tom DeLay" changes. Does it not occur to the Republicans that Tom DeLay brings "discredit" on the House every day he is in office?

At least Richard Nixon once paused to say, "But it would be wrong ..." Does no one in this administration ever stop to ponder: "Perhaps we should not do this. Perhaps this is not a good idea?"

For example, making long-range plans for indefinitely imprisoning suspected terrorists whom they do not want to set free or turn over to the courts in either the United States or other countries. They are talking about "potentially lifetime detentions." According to Dana Priest of *The Washington Post*, a "senior administration official" said: "We've been operating in the moment because it's what's been required. ... Now we can take a breath. We have the ability and need to look at long-term solutions."

Nice to think of the Bushies "in the now," like a bunch of New Age nature lovers. But their idea of a "long-term solution" is building a 200-bed prison at Gitmo "to hold detainees who are unlikely ever to go through a military tribunal for lack of evidence." Uh, how about letting them go for lack of evidence?

That noted commie Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said: "It's a bad idea. So we ought to get over it, and we ought to have a very careful, constitutional look at this." Another com-symp, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said, "There must be some modicum, some semblance of due process ... if you're going to detain people, whether it's for life or whether it's for years." Where do these people get such radical, far-out notions? According to Reuters, "The new

prison, dubbed Camp 6, would allow inmates more freedom and comfort than they have now and would be designed for prisoners the government believes have no more intelligence to share."

Let's see, there's no evidence against these people, they have no more intelligence to share ... exactly where do we get the authority to hold them for life, and why are we doing so?

Just to show you that such forms of accountability as are left in our slightly tattered system of checks and balances are worth keeping, the upcoming hearing on Al Gonzales for attorney general has already borne fruit. Voila! The Justice Department has come out with a new memo on torture saying it is not necessarily limited to "excruciating and agonizing pain." Say, what a triumph for human rights.

Further, the memo says, "Torture is abhorrent to both American law and values, and to international norms." So there. In other words, we have repealed the infamous Gonzales memo, just in time for his hearing.

Now, I'm not going to conclude that Fascism Is Upon Us just because we have an administration that not only can't find the Constitution but apparently doesn't know there is one. Too early in the year for that. Long way to go. Got to save your indignation. But it is unpleasantly reminiscent of Watergate, isn't it? That's what we're looking at here, folks — not just constitutional deafness, but moral turp as well. All we need is one bag job and an alert night security man.

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Glaucoma can affect all ages

Change in your vision is a natural part of aging. However, some of the eye problems most often associated with older people such as glaucoma can actually affect people of all ages.

Dr. M. Roy Wilson, president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said one misconception about glaucoma is that it affects only the elderly when in reality many people younger than 50 have the disease. January, which is designated Glaucoma Awareness Month, brings an opportunity to educate people about how to prevent the disease, he said.



PATTI PATTERSON

Glaucoma occurs when the natural fluid inside the eye does not properly drain, causing pressure to build up within the eye. Left untreated, this disease can damage the optic nerve and eventually lead to blindness.

"About 9 percent to 12 percent of all glaucoma cases in America result in blindness," said Wilson, an ophthalmologist and internationally recognized glaucoma researcher. "Understanding one's risk and getting regular eye exams are two of the best lines of defense against the disease."

At greatest risk are those of Mexican-American and African-American descent. In African-Americans, glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness. In the 45- to 65-age bracket, African-Americans are 14 times to 17 times more likely to go blind from glaucoma than Caucasians of the same age,

according to Eye Care America, a foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Other risk factors include age (being older than 50), a family history of glaucoma, previous serious eye injury and other health conditions such as diabetes.

The exact cause of primary open-angle glaucoma, the most common form of the disease, is uncertain, and there is no cure. However, early detection and treatment can usually preserve vision.

Yet, more than half of the 2.2 million Americans with glaucoma are not aware they have the disease because there are no early symptoms. As the disease progresses, peripheral vision initially deteriorates, and then central vision eventually is lost. Usually, patients do not become aware of their vision until that late stage.

However, during a regular exam, your eye doctor can detect glaucoma and prescribe treatment. Commonly, doctors use eye drops, eye surgery, laser surgery or a combination of these treatments to lower the pressure in the eye to prevent further nerve damage and vision loss.

That is why regular eye checkups are so important. The American Association of Ophthalmologists recommends that all individuals have a complete eye exam by age 39. After that, schedule follow-up exams every two to four years. After age 64, people should have eye exams every one to two years.

By knowing your risk factors and adhering to regular checkups, you can prevent or reduce the effects of glaucoma. Don't let your eyesight be an oversight when it comes to your good health.

Less-invasive treatment for clubfeet

By APRIL KINSER

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Giving birth a few weeks ago, Lisa McGee looked up at her husband and smiled, ready for the joys and wonders of being a first-time mom.

But only minutes after her son, Spencer, was born, the new mother's heart plummeted.

Spencer's feet were contorted. His legs formed almost perfect inward-facing "L" shapes, as if his feet had been placed on his legs at right angles in the wrong direction.

"We found out then that he had clubfeet," McGee said.

About one in 1,000 babies across the country is born with clubfoot, a defect in which one or both feet are turned the wrong way and the heel cord is extremely tight and inflexible. Doctors do not know what causes the deformity, but genetic reasons are suspected in some cases.

The usual treatment involves major surgery or a series of plaster castings, immobilizing the foot for months at a time.

But a relatively unknown therapy program at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children is giving parents new hope for a less invasive solution. Known as French physiotherapy, the process uses daily massage, physical therapy and corrective taping to slowly move the affected feet outward.

Ten days after Spencer was born, his parents found themselves inside one of Scottish Rite Hospital's physical therapy rooms, counting themselves lucky.

"I was devastated with the fact that there was any kind of birth defect, and I was scared — extremely scared," said Spencer's father, Shawn

McGee. "But very quickly, we found out that it was the most common birth defect and that it was very correctable without surgery. So we went from being scared to elation to almost having fun with these little crooked feet."

The hospital, which treats children's orthopedic conditions, certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, never charges for its services. It relies on donations, such as the \$100,000 raised last month in the White Rock Marathon.

Scottish Rite Hospital is one of a handful of hospitals in the nation that offers alternative treatments for clubfoot. In the program, the babies come in four or five times a week for 90-minute sessions so therapists can work and stretch the feet, tape them gently into place, and fit them with tiny splints of molded plastic. Meanwhile, the parents conduct massage therapy three more times daily at home.

For additional stretching, the child's feet are strapped to a machine that gently moves the foot and ankle for hours every day at home.

As the feet begin responding to the treatment, the sessions at the hospital become less frequent.

Parents learn to do the massage and taping themselves. The process continues for a year or two until the feet are completely straightened.

"It requires a huge commitment from the families for daily visits for a number of weeks, but the parents do become an active participant in the care," said Dr. B. Stephens Richards, Scottish Rite Hospital's assistant chief of staff. "It has been a big success and really overhauled our entire approach to



Holly Wilson, a therapist who specializes in the French method of clubfoot treatment at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, demonstrates how to massage Spencer's feet to his mother, Lisa McGee.

clubfeet."

In the therapy room, children noisily run or crawl about, inspecting multicolored toys strewn across the floor. Mothers and fathers drink morning coffee and swap notes about their kids' progress. Therapists tenderly massage and glide their hands over tiny feet while comforting distraught parents or chuckling at a child's antics.

Since their son Gabriel was born with clubfeet 11 months ago, Angela and Adrian Aguirre have developed a daily routine of massage and taping. Doctors say Gabriel has almost fully recovered.

"When they pulled him out, my husband was like, 'What's wrong with his feet?'" Ms. Aguirre said. "For the first week of his life, we were thinking he would have to undergo extensive surgery. We

were told about casting, but I thought about how painful and uncomfortable it would be. You just don't want that to happen to your baby."

Holly Wilson, a therapist who helped cultivate the program, said most parents first want to know what caused the deformity.

"They want to know if they did something to cause it or if it's inherited," Wilson said. "We assure them that they didn't do anything, and sometimes it's inherited and sometimes it's not. Then they want to know if their children will walk normally and have normal lives, and the answer is yes."

To ease parents' fears, Wilson tells them about former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman and professional ice skater Kristi

Yamaguchi, both of whom had clubfeet as children, as did U.S. women's soccer star Mia Hamm.

But sharing experiences seem to help parents the most.

"There is a bond between parents. They talk to each other, and they don't get depressed," Wilson said. "It's a huge support group."

Richards said he and other Scottish Rite Hospital doctors and therapists learned about the noninvasive technique after visiting with doctors who had developed it and succeeded with it in France.

"They said we operated too much, that we should have the need for success without surgery," Richards said. "We thought, 'Well, we think we're doing a good job and that we know what we're doing, but we'll try it.'"

The hospital began offering the French technique in 1996, but because of the lengthy time commitment required, many parents still choose the traditional Ponseti method, Richards said.

Developed by Dr. Ignacio Ponseti, the technique uses a series of complete leg castings once a week for several weeks or months until the feet are corrected. The child also usually wears a bar connecting his or her shoes for 23 hours a day for the next few years.

With both methods, minor surgery to stretch the heel cord is sometimes required. Between the two methods, however, doctors at Scottish Rite Hospital have reduced the need for major surgery by more than 60 percent.

Richards said children born with clubfeet who forgo major surgery also may avoid the stiffness and arthritic symptoms

that sometimes appear as they get older. And although the French technique has not been in use long enough to determine the results into adulthood, the staff is optimistic, he said.

Still, the French method may not be feasible for parents who cannot devote the time or money to the process, said Dr. Robert Eilert, an orthopedic surgeon at The Children's Hospital in Denver.

"It's an effective way to treat clubfeet, but it's dependent on an inpatient type of treatment," Dr. Eilert said. "One of the problems is with access because it is very time-intensive. You have to meet with your therapist on a daily basis."

The program works at Scottish Rite Hospital because its patients don't have to pay, Dr. Eilert said. Elsewhere, he said, "The economics of it are more realistic."

Although Ms. Aguirre had to quit her full-time job at a local church so Gabriel could be treated daily, she could not imagine making any other choice, she said.

"It's very rewarding after a while to think, 'If I do the exercises, then his feet will get corrected and stay corrected,'" she said. "It's rewarding to know you're playing a part in your child's recovery. It's become a bonding time for us."

Ms. Aguirre said she hopes similar programs develop across the country.

"It's sad because a lot of people don't know ... that there are other options to surgery," Ms. Aguirre said. "It's great because when these mothers or fathers come in with their children for the first time and feel encouragement by seeing Gabriel and his success, we know we made the right decision."



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Trial date considered for South Texas mom

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A capital murder trial could be closer for a South Texas woman accused of helping her common-law husband kill and behead her three children.

Angela Camacho was scheduled to appear Monday at a pretrial conference in the 107th state District Court, where a date could be set for trying the stalled case.

Last year, a judge ruled that Camacho was mentally competent to stand trial. But defense attorneys have argued that she scored 51 in a test administered in the year after the murders, and 62 in a test she took when she was 14. A person who scores below 70 on an IQ test is considered mentally retarded.

The Supreme Court ruled in 2002 that mentally retarded criminals cannot be put to death.

Cameron County District Attorney Armando Villalobos said a trial date could be set if Judge Benjamin Eureski makes a decision on Camacho's retardation status. Prosecutors and defense attorneys are expected to determine their expert witnesses, Villalobos said.

Lawmakers' decisions can affect tuition

AUSTIN (AP) — If you're a college student and you paid attention to the 2003 Legislature, perhaps you knew your tuition could be going up. Or, maybe you didn't have a clue.

If your child was removed from the Children's Health Insurance Program after state budget cuts, you probably knew legislators were responsible for changes in your family's health costs.

Cell phone users who like to talk and drive might have been too busy to learn that lawmakers considered banning the practice, but never passed the bill. What state legislators do or don't do on issues both large and small affects millions of people. As Tuesday's new legislative session approaches, some Texans shared their opinions on how the last session two years ago impacted their daily lives.

Faced with a \$10 billion shortfall, legislators made deep budget cuts, and the Children's Health Insurance Program — a low-cost plan serving thousands of low-income working families — took a major hit.

New CHIP eligibility requirements dropped more than 150,000 children from the rolls. Some children landed in the government-funded Medicaid program for poor families. Some went to doctors and hospitals for treatment whether they could pay for it or not.

A bill that allowed Texas universities to set their own tuition rates passed in 2003, taking that power away from the Legislature. Since then, tuition has gone up significantly at many colleges around the state as each university has come up with its own tuition rates.

Ambassador thanks Houston church

HOUSTON (AP) — Indonesia's ambassador to the United States attended a Sunday service at the nation's largest church and thanked members for the outpouring of aid and prayers to comfort victims of the tsunami.

"The disaster knows no color, no religious affinity, no age," Soemadi D.M. Brotodiningrat said at Lakewood Church. "But then, now we realize the response to the disaster also knows no boundaries."

The Dec. 26 tsunami killed at least 150,000 people in 11 countries in southern Asia and eastern Africa, about two-thirds of them in Indonesia.

Lakewood Church's pastor, Joel Osteen, broke down in tears just after introducing Soemadi to his congregation.

"We pray that you will fill them with a peace that you can only give, that you begin to heal them, let them know they can have a new beginning," Osteen said as Soemadi joined him on stage in his cavernous Protestant church in east Houston. "We know that you will help them to rebuild. We pray for the government leaders, that you will give them wisdom to make good decisions."

Reservists' duty mission of mercy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Reservists from a Central Texas air base are joining the American response to tsunami victims in Southeast Asia.

Members of Lackland Air Force Base's 433rd Airlift Wing departed Sunday for Kadena Air Base in Okinawa. The 20 Reserve unit members will help the base's support teams for C-5 transports during their tsunami relief efforts. The cargo aircraft will deliver supplies to a U.S. air base at Utapao, Thailand.

"Usually, a deployment requires two weeks, but we did this one in three days," Tech. Sgt. Francisco Martinez said.

The officer ensured that deploying personnel completed all necessary preparations including physical examinations, shots and legal documents before Sunday's departure.

The deployment is for 30 to 45 days.

Accused Abu Ghraib ringleader may testify

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD — In his quarter century working in military courts, attorney Guy Womack can count on the fingers of one hand the times he has allowed a client to testify.

"My knee-jerk reaction is never to do that," said Womack, an ex-Marine Corps lawyer based in Houston. "I've never regretted not doing that."

But he may make an exception to his rule for Spc. Charles Graner Jr., the Army reservist accused of leading the much-publicized abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

He says Graner, whose trial begins with opening statements Monday, can explain better than anyone just what went on inside the notorious Baghdad prison.

"He is a calm, cool professional. He's very articulate, very bright," Womack said of his

client, a one-time prison guard from Uniontown, Pa. "Frankly, I don't know anyone else in the case who can articulate everything as well as he can, so that would be a strong reason for him to testify."

"It would be a catharsis for (Graner) to take the stand and say, 'I want to tell you what happened, and what I was doing and why,'" he continued. "I think there's a very strong reason why he would want to do that and a strong reason for me to want him to do it."

Graner, 36, is charged with conspiracy to maltreat Iraqi detainees, assault, dereliction of duty and committing indecent acts. He is the first person to be tried for alleged acts that occurred at Abu Ghraib.

He seemed in a good mood after an all-male jury of four Army officers and six senior enlisted men was selected Friday to decide his fate. If convicted on all counts, he

faces up to 17 1/2 years in a military prison.

"The sun is shining, the sky is blue and this is America," Graner said outside a Fort Hood courthouse. "Whatever happens is going to happen, but I still feel it's going to be on the positive side, and I'm going to have a smile on my face."

Under military law, a conviction requires guilty votes by seven of the 10 jurors. All the jurors have served in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

The Abu Ghraib scandal was ignited by the discovery of graphic photographs showing the treatment of detainees in the prison, and Graner is prominent in them.

In one, a smiling Graner is giving a thumbs-up behind a pile of naked Iraqis. In another he is cocking his fist as if to punch a hooded prisoner.

Among the witnesses arrayed against him are three other members of the Maryland-based 372nd

Military Police Company, each of whom has reached a plea deal with Army prosecutors.

Sgt. Joseph Darby, who first reported the alleged abuse, is also scheduled to appear. As many as three Iraqi detainees may testify via videotaped deposition.

Womack plans to argue that Graner was told by higher-ranking soldiers and intelligence agents to rough up the detainees prior to interrogation, and that he had no choice but to obey despite his personal misgivings.

On a Sunday appearance on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America", Womack said Graner often complained up his chain of command about what he was told to do.

"They always told him he was doing a good job, that it was helping the war effort, and that he was to continue following the orders of military intelligence," the attorney said.

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credit because he was a deputy, and he stole more than 100 gallons of gasoline from county pumps, documents and testimony showed. Charges were dropped when Coleman made restitution.

Coleman had also abandoned a previous deputy's post in Pecos County just before he was about to be fired for lying, according to documents.

He is charged with making false statements under oath about taking the gas, when he learned about the charges against

him in Cochran County, and whether he informed state authorities overseeing law enforcement officers about the charges.

If convicted, Coleman, 45, could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on each third-degree felony charge.

John H. Read II, one of Coleman's two attorneys, said the allegations are false and that the former agent wants his day in court.

"He wasn't able to explain what he said at the hearing because it wasn't handled properly," Read said. "They never let him come back and clear up the misconceptions."

Chapman recommended that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturn the convictions of 38 people and order new trials.

In a filing to that court, Chapman wrote that Coleman was "the most devious, nonresponsive witness this court has witnessed in 25 years on the bench in Texas."

Prosecutor Rod Hobson declined to comment for this story. However, Perry and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, who was Texas attorney general at the time of the Tulia drug busts, are among the 61 witnesses Hobson's office has subpoenaed to testify.

Moore, a pig farmer, was supposedly the drug kingpin of Tulia even though he lived in a rundown house with a dirt front yard and hog pens on the property. After a one-day trial, Moore, who has a previous narcotics felony on his record, was sentenced. He lost his farm and served four years in prison.

He used some of his settlement money to buy another farm and hopes to raise hogs again soon.

Despite what he lost, Moore said he doesn't want Coleman to go to prison.

"Prison ain't no good place to be," Moore said.

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An Assessment of Arafat

Will his death open the way for peace?

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

What are the facts?

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

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

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

Little Hope in the New Man: Arafat rejected this more than generous offer and decided instead to start his bloody "intifada," which by now has cost over 1,000 Jewish lives — and three times as many Arab lives and untold thousands wounded on both sides. The Palestinian

economy is in ruins. More than one-half of its population is without work; famine would be rampant were it not for the constant infusion of cash by the U.S. and other western countries (most of it pilfered by Arafat and his cohorts and stashed in secret accounts all over the world).

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

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

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

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

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Lady Steer Bo

Club meeting

The Lady Steer Booster Club meeting at Thursday, Jan. 13, will change from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All parents involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Janet A. 264-0023 or Rodriguez 263-6111.

Mavericks win straight contest

DALLAS (AP) — The Mavericks made chise-best 74.3 of their shots to a first half, then to a 121-101 victory over the Indiana Pacers Saturday.

Dirk Nowitzki way with 34 points, 13 rebounds, Michael Finley season-high 33.

Dallas has won straight, its streak of the and is 7-1 since Terry became the starting point guard.

Mavs are averaging 110 points a game in that stretch. This was the third time they've hit at least 100 points in a game.

All the wins have by at least 14, the Mavs led by halftime.

Kansas wins

Despite no Sh

LEXINGTON (AP) — Kansas won the fourth time many games injured preseason American Simien as the ranked Jayhawks No. 8 Kentucky Sunday.

The frontlines Giles, Christian and Sasha Kibini for 28 points, Kansas (11-0) played on a night's court.

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The win was Jayhawks' fourth meetings Kentucky and first in 11 tries the Wildcats Kentucky.

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Lady Steer Booster Club meeting set

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Mavericks win fifth straight contest

DALLAS (AP) — The Mavericks made a franchise-best 74.3 percent of their shots in the first half, then cruised to a 121-101 victory over Indiana Saturday.

Dirk Nowitzki led the way with 34 points and 13 rebounds and Michael Finley added a season-high 33.

Dallas has won five straight, its longest streak of the season, and is 7-1 since Jason Terry became the starting point guard. The Mavs are averaging over 110 points per game in that span and this was the third time they've hit at least 120. All the wins have been by at least 14, too.

The Mavs led 77-55 at halftime.

Kansas wins again

Despite no Simien

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kansas won for the fourth time in as many games without injured preseason All-American Wayne Simien as the second-ranked Jayhawks beat No. 8 Kentucky 65-59 Sunday.

The frontline of C.J. Giles, Christian Moody and Sasha Kaun combined for 28 points for Kansas (11-0), which played on an opponent's court for the first time this season. Simien is expected to miss at least another two games as he recovers from surgery on his left thumb.

Kelenna Azubulke had 12 points for the Wildcats (10-2), who had a six-game winning streak snapped.

Giles, a freshman starting in place of Simien, went 5-of-5 from the field and finished with 10 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots. Moody, a junior walk-on, had 11 points and seven rebounds, while Kaun, who didn't play in Kansas' last game, added seven points.

The win was only the Jayhawks' fourth in 23 meetings with Kentucky and their first in 11 tries against the Wildcats in Kentucky.

Kansas led 58-56 when Michael Lee made a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left for a five-point lead. Aaron Miles and J.R. Giddens each made two free throws over the final 17 seconds to seal the win.

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Beltran to likely sign lucrative contract with Mets

• Houston may now look to rebuild following departure of two all-stars

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Two All-Stars are leaving, a third probably won't be ready to play on opening day, and the Houston Astros might have to deal with the loss of Roger Clemens before the month is over.

Carlos Beltran turned down Houston's offer of a \$100 million, seven-year contract and was trying to finalize a \$119 million, seven-year deal with the

New York Mets on Sunday.

The decision by the speedy center fielder to leave the team he helped get within a win of its first World Series appearance was the latest disappointment in an offseason full of them for the Astros.

"We're going to have to move on," new general manager Tim Lincecum said after a deadline for signing Beltran passed Saturday night. "It wasn't meant to be."

Since taking over for Gerry Hunsicker on Nov. 1, Lincecum has presided over the rapid disintegra-

tion of a team that won a playoff series for the first time in the club's 43-year history.

A few days after Lincecum was promoted, All-Star right fielder Lance Berkman tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while playing flag football. Berkman still is recovering from surgery, and probably will miss the start of the season.

Houston let Jeff Kent get away after the team declined to exercise a \$9 million option. The All-Star second baseman went on to sign a \$17 million, two-year deal with

the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In another big offseason move, the Astros cut injured pitcher Wade Miller when they didn't offer him a contract for 2005. Miller, who went 31-12 from 2001-02 with Houston, signed a \$1.5 million, one-year deal three days later with Boston.

Then came the agonizing loss of Beltran.

With those kind of defections, the Astros will have a hard time persuading Clemens not to retire.

Clemens, 42, has said he would make a decision in January whether to play. The Rocket intended to

quit after the 2003 season, then changed his mind and signed with his hometown team, winning the Cy Young Award for a record seventh time.

He'll have less incentive to return following the defections.

"Certainly we will welcome Roger back," Lincecum said. "We're not going to shift into a rebuilding mode because of this. We certainly feel we have the nucleus of a competitive club."

But, overall, the Astros are unlikely to be better.

By making Beltran the

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Manning uses many weapons in playoff victory over Denver

• Wayne, Clark come up big for offensive minded Indianapolis

By BARRY WILNER

AP Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

Take away his favorite option and Peyton Manning doesn't pout. He simply destroys you somewhere else, setting records along the way.

With Marvin Harrison shut down early, Manning went to Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark in building an insurmountable first-half lead Sunday. The NFL Offensive Player of the Year had 457 yards passing, second most in playoffs history, in Indianapolis' 49-24 victory over Denver.

The Colts (13-4) go to defending champion New England next Sunday for a rematch of last year's AFC title game, and they

bring with them an even more diversified attack.

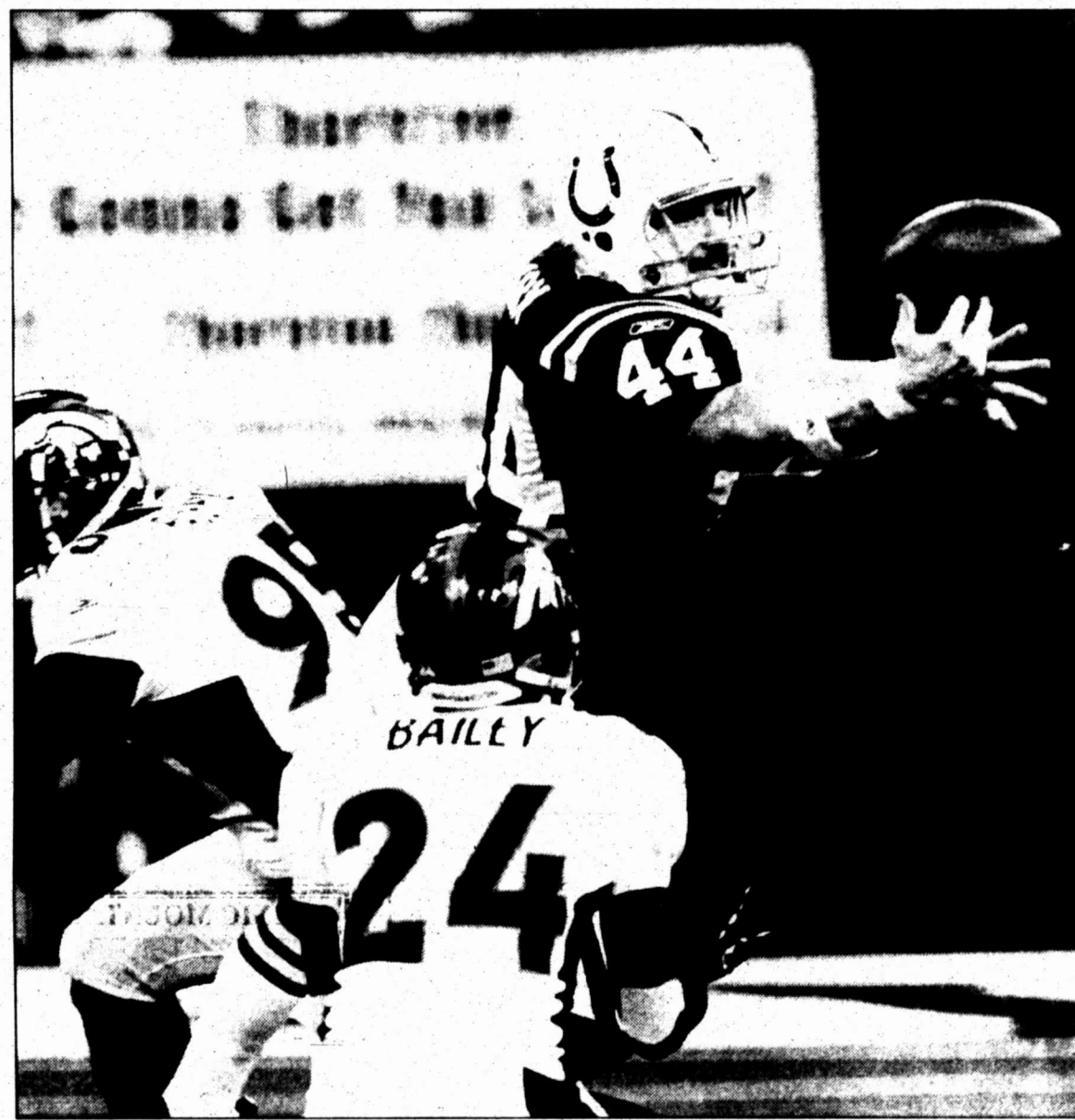
Against the over-matched Broncos (10-7), Wayne finished with 221 yards, the third most in playoff history, on 10 catches, with two touchdowns. Clark, who suffered a concussion in last week's loss at Denver had 112 yards and a score.

The rout was reminiscent of the Colts' 41-10 romp over Denver in last year's wild-card game, when Manning was 22-for-26 for 377 yards and five touchdowns. Except the Broncos were even worse for 30 minutes.

They trailed 31-3 at half-time in 2004 — and Manning had a record 360 yards and three TDs at the half.

For good measure, Manning sneaked in from the 1 with 6 seconds left in the half, making it 35-3

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KRT photo/Mark Cornelson, Lexington Herald-Leader
The Colts' Dallas Clark makes a catch in front of Denver's back Champ Bailey during the first half of their playoff game Sunday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind. Clark caught six passes for 113 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown.

'Horns continue Baylor dominance

No. 15 Texas hits 10 3-pointers, starts Big 12 season with easy victory

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas started the Big 12 schedule like it did the regular season, hitting from 3-point range.

The 15th-ranked Longhorns hit 11 shot from long range in a 79-60 victory over Baylor on Sunday.

Daniel Gibson and Kenton Paulino did most of the damage, combining for nine, and it was the seventh time this season Texas has hit at least 10 3s in a game.

"Coach was telling us to be ready to shoot," said Paulino, who was 5-of-6 from beyond the arc. "All our guards can shoot the 3. They can't guard all of us."

Gibson finished with 18 points and Paulino had 17, while forward LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Longhorns (12-2).

"When Kenton starts knocking down shots like he did tonight, it really opens things up for everybody, inside and outside," Gibson said.

Tim Bush scored 20 points to lead Baylor (7-4, 0-1).

Texas is 14-0 against Baylor under coach Rick Barnes and has won the last four in the series by at least 18 points.

Baylor is still rebuilding from the NCAA violations and player transfers left by former coach Dave Bliss. The Bears have just

six scholarship players and their starting point guard, Aaron Bruce, fouled out midway through the second half.

Bruce came in as the Big 12's leading 3-point shooter at 55 percent, but he couldn't match the effort of Gibson and Paulino.

He had just one 3 before fouling out.

"I have one recommendation," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "If you're short on players, don't have your point guard foul out with 9 or 10 minutes left."

While Texas could have been expected to use its deeper bench to wear down the Bears, the Longhorns were also playing shorthanded and the Bears managed to keep it close until midway through the second half.

Texas senior reserve forward Jason Klotz, who averages 11.3 points, served a one-game suspension for throwing a punch in last week's win over Memphis, and guard Syd Mill Harris missed his third straight game with a groin injury.

While Texas hit eight 3-pointers in building a 45-37 halftime lead, Baylor did everything it could to keep up, hitting four. Bush, a transfer from LSU, had 12 points, including Baylor's last seven of the half.

Texas' perimeter shooting over Baylor's zone

defense cooled off early in the second half, but the Longhorns started getting more points inside and in transition.

Klotz's absence opened up more playing time for Aldridge, a freshman who got his first double-double.

He had five straight points when he converted a three-point play on a dunk after a steal and followed it with a layup that opened a 63-49 lead with 11:35 to play.

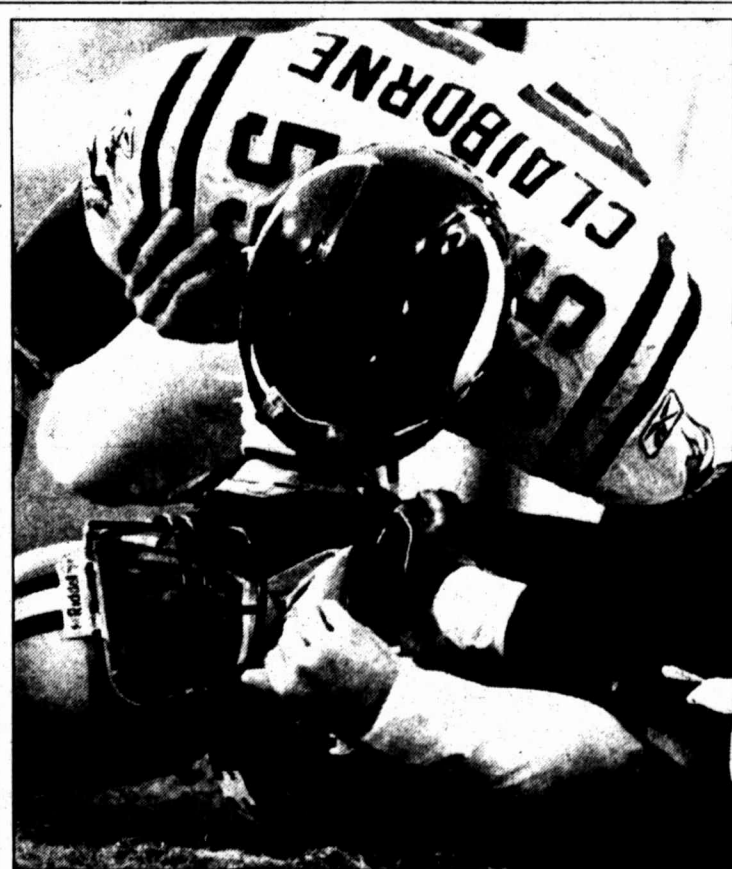
"I think I did my job trying to post deep, get in rebound position and work hard," Aldridge said. "One thing I need to work on is my right hand follow up dunk. I made my left one."

Texas dominated the rebounding 38-17 and scored 23 second-chance points.

"They were missing Klotz today, right? It didn't seem like it," Bush said. "I remember telling my teammates at halftime, 'Man, if I box one out, I've got another one on my back.'"

Texas committed 10 of its 18 turnovers in the second half and Baylor cut the lead back to nine before Paulino found his 3-point range again, hitting two in a row to put Texas up 73-58.

"When we shoot 54 percent for the game and 44 percent on 3-pointers, feel pretty good about those numbers," Barnes said.



KRT photo/Mark Hoffman, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Packers' quarterback Brett Favre is sacked by Minnesota's Chris Claiborne during the first quarter of their NFL playoff game Sunday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisc. Favre was intercepted four times by the Minnesota defense as the Vikings won the game, 31-17.

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No. P-13,225

ESTATE OF JULIA M. HENSON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Julia M. Henson, Deceased, were issued on the 5th day of January, 2005, under Docket No. P-13,225, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Julia M. Henson.

Claims may be presented in care of Julia M. Henson to the Estate addressed as follows:

Estate of Julia M. Henson
c/o Penni Bergstrom
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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 5th day of January, 2005.
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toward our goal. It's the perfect day to start a new project.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be judged by your conversation, so make sure it's "A"-level work. Being close to a gossip co-worker is socially dangerous -- this person's negativity could drag you down into a spiteful whirlpool. Keep your high integrity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Yes, you're attractive -- wildly so at times. But still, there are certain very unsexy aspects of your life that could use an update. Since internally, you're stepping into a

sultry new role, your exterior world will change, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stars shed a light on those gems in your life -- the people whose dedication and loyalty make your way easier. Show your gratitude by taking special care of these folks, and they will sparkle accordingly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). By all accounts, you should have the same concerns that plagued you yesterday, but now, somehow they don't seem so dire. Everywhere you go, you leave a path of sunshine in your wake.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Why is it that your so-called "time off" is often more draining than your "time on"? Perhaps you feel you must perform for certain loved ones. What you really need is to be

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You could splurge on something ridiculous, like a gaudy chunk of "bling." What you really crave is respect. It's more valuable than rubies, more substantial than diamonds and more affordable than cubic zirconium.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The crazies gravitate toward you. It's because you're the diplomatic leader, and they need you to show them how to get along. Some people's idea of compromise involves vanquishing the other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're bringing the best part of you to work. You're cheerful, and you give exuberantly of yourself. Of course, you deserve a raise, but don't ask for it yet. Log in more

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You keep thinking there's got to be a better way. Even if all you did today was brainstorm, you'd be ahead of the game. Generic ideas get a mediocre response. Radical ideas get a radical response.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What is effortless to you takes a heck of a lot of effort for somebody else. And the opposite is also true. So find the specialist who can take an arduous task off of your to-do list. Otherwise, you waste time.

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Carrie told her dad that my daughter pushed her on purpose and cursed at her. There were several other people present, and



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they all say nothing of the

kind occurred. My daughter loves her cousin and would never hurt her.

My brother, of course, listened to Carrie, decided she was telling the truth and proceeded to confront my 12-year-old daughter without my knowledge. I feel this was totally inappropriate. Worse, I know this isn't an isolated event. How can I convince my brother that his daughter is a liar? -- Anytown, USA

Dear Anytown: Don't try. Even if he believes you, he will defend his daughter. In time, he will learn that her word is meaningless, but the damage will have been done. Meanwhile, make it clear that under no circumstances is he allowed to confront your daughter. If the girls have a problem, he should speak to you.

While many children tell small lies in order to get out of trouble or gain rewards, Carrie seems to do this for sport. We feel sorry for her -- she must be emotionally needy and desperate for attention. Her parents do her no favor by not addressing this. A child who lies continually and viciously is shunned by everyone.

Dear Annie: Our 4-year-old daughter's name is Arielle, with the accent on the last syllable, but a lot of people rename her Ariel, with the accent on the first syllable, like "The Little Mermaid."

When I enrolled Arielle

in preschool, I wrote the correct pronunciation on her registration card, but both teachers insist on calling her Ariel. I corrected them, nicely, but they became very defensive and said the name was too unusual to remember.

As a result of this constant mispronunciation, the children in my daughter's class call her Ariel. Arielle is shy and won't correct them. Should I intentionally mispronounce the teachers' names, hoping they will get the message? Should I tell Arielle not to respond when someone calls her Ariel? -- Tired of The Little Mermaid

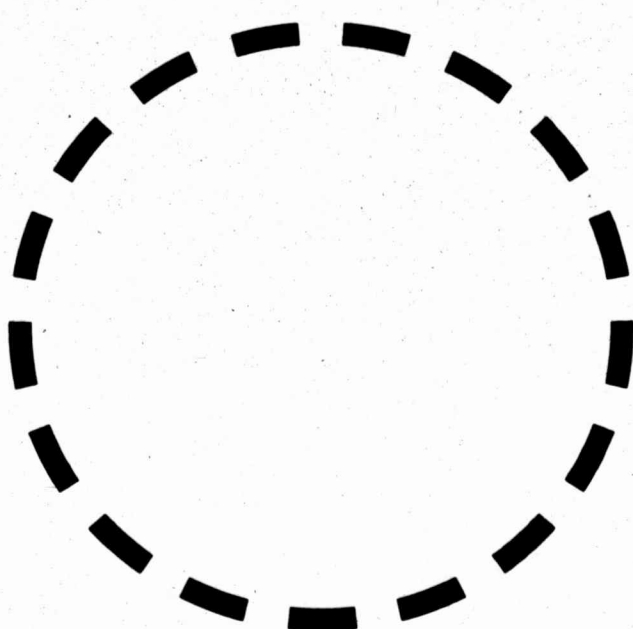
Dear Tired: Unusual names often are mispronounced by teachers, but there is no excuse for them to keep doing it after you have called it to their attention. Ask them once more, very politely, to please take the time to call Arielle by her correct name. If they refuse, talk to the principal.

Keep in mind, this problem may occur every time Arielle has a new teacher, so show her how to correct someone politely.

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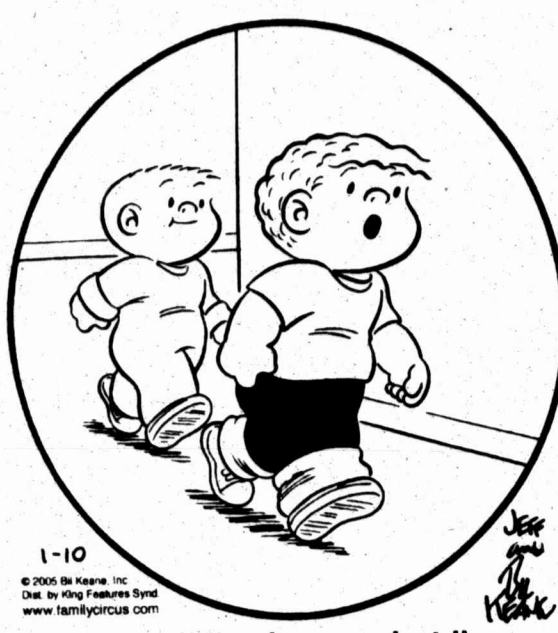
DENNIS THE MENACE



"HOW DID YOU KNOW I HAD RED PAJAMAS, DENNIS?"

"DIDN'T I MENTION MY NEW BINOCULARS?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"PJ's following me, but I'm not going anywhere."

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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2005. 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 1863, London's Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public.

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 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.

In 1984, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.

Ten years ago: Russia announced a 48-hour truce in breakaway Chechnya, but the cease-fire fell apart after only a few hours. President Clinton declared flood-stricken areas of California major disaster areas.

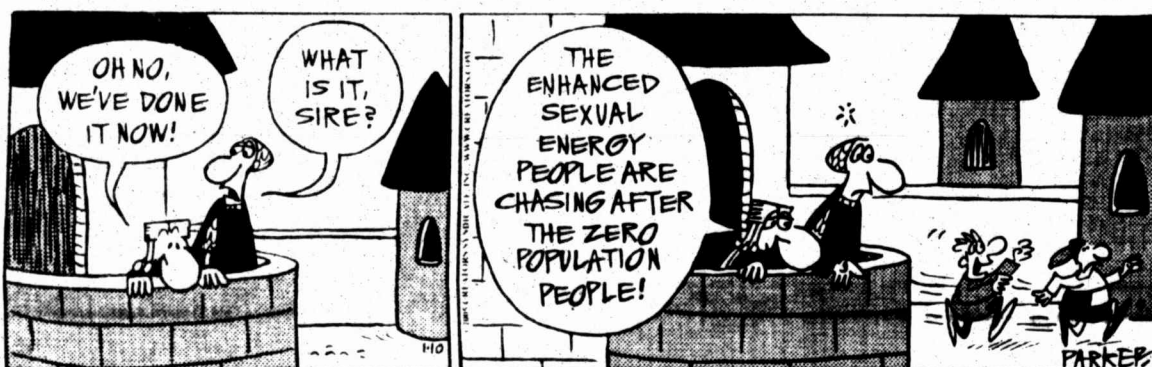
Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Max Roach is 81. Opera singer Sherrill Milnes is 70. Blues artist Eddy Clearwater is 70. Rock

singer-musician Ronnie Hawkins is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie McCovey is 67. Singer Scott McKenzie is 66. Movie director Walter Hill is 63. Singer Frank Sinatra Jr. is 61. Singer Rod Stewart is 60. Rock singer-musician Donald Fagen (Steely Dan) is 57. Boxer George Foreman is 56. Singer Pat Benatar is 52. Rock musician Michel Schenker is 50. Singer Shawn Colvin is 47. Rock singer-musician Curt Kirkwood (Meat Puppets) is 46. Actor Evan Handler is 44. Rock singer Brad Roberts (Crash Test Dummies) is 41. Actress Trini Alvarado is 38.

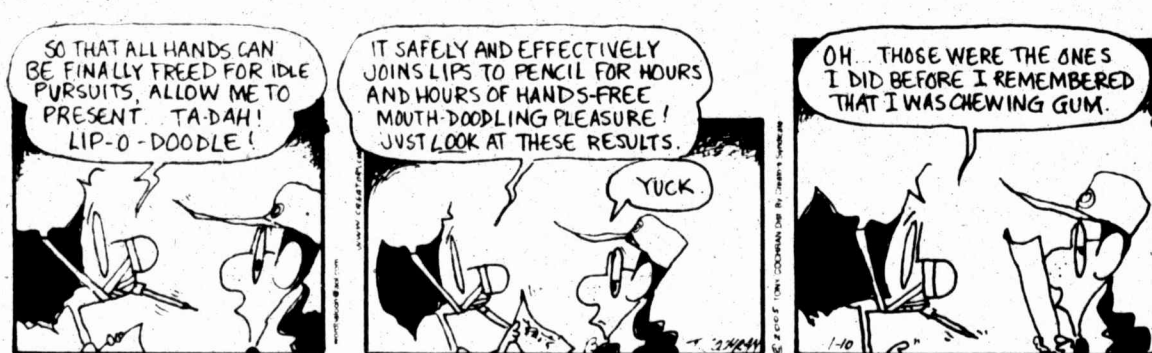
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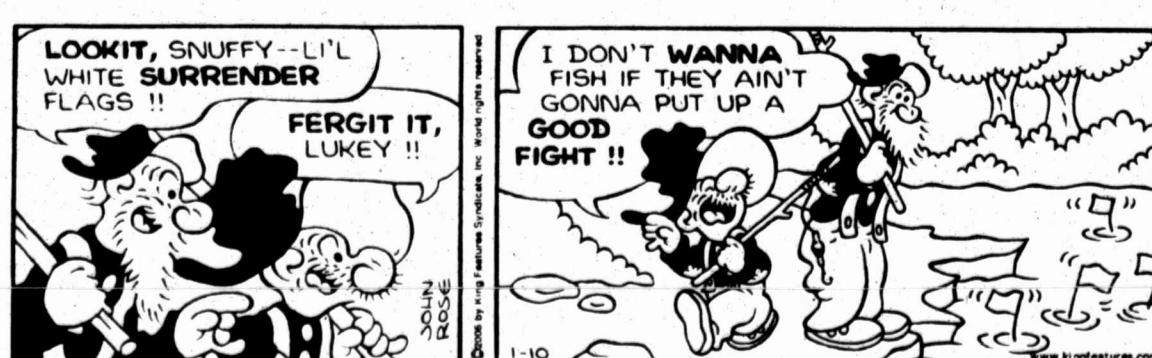
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ACROSS

1 Stinging insect
5 "Whatever Wants" (Damn Yankees tune)
9 Reduce drastically
14 Fictional Karenina
15 Rocks from mines
16 Number-picking game
17 Datum
18 Pesky bug
19 Dine at home
20 Very happy
23 Pen filler
24 Does the backstroke
25 Kicks out
27 Butter portion
30 Early afternoon
31 Country singer Campbell
32 Wine container
34 Astronaut Armstrong
36 Inquires
40 Wood-smoothing tool
43 Emphatic assent in Acapulco
44 Holler
45 Flying-saucer pilot
46 Below freezing
48 Droop
50 Went first
51 Arrive at
54 Pinnacles
56 It cools soda
57 Very happy
62 Rocket brake
64 Costello and Rawls
65 Region

DOWN

1 Do the laundry
2 Prefix meaning "against"
3 Unforeseen problem
4 Forest walkways
5 Enters a password
6 Placed decorations on
7 Garden-hose problems
8 Italian wine region
9 Sweater part
10 Mauna
11 Housetop room
12 Tour of duty
13 Goose sounds
21 Got up
22 Spills the beans
26 Totally
27 One-stripe soldiers: Abbr.
28 Jai
29 Repairs, as a driveway
31 Young cookie sellers
33 Oregano or nutmeg
35 Electrified fish
37 Leave port
38 Shin neighbor
39 Mail away
41 Sock fabric
42 Summoned via beeper
47 Lawrence of Arabia star
49 Entertains
51 Approximately, datewise
52 Island's surroundings, perhaps
53 Subway of Paris
54 How to play solitaire
55 Nosh
58 Seafood in a shell
59 Shah's country
60 Infamous Roman emperor
61 Right, on a map
63 Fishing gear

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