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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Howard College dental students seeking patients

Howard College dental hygiene students are seeking patients in need of teeth cleaning or X-rays for the dental hygiene clinic.

The cost for teeth cleaning is \$6 for children and \$10 for adults. A full set of X-rays costs \$15. Second year dental hygiene students perform all services.

The dental hygiene clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 264-5075.

VITA volunteers ready to help with tax returns

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers have begun assisting local residents with their 2001 income tax returns.

The volunteers will be at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday through April 1.

Those interested are asked to bring their 2000 tax return, W2s and 1099 forms along with their tax booklet and other documents showing their 2001 income.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, VITA volunteer, at 398-5522 or 267-1628.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
□ Children's Dental Health Fair, 10 a.m.-noon, Dental Hygiene Clinic in the Horace Garrett Building on the campus. Free admission.
□ Dance 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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Dental health fair promises to provide fun, confidence boost for area children Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

Get a bunch of youngsters together with a bunch of dental students and what happens?

If you're talking about the annual Children's Dental Health Fair at Howard College, the answer is likely to be "fun."



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The event, planned to give children a confidence boost about

going to the dentist, will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in the college's Howard Garrett building.

"We invite children of all ages to attend this event where we will have several activities for the youngsters as well as materials they will be able to take home," said Jeri Farmer, the college's clinic director.

The event, which is free to the public, will include puppet shows, demonstrations and door prizes, Farmer said.

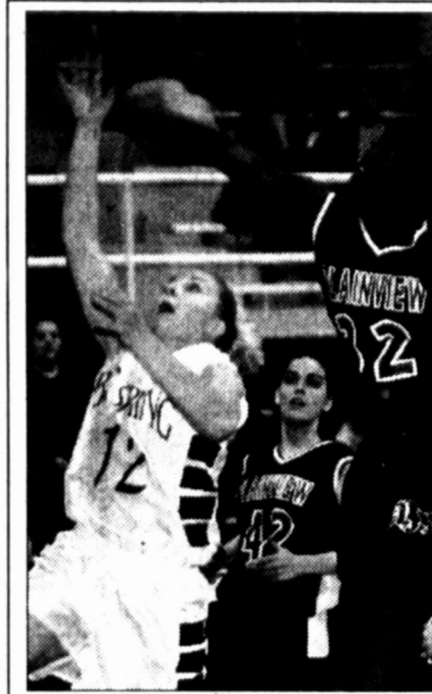
"The event is held to orientate small children to the

dental atmosphere, let them know it can be fun and not be afraid," Farmer said. "At the same time we want to teach them the basic concepts of oral hygiene like brushing their teeth and what causes cavities."

In addition to the benefits for the children, the college's students have an opportunity to practice working with children in a relaxed atmosphere.

"We have had student dress up, some make their own costume," Farmer said.

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State berth on the line

The Region I, Class 4A Girls' Basketball Tournament gets under way tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum when No. 1-ranked Plainview takes on No. 10 Southlake Carroll at 6. In the 8 p.m. game, No. 2-ranked Canyon plays Fort Worth Wyatt. For a preview of the action, see Page 6.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Bauer Magnet students Jessica Womack and Jon Eric Molina plant a few flowers during their extended day class Thursday. The Master Gardeners are helping Bauer students learn about planting and taking care of plants. Approximately 80 percent of the Bauer students stay after the normal school day to take part in classroom activities such as Web designing, arts and crafts, broadcast and print journalism. Bauer administrators encourage members of the community to help through mentoring or suggested classroom ideas. To help, call Bauer principal Andre Clark at 264-4121.

Elections

Joyce Crooker decides to seek at-large post on college board of trustees

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College will hold a board of trustees election this year as a long-time

Howard County resident announced her decision today to run for an at-large position.

"I am interested in Howard College and I would like to be involved," said Joyce Crooker, a 48-year Howard County resident. "I would like to see Howard College



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grow."

During her professional career, Crooker worked as a secretary to labor relations counselor for Bankers Securities corporation in Philadelphia and 25 years as a certified federal court reporter for Web Air Force Base.

She was also the owner of Mr. G's Garden Center and Christmas Store.

Crooker has served on a number of community committees including the city planning and zoning commission, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark board, Moore Economic Development

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West Texas' 915 area code to be split up next year

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Most of West Texas, Big Spring included, will be getting a new area code next year.

The plan, developed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, is to divide the 915 area code in three, with the El Paso area keeping the 915 designation.

Areas marked "A" and "B" on the map will be getting new codes.

According to a PUC news release, current estimates predict that, without the new plan, the 915 area code will run out of numbers early in 2004. Creation of the new codes will keep the new numbers for the three regions for 17 to 20 years.

The PUC decided on a three-way split rather than a two-way divisor to keep Midland and Odessa in the same

area and to keep local telephone numbers at seven digits rather than bumping them up to eight.

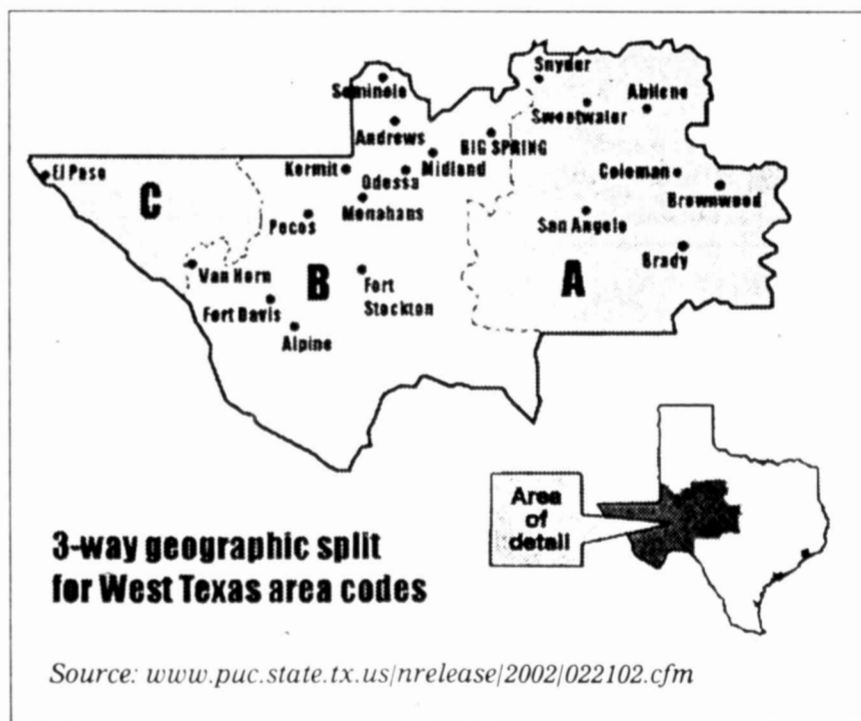
Region "C" on the map was chosen to keep the original 915 code because of its concentrated population, its extensive bilingual network and large volume of international commerce.

Although new codes for areas "A" and "B" have yet to be announced, the PUC has said that they will be introduced in April 2003.

A recorded reminder to dial the new codes will be instituted in October 2003 and mandatory use of the codes will begin in December of that year.

The PUC is planning an extensive education program to get callers used to the idea of the area codes; the program will kick off early in 2003.

For more information check www.puc.state.tx.us.



Jurors hear Andrea Yates confess to drowning kids

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates had only one question for a Houston police sergeant in June after she confessed to plunging each of her five children face down in a bathtub full of water until they could no longer breathe.

"She wanted to know when her trial would be," Sgt. Eric Mehl testified Thursday during the fourth day of the 37-year-old woman's capital murder trial for the drowning deaths of three of her five children.

On Friday, the state was expected to rest its case and defense attorneys to begin their insanity defense, claiming that Yates didn't know right from wrong when the children were drowned.

On her audiotaped confession to Mehl, played before the jury Thursday, Yates says her intent was to suffo-

cate the life out of her children.

She details for Mehl how she chased her oldest son, 7-year-old Noah, before forcing him into the same water she used to drown her four younger children.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

"How long have you been having thoughts about wanting, or not wanting to, but drowning your children?" Mehl asked during the interview.

"Probably since I realized I have not been a good mother to them," Yates responded.

"What makes you say that?" the police officer asked.

"They weren't developing correctly," Yates said. When asked by Mehl if there were behavioral problems or learning problems,

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Big Spring ISD board OKs closure of Anderson Center

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The fate of S.M. Anderson Kindergarten was answered Thursday night when all trustees of Big Spring Independent School district voted to approve the closure of the school.

"We don't ever look forward to closing a school but I look at it as a positive move," school board president Irene Bustamante said. "We are bringing those kindergartners to their home campuses. I think it will be a plus to have a kindergarten student and their sister or brother going to the same



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school.

"Of course we're never glad to close a school but I think overall looking at our district and with the declining (enrollment) this is the best way to go and this is the best option for our children," Bustamante continued.

Following the vote on the closure, trustees also approved the third option to the school zone redistricting for the 2002-2003 year — along with changing the name of Golliad Elementary to Golliad Intermediate.

The newly adopted school zone alignment includes the transformation of Golliad Elementary into a district-wide fifth- and sixth-grade school and sending Golliad grades one through four to neighboring elementary schools

such as Marcy, Washington and Kentwood elementaries.

Transfer students will be grandfathered into the school they currently attended as well as their siblings and rural students living north of town will attend Bauer Magnet while those living south of town will attend Marcy for the next school year.

"I think the new alignment, zoning option three that has been approved tonight, is a great option," Bustamante said. "It will move the kids closer to their home campuses. There has been a lot of study to make sure that all the kids will be able to attend the closest school possible."

"Several students will

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OBITUARIES

Zoe Ella Collinsworth

Memorial service for Zoe Ella Collinsworth, 97, of Wheeler will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Shamrock with the Rev. John Westman and Bro. Joe G. Jernigan officiating. Burial will be at Shamrock Cemetery, Shamrock.

Mrs. Collinsworth died Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Wheeler.

She was born Jan. 8, 1905, in Shamrock and married Clinton C. Collinsworth on March 8, 1925, in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1987. She had lived in Shamrock all her life. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph B. Collinsworth of Pampa and James K. Collinsworth of Big Spring; two sisters, Ruth Clark of Victoria and Helen Doffing of McAllen; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors in Shamrock.

Carmen Moreno Gonzales

A prayer service for Carmen Moreno (Caramelo) Gonzales, 54, of Big Spring will be 8 p.m. today, Feb. 22, 2002, at Myers & Smith Chapel.



Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Gonzales died Wednesday, Feb. 20, at his home following a long illness.

He was born on Sept. 25,

1947, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident. He was a member of the Methodist church. He worked a number of years at Jiffy Car Wash and was also a self-employed automobile mechanic. He retired in 1989 due to ill health.

Survivors include his wife, Katie Gonzales of Fontana, Calif.; two daughters, Michelle Chapoy of Fontana, Calif., and Joanne Olivas of Big Spring; two sisters, Rose Moreno and Beatrice DeLeon, both of Big Spring; three brothers, Robert R. Gonzales and Rene Valdez Jr., both of Big Spring, and Carmen Gonzales Jr. of Dallas; his father, Carmen M. Gonzales Sr. of Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Nancy Wolcott

Nancy Wolcott, 73, of Big Spring, lost her long courageous battle with cancer on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, peacefully with her family at her side.



The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall, Community Care Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Nancy was born to Kenneth Andrew Pitt and Margaret Bone Pitt on Feb. 10, 1929, in Kalamazoo, Mich. In 1966 she moved to Big Spring from Illinois with her children. She married John M. Wolcott on Jan. 31, 1974, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on April 20, 1979. Mrs. Wolcott had worked as a waitress for many years. She had worked at Rip Griffins Truck Stop, Dell's Cafe, Willie's Cafe, and Cowboys Steakhouse. She later worked at the Eleventh Place Laundry for many years until recently retiring due to her illness. Having worked hard all her life she now receives her heavenly rewards and joyful reunion.

She is survived by three sons, Earl Sherrill and his wife, Paula of Midland; Austin Sherrill and his wife, Peggy of Big Spring, and Kenny Sherrill and his wife, Trudy of Garden City; one daughter, Patrice Fiveash and her husband, Bill of Paint Rock; two sisters, Kathleen Foster of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Peggy Esch of Grand Rapids, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Lynn Sherrill, Jay Sherrill and his fiancé, Kisha, Jennifer Dominguez and her husband, Michael, Allen Tilley, Audrey Sherrill, Jeremy Gregg and Billy Fiveash; two great-grandchildren, Nolan Dominguez and Sophia Dominguez.

In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by two grandchildren, Phillip Glenn Sherrill and Anthony Earl Sherrill and her beloved Aunt Nannie.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Lynn Sherrill, Michael Dominguez, Jeremy Gregg, Jay Sherrill,

Billy Fiveash, and Allen Tilley.

The family will be at 2509 Fisher St., in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary.

Gary Kinard

Funeral service for Gary Kinard, 52, of Big Spring will be 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Kinard died Thursday, Feb. 21, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1949, at Amherst. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 11 years having moved here from Dallas. He was a veteran of the Navy and was a self-employed general contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Hernandez of Big Spring; one son, Shannon Kinard of Jackson, Miss.; three step-daughters, Mindy Hernandez, Cessilee Hernandez, and Bernadette Hernandez, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Kay Gray and Ann Cockrompt, both of Jackson, Miss.; and one grandson.

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"It is amazing to see how they let loose. They really let go and get on the kids level."

Parents are encouraged to attend the fair with their children.

"Often parents may learn just as much as their children," Farmer said.

Around 75 to 150 children are expected to attend and each child will receive a goody bag and free popcorn. Children will also have a chance to turn in their old toothbrush for a new one.

"This is an annual event we do for the children in our community," Farmer said. "We are prepared for many children and we're sure it will be as fun this year as in the past."

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Board and St. Mary's School board.

She was the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1992, a board member of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and is a vestry member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Crooker is married to Bill, a Howard County commissioner. The couple have two daughters and a son.

Incumbents Marie Ethridge, Dr. Charles Warren and John Freeman, made their intentions to seek another term official

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

on Monday. Filing for the three Howard College at-large positions runs through March 20. Howard County residents interested in running may file at the Howard College president's office in the Administration Building.

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remain in the same area so there is not that much movement," she continued. "It is just a realignment of the zoning but overall its a great option we have approved."

Administrators will now start the rezoning option and placing teachers to new campuses.

Trustee Mike Dawson asked Murphy during the meeting if teachers with seniority will have first choice of which school they would like to be transferred.

Murphy said since this is not an issue of reduction in force, a policy of seniority does not apply.

The administration will first attempt to place teachers in their top three choices of positions and campuses, Murphy said.

If a teacher can not be placed at a campus of choice, the administration will assign the teacher a campus by need basis, Murphy said.

"I do think seniority should be taken into consideration but I am satisfied with the fact that Estella (Aguirre, assistant superintendent) will try to take everybody's request into consideration and make as many people happy as possible."

Administrators recommend the closure and the zone realignment citing declining students enrollment, under-used facilities and limited revenues.

The administration hopes to cut approximately \$1 million out of the 2002-2003 school year budget.

"We've told our superintendent and staff we need to cut back," Bustamante said. "We're looking at declining students and loss of so much funding. We need to cut back and be a little bit more positive in what we are doing. I think it is a positive move."

In other business, trustees agreed to put renewal of the district's property insurance from TASS as an action item for the 5:15 p.m. March 21 board meeting instead of bidding out the insurance.

Sandra Waggoner, business manager for the district, told trustees that the district will face a 24 percent increase in insurance rates, costing the district an additional \$32,000.

James McFarland, assistant business manager, said the reason the administration recommended renewing the interlocal agreement for the second year is they feel it will be difficult to find reasonable insurance rates.

McFarland said insurance companies will look at the district's location in the I-20 corridor, which is known for its hail and wind dam-

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 4,6,4
CASH 5: 14,16,22,28,38

POLICE

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

• KATHERINE SCAGGS, 30, address unknown, was arrested on charges of failure to identify, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia and for parole violation.

• JOHNNY GONZALES, 30, of 2525 Ent was arrested on a charge of hindering apprehension of a known felon.

• MARVIN WILLIAMS, 26, of 1907 Main was arrested on local warrants.

• DAVID ORNELAS, 22, of 206 N. Johnson was arrested on a charge of aggravated kidnapping.

• JIMMY TRAWICK, 36, of 1315 Stadium was arrested on local warrants.

• GREGORY ROBERSON, 19, of 1312 Lindberg was arrested on local warrants.

• EDWARD WALKER, 43, address unknown, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct — language.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at Big Spring Junior High School in the 600 block of East Sixth Street. Between \$50 and \$500 damage was reported at the school.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of East 20th Street. Someone reportedly entered the home through an unlocked front door and stole items worth \$880.

• MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 100 block of West Ninth Street, the intersection of Highway 80 and Willia, the 1900 block of South Birdwell Lane and the 2000 block of South Scurry.

• DISTURBANCE or FIGHT was reported in the 1300 block of West Fourth Street.

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she said "Yes."

She recounted the details of the deadly morning to Mehl in a flat, monotone voice. Yates also told him that she had filled the tub two months earlier with the intention of drowning the children, but didn't go through with it.

Defense attorneys claimed during opening statements earlier this week that Yates previously filled the tub while suffering a delusion that had caused her to become concerned about the family's water supply.

Yates told Mehl during the 20-minute interview following her arrest that she had thought about hurting her children for at least two years.

"I realized that it was time to be punished," Yates told him.

"And what do you need to be punished for?" Mehl asked.

"For not being a good mother," the former nurse turned stay-at-home mom responded.

Unlike earlier Thursday when Yates sobbed as photos of her dead children were shown to jurors, she showed no emotion as the tape was played.

MARKETS

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Citigroup	42.12 -.68
Compaq	9.96 -.33
Cornell	12.6 +.09
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Sears Roebuck	52.35 -.46
TXU Corp	49.82 -.28
Texas Instrument	29.15 +.29
Total Fina	71.27 +.15
Unocal Corp	35.6 +.5
Wal-Mart	58.85 -.7
Wal-Mart/Mexico	27.79-28.43
AMCAP	15.08 -.23
Europacific	25.55 +.05
Prime Rate	4.75%
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Silver	4.39 -4.46

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Saturday, Feb. 23
Make the most of this special opportunity to create this year an unusually fun personality, a want to pave the way for you. Brainstorm heart's content, the true nature on your mind. You someone's experience. If you are well find a relationship could be significant remainder of your might be swept into this romance. attached, you sweetie will learn more common. Surprise, you could a parent or grand before you know some couples, a for other couples shared pastime, the glue between CER understand. The Stars Show of Day You'll Dynamic; 4-P

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 23:

Make the most out of the special opportunities you create this year. You have an unusually charismatic personality, and others want to pave the way for you. Brainstorm to your heart's content, revealing the true nature of what is on your mind. You build on someone's experience with ease. If you are single, you will find a relationship that could be significant for the remainder of your life. You might be swept away by this romance. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will learn to share more common interests. Surprise, you could become a parent or grandparent before you know it. For some couples, a pet will do; for other couples, a new shared pastime intensifies the glue between you. **CANCER** understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Listen to information that heads your way. Listen to your instincts when hearing a stern message or communication. You hear more than someone says, because you can read between the lines. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Be more inventive with those you deal with. Your sense of what works financially might be a lot different than many others'. Your conservative streak emerges. Listen to a friend or pal who means a lot to you. This person keeps your interests in mind. Tonight: Favorite pastime with favorite people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Your serious demeanor lets others know to rethink an idea. Your intellectual leadership impacts family and friends alike. Your logic remains indisputable.

A financial idea puts stars in someone's eyes. Be clear that it is only an idea! Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your intuition leads you to have a long heart-to-heart conversation with someone. A call affects plans. Understand where this person is coming from. Your winning personality and nurturing ways encourage someone to make a pass. Are you ready for this? Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You don't need to advertise what is happening. In fact, discretion could make you more comfortable. Your sense of humor makes up for someone's stern and uptight mood. You know how to make this person relax and smile. Tonight: Be discreet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** A parent or boss could be severe in his or her demeanor. A little effort from you could make a big

difference. Do just one thing for this person before you follow your Saturday plans to join friends or any other pleasurable activity. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others look to you, as if you cannot tell by the number of calls and requests. Your impulsive ways lead you in the right direction. Understand what someone wants from you. Nurture someone without great expectations. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You need to touch base with someone before you make plans to split for the day. Though this person might not want to join you, consider this a courtesy call. Understand what this person desires from you. Meanwhile, split as fast as possible. Tonight: Try a new music spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your family expresses how important your presence is. Hang out

with family, but make special time for a loved one. You really do not need to answer to anyone except your sweetie. Tonight: Heat up the airwaves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Expect to spread yourself thin as you do the rounds, not forgetting someone at a distance. Your feelings intensify, making anything possible. Allow emotions to play a greater role in your life. Make the impossible possible through positive thinking. Tonight: Do what someone wants.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You have a project on the back burner that might need attention. You will feel much better about an expenditure in the upcoming days. Stop and do something very special for a child or loved one. Use your efforts to make someone happy. Tonight: Easy does it. You don't have to have grandiose plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20) ***** Remain upbeat and positive when dealing with someone. You work a problem out by expressing your feelings. Share a good intellectual idea with a loved one or roommate. Understand that someone might be coming from a different direction. Tonight: Spice up a relationship.

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Women challenge radio listeners to combine Bible, women's issues

LUFKIN, Texas — Tiki Lamar and Kim Wier will chat live on the radio about just about anything adultery-proofing marriages, fixing finances, cleaning house and cleaning the spirit.

Their focus is women. Their audience includes men. Their goal is to take the Bible off the back burner in women's issues.

"Engaging Women (the pairs call-in radio show) wants to be a voice that challenges women to have a God-centered focus as the foundation for their life," said Wier, a writer, mother of three, and radio co-host. "We want women to know that they have the potential to impact the world in incredible ways where God has placed them."

"Our role is to challenge them to get engaged in those places in biblical ways."

Lamar, who has had a national reputation as a radio journalist, is also firm about using the airwaves to encourage.

"My goal is to challenge women to be actively engaged in the conflicts of God, wherever God has them in their lives whether that be in raising kids to love the Lord, or in the workplace, or in thousands of different circumstances

just making a difference wherever they are for the Lord," she said. "And that means biblical thinking."

At the conclusion of a recent show, she re-emphasized that theme.

"So much of it is just our attitude and how we're going into it and realizing we are totally loved by a totally loving God," she said. "I always want to go back to that Ecclesiastes verse, 9:10. It says, 'Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.'"

So Wier and Lamar designed a professional radio show that could go national should the Lord call it. They tap nationally known experts, answering questions from East Texas listeners.

The co-hosts crowd into a small studio each Saturday at Christian Radio Station KAVX 91.9 FM in Lufkin. They set up an audio link with a prominent speaker such as best-selling author, Elizabeth George, and let the chat begin.

"Engaging Women" is live, and it's lively.

"There is nothing else like Engaging Women on the radio today, not even nationally," said Wier, who commutes to Lufkin from her home in Nacogdoches once a week to co-host the

show. "What is unique is that it is hosted by two women in an unscripted program. Though we plan the topic and a general outline for the show, we never really know where it will wind up."

The show may be unscripted, but it is deftly handled by seasoned professionals. Wier is a writer and speaker, and Lamar is a radio journalist well known to many for her work with Marlin Maddox on the USA Radio Network before retiring to become a full-time mom. She has also worked in a Waco Christian radio station as news director-morning and afternoon drive deejay.

Lamar was the perfect partner for Wier when the idea of a radio show for women was being developed.

"When the Lord, and her husband, finally convinced her that it was also her calling, we set about creating something new and unique," Wier said.

Each program explores issues relevant to women today. Jeff Kinley, author and speaker, talked about raising teens committed to a life of following Christ.

CLUB NEWS

TOPS TX 21

Members of TOPS TX 21 met on Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation center 306 W. Third.

Leader, Hughetta Roberts

called the meeting to order and Donna Menges led the opening prayer followed by the TOPS pledge.

Eleven members weighed in. Joyce Chellete was the TOPS best loser and Mrs. Russell was best loser of the KOPS. Each received the weekly award and certificate.

Mrs. Roberts read a letter from TOPS Headquarters

concerning the election of new officers and reminded the club of the election coming up on March 4.

Anyone interested in TOPS can call 1-800-932-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information. You are also invited to attend a meeting on a Monday night at the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third by 6 p.m.

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MIDLAND, TX - Bank Repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automotive industry. Unfortunately for John Q. Public, they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to car dealers at rock-bottom prices - allowing dealers to re-sell them for retail value. But bargain-seekers can take heart: This week, Jack Sherman Chevrolet Mazda is going to change that.

This Wednesday, February 20th through Saturday, February 23rd, Jack Sherman Chevrolet Mazda will offer over 125 bank repossessed, lease return and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values, and pass the savings on to their customers.

"These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), auctions, and other sources," Darrell Dixon of Jack Sherman Chevrolet Mazda said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. And if that means selling these vehicles for up to thousands below normal values, then that's what we'll do."

Every bank repossessed and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just a \$59 possession fee* then start making payments. Payments start as low as \$79 per month.* "It's that simple," said Mr. Dixon. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Dixon added.

Extra sales and finance staff will be on hand to assure customers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Dixon said, "We'll have over \$4 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers should bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery.

"The opportunity Midland area bargain-hunters have been waiting for happens this Wednesday through Saturday, at Jack Sherman Chevrolet Mazda. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Dixon.

After the \$59 SuperSale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 23rd, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to 915-694-9601. Jack Sherman Chevrolet Mazda is located at 4100 West Wall in Midland.

***This is the opportunity Midland area bargain hunters have been waiting for! Customers may never see savings like this again.**

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, on its successful Retail Round Table Luncheon.

• **U.S. REP. LARRY COMBEST AND STATE SEN. ROBERT DUNCAN**, for taking time out of their schedules to meet with city leaders this past week.

• Members of the **FORT CONCHO BUFFALO SOLDIERS**, who put on an interesting and educational display at Howard College in honor of Black History Month.

• Big Spring High School student **DENE COOK**, who won an area medal and state berth for her artwork, and to classmates **JASON GOODWIN, TAPELY HOLGUIN, ASHLEY KEENER, KRYSTAL SAWYER AND CODY VELA**, who won regional medals.

• **FIRE CONTROLMAN THIRD CLASS (SW) DUSTIN HERROD**, welcomed home on leave after serving on an aircraft carrier in the war against Afghanistan.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

An event such as Big Spring State Hospital's Valentine's Day fundraiser could not have been orchestrated and carried out without the help of more than 90 diligent volunteers. It would be virtually impossible to thank each person individually, so please accept this blanket expression of appreciation and thanks.

Even with the many years I have been involved in special events and fund-raising, it still amazed me to see the interest from community members who appeared at our doors because they read or heard that we needed volunteers. Without the assistance of our giving media outlets — the *Herald*, KBST, KBYG, Cox Cable and KWES-TV — we would not be able to effectively spread the good works of the Volunteers Services Council.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank chairperson Karen Brewer for the endless hours she put into this wonderful event. The countless employees, families and volunteers — many of whom came before daylight and stayed past midnight to prepare orders — were a blessing. When we counted the final receipts, the

Volunteer Services Council tallied more than \$6,000 minus expenses for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

This year, local restaurants became involved by feeding more than 40 volunteer singers and even more delivery persons. Thanks must be extended to: Al's & Son Bar-B-Q, Carlos Restaurant, Big John's Feed Lot, Brenda's BBQ & More; Blue Room Cafe and Coffee House, Byrd House Gallery and Tearoom, the Chamber of Commerce, Dell's Cafe, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Home Realtors, Big Spring Country Club, Kiwanis Club, Howard College, Ponderosa Restaurant, Don Newsom, Santa Fe Sandwiches and the Spanish Inn.

Whether you were a customer or a volunteer, it took everyone to pull off this event. I hope you will take part in next year's event. We delivered more than 500 gifts and brought smiles to hundreds of faces. You gave with a big heart. And from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your part in the fund-raiser.

BILLIE RUSSWORM
DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY RELATIONS
BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL

We can all save taxes by moving offshore

In response to President George W. Bush's call to all Americans to give service to our country, some are enlisting in the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Senior Corps or the armed services. Others have begun putting in their suggested 4,000 hours at a variety of charitable endeavors, through everything from the volunteer fire department to mentoring programs. And still other Americans are moving their companies to Bermuda and the Cayman Islands to avoid paying taxes. Isn't that special?

The New York Times reports a "megatrend" among American companies to incorporate in Bermuda in order to sharply reduce their taxes. Assorted financial advisers are encouraging these "moves," which involve nothing more than setting up a mail drop and paying a few fees. It's not necessary to have an office or to hold meetings there. One tax partner with Ernst & Young did cite patriotism as "the only potentially troubling issue," according to the Times, but concluded that profits trump patriotism.

"We are working through a lot of companies who feel that it is (the right time to

move offshore), that just the improvement on earnings is powerful enough that maybe the patriotism issue needs to take a back seat to that," said the partner's memo quoted in the Times.

Just a few years ago, Americans were quite famous for paying their taxes: no one has ever paid taxes happily, but they were regarded as one of life's inevitabilities, famously in the same category as death. But we seem to be entering a "taxes are for suckers" era: Perhaps we should call it the Leona Helmsley Movement after the hotelier who observed, "Only little people pay taxes."

A recent report by the Internal Revenue Service says the number of Americans with million-dollar incomes more than doubled from 1995 through 1999, but the percentage of their income that went to federal income taxes fell by 11 percent because of capital gains tax cuts. The same study shows that the incomes of Americans who make less than a million grew as well, though only slightly, and the share of their incomes that went to taxes also rose slightly. Think there's a connection? These numbers will become even more disproportionate when the Bush tax cuts for the rich kick in.

Republicans advocating tax cuts for the rich and corporations often say that they pay a bigger share of the income tax tab than the rest of us.

That's because A) they have much more money,

and B) their reasoning does not include payroll taxes. Citizens for Tax Justice reports that payroll taxes are the largest federal tax for three out of four taxpayers. It's like saying, "Rich folks pay more than you do, if we don't count most of what you pay."

So, why would a corporation bother to set up a shell company offshore in order to avoid taxes, since many of them, like Enron, pay zero taxes now? Enron paid no taxes in four of the past five years, yet was due to get a \$254 million tax rebate from the U.S. government under President Bush's ridiculous economic stimulus package, now fortunately defunct. The company paid \$17 million in taxes in 1997, but during the four years it paid nothing, it also got a total of \$381 million in tax rebates by using more than 874 offshore accounts.

The Times reports the Stanley Works company of Connecticut is saving \$30 million a year by moving offshore; Tyco international of New Hampshire's move helped them dodge more than \$400 million in taxes last year. Ingersoll-Rand pays \$27,653 a year to maintain a mail drop in Bermuda, which allows the company to avoid at least \$40 million a year in taxes. You can see why this is a megatrend.

The Catch-22 is that the rest of us get stuck with making up for the missing money. We're in a fiscal mess now — the federal budget's back in the red, we're raiding Social Security, the R's have a

hissy fit whenever anyone suggests rolling back last spring's tax cuts, which, of course, benefit the rich more than everybody else to a staggering extent — a whopping 38 percent to the richest 1 percent of Americans.

A new Zogby poll shows voters overwhelmingly support a rollback if it means more money for government programs like education, prescription drugs, environmental protection, deficit reduction and so forth. Imagine how much worse it will get when every corporation in America has moved offshore to avoid taxes. Then there will be nobody here to pay taxes but us chickens.

Mother Jones magazine reported two years ago on how easy it is to set up an offshore shell company. "It's fast and cheap. All that's required is filling out a one-page form and providing a photocopy of my passport and driver's license. The entire incorporation process — which costs \$1,000 plus \$750 in annual renewable fees of \$750 — can be completed within 48 hours." I predict this process will be available on the Web any minute now, you won't even have to go to Bermuda or the Caymans to do it, and then nobody will have to pay taxes. Won't it be great?

And if you think there's no connection between the tax laws that permit this thievery and big campaign contributions to politicians, I know some people who'd like to sell you their Enron stock.



MOLLY IVINS



Studying the Powell-Jefferson parallel

Secretary of State Colin Powell is somewhat reminiscent of America's first secretary of state,

Thomas Jefferson. Like Jefferson, Powell is a man of the people. And, like Jefferson, he is at odds with his president. It is of note that Jefferson did not stay on in President George Washington's second term.

The analogy, of course, is limited to a few elements. Jefferson and Powell were among the most esteemed men in the nation before taking office as secretary of state. Both men adhered to views counter to those of the presidents they served. The essence of the analogy is to examine what happens when two highly respected, even great, men diverge from the path of

the president who appointed them. This is not a simple matter of the normal comings and goings of Cabinet secretaries. That happens in every presidential administration. What is unusual is that Colin Powell entered into office more popular than the president who appointed him. The same could not be said of Thomas Jefferson when compared with George Washington, but Jefferson was clearly regarded as second to none after the president. Even Vice President John Adams and Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton were not held in comparable public esteem.

What can be predicted for Powell from Jefferson's experience? Jefferson left the Cabinet, formed a political party — the Democratic-Republicans — to compete with the Washington-Adams-Alexander-Federalists. He waited out Washington's re-election, then ran against Adams for the presidency in 1796. Coming in second, he became Adams' vice president, a recurrence that

was prevented by passage of the 12th Amendment. In 1800, he ran again and won, making Adams the nation's first one-term president.

Colin Powell has been continually urged to seek the presidency, but under notable pressure from his wife, he has so far declined, but not in Shermanesque terms. In 1884, Gen. William T. Sherman declined similar offers, saying, "If nominated I will not run; if elected I will not serve."

Meanwhile, Powell has made his political views clear. He is pro-choice. He is the Cabinet's foreign policy soft-liner to the point of being dubbed the "Lonesome Dove." And, he is a staunch advocate of a variety of social programs that aid minorities and the poor.

Yet, despite his differences with the administration, he appears to be insulated by popularity, making him the first "tenured" Cabinet secretary since 1868 when President Andrew Johnson faced impeachment over his

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CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's Episcopal
Everyone is welcome to attend worship services. Mary's Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8205 up on our website www.stmarysbst.org. Mary's is located in South Goliad.

The 2002 Lenten continues this week. The theme this year is "Christian Mission Ministry in our Parish, and our World." We will begin, as is custom, with a potluck dinner Parish Hall at 6 p.m. and child care provided. Our speaker will be Deacon Dana Archdeacon of the Northwest Texas Stations of the Cross be observed every next Friday, March 8 p.m. in the Church.

First United Methodist
Lay Speaker's Sunday feature First Methodist Church. Sunday morning services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday classes meet from 10:30 a.m. Classes at

Words of pain of love

February is always a rather emotional month for me — for several reasons. Among those reasons is that my mother's birthday is on the 25th.

On that date this will be 91 years since her birth. She was able to celebrate 75 of those birthdays. When her final illness came my friends and I were living in London, Wash. and my sister and her family lived in Columbia, S.C.

When my sister and I Texas to check on Dad and she called said, "I need you to be closer to me."

I drove to the small town where they and we made plans for mother and sister to share. Dad and I packed for the move.

They had lived in an old farm house since after World War I. This was terribly difficult for both of them.

Before Dad and I got to Columbia, Mom was placed in ICU hospital there. She was so weak that we were not able to get to her soon enough. However, God was with us and there were days left for her to share.

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Though I still do walking out of the room for the last person's words be encouraged and comforted.

After all the months suffering, here we promise that it will be over.

Those words with me through and I have often them with others facing a similar loss.

What a wonder Christ has provided end of life. An en



CHURCH NEWS

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Everyone is welcome to attend worship services at St. Mary's. Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or look us up on our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

The 2002 Lenten Program continues this Wednesday. The theme this year is "Christian Mission and Ministry in our Diocese, our Parish, and our Lives." We will begin, as is our custom, with a meatless potluck dinner in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and child care will be provided. Our speaker will be Deacon Dana Wilson, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Northwest Texas.

Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday during Lent. Please join us next Friday, March 1, 12:05 p.m. in the Church.

First United Methodist
Lay Speaker's Sunday will feature First United Methodist Church's certified lay speakers.

Sunday morning worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Classes are avail-

able for children and adults. The Administrative Council will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday with rehearsal for Palm Sunday's special musical "God So Loved The World" at 2:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church will join Coahoma United Methodist Church in an evening service at 6 p.m. in Coahoma.

Noon Bible Study is at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday and the Adult Handbell Choir will rehearse at 6:15 p.m. that evening, with Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

A special Bible study for mid-high youth is Monday at 6 p.m. at Courtney Johnson's apartment at 601 1 Courtney Place. Senior high youth have a special lunch bunch at the high school during the lunch periods and Bible study at 6 p.m. at Courtney Johnson's.

First United Methodist Church is located 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

Hillcrest Baptist
DivorceCare divorce recovery seminar and support group meets at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring each Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Childcare is provided through the fifth grade by advance arrangement.

The church is located at 2000 W. FM 700. DivorceCare features

nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare," and "Forgiveness." Groups are beginning on March 6.

For more information call the church office at 267-1639.

First Assembly of God
"How can a person be counted just?" is Pastor R.T. Havener's message this

Sunday morning in the 10:40 a.m. service.

Justification is the theme of this message and will be taken from Roman 5:1-11.

In the evening service at 6 the Women's Ministries of First Assembly will be in charge of the service. Their theme for the year is "A Call to Remembrance," 11 Timothy 1:6. They will be presenting a play entitled, "The Night the Lights Went Out."

The public is invited to join them at First Assembly located at Fourth and

Lancaster for a wonderful day of Worship.

Coahoma United Methodist
Area Wide Worship Service

It is our honor at Coahoma United Methodist Church to be hosting this service Sunday at 6 p.m.

Please come join us at Coahoma United Methodist Church, 401 N. Main in Coahoma, for singing, worship and fellowship!

First Christian Church
Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church

(D.O.C.) will preach the sermon, "Au Natural: Part Two of Lent and the Human Condition" during the morning worship service beginning at 10:50 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Every Wednesday during Lent we are hosting a soup and muffins lunch in the Fellowship Hall along with a devotional and prayer.

Everyone is invited. For more information about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), see our web site www.trydisciples.org.



First Church of the Nazarene
The SNU Chorale of Southern Nazarene University of Bethany, Okla. will appear at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 South Lancaster St., Big Spring on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.



First Baptist
You are invited to attend the Legacy Five concert on Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church located at 705 W. FM 700. The doors will open at 6 p.m.

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Words of comfort help ease pain of losing loved one

February is always a rather emotional month for me — for several reasons. Among those reasons is that my mother's birthday is on the 25th.



DWAYNE WHEAT

On that date this year it will be 91 years since her birth. She was able to celebrate 75 of those birthdays.

When her final illness came my friends and I were living in Longview, Wash. and my sister and her family lived near Columbia, S.C.

When my sister flew to Texas to check on Mom and Dad she called me and said, "I need you to come now. We must move them closer to me."

I drove to the small community where they lived and we made plans for my mother and sister to fly to Columbia. Dad and I began packing for the move.

They had lived in that old farm house since moving from the Dallas area after World War II. I knew this was terribly difficult for both of them.

Before Dad and I could get to Columbia, Mother was placed in ICU in a hospital there. She was so ill that we were not certain that we would be able to get to her soon enough.

However, God was gracious and there were yet some days left for her and for us to share.

Once we were in Columbia, I could only stay for a short time as I still faced a 3,000 mile trip back home. As I tried to come to terms with leaving (Mother and I both knew that we would only see each other again in heaven), a person whom I no longer remember spoke words of great comfort to me.

He just said, "There are some things which God only heals with the resurrection."

Though I still dreaded walking out of her hospital room for the last time, that person's words both encouraged and comforted.

After all the months of suffering, here was the promise that it would soon be over.

Those words have stayed with me through the years, and I have often shared them with others who were facing a similar loss.

What a wonder gift Christ has provided for the end of life. An end that is

truly a beginning that has no end.

Paul spoke of this wonderful healing as he wrote, "O' death, where is your victory? O' death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:55-58).

Mother had known the sting of death long before she died as she fought a very painful form of cancer. But thanks be to God, he sent the ultimate cure which no one and nothing can take from her!

Dwayne Wheat is pastor of Berea Baptist Church.

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IN BRIEF

Bulldogs' playoff game now set

Coahoma's Bulldogs, the champions of District 3-2A, will take on Eldorado's Eagles in an area playoff showdown at 8 p.m. Friday in Angelo State University's Junell Center in San Angelo. The Bulldogs bring a 16-8 record into the playoffs, while the Eagles are 21-12 after beating Tornillo in a bi-district game on Monday in Fort Stockton. Eldorado was the runner-up in District 2-2A. Ticket prices for Friday's game will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Area boys' game set at BSJHS gymnasium

A Class 2A area boys' basketball game pitting Reagan County's Owls and Idalou's Wildcats has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium. Ticket prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Little League sign-up scheduled at mall

All boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 interested in playing on a Big Spring Little League team can sign up from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Registration will also be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 25 through March 1.

The final registration session will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Players must bring their birth certificate as proof of age.

Coahoma LL slates registration, draft

Registration for boys interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team are set from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Community Center. Youngsters may also sign up from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, during the draft. Fees will be \$25 per child in Pee-Wee, Minors and Major Leagues, while the Pony League fee is \$65.

Parents should bring a copy of each child's birth certificate for proof of age.

Four-person scramble scheduled at BSCC

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus cart rental. For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Planning meeting slated for Tuesday

Parents of youth attending Elbow or Forsan School interested in getting baseball/softball for the district are encouraged to attend a planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Brandin Iron. For more information, contact Mike and Brenda Parker at 263-4528 or Bobby and Ronda Doe at 263-8813.

Industrial softball league sets meeting

The Big Spring Men's Industrial Softball League will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at John Wesley's.

Anyone interested in having a team is encouraged to attend.

Mavs get Van Exel, LaFrentz from Denver

The Associated Press

In the morning, the Dallas Mavericks and Denver Nuggets had barely started talking. A few hours later, Nick Van Exel and Raef LaFrentz were sitting alongside Mavs owner Mark Cuban, trying to sort out the day's developments. "I never imagined Dallas, not one time. It caught me by surprise," Van Exel said after he was dealt from Denver to the Mavericks in a seven-player trade on the

day of the NBA trading deadline.

Van Exel was dealt to Dallas along with Raef LaFrentz, Avery Johnson and Tariq Abdul-Wahad for Juwan Howard, Tim Hardaway, Donnell Harvey, cash and a first-round draft pick in June.

In the only other trade, Minnesota acquired disgruntled center Marc Jackson from Golden State for Dean Garrett and a second-round draft pick in 2007.

The newest members of the Mavericks were flown to Dallas aboard Cuban's private plane and arrived in time to see the Mavericks finish off Boston 98-92, increasing their Midwest Division lead over Minnesota to 1 1/2 games.

Cuban and coach Don Nelson bounced the trade off their three stars, Dirk Nowitzki, Steve Nash and Michael Finley, before pulling the trigger.

Finley was close to Hardaway and Howard, as

all three are from Chicago.

"Trades are funny because you have to give up something to get something, and for us we gave up three guys who were very close to me," Finley said. "It's hard to see those guys go. But on the other hand, we get some other quality guys. Hopefully, the trade will help us in the long run, especially in the playoffs."

Planning for the postseason was the driving force behind the trade, Nelson said.

Howard teams defeated by FPC

Howard College basketball teams had a rough time in Berger Thursday.

The Hawks lost 99-77 while the Lady Hawks fell 68-61.

The loss puts the Hawks at 18-10 overall and 6-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. The Lady Hawks are 8-18 overall and 1-9 in the WJAC.

Howard teams host South Plains on Monday.

Tourney time at 'The Dorothy'

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

This weekend's 2002 Region I, Class 4A Girls Basketball Tournament will possess much of the same flavor that attracted more than 7,000 fans, coaches and players to last year's tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Three of the returning teams — Plainview, Canyon and Fort Worth O.D. Wyatt — participated in the 2001 tournament, the first to be held at Howard College.

The new addition to the mix — Southlake Carroll, whose Dragons played in the boys' regional in Big Spring last year — has replaced 2001 participant Cleburne as one of the top four teams in Region I.

Plainview and Southlake Carroll tip off at 6 p.m. Canyon and Fort Worth O.D. Wyatt hit the floor at 8 p.m.

Plainview and Canyon are no strangers to the regional finals — Plainview topped Canyon last year, 56-53, en route to claiming the 2001 state championship.

The year before, Canyon won a 58-35 decision over the Lady Bulldogs before earning a state championship — their third at under head coach Joe Lombard.

Many are looking past Friday night's semifinal games to a championship rematch between Class 4A's No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the state.

But the four head coaches participating in this weekend's tournament, which concludes Saturday with a 2 p.m. tip, have something else to say about it.

"I know everyone is expecting Canyon and Plainview, but we have other things in mind," said Wyatt head coach Rodney MacFadden.

Plainview vs. Southlake Carroll 6 p.m. Friday

No. 1-ranked Plainview is led by 5-9 senior forward Chelsi Welch, the 2001 state tournament's MVP, who averages 20 points and 8.2 rebounds. She gets strong back-up from junior Alesha Robertson (18 points, 8 rebounds), and defensive specialist Tojinnay Thompson (11 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals).

The Lady Bulldogs swept District 4-4A with an unblemished record play an uptempo game looking for baskets off transition or forced turnovers. But they can easily play a half-court game.

"We need to do what we've done all year long and play well defensively and rebound the ball and execute offensively," Plainview's 13-year head coach Danny Wrenn said. "With whatever they're throwing at us, we need to defend and rebound the ball."

Southlake Carroll is paced by five starters, who provide even scoring, ranging from 8 points per outing to 12. "Every week we have a different leading scorer," first-year head coach Angela Drews said.

Sophomore guard Kate Eveland, who Drews calls the quarterback of her club, rarely comes off the floor. The 5-7 guard averages 10 points, while Lauren Thomas, a 6-foot junior post is good for 9 points per game.

Junior post Anna Vaughn, a 6-2 player who has drawn interest from several Division I schools averages 8 points and seven boards.

"We like to push the ball up the



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Plainview's Tojinnay Thompson (32) attempts to block a shot by Big Spring's Brittany Bryant (12), as teammate Alesha Robertson (42) trails the play during District 4-4A action at Steer Gym on Jan. 8. The No. 1-ranked and defending state champion Lady Bulldogs will take on No. 10 Southlake Carroll's Lady Dragons at 6 tonight in the opening game of the Region I, Class 4A Girls' Basketball Tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The second game will pit No. 2-ranked Canyon's Lady Eagles against Fort Worth Wyatt's Lady Chaparrals.

floor," Drews said. "But we kind of mix it up. We do whatever the defense is letting us do."

Drews said the Lady Dragons are playing their best basketball of the year and even though their 26-7 record isn't the most impressive in the regional tournament, their losses were to quality teams, including storied programs, such as Mansfield, Duncanville, Weatherford and Plano.

"We're starting to gel at the right time," she said.

The Lady Bulldogs are well aware of Southlake Carroll's guards, and posts Vaughn and Thomas, Wrenn said. And Plainview has a tough task ahead Friday night.

Since the final buzzer sounded at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin last March, people have talked of a Plainview-Canyon rematch. Some even call it the Class 4A state tournament championship game.

That has been a distraction for Wrenn and his charges, but he has reiterated his respect for the next opponent. "If you look down the road, you'll never get there," he said. "We've got to focus on the task at hand."

Canyon vs. Fort Worth Wyatt 8 p.m. Friday

O.D. Wyatt head coach Rodney MacFadden knew his young team was in trouble last year in its semifinal match-up with Canyon when he reached over to pat two of his senior starters on the knees during the pregame announcements. "Their legs were shaking. I knew right then how that first quarter was going to be."

MacFadden still has tape of that 22-6 first quarter shellacking and showed it to his team Wednesday afternoon.

That game was a learning experience for a team which had never before made the playoffs.

"I knew nothing about Canyon last year except that they were very good," he said.

Canyon's Lady Eagles are synonymous with outstanding girls basketball, making 17 state tournament appearances and earning eight state championships. Lombard, who has won nine state championships during

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REGIONAL TOURNAMENT NOTEBOOK

• Plainview coach Danny Wrenn served as an assistant coach at Plainview under current University of Texas assistant Kathy Harston, who won a state championship at Plainview in the 1980s. Harston was a graduate of Southlake Carroll before playing collegiately at Wayland Baptist University under legendary coach Dean Weese. "I wouldn't be surprised if she calls," Wrenn said. "I bet she's pretty pumped. Texas beat (No. 3) Oklahoma (Tuesday) night in overtime."

• If all goes well, Canyon coach Joe Lombard will miss his son's playoff games. The Canyon boys — District 3-4A champions, including senior Tate Lombard — received a bye in the first round of the playoffs and will face El Paso High in an area game. The boys' regional tournament is held at the same time as the girls' state tournament.

• Fort Worth Wyatt coach Rodney MacFadden is in his sixth year as head girls' basketball coach at the school. Previously, he served as an assistant boys' coach at Denton Ryan. O.D. Wyatt is his first head job.

• Southlake coach Angela Drews is in her first year as head coach of the Lady Dragons. She worked as an assistant at the school for the past eight years and took over the program when Brenda Rose left for Jersey Village. She previously served as head girls' basketball and track coach at Keller High School.

• Lombard possesses the most state championships — six at Nazareth and three at Canyon. Lombard coached the boys' and girls' teams at Nazareth between 1979 and 1985. He made it twice to the finals with the boys' teams. He is completing his 17th year at Canyon and owns an 811-75 record.

• Wrenn just notched his 300th win Friday against El Paso Riverside. He is 301-112. MacFadden is 110-67 and has won 65 games in the past three seasons at O.D. Wyatt.

• Canyon has appeared the most consecutive times in a state tournament — 10 from 1969 to 1978 — and possesses the most state championships in Class 4A with 8; (1992 as a Class 3A team).

• Prior to 2001 year, Plainview had not reached state tournament since 1992.

• Many of the players appearing in the regional tournament will continue playing basketball following graduation. Plainview senior Chelsi Welch signed with Oklahoma and Canyon senior Haley Hobson signed with Midwestern State University, where Coach Lombard's daughter, Lindy, will finish her career this year as the team's leading scorer. Plainview junior Alesha Robertson and Canyon junior Brooke Baughman have verbally committed to sign with Texas Tech. Southlake junior Anna Vaughn, Plainview junior Tojinnay Thompson, Wyatt junior guard Psyche Butler, Wyatt post Desire Bostice and Canyon post Kalee Carey have received considerable interest from Division I programs but have not made a decision on where they will attend school.

• Five of the seven 2001 Region I, Class 4A Girls' All-Tournament selections are returning to this weekend's games. Plainview's Welch was named MVP and teammate Alesha Robertson was named to the all-tournament team. Junior Tojinnay Thompson of Plainview will not be able to repeat as the Sixth Man Award winner because she has

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stops at Nazareth Canyon, returns: junior post Kalee Carey (17.9 points, 9.6 and has blocked this season), a Brooke Baughman: junior who averages 4.5 points and 4.5 Senior guard Haley Hobson is good for 8 po rebounds.

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Carey's 6-5 frame put to the test: post Desire Bostice averages 13.1 rebounds and 3 shots. Junior guard Psyche Butler, who has vertical leap, averages 8.5 rebounds, 3.3 assists, blocked shots. Post Desire Bostice averages 13.1 points and pulls down boards.

"We like to play in court as well. I play and down and get transition. Ever do is designed to but if they double post, we can always back out."

MacFadden said quarter will be the Lady Chaps at Canyon to repeat disastrous first quarter. "You can't and expect to win better prepared year."

Lombard also faced this year of going forward to rematch Saturday Canyon and Plainview. "You're making if you look ahead. We respect O.D. They are a formidable. We hope an opportunity Plainview, but many good teams just learned through experience that it would take to look ahead you'll never get there."

How they got here: Plainview: Wrenn over El Paso River and 77-47 winners 4-4A rival Lubbock District 4-4A champion 14-0 record, 3. Suffered a two-point Class 5A Duncan Granbury Tournament.

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Southlake Carroll: Dragons coasted by 1 semi-finalist Cleburne Tuesday regional game against Winthrup 52-46. They are the District 4A champions with a 10-0 record, 26-7 overall.

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Hughes wins gold; Russians threaten to leave Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For a moment, the smile and gleeful shriek of figure skater Sarah Hughes drowned out all the rumblings about Olympic officiating.

Her sheer joy in winning a gold medal Thursday night — and the way she did it, zooming from fourth place to first — emphasized all that's right about the games.

Then it was back to the nastiness that won't go away.

The latest mess involves the Russians, who threatened to leave Salt Lake City and maybe even skip Athens in 2006. They have a variety of complaints, notably the blood-test disqualification of a cross-country superstar.

And the South Korean delegation,

still angry over a disqualification that cost one of its short-track speedskaters a gold medal, was talking of legal action and a boycott of Sunday's closing ceremony.

"We will use all measures necessary to rectify the misjudgment," said Park Sung-in, leader of the country's Olympic team.

The Americans stayed out of the confusion and continued doing they've done so well — win medals. Hughes' gold, a bronze from fellow skater Michelle Kwan, a silver by the women's hockey team and a silver by Bode Miller in the giant slalom brought the total to 30 (10 gold, 11 silver, 9 bronze). That's only two fewer than overall leader Germany (10-15-7).

The forecast isn't good for the U.S. team in the four medal events Friday — Nordic combined, women's giant slalom, men's curling and men's 10,000-meter speedskating.

Also in action will be the men's hockey semifinalists, with the United States taking on Russia and Canada vs. Belarus.

It is also the first day of the four-man bobsled.

FIGURE SKATING: The secret to Hughes' surprising success was simple: She had the toughest routine and nailed it.

Hughes, whose previous best was a bronze at last year's world championships, hit seven triple jumps,

five in combination, to become this games' answer to Tara Lipinski, the teen-ager who wiped the gold medal favored to go to Michelle Kwan.

Kwan, winner of four world and six U.S. championships, landed poorly on one move and fell on another. She wound up with bronze and Russian Irina Slutskaya got silver.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: Canada's 50-year gold-medal drought in Olympic hockey is over, thanks to the women's team.

Hayley Wickenheiser, known as the female Wayne Gretzky, broke a second-period tie and Kim St-Pierre stopped 25 shots for a 3-2 victory over the archrival United States.

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"We like to push it," MacFadden said. "But we're able to play in the half-court as well. I prefer it up and down and get points off transition. Everything we do is designed to go inside, but if they double-team our posts, we can always kick it back out."

MacFadden said the first quarter will be the key. The Lady Chaps can't allow Canyon to repeat last year's disastrous first eight minutes. "You can't dig a hole and expect to win. We'll be better prepared for this year."

Lombard also has had the same problem Wrenn has faced this year of fans looking forward to a possible rematch Saturday between Canyon and Plainview.

"You're making a mistake if you look ahead," he said. "We respect O.D. Wyatt. They are a formidable opponent. We hope we have the opportunity to meet Plainview, but there's so many good teams. We've just learned through experience that it would be a mistake to look ahead because you'll never get there."

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moved into a starting position. Rounding out the list are Brooke Baughman and Kalee Carey of Canyon.

O.D. Wyatt's appearance at the tournament marks the first time in Fort Worth ISD history that a team has earned back-to-back regional trips.

Mike Kunstadt's "Texas Hoops" magazine ranks Plainview No. 1, Canyon No. 2, Southlake Carroll No. 7, and O.D. Wyatt No. 20.

Plainview's Robertson scored the most points in a game during last year's tournament with a 27-point performance against Cleburne. She also racked up the most steals, 6; made the most field goals, 10; and produced the highest three-point scoring with three treys in one game. Kalee Carey grabbed the most offensive rebounds, seven in a game and two blocked shots. Chelsi Welch attempted the most field goals, 15, and was the best three-point shooter, connecting on 33 percent.

This is the last trip Canyon will make to Big Spring for the regional tournament — at least for two years. Canyon was moved from Class 4A to Class 3A in the UIL's biennial realignment. The Class 3A regional tournament is held in Lubbock.

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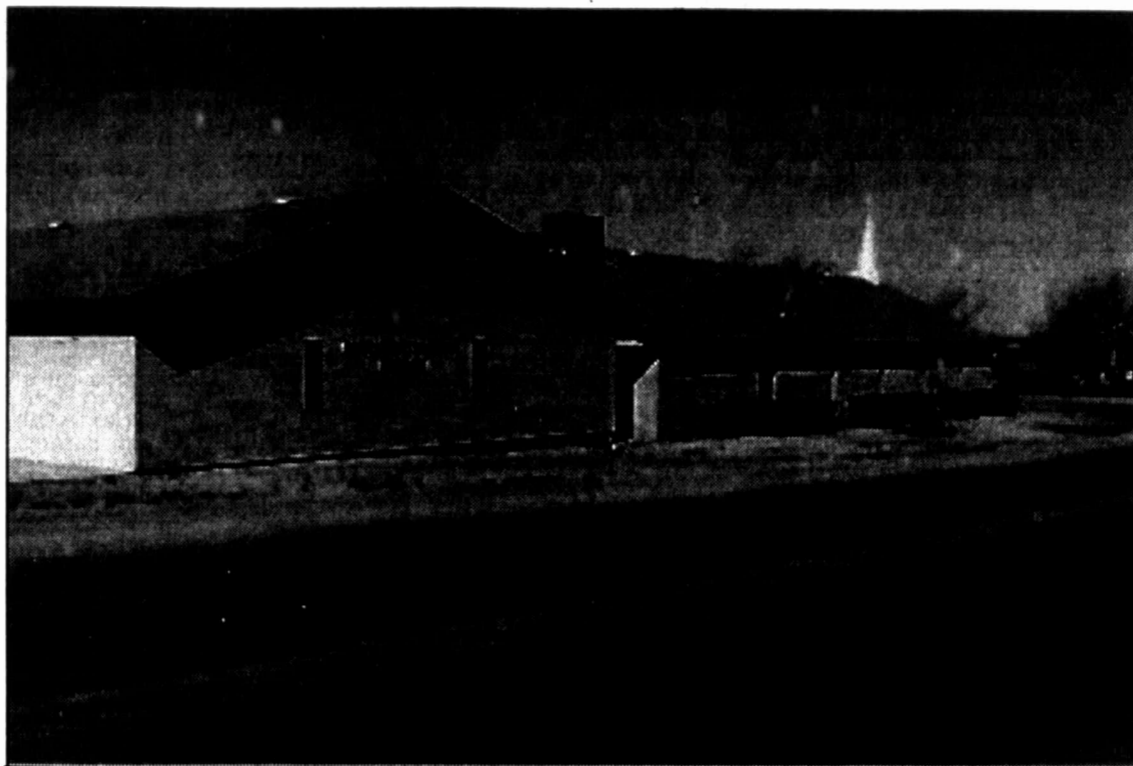
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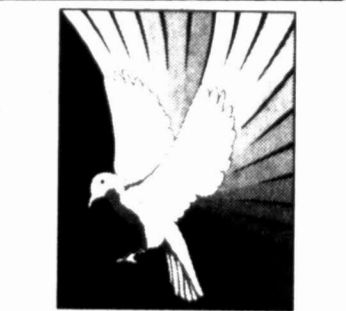
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Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "Exhibit A in Baltimore," who said women pretend to like sex in order to get a man to marry them, then they phase it out once the wedding ceremony is over. I have a different perspective.

When I married my husband 12 years ago, sex was easy and enjoyable. However, once the children came along, sex became less of a priority for both of us. We lived in cramped quarters, had little money and were under a great deal of stress. (One of our children is disabled.)

Now that I am swamped with the responsibilities of three children, my husband demands sex all the time. He is constantly touching and grabbing me. Frankly, I can do without sex altogether, but I told my husband I could manage twice a week and no more. He became angry, said he doesn't want any limits on our sex life and threatened divorce. I asked about our 12-year friendship, and he said, "I already have plenty of friends. Sex comforts me, and you need to do your wifely duty."

Ann, am I supposed to be a human pacifier? I think I've already compromised by agreeing to have sex twice a week. Am I wrong? Please tell me what a good compromise is so he will be happy. — Too Much Sex in Los Angeles

Dear L.A.: You and your husband have problems that go beyond sex. His controlling, demanding attitude is deeply disturbing. I urge you to see a marriage counselor at once. If your husband won't go with you, go alone. This situation is not healthy. Please get help before it is too late.

Dear Ann Landers: I am married and have four wonderful children under the age of 12. My brother, "Ed," was arrested on drug



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charges, and he will likely go to prison for several years.

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I believe if you commit a crime, you should pay for it. Is it best to tell my children the truth, or should I go along with the family fibbing? Please help me out with this one. — Maryland Missus

Dear Maryland: It is OK to tell your children that Uncle Ed made a mistake and has to go away for a while. You can explain to the older children that he is repaying a debt to society. Do not dwell on his crime or teach the children to reject him. He made a mistake, and he is paying for it. That's all they need to know.

Dear Ann Landers: I was recently invited to a co-worker's wedding. The invitation was addressed to me "and guest." I told my boyfriend, who has been my steady for two years, and assumed he would attend. Instead, he became angry and refused. He said he wouldn't know anyone and had no interest in attending such a formal affair.

I am terribly hurt by his response. I know I can bring someone else, but I'd much rather have my boyfriend as my escort. Shouldn't he be willing to come for my sake? What can I do about this? — New York Blues

Dear New York Blues: Yes, your steady boyfriend should be willing to take you to the wedding. However, he is clearly uncomfortable with the idea of being in a room full of strangers, and it will serve no purpose to pressure him. Invite someone else to escort you, and make it a point to enjoy yourself.

Dear Ann Landers: My brother is getting married in four months. Last year, at my sister's wedding, my cousin, "Mindy," wore a tank top and short shorts to the reception. Her dancing was extremely suggestive, and her idiot parents actually had the nerve to cheer her on.

I do not want to see this disgusting scene repeated at my brother's wedding. My parents are afraid to say anything for fear of creating a family rift. Is there any way to make Mindy dress properly and behave like an adult? — Worried in Michigan

Dear Worried: No. If you must invite Mindy, it might help to have a chummy discussion about clothes in advance. Tell her how excited you are to be wearing a fancy outfit, and hope that she gets the hint.

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to respond to "Staying Home in Kentucky," who complained that her grandchildren were too involved in sports activities to visit.

I am a grandparent, too. The road between my house and my grandchildren's home runs in both directions. I attend my grandchildren's sporting events as often as possible.

Watching them play is wonderful, and they love having us there. I hope "Kentucky" will stop resenting her grandchildren's extracurricular activities and become a part of them. The gains will be enormous. — Involved Grandma in Ohio

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1999 Dodge Stratus- red, V-6, all power, local one owner w/30,000 miles.
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1999 Chevrolet Malibu- Green, all power, V-6, locally owned w/52,000 miles.
was \$10,995 **NOW \$8,995**

1999 Pontiac Firebird - White, T tops, all power, local one owner w/56,000 miles.
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1998 Buick Century Custom 4-Dr.- White, V-6, all power, local one owner, 59,000 miles.
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2000 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S.- Green, all power, local one owner w/41,000 miles.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
OIL AND GAS DOCKET IN RE CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION
NO. 8A-0230539 OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
Austin, Texas
February 6, 2002

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF SCHLACHTER OPERATING CORPORATION TO CONSIDER UTILIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR THE CRAWFORD - STRAIN UNIT SHARON RIDGE (1700) FIELD.

MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code and TEX GOVT CODE ANN art. 55 2001 et seq. (2002), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on MARCH 15, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX GOVT CODE ANN art. 55 2001 et seq. (2002). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Schlachter Operating Corporation for utilization and secondary recovery authority for the Crawford - Strain Unit, Sharon Ridge (1700) Field, Mitchell County, Texas. Applicant states that over 70% of the royalty in the proposed unit signed up and 100% of all the working interest.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Joe D. Amezquita, at (214) 692-1567. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6926.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript the record will be made by audio tape recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel Office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7274 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD IN THIS CAUSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DIGITIZED DATA IN COMMISSION RECORDS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. BUT THE REFERENCE MUST BE SPECIFIC. OTHER DOCKET HEARINGS, OTHER EXHIBITS, AND IF IT INCLUDES EXHIBITS FILED IN PRIOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION, A COPY OF SUCH EXHIBIT PROPERLY IDENTIFIED SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR THIS HEARING. THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION #3454 February 8, 15, 22 & March 1, 2002

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FEB. 22

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7:30	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Movie: Lost in Space (CC)	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	Movie: Baby's Day Out	48 Hours (CC)	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Olympic Writer	Movie: Most Wanted	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	Team7	Star Trek Next Gener. (CC)	Movie: California	Movie: Red Planet (CC)	Joseph Good Faye Harden	Biography	Hot Pursuit	Movie: The Terminator	Greatest Monument	
8:30	Drew Carey Whose Line?	Wash. Week Wall St. Week	Mystery! (CC) (DVS)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Games (CC)	Derecho de Nacer (SS)	Disenador La Hora Pico	Movie: The Next Karate	Star Trek Next Gener.	Sargate SG-1 (45) Chris	The Substitute 3 Winner	York Mob	Empire of Crime-New	Crash Files	(CC)	Statue of Liberty Building	
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10:30	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Letner (CC)	700 Club (CC)	(19) News	News (CC)	News	Humor-Corred	P. Impacto Noticias Univ	Kid (CC)	Star Trek Next Gener.	Movie: The Talented Mr. Ripley (CC)	Isaak Red Shoe	Takes All Dennis Miller	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files (CC)	Greatest Monument	
11:30	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Mad Abz. You	The Industry Red Green	Wonder Years Who's Boss?	(10:54) Late Show (CC)	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (CC)	(05) Tonight Show (CC)	Movie: Ricochet	Humor-Corred	So Weird (CC) In a Heartbeat	Conspire Small Shots	Beverly Hills Movie: Demolition	Movie: Demolition	Update With Church	Biography	Hot Pursuit	Movie: Last Man Standing	Statue of Liberty Building	
12:30	Cowboy Paid Program	Spin City (CC) Paid Program	Red Green Doctor Who	Paid Program	Late Late Show	(12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(35) Olympic	Ricochet	Humor-Corred	So Weird (CC) In a Heartbeat	Conspire Small Shots	Beverly Hills Movie: Demolition	Movie: Demolition	Update With Church	Biography	Hot Pursuit	Movie: Last Man Standing	Statue of Liberty Building	

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Friday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2002. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 22, 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born at his parents' plantation in the Virginia Colony.

On this date:
In 1819, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
In 1865, Tennessee adopted a new constitution abolishing slavery.
In 1879, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a five-cent store in Utica, N.Y.
In 1889, President Cleveland signed a bill to admit the Dakotas, Montana and Washington state to the Union.
In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan," by Oscar Wilde, was first performed, at London's St.

James's Theater.
In 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.
In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.
In 1973, the United States and China agreed to establish liaison offices.
In 1980, the U.S. Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-to-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)
In 1987, pop artist Andy Warhol died at a New York City hospital at age 58.
Ten years ago: President Bush renewed his attack on a Democratic tax plan, saying in a radio address that congressional Democrats were choosing "politics over duty." At the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, American speed skater Cathy Turner won the women's 500-meter race. Five years ago: Cutbacks began under new welfare law limiting childless adults, under age 50 and able to work, to three months of food stamps in any three-year period.

Albert Shanker, the leader of the American Federation of Teachers who championed public school reforms, died in New York at age 68.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Mills is 94. Announcer Don Pardo is 84. Actor Paul Dooley is 74. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 72. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., is 70. Movie director Jonathan Demme is 58. Actor John Ashton is 54. Actress Ellen Greene is 52. Actress Miou-Miou is 52. Actress Julie Walters is 52. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Julius Erving is 52. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 43. Actress Jeri Ryan is 34.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

CRITIC'S CHOICE by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 22 Off-road transport: Abbr. | 41 Sinbad's transport |
| 1 Influential person | 2 In the past | 23 John or Jane | 42 Approves |
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| 10 Passed easily | 4 Ancient | 25 Ibsen's home | 45 Superior groups |
| 14 Fluid | 5 Kid's cap | 26 Airport info: Abbr. | 46 Intends |
| 15 Tide type | 6 Was covetous of | 28 Giving a once-over | 47 Held responsible |
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| 17 Start of a quip | 8 Decorative trim | 33 Mustard source | 52 Small brook |
| 19 Seer's sign | 9 Galoot | 34 Flightless birds | 53 "And ___!" |
| 20 Ruckus | 10 NASA project | 35 Steamed | 56 Sportscaster |
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| 22 Hold in high regard | 12 '40s First Lady | 37 Guacamole ingredient | 58 Slalom curve |
| 25 Connected by computer | 13 Karate ranking | 40 Feathery scarf | |
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| 31 Lock inventor | | | |
| 32 Baseball stat. | | | |
| 33 Part-divine being | | | |
| 36 Golfer's goal | | | |
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