



## Yolanda King urges, 'We must keep reaching across the table'

By ERRIN HAINES

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — The eldest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King evoked the civil rights movement while reminding those remembering her parents that America has not yet reached the promised land of peace and racial equality.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," Yolanda King said Sunday at Ebenezer Baptist Church during a presentation that was part

### MARCH ALERT

Big Spring's Martin Luther King Jr. March, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. today has been canceled due to the weather.

motivational speech, part drama. King, 51, spoke Sunday, a day before today's celebration of the civil rights leader's birthday, the first since the death last year of Coretta Scott King.

Yolanda King said the holiday provides an opportunity for every-

one to live her father's dream, and that she has her mother's example to follow.

"I connected with her spirit so strongly," she said when asked how she is coping with her mother's loss. "I am in direct contact with her spirit, and that has given me so much peace and so much strength."

The stage and television actress performed a series of scenes that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated bus and a college student's recollection of

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### Martin Luther King, Jr.

A profile of Martin Luther King, Jr., the slain U.S. civil rights leader whose birthday is observed as a national holiday each January.

**Born**  
Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta

**Education**  
■ Entered Morehouse College in Atlanta at age 15  
■ Divinity degree, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.  
■ Ph.D. in theology, Boston University, 1955

**Civil rights triumphs**  
■ Founded Southern Christian Leadership Conference, 1957  
■ Organized 1963 march on Washington, where he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech  
■ Received Nobel Peace Prize, 1964, for his work as a civil rights leader

**Assassination**  
Shot and killed in Memphis, Tenn., April 4, 1968

Local band Hit The Ground Running will be one of seven bands competing Saturday in The Knockout, a battle of the bands with a chance to take the stage during the 2007 Rock the Desert concert. Tickets for The Knockout are \$10 and available at Cowboys Steakhouse and Bean's World Cafe.

Courtesy photo



## The Knockout is Saturday

Winner in the battle of the bands advances to Rock the Desert

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For one lucky musical group, the Rock the Desert battle of the bands known as The Knockout is a chance to win notoriety and fame, but area residents will be the real winners when the show comes to the Crossroads area Saturday.

Featuring bands from all over the Lone Star State — as well as special guests Crimson Soul and Road Less Traveled — The Knockout promises to be something area music enthusiasts won't want to miss.

"We're really excited about bringing The Knockout to Big Spring," said Jim Koerber, president of Scars Entertainment and promoter for the show. "The show is a great chance for these bands to get their



Koerber

music out to the people, and for the people of Big Spring to see some of the up and coming bands. It's really a win-win situation for everyone involved."

Koerber said seven bands will be competing for a chance to take the stage at Rock the Desert later this year.

Scheduled to perform are A Death Foretold from Seminole; Blank from Andrews; Epic Fire from El Paso; All Rights Reserved out of San Angelo; Midland-based Simplearth; and Abilene's In His Arms.

"We also have a local band set to compete," said Koerber. "Hit The Ground Running, which is from

right here in Big Spring, will be taking the stage. They're very excited about playing for a hometown crowd."

Koerber said the show, which is set to begin at 6 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium, represents a golden opportunity for the winners of the competition.

"We're having several rounds of The Knockout, with a winner from each of them," said Koerber. "Once we have all the finalists, we'll have one last competition to choose the winning band."

"The winning band will go on to take the stage at Rock the Desert, which will feature headline acts like Family Force Five, Kutless, Emery, Shawn McDonald and

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## Boss Hogg

Annual chili cook-off scheduled for Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For many area chili enthusiasts it's the Super Bowl of the famous Texas red and the World Series of one of the Lone Star State's most-loved, meaty concoctions.

It's the 18th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cook-off, of course.

Set for Saturday at the local Harley Davidson Shop, located at 908 W. Third Street, shop owner and event coordinator Howard Walker said chili cooks from all over the area will be competing for cash prizes and bragging rights for the coming year.

"It's all about bragging rights, plain and simple," said Walker. "The cooks around here take this competition deadly serious, but it's all in fun."

The competition will begin at 8 a.m. when chili teams are expected to fire-up their implements and begin putting the spicy stew together. Each team is expected to prepare at least five pounds of chili, from which they will turn in a sample to the judges at noon.

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Walker

sample ready, each team will be able to start serving to the public," said Walker. "The entry fee per team is \$20, and for those who would rather eat instead of cook, tickets will be \$5. They can sample as much as they would like."

Walker said first prize for the cook-off is \$150, with second place garnering \$75 and third placing bringing in \$50.

"We'll be offering 10 places on this chili cookoff," said Walker. "It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone. It's really a very festive atmosphere. So if you want to

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### HOWARD COLLEGE ALTERS SCHEDULE, CLOSED TODAY

Due to the weather throughout the Howard College district, classes/clinicals will not be held for the LVN students and all offices will be closed today.

Barring further weather delays, the spring semester will begin Tuesday with classes starting on time and all offices open. Regular registration will be extended through Tuesday with no late fees imposed. Extended hours for registration at the Big Spring campus will be Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Late registration will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The last day of late registration will be Monday,

Jan. 22, from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The college theater department presentation of "A Yellow Butterfly," a drama written by HC student Joe Baker, which was set for this evening has been cancelled due to the weather. For more information, call 264-5000.

Tuesday at 8 p.m., the Dr. Granville T. Hall Auditorium will host a Phi Theta Kappa Seminar, featuring Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mohandas K. Gandhi.

He will speak on "Lessons Learned From My Grandfather." Facilitator will be Susan King.

The auditorium is located in the Hall Center for the Arts.

### SEALED WITH A 'KISS'

HERSHEY, Pa. (AP) — This Valentine's Day, you can really seal your letters with a kiss.

In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Hershey's Kisses, the U.S. Postal Service on Saturday held a ceremony to issue the 39-cent "With Love and Kisses" stamp, featuring the iconic chocolate treat.

U.S. Postmaster General John E. Potter, a self-described "chocoholic," told the hundreds gathered at Hershey's Giant Center that "this stamp will echo the message of love and caring."

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Obituaries

Mary "Frances" Fleckenstein

Mary "Frances" Fleckenstein, 87, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 15, 2007, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Aug. 24, 1919, in Ft. Worth and married Regis Fleckenstein in July 1936. He preceded her in death Nov. 3, 1984.

She came to Big Spring in 1954 and moved to the Luther Community soon after. She was a homemaker and enjoyed playing 42 and was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Roger Fleckenstein of Stanton; one daughter, Annetta Montgomery of Big Spring; one sister, Annetta Day of Ft. Worth; two grandsons, Terry Montgomery of Big Spring and Ricky Fleckenstein of Stanton; three granddaughters, Susan Thompson of Big Spring, Cindy Pierson of Snyder and Cheryl Cook of Stanton; 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents. The family suggests memorials to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720 or to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

Jessie McGettes Bennett



Jessie McGettes Bennett, 83, of Coahoma, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at her residence. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church officiating and Russ Mullins of the Church of Christ assisting. Interment will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

She was born Sept. 21, 1923, in Howard County and married J.R. Bennett Jr. on Feb. 12, 1945, in Big Spring.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

Survivors include her husband, J.R. Bennett Jr. of Coahoma; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Patricia Bennett and Lee and Betty Bennett all of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Ann and John Lindsey of Andrews; grandchildren, Johnny Lindsey and wife, Jana, Justin Lindsey, Sonya Vick and husband, David, Christy Wright and husband, Marshall, Brett Bennett, Melissa Inman and husband, Anthony, Tammy Granger and husband, Keith, Amy Wagner and husband, Tim, and Jay Chadwell; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Lindsey, Anthony Inman, Marshall Wright, Brett Bennett, Justin Lindsey, R.L. Coates, Jay Chadwell, and Austen Lindsey. Honorary pallbearers will be all T&P Railroad employees, Ross Roberts, Randall Reid, Donnie Reid, Charles Porch, Don Crittenton and Wendell Shives.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Suite A, Big Spring 79720 or Best Home Care, 111 E. Seventh, Big Spring 79720.

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

*Paid obituary*

Joseph Smith

Joseph Smith, 60, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his residence. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Nov. 27, 1946, in Bay City to Ruth and Robert Smith. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and had worked for oil companies, retiring due to ill health.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Smith of Damon; and one brother, Roger Smith of Damon and two nieces.

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

Ronnie Carter

Ronnie Carter, 60, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) support group meets from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. Anyone who has a mental illness or has a friend or family with mental illness is invited to participate. Call Felicia Talley at 268-3835 for more information.

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Margaret Frankie Marstrand



Margaret Frankie Marstrand, 99, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at her daughter's home in Midland. A long-time Big Spring resident, she moved to Midland almost four years ago to live with her daughter, Charlotte. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring with Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Frankie was born Nov. 24, 1907, in Sabanno to Margaret Agnes and John Hollis. Frankie graduated from Abilene High School and then attended Hardin Simmons University pursuing a degree in music (piano). She married Charles Edwin Marstrand March 24, 1933, in Abilene. They came to Big Spring in 1944. He preceded her in death Aug. 12, 1975. Frankie and Charles were both very active in the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, both serving as elders. She was in the choir for many years and also played the piano at church. Frankie taught at Elbow School and at several elementary schools in Big Spring. She retired from the Big Spring Police Department having served as the corporation court clerk for 17 years. Frankie also taught piano.

Frankie is survived by two daughters, Frankie Alice Bartol and her husband, Leo and Charlotte Marie Meeks, all of Midland; four grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; sister-in-law, Doris Hollis of Orlando, Fla.; niece, Mary Frances Thrash of Euless as well as several other nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Frankie was preceded in death by one grandson, Harold Gene Bledsoe Jr.; one sister, Alice Richardson; and five brothers, Carl Hollis, Brent Hollis, Jacy Hollis, Col. William N. Hollis, Ret. and Billy Hollis.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Rannels, Big Spring 79720, or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Street, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. You may also pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- **PATRICK RIVAS**, 28, of 1408 Bluebird, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JOHN RIOS**, 40, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and parole revocation.
- **JOSEPH SAENZ**, 44, of 1711 Alabama, was arrested Saturday on two local citations and two Midland County warrants.
- **KENNETH DAVIS**, 56, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRAULIO BENTANCUR**, 35, of 2700 N. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant and a Guadalupe County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 1000 block of 16th Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 900 block of Bell.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
  - in the 1300 block of Mesquite.
  - in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows around 19. Northeast winds around 10 mph.  
Tuesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light and variable.  
Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 18. Light and variable winds.  
Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.  
Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and light freezing rain. Lows around 30.  
Friday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and light freezing rain in the morning...Then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

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**TODAY**  
• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

**SATURDAY**  
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

**MONDAY**  
• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Event Center, 1607 E. Third St.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

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

TUESDAY

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

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: 8-9-18-28-46-52

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 8-10-11-18-25

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-4

Take Note

• **THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING** is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

• **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them.

To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ** is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free.

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Tim and Cheryl Tannehill pose with son Ryan, the December Rotary Youth of the Month. Also pictured at right is Terry Wegman, charter member and past president of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

## Tannehill named Rotary Youth of the Month

### Herald Staff Report

Big Spring High School senior Ryan Tannehill was chosen student of the month for December by the Greater Rotary Club of Big Spring.

Tannehill, who is gradu-

ating early this year to enroll in Texas A&M, was a multi-sport athlete for BSBS. He played varsity football for three years, varsity basketball for two seasons, varsity golf and baseball for one year and varsity track for three

years.

He was selected to the all-district football and basketball teams and qualified for the regional track meet.

In addition, he was a three-year member of the BSBS Student Council

and achieved membership in the National Honor Society.

"He's an awesome person, student and athlete. BSBS will miss him greatly," Principal Mike Ritchey said.

## Rice planning to meet with Israeli, Palestinian leaders

LUXOR, Egypt (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Monday she will bring together the Israeli and Palestinian leaders in the coming weeks for a summit dedicated to exploring ideas for an eventual Palestinian state.

The announcement came after Rice met with President Hosni Mubarak in this southern Egyptian town following a three-day visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories. Rice's talks were aimed at breathing new life into stalled Mideast efforts and bolstering the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, in his standoff with the Islamic militant group Hamas.

Rice said her talks during the visits dealt with laying the groundwork for "a political horizon that will lead to a Palestinian state."

"I will soon meet with (Israeli Prime Minister Ehud) Olmert and President Abbas to have discussions on the broad issues of that horizon, so we can work on the road map and try to accelerate

the road map to move to a Palestinian state," she told reporters in Luxor.

She said the summit with Olmert and Abbas would take place "relatively soon" but did not set a date.

In Israel, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told lawmakers of his Kadima party that he and the secretary of state had agreed on "a three-way meeting with Abbas" — also known as Abu Mazen — to be organized "in a short time."

"It was agreed upon by both of us that the road map will continue to form the basis of the process," Olmert said, referring to the stalled peace plan backed by the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations. The plan calls for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

"My meeting with Abu Mazen caused a momentum and this momentum has to continue," Olmert said.

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enjoy some great chili and live music, it's going to be the place to be."

For more information on the cook-off, contact the Walkers at 263-2322.

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

## Ice storm blamed for 30 deaths across 6 states

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Utility crews worked today to restore electricity to about 330,000 Missouri households and businesses that were still without power in chilly weather following a storm blamed for 30 deaths across six states.

Crews hoped to take advantage of moderate weather expected today to bring power back on before an expected drop in temperatures to the single digits Monday night.

The remains of the storm system streamed toward New England today, shutting down numerous businesses, day care centers and schools in Maine with a mixture of sleet of snow that made roads treacherous.

Lower Michigan and parts of New England could see more than a foot of snow Monday, as rain fell from the lower Mississippi Valley up through the Ohio Valley, The National Weather Service said. On the back side of the storm, snow in Iowa closed some schools today.

Waves of freezing rain, sleet and snow since Friday had been blamed for at least 15 deaths in Oklahoma, six in Missouri, five in Iowa, two in Texas and one each in New York and Maine.

Seven of the Oklahoma deaths occurred in one accident, in which a minivan carrying 12 people slid off an icy highway Sunday and struck an oncoming truck, the Highway Patrol said.

All of the van's occupants were adult residents of Mexico, who were traveling from Arizona to North Carolina, Highway Patrol Capt. Chris West said.

Most of the Missouri power outages were caused by the weight of freezing rain snapping tree branches and dropping them onto power lines, officials said.

Guardsmen went door to door checking on the health and safety of residents in the hardest hit parts of the state and helping to clear slick roads. The temperature in the St. Louis area hovered just above the freezing mark Monday morning, but the wind chill was 24 degrees, the weather service said.

Amtrak canceled Sunday ser-

vice between Kansas City and St. Louis because of fallen trees and other debris on railroad tracks. Airlines in Texas canceled 415 flights because of the weather Sunday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. On Monday, 100 more departures at the airport were canceled.

In the St. Louis region, about 150,000 customers remained without power Sunday.

About 122,000 customers lacked power in Oklahoma as of Sunday night, the state Department of Emergency Management said. Authorities said it could be up to a week before power is fully restored. A gymnasium roof collapsed under the weight of ice and snow at Del City, Okla.

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Hawk Nelson. Anyone that wants more information on Rock the Desert can find it at www.rockthedesert.com."

Tickets for the show are \$10 and are available at Cowboys Steakhouse and Bean's World Cafe. Tickets will also be available at the door, with limited seating.

"We're really hoping Big Spring and Howard

County will come out and show their support," said Koerber. "Some of these bands are going to be like Crimson Soul and go on to become huge, so this is a great chance to see them while they are still up and coming."

For more information on The Knockout series, visit www.scarsentertainment.com or www.myspace.com/scarsentertainment.

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the 1963 desegregation of Birmingham, Ala.

After the performance — attended by members of the extended family and Yolanda's sister, the Rev. Bernice King — Yolanda King and her aunt, Christine King Farris, signed copies of their books, and Bernice King posed for photographs with attendees.

Today, Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King preached from 1960 to 1968, was to be the venue for more remembrances and speeches. The keynote speaker was to be Dr. Otis Moss Sr., pastor of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.

In New York, rallies,

speeches and volunteer efforts were to mark the King holiday, some invoking the Iraq War, the conflict in Sudan and local tensions surrounding the fatal police shooting of a black groom.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Gov. Eliot Spitzer were expected to attend a forum, joining Nicole Paultre-Bell, whose fiancée was killed by police in a barrage of 50 bullets in November.

The Rev. Herbert Daughtry, the national minister of the House of the Lord Churches, said he would lead an act of civil disobedience outside the Sudan Mission in New York.

New Yorkers also planned to volunteer on the holiday in a spirit of service, such as knitting

blankets for babies born to mothers with HIV/AIDS, painting murals, building homes, revitalizing their community and making fleece scarves for the homeless.

This year's holiday comes on the day King would have turned 78. King was assassinated while standing on the balcony of a hotel in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. His confessed killer, James Earl Ray, was arrested two months later in London.

Coretta Scott King died last year on Jan. 31 at age 78. An activist in her own

right, she also fought to shape and preserve her husband's legacy after his death.

Shortly after his death, she founded what would become the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. For years, she worked to establish Jan. 15 as a federal holiday, which became a reality in 1986.

"When you see the commitment my parents exhibited ... it was not for fame or fortune," Yolanda King said. "The best sermons are those that are lived."

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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Give president line-item veto

In the Jan. 3 edition of the *Wall Street Journal*, President Bush wrote an op-ed titled, "What the Congress Can Do for America" in which he wrote, among other things, "It's time Congress give the president a line-item veto."

We urge the U.S. Senate to follow the example set last year by the U.S. House of Representatives and give the president line item veto power.

Anytime this country can cut or restrain spending, we believe it is good for senior citizens. A vast number of this segment of American society are on fixed incomes, and accordingly are more affected by taxes and spending.

Forty-three governors already enjoy the line-item veto. Only those in Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island and Vermont do not. Historically, 11 presidents from both parties have enjoyed the line-item veto, going all the way back to Ulysses S. Grant. We believe the time to grant that authority once again is upon us.

President Bush has made the line-item veto a priority each year of his presidency and as far back as June 1999, while governor of Texas, he advocated the line-item veto as a tool to restrain spending. As governor and president, he has said repeatedly he believes in setting fiscal discipline with the people's money.

The line-item veto would go a long way toward eliminating what are called "earmarks," that is, spending slipped at the 11th hour into bills leaving little or no time to debate or amend their inclusion. With line-item veto authority, a president could X-out or "flag" that which he deems unnecessary or wasteful. The bill would then return to Congress for 10 days of review ... and Congress could reinstate those recommended cuts with a simple majority vote.

This represents fair play, and a constitutional reply to the Supreme Court's call for congressional involvement. But more important, it would force legislators to think long and hard before adding earmarks that would ultimately run up against closer public review, the "pork" being seen for what it is ... wasteful.

Thirty-five Democrats joined the vast majority of Republicans in the House for the 109th Congress to pass the line-item veto in late June. This is a bipartisan winner for the American taxpayer, and now it's the Senate's call to answer and do the right thing, bringing much-needed discipline to the budget process. This will help keep our economy robust, vital and productive.

On behalf of nearly 5 million senior citizens, the majority of whom live on fixed incomes, this is long-overdue legislation and we urge the U.S. Senate to pass the line-item veto. Allow the president to red-line objectionable spending without killing necessary programs.

—JAMES L. MARTIN

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we come to You, Lord, before we have a heated discussion with someone.

Amen

## Bush strategy is to not be the loser

"Who lost Iraq?" That's the question nobody wants to have to answer, and if trends continue, nobody will have to answer it — at least for a few more years.

President Bush may or may not still think he has a "strategy for victory," but the escalation of troops he proposed Wednesday night shows that he doesn't intend to see America defeated in Iraq during his remaining two years in office. There will be no embassy rooftop evacuation during the 43rd presidency.

Indeed, it is evident that American forces are not going to be defeated on the battlefield, even on an urban battlefield: The recent fighting along Haifa Street in Baghdad is a reminder that our troops, backed by helicopters and jet aircraft, enjoy remarkable dominance in any fight. According to reports, American forces inflicted scores of fatalities on the insurgents in recent days without losing a single GI. So from a purely military point of view, the situation in Iraq is less than dire.

Yet, at the same time, as the Prussian military philosopher Clausewitz explained almost two centuries ago, war is "politics by other means." Or to put it another

way, war is a subset of politics. And so it is worth pausing over the glum fact that the United States finds itself fighting in the middle of Baghdad nearly four years after taking the city the first time.

In other words, while the war is going OK, the politics are going badly — in the Middle East and in Middle America. The Washington Post reported Wednesday that Bush called congressional Democrats to the White House on Tuesday, telling them that "America's credibility would be shattered if the United States pulled its troops from Iraq, forcing close ally Saudi Arabia to look elsewhere for protection and potentially destabilizing Egypt." That's a lot of weight to put on the narrow shoulders of the Democratic leadership.

Even now, with the exception of a few liberal lions such as Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, most Democrats on Capitol Hill prefer to denounce the war as opposed to seeking to deny funding for it. To put it bluntly, Democrats are afraid they will get the blame for an American defeat. And the precedent of such painful episodes as "Who lost China?" in the '50s and "Who lost Vietnam?" in the '70s tells Democrats that they have good reason to be worried today.

Yet, even so, the Democrats are in better shape than the Republicans. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., was a loyal supporter of

the president until recently, when he began noticing that Iraq was casting a dark shadow over his own 2008 re-election prospects. Last month, Smith took to the floor of the Senate to take a different tack: He called the war "absurd," adding, "it may even be criminal." It's safe to say that Smith speaks for many, if not most, Republicans who are facing the voters next year. Like the Democrats, they don't want to get tagged with losing in Iraq, but unlike the Democrats, they are finding that the status quo is killing them.

Killing them politically, that is. The real dying is going on thousands of miles away, in Iraq. But even there Clausewitzian politics reigns over the battlefield, which means that there's not much chance of an outright military victory for Uncle Sam, the best efforts of our warriors notwithstanding. Will there be some sort of political settlement, instead, perhaps with the help of neighboring countries? Or will the United States, or Israel, carry the fight into nuclear-bent Iran?

And if the war eventually extends into Iran, a country three times the size of Iraq, then what's happened in the past four years would be just a first chapter in a long book, and Bush's speech Wednesday night would be just a footnote.

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## Going after Iran not Israel's worst idea

Last weekend, the *Sunday Times* of London reported that Israel is preparing a strike on the Iranian nuclear program at several bases scattered throughout the country. The paper claimed that the attack would be carried out with tactical nuclear "bunker busters" supplied by the United States.

Israel quickly denied the report. But the story, which may be wrong in its details, has a certain truthfulness. Israel is certainly thinking about how to stop Tehran from getting its hands on nukes.

And why wouldn't it? Given the evident failure of American diplomacy and U.N. sanctions, Israel has two basic choices. It can sit and wait, hoping the Iranians do not drop a bomb on Tel Aviv; or it can pre-emptively attack, hoping to destroy, or at least retard, the Iranians' nuclear capacity.

American foreign-policy "realists" tend to favor the first option. At the core of their argument is the idea that Israel has nuclear weapons and can therefore rely on Mutually Assured Destruction just as the United States did during the Cold War. Does Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad say he wants to wipe Israel off the map? It's probably just rhetoric. After all, he knows that if he tried, Israel would retaliate, turning Tehran into a parking lot.

This may seem realistic in Washington or Cambridge, but not in Tel Aviv. Israel is a small, crowded country with a very poor civil-defense infrastructure and a population traumatized by its own recent history. Perhaps the Iranian government doubts that the Holocaust happened, but there are 6 million Israeli Jews (that population figure is a macabre coincidence) who don't doubt it. For Israelis, "never again" is more than a phrase over a museum

gate.

It is possible, even likely, that Israel could survive an Iranian nuclear attack physically — but not psychologically. It is doubtful that Israel could carry on as a sane, not to mention democratic, society. This is the great insight of Ahmadinejad.

An Israel assaulted in this way would react, of course. But it might not react in the predictable, proportionate, tit-for-tat fashion that the realists have laid out. What, after all, is the practical value (not to mention the moral justification) for killing a million innocent civilians in Tehran?

There are other ways a brutalized Israel might respond. For example, it could decide to settle accounts with a broader group of enemies. That would mean immiserating Iran and the Arab world by destroying their oil fields. Or, if the Palestinians cheered the mass murder of Israelis in Tel Aviv, as they almost certainly would, the Israeli reaction might be to settle the territorial issue of western Palestine once and for all. And if Hezbollah or Syria attempted to intervene, well, the genie would be out of the bottle.

In other words, if you want to think realistically about the Middle East in a first-strike environment, you had better be ready to contemplate something more dire than a few flattened neighborhoods in downtown Tehran.

The only reasonable alternative to this nightmare is a guarantee that there will be no nuclear attack by Iran. This can be accomplished by changing the regime in Tehran, or by destroying the present government's capacity to build and deliver nukes.

There are Israelis who believe it is in Israel's interest for the United States to solve this problem. But they are mistaken. The truth is, the United States is not directly menaced by Iranian weapons. When President Bush says an Iranian bomb would threaten U.S. friends and interests in the region, he is speaking primarily about Israel. The Iranians frighten a lot of Sunni Arab coun-

tries, but they pose an existential threat only to the Jewish state.

Israel needs to fight its own battles. If it encourages, or allows, the United States to disarm Iran on its behalf, it can kiss its sovereignty goodbye. Israel will become an American protectorate, a Mediterranean Puerto Rico. The United States is a great friend, but history's lesson is that friends come and go.

Israel's *raison d'être* is Jewish self-determination — and that includes the ability to survive without relying on the kindness of others.

That kindness, in any case, can't be taken for granted. Just last week, retired Gen. Wesley Clark, the former supreme allied commander of NATO and a member in good standing of the Democratic establishment, confided to Arianna Huffington, on the record, that he fears that "New York money people" (by which he clearly meant American Jews) are already pressuring U.S. officials to go to war for Israel's sake.

This, of course, is a variation on the increasingly brazen charge that disloyal neocon Jews tricked the United States into Iraq on orders from Jerusalem — a theory propounded not only by Arab propagandists and academic Zionist-lobby-spotters such as professor Stephen Walt of Harvard, professor John Mearsheimer of the University of Chicago and David Duke of the Ukrainian Interregional Academy of Personnel Management, but by many "progressive" Democrats and Buchananite Republicans.

If the *Sunday Times* is right and Israel is preparing a strike on the Iranian nuclear program, that may not be good news, but, realistically, it is a damn sight better than the alternative.

Zev Chafets is the author of "A Match Made in Heaven: American Jews, Christian Zionists and One Man's Exploration of the Weird and Wonderful Judeo-Evangelical Alliance," published this week by HarperCollins.

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News briefs

Elderly woman dies after house explosion

DALLAS (AP) — A 75-year-old woman who was rescued by neighbors from her Tye home after it exploded has died from her injuries.

Betty Coats died Sunday afternoon at Parkland Hospital, days after several neighbors dug her out of the rubble.

Investigators think propane leaked under her home and was ignited by a heating unit, causing an explosion and fire Friday night.

Benny Kilpatrick heard the explosion from his home about 1/4 mile away and headed to the scene with his wife Deborah. When they arrived, their son-in-law Brock Jones, brothers Randy and David DeLeon and other neighbors had also arrived to help.

The home was "flattened, nothing but rubble," Kilpatrick said. "And it was burning pretty hard and hot."

The group heard a faint voice calling and started digging. After they found Coats, the group heard more explosions and worked quickly to move her.

"She just kept saying 'My God, my God, what's happened,'" Kilpatrick said.

As they lifted Coats, Kilpatrick said he saw a flag, folded military-style, nearby.

"I thought it probably meant something to her," he said.

The flag had covered the coffin of her husband Thomas Jefferson Coats, a Navy veteran who died in 2002, said their son, Larry Coats said.

"She must have had it with her," Larry Coats said.

Vigil supports convicted ex-border agents

EL PASO (AP) — One of two former Border Patrol agents convicted of shooting and wounding a drug smuggling suspect and then concealing the evidence says he's confident his appeal will be successful.

Jose Alonso Compean said at a rally Saturday at San Jacinto Plaza held in support of him and another agent, Ignacio Ramos, that he was not thinking about Wednesday, when his sentence is set to begin.

"If I think about it, it's going to ruin the amount of time that I have left with my family," he said.

Compean was ordered to serve 12 years in prison. Ramos was sentenced to 11 years and one day. The men were ordered to report to prison by Wednesday.

The rally was one of about 10 in cities across the nation on Saturday in support of the two. Meanwhile, advocates and family members are trying to keep them out of prison through either a motion to U.S. District Judge Kathleen Cardone to allow the former agents to remain free on bond during an appeal, or a presidential pardon.

Compean and Ramos were found guilty in a jury trial before Cardone of violating the civil rights of Osvaldo Aldrete Davila by shooting him, then tampering with evidence by picking up shell casings from the shooting.

In exchange for his testimony against

the Border Patrol agents, Aldrete was granted immunity from prosecution for attempting to smuggle marijuana into the United States on the day he was shot in the buttocks.

A letter circulated last week by U.S. Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, and signed by 24 lawmakers requests that the Justice Department refrain from opposing a motion filed in Cardone's court to allow the former agents to remain free on bond pending the appeal.

Poe spoke Wednesday on the House floor, where he said the agents "were doing their job" when they came into contact with a drug dealer.

10-year-old girl killed while trying to help dog

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 10-year-old girl has died after being attacked by her neighbor's dog while trying to help the animal after it had gotten its collar caught on a chain link fence.

Amber Jones was in her backyard Friday afternoon practicing cheerleading moves when she noticed that in an attempt to jump over the fence, the pit bull was caught. As she had done several times before, she asked her mom if she could help the dog.

He mother said yes. When the girl went to the dog's rescue, the dog attacked her.

Hearing her daughter's screams, Lori Jones ran into the backyard. The dog had bitten Amber in the stomach and was now attached to her neck.

Amber's mother tried to push the dog off. A man rushed to help and got the dog away from both mother and daughter. The family does not know the man but said if he had not been there the dog could have attacked Lori Jones as well.

Amber was airlifted to University Hospital, where she died a couple hours later.

"You just try to keep it together," her father, Robert Jones, said the day after her death. "We're hanging together and trying to reason it out."

The dog was put into the custody of Animal Services and will likely be euthanized because it killed someone, said Animal Cruelty Investigator Eddie Wright.

Saddam's half brother hanged before dawn

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein's half brother and the former head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court were hanged before dawn today, two weeks and two days after the former Iraqi dictator was executed in a chaotic scene that has drawn worldwide criticism.

In confirming the executions, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the head of one of the accused, Barzan Ibrahim, had been severed during the hanging in what he called "a rare incident."

But he stressed that all laws and rules were respected during the proceedings, choosing his words carefully after Saddam's execution became an unruly scene that brought worldwide criticism of the Iraqi government.

Icy weather moves across Texas; at least 2 killed in vehicle wrecks

DALLAS (AP) — Icy drizzle falling over much of Texas slickened roadways ahead of the Monday morning commute and caused the cancellation of some Martin Luther King Jr. Day events.

An ice storm warning was in effect into today for West Central and North Texas. South Central Texas was under a winter storm warning until this evening. And a freezing rain advisory was issued for East Texas until noon today.

Forecasters expected the storm, with its wintry mix of freezing rain, sleet and snow, to cause accumulations of 1/4 to 1/2 inch.

The Texas Panhandle had a wind chill advisory extending into Monday. Wind chill readings of -2 to 12 were expected, that National Weather Service said.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day events in Austin and a parade in downtown Fort Worth were canceled because of the winter weather. An MLK march in San Antonio was expected to go on rain or shine, organizers said.

The weather and the time required to de-ice aircraft has prompted the cancellation of 100 scheduled flight departures at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, DFW Airport spokesman Ken Capps said today. Flight operations are expected to return to normal by midday today, he said.

More than 400 flights were canceled at DFW because of the wintry conditions Sunday. The 415 flights canceled were less than half of the total scheduled for the day.

At least two people have died in traffic accidents on state roadways since the system entered the state on Friday.

A 43-year-old oil field worker was killed Friday night near Lubbock in a one-vehicle crash while

driving on icy roads.

Barney Williams Matlock III, of Levelland, was traveling west on U.S. 114, one mile east of Smyer, at 10:40 p.m. when his pickup left the roadway. The pickup started to turn over and hit a utility pole, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Ice was also a factor in a Saturday accident in Garza County in western Texas in which a 5-year-old boy died. Breaon Montrell Williams of Dallas was riding in the vehicle with his mother when she lost control Saturday morning, according to the Department of Public Safety. The car struck the end of a bridge guardrail. The child's mother and brother were both taken to the hospital.

Gentle laser therapy for gum disease is here

Do you have any of the warning signs of dental gum and bone disease? The old term for this condition was pyorrhea, but these days it's referred to as periodontal disease or periodontitis. This is the most common reason people end up in dentures and it can be contagious through close contact.

The warning signs are persistent bad breath, gums that bleed easily, gums that are red and swollen or have pulled away from the teeth, loose or separating teeth, a change in the bite or in the fit of a partial.

Periodontitis destroys the bone around the teeth. Up to now, the best treatment for moderate to severe periodontitis has involved traditional surgical techniques. These can be helpful, but there are several undesired consequences including pain, swelling, and exposed and sensitive roots. Many people balk at having gum surgery done because of these.

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If you are over 40 and haven't been examined for periodontitis in recent years, please see a dentist for an exam! Usually by the time symptoms are obvious, the disease is moderate or severe. If you know you have periodontitis, and you want to consider LANAP laser therapy, I can mail you some information or you can stop by the office and privately watch an informative video on the subject. You can also visit the patient section of www.millenniumdental.com.

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Shopping while on a diet

You can't get a baby sitter for your cravings and leave them home

By KATHY MANWEILER  
McClatchy Newspapers

We've all seen this scene in the grocery store: A parent navigating the cereal aisle in search of Cheerios while simultaneously trying to keep the kids from putting half of the store's supply of sugar in the cart.

If you eavesdrop for a minute or two — and who can avoid it? — you hear something like this:

"Ooh, ooh, can we get some Froot Loops?"

"Mommy, where's the ice cream?"

"I WANT SOME CANDY!"

Whoever decided to put Candy Land right next to the cereal and peanut butter is an evil marketing genius.

I'm telling you, parents deserve hazard pay for shopping for food with toddlers in tow. But they're not the only ones who face a battle of wills at the grocery store.

When someone starts trying to eat healthier, cravings can throw a tantrum that rivals any hungry 3-year-old who missed his afternoon nap.

You may go to the store with every intention of only bringing home plenty of fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products, whole grains and lean meats.

But you can't get a baby sitter for your cravings and leave them at home, so they hitch a ride in your cart. And at every turn, they beg, plead and

bargain for all kinds of things that aren't on your list.

Don't cave in just yet. Here are some tips that can help keep those cravings in line:

— Take the edge off. I chew some sugarless mint gum when I go grocery shopping. It distracts my cravings and soothes my sweet tooth.

— Find some healthier favorites. Make sure you put some healthy foods in your cart that your taste buds really love. That way, when your cravings won't stop whining about the chips and cookies they saw two aisles ago, you can remind them about the favorite fruit or popcorn that you're taking home instead.

— Pick the right time. Stay away from the store when you're starving or stressed out because cravings are harder to control at that point. I try to plan meals ahead and shop only once or twice a week

to keep temptations to a minimum.

— Have an exit strategy. Just like if your child were having a total meltdown in the middle of the store, if your cravings are really going crazy, sometimes you may need to tell them, "Cut it out or we're leaving." If all else fails, it's better to leave an almost-full cart at the store than to come home with bags full of junk food that could wreck your willpower.

— Use the power of bribery. Take a page from a parental playbook and use the tried-and-true reward strategy. Tell yourself that if you keep up with your workouts and stick to your healthy meal plans that week, you'll let your cravings pick out one thing they want the next time you go to the store. Then put that candy bar, pint of ice cream or bag of chips in your cart guilt-free.



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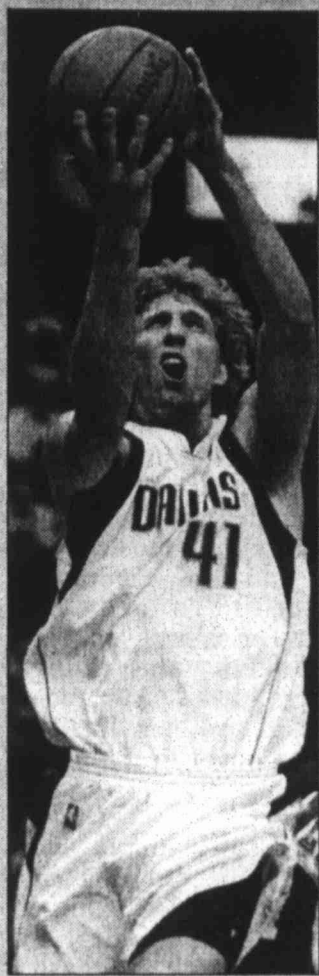
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## IN BRIEF

### NBA area action



### Mavericks win again

The Dallas Mavericks felt fortunate to get the victory. Dirk Nowitzki had 38 points and Josh Howard made the go-ahead layup with 0.9 seconds left to give the Dallas Mavericks a 97-96 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

### NHL area update



### Stars change roster

Defenseman Sergei Zubov is expected to miss the Dallas Stars' next three games after having surgery on his elbow, the team said Sunday.

The Stars placed Zubov, right wing Matthew Barnaby and goaltender Mike Smith on the injured reserve. Barnaby and Smith are recovering from concussions and are both expected to miss a week.

Zubov's status on injured reserve is retroactive to Thursday. Barnaby's is retroactive to Tuesday and Smith's to Jan. 4.

The team said it was recalling right wing Krys Barch and center Joel Lundqvist from the AHL's Iowa Stars.

### Alabama hires former Texas OB

Major Applewhite, who had been offensive coordinator at Rice, was named to the Alabama staff Saturday.

# Howard drops conference opener

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Terrence Hill and Brandon Sampay combined for 31 points Saturday night and Corey Allmond added 13 more from off the bench, but it was not enough as Midland College upset Howard 71-70 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks (13-2, 0-1 conference) have now lost two straight games and according to coach Mark Adams, are hoping to learn and become a better basketball team as the season progresses.

The first half of the contest saw both teams jockey for the lead, but with under five minutes to play the Chaparrals hit a 3-pointer to break a 26-26 tie.

Another basket before the buzzer sounded extended the lead and Midland used the mini run to take a 40-35 halftime advantage.

At the break, Allmond led the Hawks with 8 points and played 14:26, despite not starting the game.

Howard was out-shooting Midland from the field, but the Chaparrals doubled the Hawks' offensive rebound total (10-5).

In the second half, the two teams traded buckets as they raced up and down the court, but after a Sean Watson steal and dunk, the Hawks had managed to trim the lead to 2 points. With 12:15 on the clock, Watson grabbed an offensive rebound, his fourth of the night, and



HERALD photo/Mike Grimes  
Hawk's guard Corey Allmond finds a way to get his shot off in Saturday night action at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks lost to Midland College 71-70.

kissed the ball off the glass to tie the score at 53-53.

The teams continued to trade baskets and with 2:38 left in regulation, the score was once again

68-68.

"There are times when the ball seems to bounce your way and other times when it doesn't," Allmond stated after the game.

Down the stretch the ball did some funny things, but Allmond was right, it did not bounce the

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# Lady Chaparrals defeat guard-less Howard Hawks

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

The temperature outside Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday night was hovering around 25 degrees and if you thought it was cold you should have seen the Lady Hawks play offense.

After winning the opening tip, the Howard Hawks women's basketball team had a difficult time dealing with the Midland Lady Chaparrals (12-5, 1-0) and ended up dropping its first conference game, 52-44.

Throughout the first half the Hawks struggled to keep up with the Chaparrals, who used a 7-0 run to take the lead — one they would not relinquish.

With 10:42 to play in the half, sophomore guard Sara Rondeau hit a 3-point shot from the top of the arc to keep the Hawks in the game and back-to-back steals and layups by Laryssa Hise and Kandace Griffin cut the lead to 22-21

going into halftime.

Despite fighting back and keeping the score close, the Hawks never looked in sync on the court.

"We are going through some changes right now," coach Earl Diddle explained. "We have no choice but to make a change with our starting point guard position — Zantel Watson chose to stay at home and not return to school this semester — that's a personal thing and she is out for the season."

Coming out of the locker room, the Chaparrals went on a 11-4 run to open a 33-25 lead at the 15:00 mark.

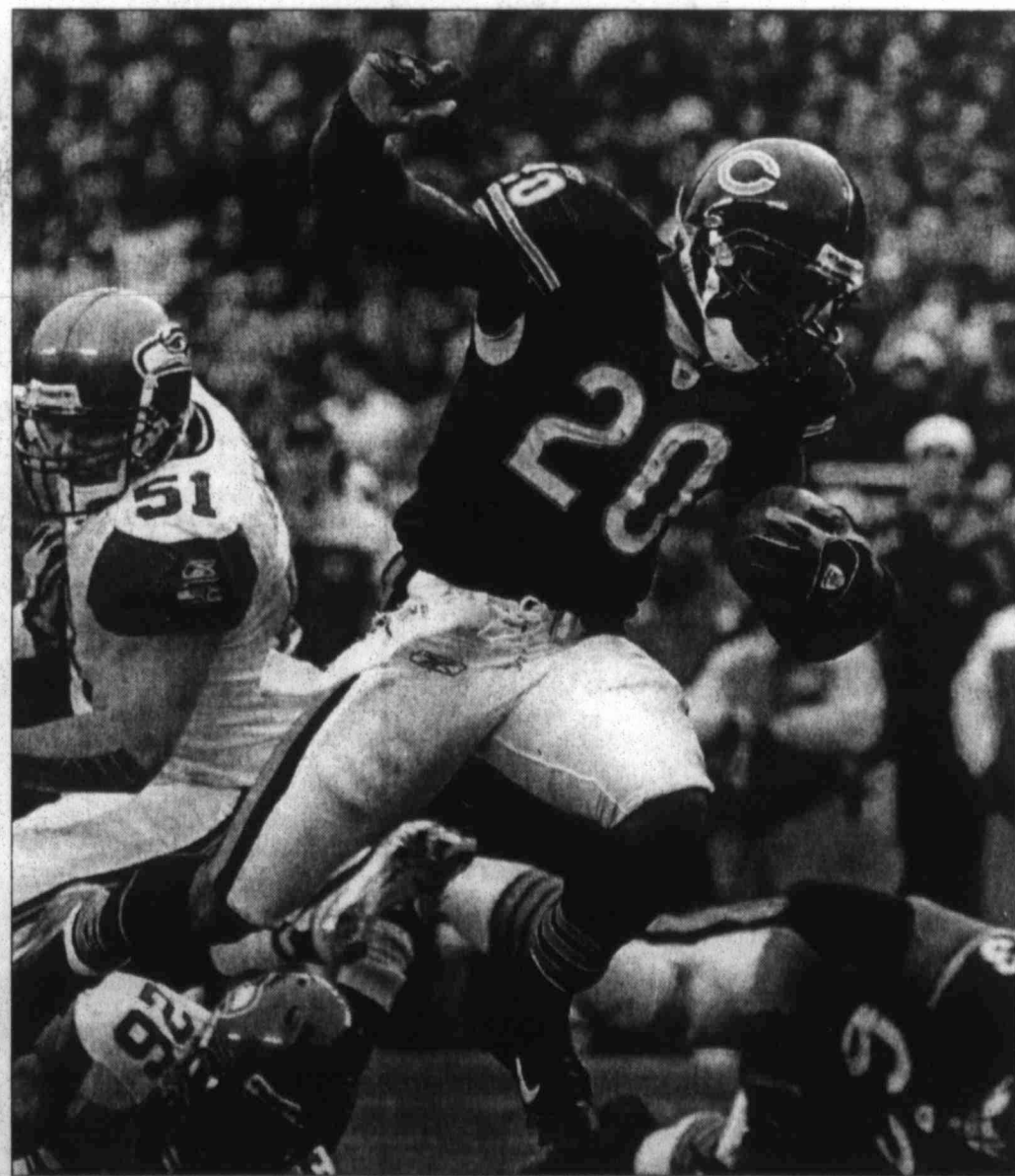
Over the next few possessions, Midland managed to increase its lead to 16 points.

It was not until 2:56 to play in the game, down 48-32, that Hawk's leading scorer Kandace Griffin made her first and only 3-point shot of the night. For the game, the usually sharp shooting

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HERALD photo/Mike Grimes  
Howard's Laryssa Hise makes a steal and drives to the basket for a 3-point play in the loss to the Lady Chaparrals, Saturday night at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks lost 40-35.



MCT photo/Lim Pisching/Chicago Tribune  
Chicago Bears' Thomas Jones leaps over the goal line to score his first quarter touchdown against the Seattle Seahawks at Soldier Field in Chicago, Sunday night. The Bears won 27-24.

# Bears win OT game, next is New Orleans

By RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Rex Grossman spent two weeks channel-surfing. Every time he'd see a clip or story about himself on TV, he'd click and move on to another program. He didn't need the abuse.

The criticism, the scrutiny and the analysis of the Chicago Bears' quarterback was overwhelming at times. So much so that he finally found a place where he could shut it all out and, at the same time, take the Bears where they hadn't been in 18 years.

Grossman's play at the newly sodded surface at Soldier Field wasn't perfect, but it was good enough — especially a solid pass he made in overtime — to lead the Bears to a 27-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks and a berth in the NFC title game.

"The most important thing is we won. I don't care how we do it, I really don't," Grossman said Sunday after his 30-yard pass on third down to Rashied Davis set up

Robbie Gould's game-winning 49-yard field goal in overtime.

"This is an unbelievable situation we are in now," Grossman said. "We're in the NFC Championship and we win one game, we're in the Super Bowl, two wins away from having a ring on my finger for the rest of my life."

Chicago will host the Saints next Sunday in the NFC championship game; New Orleans never has been this far.

The Bears haven't reached the Super Bowl since beating the Patriots in the 1985 season.

"The Super Bowl is the reason why you play football, even at Pop Warner, you watch the Super Bowl as a kid. Now we have an opportunity, we win one home game and we're there," said Bears' running back Thomas Jones, who ran for two touchdowns. "It's something that you never expect, and when it happens, it's kind of like, 'Wow.'"

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# Brady leads Patriots to AFC championship game

By **BERNIE WILSON**  
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Tom Brady and Tedy Bruschi walked off the field together after stunning the San Diego Chargers, very much alive in their quest to get the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in six seasons.

"I said to Tedy, 'Man, that was not easy,'" Brady said. "He says to me, 'They never are buddy, they never are.'"

If not easy, then maybe expected from the Patriots. Despite a big game from league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson, the top-seeded Chargers made too many mistakes and the Patriots capitalized for a 24-21 win on Sunday to advance to the AFC championship game.

Brady was as cool as ever, delivering every time the mistake-prone Chargers handed him another chance. He overcame three interceptions, his career playoff high, to finish 27-of-51 for 280 yards and two touchdowns.

Already a three-time Super Bowl winner, Brady led the Patriots to 11 points in 3:26 late in the game. He and coach Bill Belichick now have a 12-1 postseason record together, and need to win at Indianapolis next Sunday to make their fourth Super Bowl trip in six seasons.

It was a gut-wrenching loss for San Diego and its coach, Marty Schottenheimer, whose job could be in jeopardy after his career postseason record tumbled to 5-13.

Tomlinson shattered several league records in helping the Chargers go an NFL-best 14-2, including 8-0 at home in the regular season.

Once it was over, Tomlinson, like Brady one of the most laid-back superstars in any sport, lost his cool. He went after an unidentified

Patriots player and had to be restrained by a teammate and former Charger Reche Caldwell, who had a huge game for the Patriots.

Tomlinson yelled and pointed at the Patriots player, upset that some Patriots were dancing on the Chargers logo at midfield after they had silenced the record crowd of 68,810 at Qualcomm Stadium.

"I would never react in that way. I was very upset," Tomlinson said. "When you go to the middle of our field and start doing the dance Shawne Merriman is known for, that is disrespectful. They showed no class and maybe that comes from the head coach."

Merriman, nicknamed "Lights Out," did a spasmodic dance to celebrate each of his NFL-high 17 sacks.

"We lost to a better team today," Tomlinson said. "Hopefully the next opportunity we have we'll learn something from this."

Tomlinson ran for 123 yards and two scores, and caught two passes for 64 yards.

San Diego had nine players voted to the Pro Bowl team and five to the All-Pro team. And it had been supercharged by Tomlinson, who became the most prolific scorer in one season in NFL history with 31 touchdowns and 186 points while winning the rushing title with 1,815 yards.

But Brady is the one who's been there before in January. And nearly always has won — it was Brady's sixth career game-winning drive in the playoffs, and his 24th overall.

The winning points came on a 31-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski with 1:10 left. That capped a 72-yard drive highlighted by a 49-yard pass to Caldwell, who left the Chargers as a free agent after last season.

With the Patriots trailing 21-13, Brady threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to the wide-open Caldwell with 4:36 to play. The Patriots tied it on a tricky 2-point conversion, snapping the ball directly to running back Kevin Faulk, who was standing next to Brady and ran through the middle of the line.

San Diego's Pro Bowl kicker Nate Kaeding was short on a 54-yard field goal try with 3 seconds left.

Schottenheimer will no doubt be criticized for going for it on fourth-and-11 from the New England 30 in the first quarter rather than having Kaeding try a field goal.

Philip Rivers, the Chargers' first-year starting quarterback, was sacked by Mike Vrabel and fumbled, giving the Patriots the ball at their 35.

The Chargers had four turnovers — they had only 15 in the regular season — and made other critical mistakes.

Punt returner Eric Parker had a double muff to give the Patriots the ball on their 31 late in the third quarter. Following a third-and-13 on which Brady fumbled and Matt Light recovered, Chargers cornerback Drayton Florence head-butted tight end Daniel Graham and drew a 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty. That led to Gostkowski's 24-yard field that pulled the Patriots to 14-13.

On the next Patriots drive, Brady was intercepted on fourth down by safety Marlon McCree, who was hit by Troy Brown and fumbled, with Caldwell recovering.

Five plays later, Brady hit Caldwell and Faulk added the conversion.

"There was a lot of gratification," Caldwell said. "I had a chance to come home and show what I could do and I think I made plays."

## BEARS

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Gould, working construction 16 months ago, hit his second field goal of the game. He'd just barely made a 41-yarder late in the fourth to tie the game.

Grossman completed 21-of-38 for 282 yards with an interception, a fumble and a 68-yard TD pass to Bernard Berrian. It was quite an upgrade from his final performance of the regular season, when he had a quarterback rating of 0.0 in a 26-7 loss to Green Bay.

Seattle got the ball first in overtime, but Chicago's Israel Idonije forced an 18-yard punt by Ryan Plackemeier with a strong rush. Grossman hit Davis, a former Arena League player, for a third-down pass of 30 yards to the Seattle 36. Four plays later, Gould connected.

The Bears had won a division title and earned a first-round bye in their previous two playoff appearances, only to lose their first game at home, so their elation was tinged with relief.

"It's a stressful-type of situation just because you hear a lot of people, you hear what they're saying, and you want to prove people wrong," Jones said.

"Anytime somebody

says you can't do something, you want to show them that you can. It was definitely a stressful week as far as hearing the one-and-done and all that kind of talk, but they can't say that now."

The Seahawks (10-8), ravaged by injuries throughout the season, got a strong performance from Shaun Alexander. Alexander, who missed the first meeting between the teams because of a broken foot, a 37-6 Chicago win in October, gained 108 yards and gave the Bears' defense a tough time. He had a pair of touchdowns runs, including a 13-yarder in the third quarter that gave Seattle a 24-21 lead.

"It's hard to say 'If we had this or that,'" Alexander said. "It was, 'Nah we came up short.'"

Late in the fourth quarter, the Bears stacked up Alexander on third-and-1 for no gain at the Chicago 44, and the Seahawks decided to go for it. But Matt Hasselbeck bobbled the snap and Lance Briggs threw Alexander for a 2-yard loss, turning the ball over to the Bears with just under two minutes to go.

"If the snap was smooth, I could have run for a TD," Alexander said. "It was definitely the best I felt all season running the ball."

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Hawks way.

Turnovers, traveling calls and missed free throws clanking off the rim caused the final couple of minutes to look sloppy in an otherwise well-coached and well-played game.

On the night, Howard shot below 50 percent from the free throw line, converting 10-of-21 attempts. They also turned the ball over 23 times, none more important than the last two with under 20 seconds to play.

"The two inbound plays really didn't hurt us," Adams said outside of the Hawks' locker

room. "They missed their free throws and we still had an opportunity to win the game. In the end, we managed to get the shot we wanted — it just didn't fall for us."

That shot was off an inbound play under the basket with 2.8 seconds left on the clock.

Watson was inserted into the game in the final seconds and was able to make the pass down low to Brandon Sampay who went up quickly to get the shot off.

"We ran the 'four-low' to get the ball in and I had the shot," Sampay said after the disappointing loss. "I just missed it by inches."

As the Chapparals celebrated the conference

win, the Hawks headed to the locker room and then ended the evening in the film room.

Tyrone Appleton led the Chapparals with a game high 24 points and Nemanja Calasan pulled down 7 rebounds to go along with 14 points.

Hill led the Hawks with 16 points and Watson pulled down 7 rebounds to keep up with Sampay on the glass.

"This game was lost in the final seconds of the game," Adams added.

"We got beat on the boards all night, they got the loose balls, they made their free throws and Midland got all the easy baskets.

"Give Midland the credit they deserve. They had fewer turnovers and they just came in here and outplayed us tonight."

The Howard Hawks will travel to Odessa today to challenge Odessa College in another conference game. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

## HAWKS

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guard was 3-for-10 shooting with four turnovers.

As a team, the Hawks shot a dismal 32 percent from the field, 46 percent from the free throw line and a shocking 13 percent (2-15) from the 3-point line.

"We had a tough time getting open looks," said Candace Lambert, one of the five Hawk starters.

"We spent too much time dribbling the ball tonight and our offense just wasn't that good. We're disappointed because we felt like we were still in the game, but in the second half we seemed out of it and maybe even tired. We're not mad about losing, but we are very disappointed in our performance."

The Hawks had 21 turnovers and were outscored off the bench 26-14.

Heissy Robledo led the Lady Chapparals with 12 points and Tori Slusher led them with 7 rebounds.

Griffin and Monica Jones led the Hawks in scoring with 7 points and Candace Lambert had a team high 5 rebounds along with 5 points.

"We had a really difficult time getting into our offense," Diddle said after the game, "but give

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ Q 10 5  
♥ Q 10 8 3  
♠ A 6 2  
♣ Q 10 4

**WEST**  
♦ 7 4 3 2  
♥ 6 5  
♠ K J 8 7 3  
♣ K 7

**EAST**  
♦ 9 8  
♥ 7 4 2  
♠ 9 5 4  
♣ J 9 6 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A K J 6  
♥ A K J 9  
♠ Q 10  
♣ A 8 5

Belladonna started with three rounds of trumps and four rounds of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy to produce the following position:

**North**  
♥ Q  
♦ A 6  
♣ Q 10 4

**West**  
♦ K J 8 7  
♣ K 7

**East**  
♦ 9 5 4  
♣ J 9 6

He now led the ace and another club. West won with the king and had to return a diamond from his K-J-8-7, permitting Belladonna to avoid a diamond loser and so make the slam.

Observe that it would not have helped West to drop his king of clubs on the ace in order to avoid being employed. Had he done that, Belladonna would surely have found the winning countermeasure.

He would have taken the next club with dummy's queen and then played the ace and another diamond, saddling West with the lead. West's forced diamond return would have handed Belladonna a ruff-and-discard, and the improbable slam would have come home.

The bidding:  
North Pass East 1 ♣ South 1 ♠ West 1 ♠  
1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass  
4 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♣ Pass 6 ♥  
Opening lead — six of hearts.

How would you like to be in six hearts on this deal, after West leads a trump?

Not much, you'd probably say, but when Giorgio Belladonna, the great Italian star, played the hand in the 1969 world championship, he wound up making the slam. Not only that, but it turned out that there was no way to stop him!

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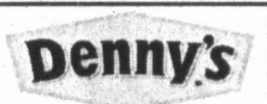
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

These last degrees of the Capricorn sun are like a stern school marm clapping her hands alarmingly as she repeats, "Class, class!" Everyone simmers down and tries to recall what was going on in the moments before all the mayhem started. No doubt it was something less interesting, and more necessary. Attend to finishing the lesson.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). What you forgot about comes to haunt you — this can be most helpful as there is much that could otherwise fall through the cracks. Tonight a new responsibility is added to your list.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Be a good boss to yourself, even when your real boss isn't so hot. You currently have a small margin for error built into your plan. Assign more people to your team to help you out.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're restructuring your work, streamlining activities to run like a

well-oiled machine. A deal hangs in the balance for some of you. For others, it's a matter of gaining peace of mind.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Too many choices can be a bad thing if you don't know yourself well. But lately you've gotten in close contact with your own strengths, limitations and preferences — so bring on the smorgasbord!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your negotiating skills are needed. A co-worker or client may be backing away from a deal, and it's up to you to keep them in. Tonight, you're in the mood for love — or at least interesting companionship.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A stressful situation finally eases up. Take a deep breath and let it all go. By tomorrow, whatever was bothering you will be just a memory. Make big plans for the evening to celebrate.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Regarding the project you've worked on for months now — it's time for you to relinquish control. Send your baby into the world. There's only so

far you can go on your own, but with the right team, you're unstoppable.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Relationships that are on shaky ground need someone to make a big decision. So why not you? Make a declaration of independence. Your closest kin thank you — eventually.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You get noticed on the job, and people ask for you by name. Positive reviews and excellent word of mouth put your services in demand, especially if you work in the arts.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships have seasons. Though it may be winter outside, it's definitely spring in a special relationship. Make sure there's enough sunshine, in the form of fun, to grow this bond.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's important not to rush ahead with judgment or take action that can't be easily undone. Reserve the right to change your mind later — and then don't be too proud to do it!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The overachiever in you stirs up some trouble.

You fear you're not living up to your potential. Then again, who is? As long as you're taking steps in the right direction, all is well.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Multitalented "phenomenon" LL Cool J tapped in to his monstrous ambitions as a teenager and catapulted himself to worldwide superstardom. Capricorn men tend to mature young and have been known to state their career ambitions accurately as 5-year-olds! From "I Need Love" to his most recent Jennifer Lopez collaboration "Control Myself," LL Cool J continues to deliver those can't-get-them-out-of-your-head hooks paired with smashing beats.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My 22-year-old son's best friend, "Jeremy," has evidently taken a liking to my wife. He approached her once with an offer to be intimate. At that time, we both laughed it off. Then he decided to send her a text message in the wee hours of the morning, when he might possibly have been drunk. When I asked him about it, he said he wanted to get ahold of me but didn't have my number.

Some time passed and nothing else happened until last night. Jeremy called at 3 a.m. He was definitely drunk this time. My wife kindly told him to go to bed, but he didn't give up. He phoned three or four more times, and each time my wife told him nicely to sleep it off. We finally had to turn the phone off so we could get some rest. His last call was at 4:25 a.m.

I trust my wife and had complete confidence in her handling the situation at first, but now I don't know what to do. She says he probably won't remember the calls, and if he does, he'll be horribly embarrassed by the whole thing. I don't think it's that innocent.

I am torn. Jeremy is my son's best friend, and they have big dreams with their band. I don't want to hurt anyone, but I also don't want a strain on my marriage. This boy has been part of our family for almost eight years. Now he is apparently a young man with rather adventurous ideas. What do I do? — Mrs. Robinson's Husband

Dear Mr. Robinson: Jeremy is smitten with your wife, but if you trust her, it won't go any further. Since he is your son's best friend, it would be best if she could disabuse him of his romantic notions in a gentle manner, allowing him to get over her without causing any permanent damage. Should the drunken rants increase, or if Jeremy attempts anything more, then it will be time for the two of you to sit down with him (when he's sober) and tell him this has to stop.

Dear Annie: A friend stayed at my place because her apartment was being fumigated the day before Thanksgiving. After I told my friend she could stay with me, I was invited to my sister-in-



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

law's for our family dinner. I then asked if my friend could come if I brought along a dish. I didn't want her left alone. I didn't say anything to my friend until I was sure it would be OK with my family.

My sister-in-law left me a screaming message that what I did was wrong. She told me I simply should have said I couldn't come and it was rude to ask to bring a guest. I didn't know that asking first was bad. What do you think? — Etiquette Faux Pas

Dear Etiquette: You did nothing wrong. When you have an unexpected houseguest and you are invited to a family event, it is good manners to ask if the guest would be welcome, and if not, to decline the invitation. The fact that this was a family Thanksgiving dinner means your friend should definitely have been included, knowing that she would otherwise be alone on a holiday. Shame on your sister-in-law for being so mean-spirited.

Dear Annie: Thanks for the nifty tips about deterring pesky cats. I understood the ground orange peels just fine and assumed the food coloring was to tip off the owner, since the cat would turn blue or red, as well as be wet. However, I am puzzled about one tip. Just how does one collect coyote urine, and is it REALLY worth the trouble? Won't it annoy the coyote? — Just Wondering in Columbia, Mo.

Dear Smartypants: Urine is collected humanely from animals in game farms, zoos and preserves via floor collection drains. It's also available on the Internet. But thanks ever so much for asking.

Dear Annie: When my grandchildren were at my

house recently, we watched "Spongebob Squarepants" on Nickelodeon. The show was fine, but I am really concerned and disgusted over two short filler cartoons which ran during the program.

One was called "Pass Gas with Class," and showed gross ways for students to do so. The other cartoon instructed children on how to avoid hugs and kisses from elderly women relatives. It depicted these women as ugly and hairy-faced.

I am shocked at the disrespectful attitude these cartoons encourage and the crass, vulgar subject matter being served up to impressionable children. "Spongebob" is a cute, harmless show, but I will not allow my grandchildren to watch it here in the future because of these crude additions that the network somehow feels are funny.

I also intend to write to the editor of Nickelodeon magazine, and I hope others will, too. — Jane in Ohio

Dear Jane: We can understand your shock, but children are smarter than you think. They know "instructions" on passing gas and depictions of ugly adults, male or female, are intended as subversive humor, especially if these cartoons are connected to a show like "Spongebob," which flaunts such humor.

The best way to counter such offenses is by watching these shows with your grandchildren and talking to them about what they see. Tell them they should not judge people on their looks, but on their kindness and compassion. Explain why passing gas in such a fashion is funny in a cartoon, but it might not go over so well in a real classroom. You'd be surprised what an open discussion can accomplish.

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2007. There are 350 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The tiny republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's National Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, now the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 1947, the mutilated remains of Elizabeth Short, the 22-year-old aspiring actress known as the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first Super Bowl (although the matchup was then officially called the AFL-NFL World Championship Game).

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford in San Francisco.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Margaret O'Brien is 70. Singer Don Van Vliet (aka "Captain Beefheart") is 66. Actress Andrea Martin is 60. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 50.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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