

TUESDAY

January 14, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY
TONIGHT TOMORROW
42°-44° 62°-64°

BRIEFLY

Flu shots

The Texas Department of Health, 501 Birdwell Lane, will be giving flu shots from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays for those age 9 and older. Cost is \$10.

VITA VOLUNTEERS

There will be a five-day training session for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers and others who are interested in preparing 2002 income tax returns.

The training will be held at the Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from Tuesday, Jan. 21, until Friday, Jan. 24, and on Monday, Jan. 27, at 9 a.m. until noon each day.

Persons must pass a test in order to qualify for assisting taxpayers with their returns. All training materials will be provided.

Free tax assistance will be available in February and March at the Spring City Senior Center.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur at (915) 398-5522 or e-mail dkennemur@apex2000.net.

HANGAR 25

Hangar 25 Air Museum is asking for the donation of container-grown Christmas trees.

Elderica pines, firs and small-container grown ornamental trees are being accepted. Norfolk pines cannot be used.

The trees will be used for landscaping at the museum, which is located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

For more information, contact Susan Lewis, museum coordinator, at 264-1999.

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City, councilman file suit against 9-1-1 District

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring and City Councilman Tommy Tune have filed a lawsuit in 118th District Court against the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District. The suit requests Judge Robert Moore III issue a declaratory judgment and a writ of mandamus forcing the 9-1-1 District board of directors to seat Tune as a board member to replace Mary Gressett. Tune was appointed to

the 9-1-1 post by unanimous votes of the Big Spring City Council and the Coahoma City Council Nov. 12. The county's third municipality, Forsan, rejected Tune and instead re-appointed Gressett to the post.

At a special called meeting Dec. 17, the 9-1-1 board refused to seat Tune, saying that its interpretation of state statute is that cities within a county must be unanimous in their appointments to 9-1-1 boards. "Basically, they're not

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Tommy Tune
city councilman

following the law," said Big Spring Attorney Jean Shotts. "Tommy Tune was properly appointed by a majority of the cities and they're saying, 'We ain't gonna seat him,' and we're saying 'Yes, you will.'"

Section 772.306(c)(2) of the Texas Health and Safety Code reads: "Two members appointed jointly by all the municipalities located in whole or in part in the county."

Section 312.004 of the government code entitled "Construction of Laws"

further says "A joint authority given to any number of officers or other persons may be executed by a majority of them unless expressly provided otherwise."

Tune said the conflict could only be settled by the court.

"If they're going to insist that their position is correct and we feel that our position is correct, really the only thing left to do is to take them to court," Tune said. "Really the board left us no other choice."

Special teacher, special students

Sledge enjoys the challenge of helping slower learners

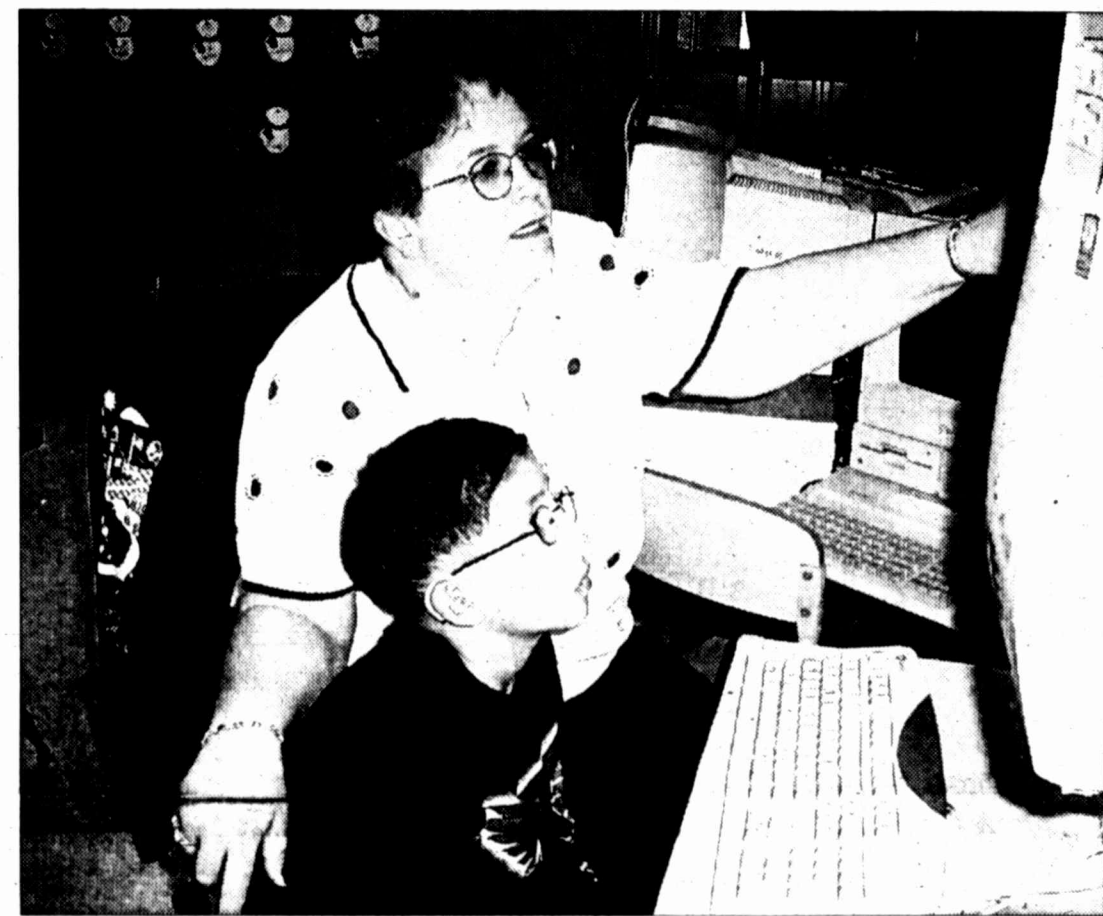
By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

It's the "I love you"s and hugs that keep Regina Sledge, Moss Elementary special education teacher, coming back every year.

"One of the things I like so much about Moss is the special education children are not left out of anything," Sledge said. "They get to go to the award programs and participate in the end-of-the-year programs that are applicable to their age group."

A teacher for 25 years, Sledge joined Moss Elementary and the Big Spring Independent School District 22 years ago. Before joining BSISD, Sledge had never worked with special education children.

"I was scared to death until I saw my first class and realized they're just



HERALD photo: Lyndel Moody
Regina Sledge, Moss Elementary special education teacher, helps Jesse Garza with his reading program. Garza nominated the 25-year educator for the Big Spring Herald and Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union teacher of the week.

kids," she recalled of her first day at Moss.

Helping children who have a little more difficulty learning can be frustrating, yet very

rewarding, she added.

"When you see the light come into their eyes, you know they understand and that's when you get your reward," Sledge

said. The students range from 6 years old to 10 with a variety of ability

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Superintendent evaluation on BSISD agenda

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The annual superintendent's evaluation and consideration of his contract extension will top a lengthy Big Spring Independent School District board of



MURPHY

trustees meeting tonight. Trustees will meet in closed session to evaluate and consider extending BSISD superintendent Murray Murphy's contract, the last of a 10 action items listed on the agenda. Murphy's current contract extends through June of 2005.

Several other items on the current agenda were discussed at the trustees' December meeting,

including reviewing the district's drug policies.

At the last meeting, trustee Kent Sharp wanted the board to consider toughing the district's drug policy and consider the possibility of random drug testing.

In other business, Murphy will officially inform the board that the U.S. Department of Justice has approved the seven single-member dis-

trict election scheme.

Trustees approved switching from three at-large, four single-member district representatives in 2002 responding to a movement led by Big Spring resident Pat Deanda. Deanda said she believes the change will help encourage more minority involvement in the board.

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COUNTY Residents speak out against code enforcement

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A group of about 50 people attended the Howard County Commissioners' Court meeting Monday morning, most supporting less stringent code enforcement for residents of the unincorporated area of the county.



FURQUERON

County resident Gene Bryant said he feels county residents not living in an incorporated area should have more leeway in what they do with their land than city residents.

"What we are here for today is to ask for your help in making life and business survival in these hard times a little bit easier," said Gene Bryant, spokesman for the group. "We feel (Big Spring City Council members) are using the County Commissioners Court to rape and plunder throughout the county with your blessings."

Bryant advocated a citizens' panel to "scrutinize each and every citation before it is issued."

"It would entail an opportunity for the accused to face this panel and their accuser, to have an opportunity to discuss

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CHEFS NEEDED

Museum's '80 Bites' takes on a West Texas flavor this year

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

To focus more on West Texans' favorite dishes, the annual "Around the World in 80 Bites" is being changed to the "Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites."

"It's hard to come up with a dish from another country," said Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney. "Everyone has a family specialty dish. This is what makes West Texas the way it is."

The museum is currently seeking chefs to produce some morsels of West Texas' famous dish-

"We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets early because space is limited."



Nancy Raney,
museum director

es. "We have excellent attendance but it is hard

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HERALD photo: Tommy Wells
The "Dixie Chicks" entertain a crowd of Gollad fifth-graders. Teachers Darlene Kyle, left, and Sandi Shelhamer along Gollad Principal Brenda Gailey sing their version of the Chicks song "Ready to Run." The skit was one of many performed by Gollad administrators and fifth-grade teachers Friday to reward the students for reaching their accelerated reading goals.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Keith R. Slaughter

Keith R. Slaughter, 74, of Dallas, died on Thursday, January 9, 2003, in a Dallas hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1928, in Madison, Kan. He moved to Big Spring as a young boy and attended Big Spring schools, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1945. He attended Texas A&M University and was a member of the class of 1949. He loved Texas A&M and was an avid Aggie supporter all his life.

Keith served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. For 32 years, he worked in many places throughout the world as a mechanical engineer for Mobil Oil Co., retiring in 1983. He had been a resident of Dallas for 25 years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church. Keith was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd Degree Mason.

Survivors include two sisters, Colleen Slaughter of Big Spring and Erma Jean Phillips of North Wales, Penn.; three nephews and one niece, Michael and Cathy Phillips of Florida, Ronald and Carmen Phillips of Harleysville, Penn., David Phillips of Roslyn, Penn., and Lisa Phillips of North Wales, Penn.

The family suggests memorials to: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Drawer 1229, Big Spring, 79721-1229 or to a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

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Charles Ray Strambler

Charles Ray Strambler, 48, of Midland died on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church with the Rev. John F. Campbell, pastor, and the Rev. Michael K. King of St. Stephen's A.M.E. Church of Pittsburg, Texas, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at Pipkin Funeral Home in Midland.

Mr. Strambler was born on March 29, 1954, in Midland, a son of the late Rev. Alexander and Bessie Lee Strambler. He married Regina A. Edwards on March 3, 1993.

He was raised and educated in Midland. He later entered the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam era. He was employed at the Midland Country Club. He attended the New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Regina A. Strambler of Midland; one step-son, Timothy Johnson of Midland; six brothers, the Rev. Farris Lee Strambler, Alexander Strambler Jr., Marcus D. Strambler and Jerry Strambler, all of Midland, Allen Strambler Sr. of Hobbs, N.M., and Willie Lee Strambler of Norman, Okla.; four sisters, Gladys King of Big Spring and Gracie White, Margie Tennon and Hattie Tennon, all of Midland; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Teddy Joe Strambler and Bobby Ray Strambler.

Services under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Reba Lee Johnson

Reba Lee Johnson, 81, of Crane died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, in the Crane Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, in the Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Baker officiating. Burial will be in the Crane County Cemetery.

Jessie Ree Williams Westbrook

Jessie Ree Williams Westbrook, 67, of Houston, formerly of Stanton, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003.

Graveside funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton has charge of arrangements.

Carol Howard

Carol Howard, 48, of Big Spring died at 4:50 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Richard F. Smith Sr.

Richard F. Smith Sr., 74, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at the VA Medical Center.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Breezy. Mostly cloudy in the morning then sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday night — Becoming windy after midnight. Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Thursday — Windy and cold. Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

Friday — Clear and cold. Lows 15 to 20. Highs in the mid 40s.

Saturday — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. Highs around 50.

Police blotter

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

- **RICHARD WILLIAM ALCANTAR**, 23, of 502 N. Runnels was arrested on charges of driving with an invalid license and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **SANDRA MINCE PAYNE**, 32, of 1324 Utah was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

- **FRANKLIN EUGENE RODGERS**, 18, of 1310 Tucson was arrested on two local warrants.

- **JAMIE RAY SMITH**, 26, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested on a local warrant.

- **CHARLIE EVERETT RYERSON**, 56, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **OSCAR SAUL PADILLA**, 22, of 2009 Runnels was arrested on a local warrant.

- **DENISE DEANDA**, 30, of 1002 N. Main was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **RAOEL RENE VALLES**, 47, of 1410 Bluebird was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on one local warrant.

- **FERNANDO HERNANDEZ**, 27, of Garden City was arrested on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

- **WILLIAM HUTCHESON**, 20, of 1322 Harding was arrested on local warrants.

- **DANIEL MENDOZA**, 33, of 3912 Hamilton was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

- **STACY JEAN MILLER**, 44, of 1700 Virginia was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **NYOLA MCVEA**, 29, of 908 N.W. Second St. was arrested on local warrants.

- **SHAWN THOMAS ROMINE**, 27, of 3207 Auburn was arrested on a Taylor County warrant and two Midland County warrants.

- **JAMES ALLEN HALL**, 37, of 1303 E. 11th Place was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 100 block of Canyon Drive.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - In the 1100 block of E. 12th Street. Computer equipment worth \$200 was reported stolen.
 - In the 2100 block of South Main Street. Someone reportedly kicked open the rear door of the home causing \$200 damage before stealing home electronic equipment worth \$120.

- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of West FM 700. A purse or wallet worth \$30 was reported stolen from a red 1996 Ford Taurus in the area. The vehicle reportedly sustained \$300 damage.

- **THEFT** was reported:
 - At Wal-Mart. Office equipment worth \$132 was reported stolen.
 - At Wal-Mart. Clothes worth \$57.12 and consumable goods worth \$16.59 were reported stolen.

- **THEFT OF SERVICE** was reported at a restaurant in the 1700 block of East Third Street. Consumable goods worth \$38.26 were reported stolen.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of East 11th Place. \$750 damage was reportedly done to a church in the area.

- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street and the 1100 block of East 13th Street.

- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium Avenue.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of North Gregg Street, the 1300 block of Sycamore Street, the 1900 block of West FM 700, the 1600 block of South Gregg Street, the 1800 block of South Goliad Street, the 100 block of Whipkey Drive, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, the 2500 block of Fisher Street and the 2400 block of South Scurry Street.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of North 11th Place and the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE:** 4
- **ASSAULT:** 1
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:** 5
- **BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:** 1
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** 2
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:** 2
- **DRIVING WITH AN INVALID LICENSE:** 4
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA:** 1
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE:** 1
- **THEFT:** 23

- Convenience store thefts: 17
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM:** 1
- **INCIDENTS:** 11
- **ARRESTS:** 28
- **ACCIDENTS:** 7
- Major: 2
- Minor: 5

Sheriff's report

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

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Longshore Road and Wasson Road.

- **PROWLER** was reported in the 500 block of South Main.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of Hoosier.

- **POSSIBLE OVERDOSE** was reported in the 8200 block of Interstate 20 South Service Road.

- **HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 7100 block of Interstate 20 South Service Road.

- **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported near the intersection of Derrick Road and Midway Road.

- **LOOSE GOATS** was reported near the intersection of Midway Road and Interstate 20 North Service Road.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of Second and Pace streets.

- **GASOLINE DRIVE OFF** was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa Highway.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY
Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.

FIRE/EMS

Here is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department and EMS calls from Friday through Monday:

FIRE CALLS
SATURDAY

9:16 p.m. — 3300 block of W. Business 20, residential, false alarm.

EMS CALLS
FRIDAY

4:31 a.m. — 1800 block of N. U.S. Highway 87, trauma call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

8:58 p.m. — 300 block of W. Fifth St., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

SATURDAY

10:10 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11 a.m. — 1100 block of E. 11th Place, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:43 a.m. — 3300 block of Walter Road, Medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:27 p.m. — 3500 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:04 p.m. — 1800 block of N. U.S. Highway 87, medical call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

3:33 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:23 p.m. — 8200 block of the south service road of Interstate 20, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:25 p.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:30 p.m. — 400 block of Washington, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

MONDAY

4:35 a.m. — 3700 block of Hamilton, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:49 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:17 a.m. — 600 block of Aylesford, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:18 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:34 a.m. — 500 block of Johnson, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:29 p.m. — 800 block of E. Third St., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:45 p.m. — 1600 block of S. Main, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:57 p.m. — 1800 block of N. U.S. Highway 87, medical call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 19-27-31-35-36

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 5-3-5

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 4-7-2

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for us to get chefs," Raney said. "People think you have to make a huge amount of food to participate. We need them to prepare enough for 350 bite-size samples."

"We provide all the serving utilities," she said. "All the chefs have to do is bring their food and set up their booths."

Each chef also receives two chef passes and two adult tickets to the event.

Raney encourages authors or businesses to come sell their wares at the event — as long as they bring along a dish.

"We'd love to have authors to come sell their books," she said. "It is really great advertisement for any business."

As an extra incentive, cash prizes will be awarded to the top three chefs.

"We'll have a panel of judges come in and award a first prize which is \$100, a second prize of \$50 and a \$20 third prize."

"80 Bites" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the museum, 510 Scurry St. Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at the museum.

"We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets early because space is limited," Raney said.

A special combination ticket for admission to both "80 Bites" and the Big Spring Symphony's Choral Extravaganza is available for \$15 at the museum.

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"We will call an election (in February) under the new system," said Murphy.

Trustee Frank Long and a representative for the newly created minority-majority district will be the first seats impacted by the new election scheme.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the board room located in the Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place.

Also on the agenda:

- Consider professional legal services.
- Consider Energy Education Inc. contract termination.
- Discussion of high school co-curricular and instructional programs and proposed budget amendments.
- Consider optional extended-year program.
- Consider 2002-2003 campus and district improvement plans.
- Discussion of radio usage for junior/senior schools.
- Discussion of grant writer position.
- Facilities update.
- Capital improvements and maintenance concerns.
- Audience with the board requested by Scott

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levels that create a challenge for both Sledge and her aids.

"Sometimes you get frustrated trying to figure out just the right teaching method that will unlock their minds," she said.

And it's a challenge convincing others to allow the children a little room to learn on their own.

"The biggest problem I face is trying not to let others do everything for them," she said. "I can understand why they want to help but we want to teach them to be as independent as they can be."

"Sometimes it takes them a while to realize they can do it."

Special education children face a societal stereotype.

"They're just kids," Sledge said. "They need a little more help than others but they like to play, they get in trouble, just like everybody else. If there is one thing I want people to know, it is that their different abilities don't have anything to do with their personalities." During her 22-year stay

Emerson.

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COUNTY

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the merits of each individual case, and try to resolve disputes before resorting to a citation," he said. "We understand the way it is done now, anyone who calls in is anonymous and could be one of a select group of people in the city retaliating, or just plain ornerly."

Bryant said code enforcement in the county is selective and unfair.

"They go down wherever they're called to go down, and nowhere else," he said. "It's obvious when you listen to all of the people around that they are picking one place apart and not another. That's selective enforcement in my view. They're not treating everybody the same."

Joyce Crooker, wife of Commissioner Bill Crooker, said that state health and safety laws allow the county to control unsafe and unsightly properties. She also pointed out that a Nuisance Abatement Committee was formed in 2001 and members appointed by the commission to review code complaints on a case-by-case basis.

Committee Chairman Phil Furqueron and member Bebe McCasland were present at the meeting, and said the committee has not had a meeting since it was formed two years ago.

Furqueron said just because a person owns land outside city limits doesn't mean he can do anything he wants with it.

"What's next door to you affects your property," he said. "The concept that I can do what I want to on my property is a fallacy. If you want to dig a pit and pour motor oil in it on your property, that's not going to happen. It's a

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

with the district, Sledge took a four-year break from the special education program to teach second grade.

Although she enjoyed the change, Sledge realized her heart was with "her kids".

"Deep down inside I feel like I was suppose to be a special education teacher," she said. "The 'I love yous' and smiles keep you coming back."

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Nominator

I would like to nominate Mrs. Sledge as teacher of the week. She is a great teacher and friend. She helps me to read, spell, write and count money. She also lets me have time on computers and have snacks. She cares for all her students and that makes her special, too!

Jesse Garza.

violation of the law. If you're going to have an unregulated landfill on your property, that's not going to happen. So the laws of the state do apply to people on their private property."

Big Spring Public Works Director Todd Darden said that, in 2002, about 25 code citations were issued in the unincorporated area of the county and only six fines were actually issued; the rest of the citations were dismissed.

Commissioners decided to hold a meeting of the Nuisance Abatement Committee in the near future and see if the residents' problems can be worked out through that group.

"My understanding is we're going to firm up the board, make sure we have sitting members on the committee and we're going to schedule a meet-

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ing sometime in the near future," Furqueron said. "We're going to have the code enforcement people there and I've also requested that one or two county commissioners be there."

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State and national news at a glance



Two killed, five injured in explosion

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Two trucks exploded Monday afternoon at BLSR Operating, where the vehicles were on a cleaning rack inside a lean-to metal building. A witness said flames spread from the vehicles to oil floating atop water in the area.

"There was fire everywhere when we got there," Rosharon volunteer firefighter Alan Howes told the Houston Chronicle.

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OUR VIEWS

'Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites' is set at museum

A real change is in store for what has become one of Big Spring's annual events — the Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" fundraiser.

That change will be a focus more on West Texans' favorite dishes, and a name change for the event to the "Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites" which is slated for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney noted that it is difficult to come up with authentic foods from other countries, but here in West Texas, every family has a specialty dish.

So, the museum is asking local "chefs" to produce some of West Texas' famous morsels.

Attendance is never a problem for the event, but getting enough chefs is a bit more difficult.

"People think you have to make a huge amount of food to participate," Raney noted. "We need them to prepare enough for 350 bite-size samples."

Museum personnel will provide all the serving utilities. All the chefs have to do is bring their food and set up their booths.

Each chef will receive two chef passes and two adult tickets to the event.

For added incentive, cash prizes will be awarded to the top three chefs. — \$100 for the first-place winner, \$50 for second and \$20 for third.

Tickets, priced at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, are already available at the museum. Space is limited, so those planning to attend should get their tickets early.

But we'd really like to encourage anyone who can to sign on as one of this year's chefs. There have to be at least one or two family recipes you're proud of. Give us all a chance to rave about them.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

We would like to thank Trinity Baptist Church for sponsoring our radio program, "Question and Answers from the Bible" which airs daily on KBYG.

Our thanks especially to Pastor Randy Cotton, Jo Ann Cotton, Brian Michaelz, T.J. Johnson, David Pappajohn, Raul Marquez, Bob Rumpff, B.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Today, Lord, may we be considerate of everyone's need and be anxious for nothing through our prayers.
Amen

Overkill in marijuana ad campaign

If you want to see drugs and violence on television, you don't need to bother tuning in to "NYPD Blue" or loading up a game of "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City." You can just watch one of the Office of National Drug Control Policy's latest anti-marijuana ads.



RICH LOWRY

Two teenagers in a marijuana-induced haze sit in a family den, foggy with smoke. After some typical silly banter ("your sister is hot"), one of the kids pulls out his father's gun, says it's unloaded, and to prove it, aims at his friend's head and fires.

ONDCP, showing some residual good taste, spares viewers the splattered brains, but we are supposed to learn that smoking pot will kill you.

Other spots suggest that smoking pot will get you raped or make you a rapist, prompt you to run over children on bikes, and otherwise transform you into a rampaging

beast. Thus is the sensationalistic dishonesty of the War on Drugs broadcast for all to see in a saturation-ad campaign coinciding with the NFL playoffs.

No kid will be dissuaded by these ads from trying marijuana, since the ads are so at odds with nearly everyone's experience with the drug. But ONDCP can't produce more tempered and truthful ads about pot — because it simply isn't that scary.

There is, of course, an extremely slim chance that someone smoking pot might be shot by his bong mate. The odds, however, are probably equally great of smoking dope, writing a hit song about it and becoming (at least temporarily) rich and famous — which was Afroman's experience with his 2001 song "Because I Got High."

In fact, alcohol is more likely than pot to be associated with all of the ONDCP tragedy scenarios, since it is a drug that tends to induce aggression rather than passivity — The ONDCP would never admit this because it raises the question of why pot is illegal and alcohol isn't.

Rather than rationalizing drug policy, ONDCP,

under the leadership of Bush nominee John Walters, is more interested in demagoguery. Last year's ads airing during the Super Bowl maintained that drugs users support terrorism. The illegal markets created by drug prohibition create this niche for outlaws in the first place, but never mind.

Now the latest batch of ads recall the over-the-top propaganda of the cult-classic movie "Reefer Madness." An honest anti-pot campaign would stipulate that smoking the drug might make you feel a mild euphoria, but ultimately you should have better things to do with your time. No ad campaign will ever say this, which is one reason that they are so roundly disregarded by kids.

Corporate-funded anti-drug TV ads started running in major buys in the early 1990s, and youth marijuana use took off.

Operating on the theory that if something doesn't work, it should be funded by taxpayers, the federal government essentially took the ad campaign over from the private sector in mid-1990s.

The emphasis on marijuana in the current spots might seem odd,

given how benign it is compared to truly dangerous drugs like heroin, but the campaign has a political point. Marijuana is the weak link in the War on Drugs, and the Bush administration is hoping to shore it up.

The Washington, D.C.-based pro-legalization group, National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws, has obtained a Nov. 1, 2002, letter from White House aide Scott Burns to prosecutors across the country urging them to crack down on pot, because "no drug matches the threat posed by marijuana."

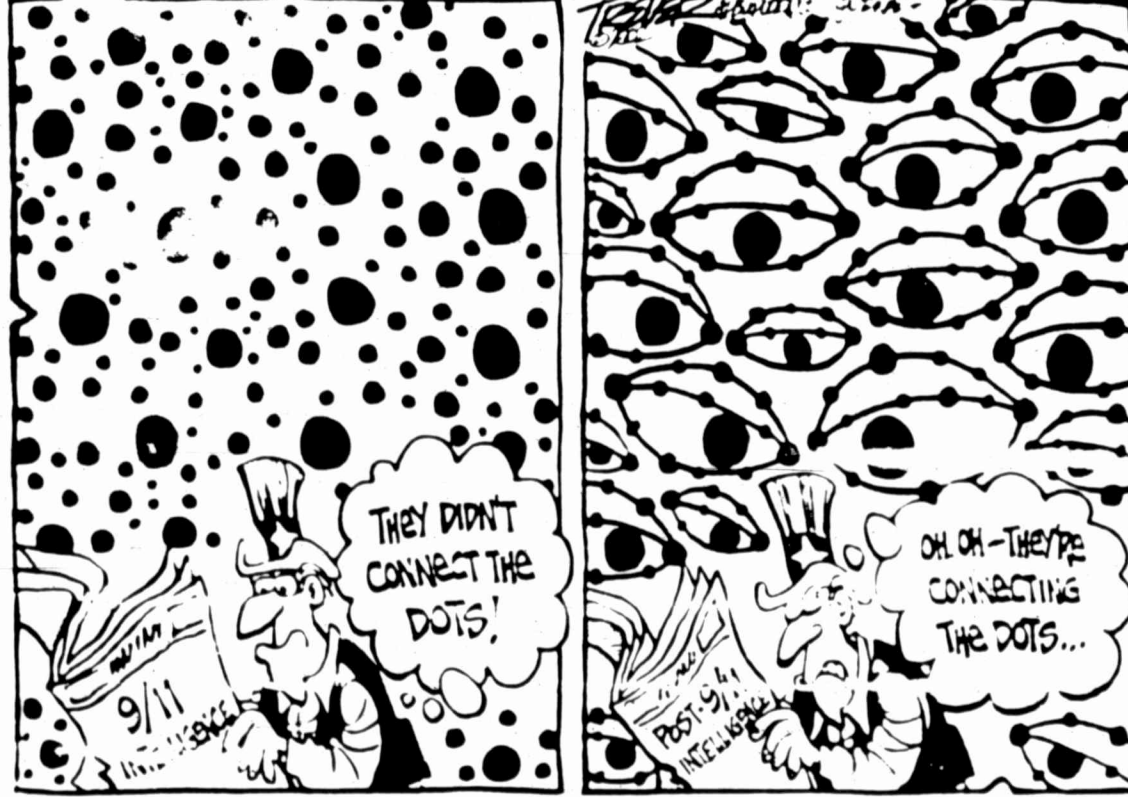
Drug warriors have long tried to blunt criticism about drug-war overkill by arguing that no one is ever arrested just for using marijuana. That line of argument is apparently inoperative. One of the new ONDCP ads features two kids smoking dope before the cops swoop in to bust them. Here, finally, is an accurate depiction of one of the potential harms of marijuana: Smoking it can get you arrested.

Why that should be the case is one of the great mysteries of the past 70 years.

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Gephardt concluded it's now or never

When it comes to knowing how to run for president.

Richard Gephardt is unequaled in the current field of Democrats. He won the Iowa caucuses in 1988 and came in a close second in New Hampshire, after



JACK ANDERSON

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. But he was out of money and vulnerable to a devastating attack on his credibility from Al Gore, who had bypassed the earlier contests and was waiting, rested and ready, for the Super Tuesday contests in the South.

The Gore campaign's television spot portrayed a cartoon Gephardt flipping and flopping on issues, and changing his persona to suit the latest political fashion. The ad hit home because Gephardt had flown a plane full of Washington lobbyists to Iowa to campaign for him while simultaneously proclaiming himself a populist.

Gephardt is applying lessons learned then and four years later, when he declined to run against a popular President Bush, to his final try now for the brass ring. The former House Democratic leader turns 62 later this month, and has concluded it's now or never. In '88, he had no money to counter Gore's attack and was forced to drop out of the race. This time, he's spending most of his time on the phone lining up donors he's dubbed "Patriots" willing to raise \$100,000 for his candidacy. In '92, he and other big names on the Democratic side, intimidated by the first President Bush's popularity, ceded the field to an obscure governor from Arkansas. This time, he's keeping his eye on 2004, not the second President Bush's approval ratings.

First elected in 1976, the year Jimmy Carter won the presidency, Gephardt has dealt with every interest group in Democratic politics, and been asked every imaginable question. That should help him avoid the rookie mistakes that can torpedo a candidacy. He relinquished his leadership post so he can

devote all of his time to running for president. He won't have to defend every compromise and trade-off, and can take positions that would be problematic if he were still leading the Democrats.

Yet Gephardt for all his attributes suffers from the same problem as Gore, an image so filled with contradictions that he leaves voters wondering who he is. Gephardt, like Gore, was a founding member of the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), a group of centrists determined to shift the party to the middle. Gephardt has not renounced his membership, but his consistent opposition to global free trade pits him against the DLC, which strongly advocates trade pacts with other countries. In the current line-up of Democrats running for president, Gephardt's name is synonymous with labor unions, which gives him an advantage in the primaries, but could hurt him in the general election unless big labor gives him some breathing space.

Anybody who has watched Gephardt's career wonders how

much of the Missouri moderate is left after 25 years in Washington. Perhaps wanting to recapture the middle, Gephardt made a point of strongly backing Bush's war resolution, which served to cut short debate in the House and to anger many Democrats. He also declined to call for the repeal of the Bush tax cuts, which contradicts his more recent economic liberalism.

Now that he is no longer burdened by House leadership responsibilities, Gephardt can draw a clearer image of who he is and what he stands for. Those who have worked with him admire his forthrightness, his decency and his discipline. However long the day, his blue suit is pressed and his blond hair looks freshly combed. He has been doing this for so long that his personal style comes across as robotic. In the marathon ahead, that will save him if it doesn't destroy him first.

Prediction: In a repeat of 1988, Rep. Gephardt will win in Iowa, lose in New Hampshire, and fade thereafter.

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New instructor brings love of Latin American to Howard courses

HERALD Staff Report

A fateful trip to a South America country steered John Gladstein on a life-long journey of interest of the Spanish language and Latin American culture.

Gladstein's first language wasn't Spanish, but on a vacation to Venezuela many years ago, he not only fell in love with the language, he was mesmerized by Latin American culture as well. "I was raised in Indiana, the American Midwest," Gladstein, the new Spanish professor at Howard College said with a laugh. "I went to Venezuela on a vacation to enjoy the scenery and have a great time, but when I got there, I was amazed at the beauty of the people and culture. That trip changed everything."

He immediately veered from his undergraduate degree in physical education and biology and began in earnest a master's degree in Spanish and Mexican history and culture.

"Spanish is a beautiful language," he said. "The Latin American culture is rich with history and folklore, art and tradition. Some of the best literature in the world was first written in Spanish before being translated so the rest of the world could read it."

"Gabriel Garcia Marquez, a Nobelist in literature from Columbia who now lives and works in Mexico City, wrote all of his books in his native Spanish," Gladstein continued. "As wonderful as it is to read his works in English, it is a special treat to read them in Spanish where there are no translation errors." Gladstein has taught Latin American culture and Spanish for more than two decades. He

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GLADSTEIN

spent several years at the University of Louisville-Kentucky and Indiana University Southeast as an adjunct professor before moving into full time duties at Hanover College in Indiana.

Longing to be fully immersed in Hispanic culture, Gladstein then traveled to the Yucatan in Mexico where he became professor of languages at Hacienda Temozon, Temozon Sur.

"It's beautiful there," he said. "The people were very gracious and I was able to live, work, socialize and perform research surrounded by the every day culture and tradition of Mexicans. Further, I spoke only Spanish for the whole time I was there, so the language became embedded in my mindset."

The time in Yucatan spurred Gladstein to create courses back in the U.S. in which students earned credit in the classroom at home and in the culture abroad.

"I've taken many students on several trips back to Mexico," he said. "I really enjoy teaching Mayan studies and Latin American civilization, history and culture, so it was a natural extension of my teaching to begin the trips to Mexico. It's one thing to read and study about the Mayan ruins while in an American classroom, but it's quite another to stand beside a Mayan pyramid and

reflect on the art on its walls etched by primitive peoples."

Gladstein plans to do the same at Howard College for any interested student or faculty member.

"I've proposed the idea to the vice president of instruction and she's very much in favor of this potential opportunity for Howard College students," he said. "She's also looking forward to the growth and expansion of the Spanish Language program throughout the Howard College district."

Gladstein hopes to include courses beyond Spanish instruction, including classes involving different levels of

classes in Latin American history, Latin American culture and Latin American civilization for the Howard College program.

"And there's always the language instruction, itself," he added. "We have beginning, intermediate and advanced Spanish for people who just want to learn the language and use it while traveling, during business or for their own personal edification. There are many opportunities to use Spanish here in West Texas, and those opportunities are growing as the community becomes increasingly diverse. It is very helpful in communicating with the growing Hispanic population."

Learning the language certainly helped Gladstein. While on a research trip to Yucatan ten years ago to gather date on the traditional Mexican hacienda, he met Karla, Caceres Alvarez, owner of several rental properties in Mexico. His research expanded to include romance, and now Miss Alvarez is also

Mrs. Gladstein. They have three children and share residences in Texas and Mexico.

Gladstein has written several articles for scholarly journals both in the United States and Mexico and has won numerous teaching awards.

"We are glad to have Mr. Gladstein here at Howard College," said

Lynn Simpson, General Studies division director. "He will add much depth to our existing program, and we look forward to the new courses he plans to teach."

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He said one truck's cab and engine compartment apparently exploded, causing the same part of another truck parked less than 15 feet away to explode shortly before 4:30 p.m. in rural Brazoria County.

Pronounced dead at the scene were a 22-year-old man and a 36-year-old man, both BLSR employees of Rosharon.

Two badly burned employees of T&L Lease Services, an Alvin-based vacuum truck company, were flown to Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston in critical condition Monday night.

A BLSR employee was in stable condition at Angleton Danbury Medical Center in Angleton, said hospital spokeswoman Tonya Visor. Two other employees were taken to Memorial Hermann Fort

Bend Hospital in Missouri City, one in good and one in fair condition.

All three workers suffered burns and were transferred to the UT Medical Branch Hospital in Galveston.

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Grady remains No. 4 in TABC rankings

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Coming into the 2002-03 season, Grady head coach Carl Krug said he expected good things from his Wildcats. They, after all, returned a majority of their stars from a team that advanced to the state playoffs a year ago.

Krug, through the first two months of the year, has been proved somewhat prophetic.

Grady continued to turn more than a few heads throughout the state last week by running their season record to 20-1

with back-to-back wins over No. 16 Ira, Borden Co. and Sands.

With the three wins, the Wildcats remained No. 4 in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class A, Division II poll.

Overall, Grady is one of six Crossroads area teams ranked this week, joining the Garden City Lady Kats, Forsan Buffaloes, Ira Bulldogs, Sterling City Lady Eagles and Borden Co. Lady Coyotes in the state rankings.

Grady trails only perennial state power Nazareth, Avinger and Utopia in

the Div. II rankings.

Garden City enters tonight's showdown with McCamey rated No. 17 in the Class A, Division I poll. Sterling City is ranked one spot higher.

The Buffaloes climbed three spots from last week to No. 16 in the boys Class 2A poll.

The Borden Co. Lady Coyotes are the area's highest rated girls' team, checking in at No. 11 in the Class A, Division II poll.

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes, despite a 23-1 record, fell out of the poll this week.

Steers, Lady Steers to host Estacado tonight

Area basketball fans will get the chance to see another state-ranked team tonight when the Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers play host to Lubbock Estacado.

The BSHS girls, 15-9 overall and 1-2 in District 4-4A, will lead off the varsity action beginning at 6 p.m. in the Steer Gym against the No. 4-ranked Lady Matadors. The Big Spring boys, 2-20 and 0-1, will face No. 13 Estacado beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Carrisalez, BSJHS girls sink Snyder

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Clarissa Carrisalez scored 14 points and Emily Slape tossed in 10 more Monday night and led the Big Spring Junior High School Lady Steer seventh grade B team to a convincing 38-24 win over the Snyder Lady Tigers.

With the win, the Lady Steers clinched at least a .500 record for the season. Big Spring, with just six games remaining, improved to 8-2 overall. The victory also gave Big Spring's its second win over the Lady Tigers this season. They had previously dealt Snyder a 21-17 setback.

The Lady Steers, after battling their way to a slim 8-6 lead in the first six minutes, blew the game open in the second period. Big Spring outscored Snyder by a 14-7 margin and took a 22-13 lead into the half.

The BSJHS girls, who also benefitted from seven points from Lydia Teichrobe, stretched their lead to nine, at 28-19, in the third. The Lady Steers managed to outscore the S.JHS girls by a slim 7-6 count in the stanza.

They sealed the win with a 9-5 run in the fourth quarter.

Carrisalez and Slape spearheaded a solid defensive effort. Carrisalez had a team-high six rebounds. Slape recorded a season-high eight steals.

Snyder garnered a miracle at the buzzer to upend the Big Spring seventh grade A team, 23-21.

Big Spring carried a 21-18 lead into the final minute of the contest but watched on helplessly as Snyder rallied to a 21-21 tie with three straight free throws. Snyder then hurled up a shot at the buzzer to claim the come-from-behind win.

"They threw up a perimeter shot at the buzzer that went in," said BSJHS coach Terri Hopkins. "We played great defense ... this was a tough loss."

Big Spring, which had held a 15-11 halftime lead, was led in the contest by eight points from Desiree Yanez. Lauren Bryant, Danielle Jeter and Jordan Chesworth all pumped in four.

Paced by Leah Cobb, the Lady Steer eighth grade B team improved its season record to 6-4 by taking a thrilling 32-29 win.

After battling to a 4-4 draw in the first, Cobb helped key a 14-4 second-quarter run that gave the Lady Steers the upper hand for good. Big Spring held an 18-11 lead at the half.

Snyder pulled to within two at the final buzzer by staging an 18-14 effort in the final 12 minutes.

Cobb finished the game with 11 points. Cecili Islas had nine points and a team-high 13 steals. Brittany Simer chalked up four points and nine rebounds.

The win was Big Spring's second nail-biting win over Snyder this season. The Lady Steers downed the Lady Tigers, 34-28, in their November season-opener.

The Snyder eighth grade A team outscored Big Spring by an 11-0 mark in the first quarter and rolled to a 45-22 win that gave Snyder a split of the 4-game set.

Jacquelyn Hopkins and Myeisha Shorts both turned in strong efforts in the loss. Hopkins scored four points and had nine rebounds. Shorts produced four points and eight boards.

Brenna Phermetton also scored four points for the BSJHS squad.

Coahoma, Stanton renew rivalry tonight

The Coahoma Bulldogs and Stanton Buffaloes will renew their rivalry tonight when they meet on the basketball court in District 3-3A play.

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes are slated to travel to Coahoma for a 6 p.m. start. The Coahoma boys will face Stanton beginning at 8 p.m.

Hawks remain perfect

Howard College rallies past OC in WJCAC opener

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Finlay Brashears delivered the wake-up call for the Howard College Hawks just when they needed it Monday night.

The freshman forward reeled off nine points in the first three minutes of the second half and helped the No. 5-ranked Howard Hawks overcome a slow start to claim a 79-53 win over Odessa College in their Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener.

The win improved the Hawks to 17-0 on the year and gave them a share of the WJCAC lead heading into Thursday's showdown with Clarendon. The victory also pulled the Hawks to within three of equaling the school record for most consecutive wins.

The victory was anything but easy, however. The Hawks fell behind early and seemed to struggle throughout the first 20 minutes against the Wranglers' quick man-to-man defense.

It, according to Hawks head coach Chris Jans was exactly what Howard College needed.

"This was a huge win for us," Jans said. "We realize there are 14 conference games and that they're all equally important, but this was a nice win for us."

"It doesn't make or break our schedule but it's nice to get off on the winning side," he added.

Life didn't appear quite as nice in the early minutes, however. Odessa College opened the game with an 6-0 run and eventually grabbed an 8-2 lead before the Hawks found their stride.

Howard College didn't enjoy a lead until the 11 minute mark of the first half. The team's first lead came off a turnover near midcourt that Vas'shun Newborne turned into an easy layup and a 13-12 lead.

The Wranglers battled back to reclaim the lead seven minutes later, taking a 21-19 lead at the 3:53 mark on a basket by freshman Jason McGriff.

Je'Kel Foster and Jared Fears squelched the Wranglers' surge. The two helped key a late 7-0 run that enabled the Hawks to take a slim 32-26 lead into the half.

The late run helped Howard close out a tough first half. The Hawks hit on just 13 of their first 35 attempts and committed 12 turnovers.

"We knew going in we were going to play against an athletic and focused team," said Jans. "We got down early but we kept chipping away at them."

Brashears all but drove the final nail into the OC coffin in the first three



Howard College freshman Leon Woodstock shoots over Odessa College's Clarence Brown during the first half of the Hawks' WJCAC opener Monday. Howard College won, 79-53.

minutes of the third. He keyed an 11-5 run — that ballooned the Hawks' lead to 12, at 43-31 — by scoring nine points in the initial 3:21 of the second half.

The Hawks never looked back from there. Howard College outscored Odessa by a 36-22 clip in the final 16 minutes to close out the win.

Overall, the Hawks had four plays

score into double figures, including Brashears with 13 and Newborne, who pushed in 12. Sophomore Jared Fears and Chaun Brooks added 10 apiece.

For the game, the Hawks shot 44 percent from the field, hitting 30-of-67 attempts.

McGriff and David Seals led the Wranglers with 10 apiece.

Slow start dooms Lady Hawks to 82-57 loss in WJCAC opener

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Coaches always preach the complete game concept. To win, they say, you have to play well from whistle to whistle.

The Howard College Lady Hawks found out just how true that philosophy is Monday night. The Lady Hawks were unable to recover from a nightmarish first half and suffered an 82-57 setback to the Odessa College Lady Wranglers in their 2003 Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener.

Howard College, which fell to 9-10 for the year and 0-1 in WJCAC play, struggled to get a basket in the first half. The Lady Hawks shot just 15 percent from the floor in the opening half,

making only six of their first 38 shots from the field.

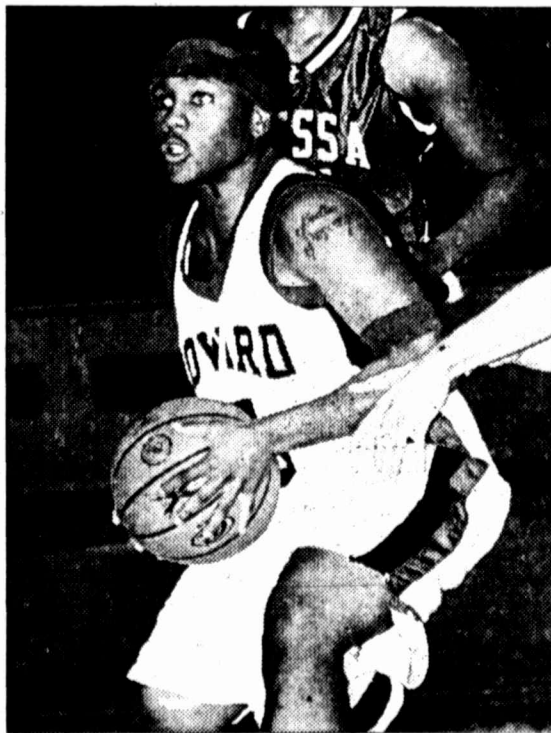
Kanani Marshal and the Lady Wranglers, 11-7 and 1-0, took advantage of the Lady Hawks' woes. They rolled to a 36-22 halftime lead.

Marshal, who sank six 3-point shots in the game, finished as the game's top scorer, netting 26.

Howard College managed to rebound somewhat in the second. The Lady Hawks scored 35 second-half points.

In addition to outshooting the HC women, the Lady Wranglers held a big advantage on the boards. Odessa outrebounded the Lady Hawks by a 63-43 margin.

Alexis Britt and LaTasha Davis paced the Howard women, scoring 11 and 10 points, respectively.



Howard College's Jeanenne Colbert looks for a place to pass against Odessa.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The First State

Delaware From A to Z



Delaware's laws make it easy for corporations to set up business there. More than 300,000 companies claim Delaware as their home, or incorporate there, even though many do their work elsewhere.

It is also one of the biggest banking and insurance states.

Chemical firms such as the DuPont Co. make Delaware a top research state. Manufacturing of paper, food, rubber and plastics products is important.

The first European to explore the area was probably Henry Hudson, who discovered it for the Netherlands in 1609. A year later, a sailor from the Virginia Colony discovered Delaware Bay.

The Swedish, English and Pennsylvania Colony also claimed it.

Delaware became a state in 1776. It was a slave state, but fought for the Union during the Civil War.

It is the second-smallest state; only Rhode Island is smaller. It is the 46th most-populated state, with about 800,000 people.



Wilmington is often called the "corporate capital of the world" because of the many companies that call the city home. It is also known as the "chemical capital of the world" because so many chemical companies are there.

The **American Holly** is the state tree.

The **Blue Hen Chicken** is the state bird. Broiler chickens are the top agricultural product. Soybeans, corn and dairy are also important.

Christmas Seals were first sold in the U.S. in Wilmington in 1907 to raise money for ending tuberculosis.

Dover is the capital, with about 33,000 people. The Dover Air Force Base has the biggest cargo terminal in the military. The largest aircraft flown by the U.S. Air Force, the C-5 Galaxy, is stationed there.

Eleuthere Irenee du Pont, a former French citizen, started a gunpowder mill near Wilmington in 1802. During the Civil War, it supplied about half of the gunpowder used by the Union Army.



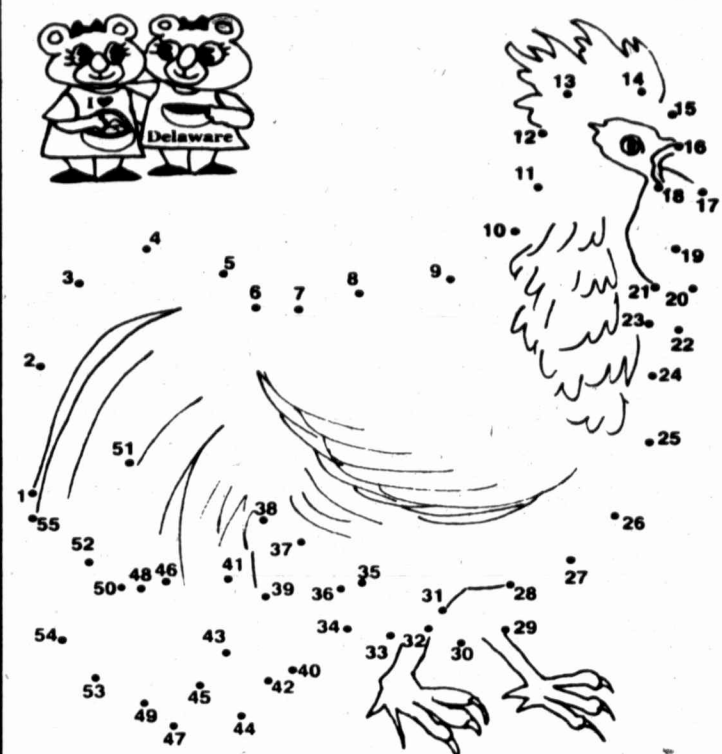
Later, the DuPont company grew into one of the top chemical firms in the world, with plants in 70 countries.

The "**First State**" is its nickname because it was the first of the 13 original states to ratify, or vote in favor of, the U.S. Constitution, in 1787.

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DELaware TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Delaware are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HOLLY, DOVER, CHEMICAL, PIRATES, WILMINGTON, JEWEL, LADYBUG, CRABS, OCEAN, PEACH, LEWES, RIVER, BIRDS, BEACH, HEN, SAND, DIAMOND, BAY, DOG.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are having fun swimming at the beach in Delaware. See if you can find:

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- snake
- caterpillar
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- cheese wedge
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- bird
- toothbrush

More About Delaware

Gravel, sand and magnesium are mined there.

The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum near Wilmington is one of many museums and gardens given to the area by the du Pont family. It has a collection of more than 89,000 decorative artworks and is famous for its gardens.

Indian tribes included the Lenni Lenape and the Nanticoke. The Nanticoke's main home is still there.

Thomas Jefferson called Delaware a **Jewel** among the states, and gave it the nickname the **Diamond State**.

Captain Kidd and other pirates plundered along the Delaware River in the late 1600s.

The **Ladybug** is the state insect, named after a class of second-graders convinced the state legislature to adopt it.

More horseshoe crabs are in Delaware Bay than anyplace else in the world. Fishing for clams, sea bass, eels and carp is important.

The state got its **Name** from the Delaware River and Bay, which were named in 1610 for the governor of Virginia, Lord de la Warr.

The **Atlantic Ocean** borders 28 miles of eastern shoreline. Counting other bodies of water such as rivers, the state's total coastline is about 400 miles.

The **Peach blossom** is the state flower.

Quakers, strong fighters against slavery, included Thomas Garrett, who helped more than 2,000 people reach freedom. The U.S. Supreme Court fined him most of his money for helping slaves, but that didn't stop him.

Thousands of tourists flock to the beach resorts of **Rehoboth, Lewes, Dewey Beach, Bethany and Fenwick Island**.

It is the **Second smallest state**, 96 miles long and 39 miles wide.

Early **Traders** used the canals and the Delaware River for easy trips to the Atlantic Ocean, and to eastern cities such as New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

The **Underground Railroad** had important stops in the state, including Woodburn, now the governor's mansion. One of the main conductors working in the state was Harriet Tubman.

The **Johnson Victrola Museum** in Dover honors the founder of the Victor Talking Machine Co., later known as RCA Victor. It features displays of Nipper, the famous RCA dog.

Wilmington is the largest city, with about 73,000 people.

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Zwaanendael was the first European settlement, set up by the Dutch in 1631. It means "Valley of the Swans." Indian attacks destroyed it. Today's city of Lewes was built on the site. Although it was bombed by the British during the War of 1812, the only casualties were one dead chicken and one wounded pig.

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PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 53425

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3 BR, 1 bath. New carpet & paint, CH/A. 2602 Albrook. Appointment only. \$375/mo. 915-352-0152

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407 1/2 E. 8th. 1 Bdrm Apartments. Stove & Refrigerator. \$225 + Dep. NO HUD. You Pay Bills. 267-2296

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003:

Recognize the many different options that present themselves in your life. You could be slightly overwhelmed by what others demand of you. Learn to say "no," and understand that you do not have endless resources — be they physical or mental. You gain financially through others and their willingness to commit to you on different levels. Your imagination heads in a new direction financially. Question yourself, as you could easily make mistakes. Focus on your day-to-day life, and you'll gain. Opportunities frequently knock on your door. If you are single, you will want an important relationship, though you don't realize it until later in your birthday year. If you are attached, work as a team and value each others' perspectives. Schedule more downtime together. GEMINI can stress you out. 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)

Situations being as they are, you might want to do less. Actually, let others see the exact results of their actions. Use your creativity to problem-solve where others might not. Trust that others will find you once

they are good and ready.

Tonight: Hang at your favorite haunt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** What appears to be a brilliant solution might not be, give time and opportunity. You're in a pressure cooker, not exactly sure which way to turn. You'll be best off prioritizing and attempting to cover all your bases. Tonight: Use care with funds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Keep on smiling, and the world will present you with diverse choices. News from a distance could be very eye-opening and quite dynamic, in a sense. Keep communication flowing — it also looks as if you need to answer your messages. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Take your time, though you might be confused by what goes on behind the scenes. Work with others and give someone the benefit of the doubt. If you're tired, take a walk at lunchtime. You delight an associate or partner. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Where your friends are is where you want to be. In whatever or wherever you put your efforts, you will get positive results. Consider more of what you need to do to help a partner or dear friend relax. You have what it takes. Tonight:

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Just don't be alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Just because you have a strong sixth sense doesn't mean you're right. Confirm details, refusing to follow through on a hunch. Extremes mark your actions, as well as others'. Walk through issues step by step. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You tend to go overboard, whether you mean to or not. Recognize where others are coming from when you feel pulled in two different directions. Realize that you need to juggle the different sides of your life more effectively. Tonight: Let your mind relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Pressure forces you to juggle different forces. You might not always feel as if you're giving 100 percent, but others really appreciate your efforts and let you know it. Realize limits, especially your own. Know when to say "no" to an invitation. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's request.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You might not always have the answers, but clearly someone else thinks he or she has them all. Be smart; allow someone else to reveal his or her cards. Others will seek you out when the time is right. Give others space. Tonight: Go with the easy answer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Relax with others, understanding what is needed in order to clear out a problem. Your perspective could be quite different from an associate's. Be open to the fact that you just might be wrong. Allow a partner to lead. Tonight: Get some errands done on the way home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You might not be as clear as you would like to be. Give yourself space to re-evaluate facts, views and attitudes. Someone means well, whether you realize it or not. Be open to someone's overture. You could be delighted. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

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BORN TODAY. Country singer Billie Jo Spears (1937), singer Jordy LeMoine (1988), humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer (1961)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>

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Dear Annie: Advice for those in need



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Because of some medical problems, my husband is unable to perform sexually as well as he once did. For this reason, he avoids me like the plague. He believes if he touches, hugs or kisses me, we will end up in bed, and he will be expected to perform. This is NOT true. I need to be held, hugged and kissed. I don't care about the sexual act.

Men have no clue how important cuddling is to women. I've been married over 30 years, and all forms of affection have taken place under the sheets and nowhere else. Now that sex is limited, I am desperate for human contact. My husband tells me he plans to start buying me things to compensate for the lack of intimacy. I'm only in my 50s and do not want to snug up to a piece of jewelry.

Don't bother recommending marriage counseling (he won't go) or suggesting he talk to his doctor, because he wouldn't put himself through the embarrassment of telling the doctor he can't perform. Please help. — One Gal Looking for Love

Dear Gal: Doctors have heard everything. Impotence is hardly a new subject for them, and a doctor might be able to make some medical adjustments or suggestions. And coun-

seling can be helpful, even if you go alone.

Meanwhile, tell your husband how you feel. Ask if he will give you a little hug in the kitchen, knowing it will lead nowhere. Tomorrow, ask for a smooch in the car. When he realizes he isn't expected to do more, he may be less anxious.

Dear Annie: I clean houses for a living. I recently broke a small-ticket item, worth about \$10, at the home of a woman whose house I clean regularly while she is at work. I wrote her a short letter, telling her what I broke and apologizing for the accident. The next day, I received a phone call from her, saying she would be deducting the \$10 from my

siblings said she should "share" him. Thank you for siding with the wife.

My husband is in the Navy and is also currently overseas on a six-month deployment. Family members need to understand how stressful homecoming can be for the servicemember. We spouses are advised by our respective military commands to keep things low-key for several weeks and allow our returning loved ones to gradually settle into family life again. — K.H. in Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear K.H.: A visit later on, when things have calmed down, will be more enjoyable for everyone and will avoid a nasty tug-of-war. Thanks for the back-up.

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

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Have you worked for this woman a long time? If so, she should not hold you personally liable for this item. If this is a fairly new arrangement, you should ask what she expects from you, so you can decide if you want to continue working there.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Oceanside, Calif.," and wanted to respond. She said her husband was returning from military duty overseas. She wanted to have some time alone with him and their child, but his parents and

next paycheck.

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TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 53425

APPLICATION: Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-1311, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of an Air Quality Permit No. 53425 which would authorize construction of a Naphtha Hydrorefiner at the Big Spring Refinery located at the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Refinery Road, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The following air contaminants will be evaluated for authorization: nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, and hydrogen sulfide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 14, 2002. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING: You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in

developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application.

That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING: You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding under a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application if no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further action will be taken, and the opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement (in two) request a contested case hearing; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks

to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST: In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION: Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Alon USA, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Rich Robertson, Project Manager at (915) 263-9304.

TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AVISO DE RECIBO DE SOLICITUD E INTENTO DE OBTENER UN PERMISO DE CALIDAD DE AIRE

SOLICITUD: Alon USA, L.P., P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-1311, se ha registrado con la Comisión de Conservación de Recursos Naturales de Texas (TNRCC

TUESDAY

JAN. 14

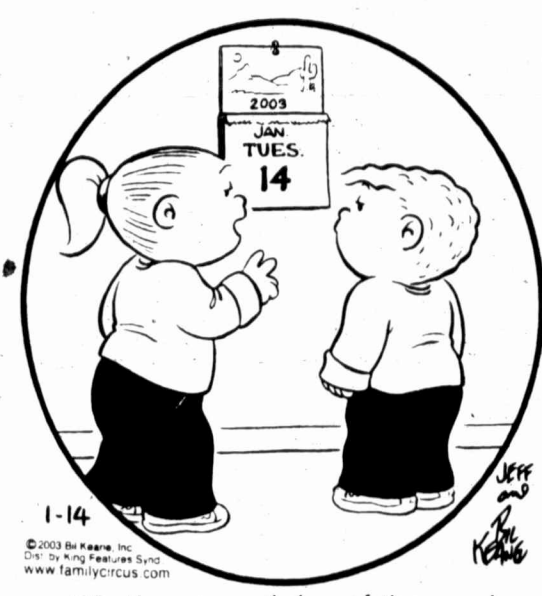
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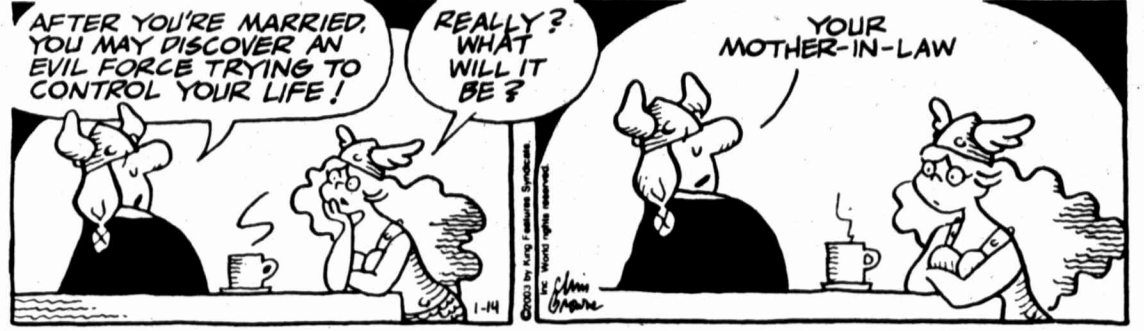
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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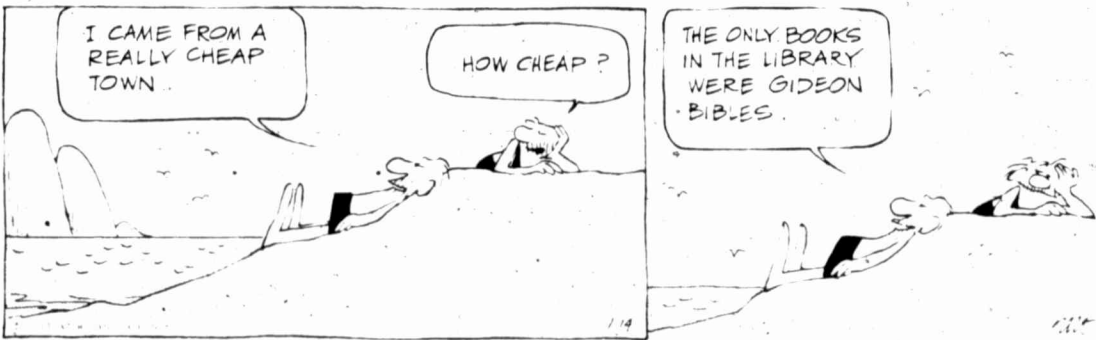
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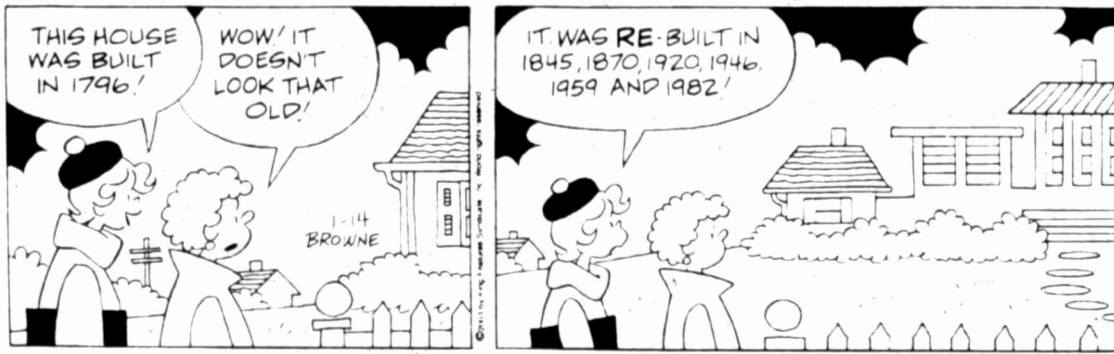
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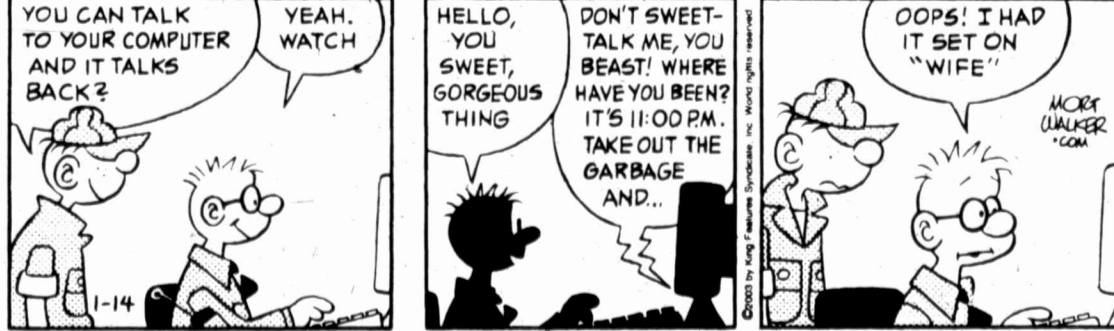
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People In the News

By The Associated Press

DaimlerChrysler's new spokeswoman created quite a stir at the North American International Auto Show's Charity Preview.

Dion performed "I Drove All Night," her newest single and the centerpiece of her DaimlerChrysler advertising campaign that debuts Jan. 19 during the Golden Globe Awards.

NEW YORK (AP) - A dog that tumbled into the Hudson River was rescued after "The Sopranos" star Edie Falco flagged down a passer-by to call 911.

Falco was walking the dog, a mixed breed named Gracie who belongs to a friend, on Friday when the dog broke free and jumped a fence, falling into the river.

"It was a nightmare," Falco told the New York Post. "I looked down and it was about a 15-foot drop into the water. The dog quickly disappeared under the pier."

Gracie treaded water for about 20 minutes before a police officer and two emergency workers pulled her to safety by wading into the water and hooking her collar with a 12-foot pole.

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Country Singer Darryl Worley says entertaining U.S. troops in Afghanistan over the holidays changed his life.

"I always slept well knowing we had a great military. Now, after that experience, I'm so fired up I can't go to sleep," he said by telephone from Nashville.

Worley spent the week before Christmas in military camps in Kandahar, Bagram and Kabul as well as in Kuwait.

"It's dirty, dusty, pretty desolate," he said. "The air's full of sand. Some of the places we went stunk pretty bad. You just have to acclimate to that."

"A lot of the infantry units are really young. I wanted to stay with them or load 'em up and bring 'em home. Those guys and gals miss not being home at Christmas. I got to pack my bags and leave."

Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters.

Newsday Crossword

ALL GONE by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS 1 Farm implement 5 Switch position 8 Aviator 13 Rajah's wife 14 OSS successor 15 Kitchen emanations 17 Tries to equal 19 Thrift-shop transaction 20 Thoroughly experienced person 22 Quaker pronoun 23 Like a river bottom 24 Wine container 25 Grass structure 28 Lack of vitality 31 Fitting 35 One who abstains 39 Venetian-blind part 40 Square-dance move 41 One who scoffs 43 Pertaining to motion 44 Group in power 46 Cartoon exclamation 47 Petty quarrel 50 rest (settles) 54 "Thirty days ... September ..." 55 Like some compliments 59 Get ... of the action 61 Insincere praise 62 Marine mammal 63 Author Deighton 64 Earthen pot 65 Stair parts 66 U-turn from WNW 67 Hammer part DOWN 1 Get ready, for short 2 Tibetan monk 3 Difficult duty 4 Droops 5 In base 8 Celebrations in Mexico 7 Attach firmly 8 Henry VIII's sixth 9 Bad temper 10 Inevitable defeat 11 Nebraska city 12 Narrative stories 16 Search for French friend 21 Eve's garden 25 Painter Frans 26 "Once ... a time ..." 27 Factual 29 operandi (methods) 30 Part of 32 WWI tune 33 Father, to Francois 34 Wash, neighbor 36 Building location 37 Singer Adams 38 Stone 42 Ready to be harvested 43 Soup pots 45 Deaden, as sound 47 Pygmalion playwright 48 Actress Irene 49 Inclined 51 Ladd flick 52 Sylvester, to Tweety 53 Ahead 55 Subtraction word 56 Editor's "take out" 57 Perry's creator 58 Actress Cannon 60 Tea holder

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered starting points.