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January 17, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

CHILI COOKOFF

The 14th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff, sponsored by Big Spring's Harley-Davidson Shop, is this Saturday and organizers are looking for chili cooks, chili judges and chili eaters.

Live musical entertainment is planned.

Entry fee for cooking teams is \$20, while admission for those interested in sampling their wares is \$5. Soft drinks will be provided for sale.

Cooks should bring their own cooking equipment and do not need to preregister, organizers said.

For more information call the Harley-Davidson Shop at 263-2322.

VITA VOLUNTEERS

There will be a fiveday 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.

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Bivins selected to chair Senate Finance Committee

HERALD Staff Report

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has been named to head the Senate **Finance Committee.**

Lt. Gov.-elect David Dewhurst made the announcement Thursday. Bivins, whose District 31 includes Howard County, will replace Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who was chair during the last legislative session.

"It is an understatement to call this appointment an honor," said Sen. Bivins. "I am extremely

appreciative that Lt. Gov. Dewhurst has asked me to take this job. At the same time, I am humbled to receive such responsibility, especially given the challenges we in the legislature face regarding the budget."

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn earlier this week projected a budget shortfall of \$9.9 billion. The Texas Constitution requires legislators to produce a balanced budget.

"I'm aware the first question everyone will multi-billion dollar short-

"I view the projected shortfall not as something to fear,

> Sen. Teel Bivins R-Amarillo

but as an opportunity."

want to ask is how I plan to get Texas out of this fall." Bivins said in a prepared statement. "I will reiterate what I said earlier this week when the state comptroller issued her revenue estimate. I view the projected shortfall not as something to fear, but as an opportuni-

"Our budget condition should give the legislature the best environment in which to seek a more efficient delivery of state services," he added.

Bivins stressed that his new assignment puts him in a better position to receive more diverse views on how to address the budget.

"I'm not deluded into thinking this assignment means I'm the omniscient money czar. I see my role as a team leader and I intend to put the emphasis on team and not on leader," he said.

"There are 14 other members on this committee and each one of them will be a vital contributor to our efforts," he added. Bivins has also been

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Mother-daughter enjoy '80 Bites' fund-raiser

Museum seeks volunteer chefs for popular fete

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Something good is cooking up in the kitchens of Jacque Mauch Madeline Boadle, and a taste of their delicious dishes is just three weeks away.

To help,

contact

the

Heritage

Museum at

267-8255.

T h daughtermother volunteer chefs were very popular last year at the Heritage Museum's

annual "Around World in 80 Bites."

"It is a lot of fun, Boadle said. "There was only one drawback. We were so busy we didn't get to taste the others."

Boadle's black-eye pea caviar recipe proved to be a hit among patrons who also had a sweet tooth for Mauch's cherry mash sours.

"I had a lot of repeat customers," Mauch said. "I had one man come back nine or 10 times and each time he'd take five or six pieces. He really loved it."



"Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites" volunteer chefs Madeline Boadle, left, and Jacque Mauch present a sample of Mauch's cherry mash sour candy. The Heritage Museum, sponsor of the event, is currently seeking chefs. To participate, chefs need to make 350 bite-size samples of their best Texas recipe. For more information, contact Heritage

creative cooks to participate in this year's fundraiser, "Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites."

Museum director Nancy Raney at 267-8255.

"Find something simple," Boadle recommends.

"Simple and something that can be served at room temperature," agreed Mauch. "You do have electric plugs to use

Both women encourage if you want to serve the event. something hot but you want to have a good time with it so make it reasonably simple on yourself."

> To participate, chefs need to make 350 bite-size samples of their best Texas recipe and be ready for fun and a lot of visiting. Each chef also receives two chef passes and two adult tickets to See BITES, Page 3A

As an extra incentive. cash prizes will be awarded to the top three chefs. First place receives \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$20."

To sign up as a chef, contact Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney at 267-8255.

VAMC hosting annual event this weekend

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

During Civil War battles, common practice was to set up a safe area behind the

lines where wounded or fatigued soldiers could go to recuperate and receive treatment These areas. were called stand

HANSLIK

downs. Spring s Medical Center is setting up a Stand Down for another kind of battleweary troops — homeless veterans - from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on the VAMC property behind the medical center building.

"Homeless veterans are somewhat like combat troops living in the frequently hostile streets. said VAMC Community Relations Coordinator Iva Jo Hanslik. "Life on the streets is both dangerous

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Christian promises fair representation if elected to 19th Congressional seat

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

A Midland Marine Reserve major toured West Texas Thursday to formally announce his candidacy to replace retiring District 19 Congressman Combest. Bill Christian, a former

staff member for U.S. Senators John Tower and Phil Gramm and former chief of staff Congressman Culberson of Houston, is an assistant vice chancellor of the University of Texas system.

He is also officer in charge of a Marine Reserve unit in Lubbock. Christian stopped at the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring

about 4 p.m. Thursday. your Congressman, I'll represent your interests, your hopes and your dreams in the U.S. House

"That's what I want to do in representing any of the communities here, is to make sure it's based on sound science and cost-effective data." Bill Christian,

candidate for the 19th Congressional District

Representatives, Christian said. "Therefore today I formally announce my candidacy for election to Congress from the 19th District of Texas.'

Christian said he plans to represent all of the 19th District equally, if elected.

"I believe very strongly

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Midland's Bill Christian put in an appearance at the Howard County Courthouse Thursday as part of a bus tour of West Texas. Christian announced his candidacy for U.S. Representative from the 19th District during the tour. An assistant vice-chancellor for the University of Texas system, Christian is also a former Washington D.C. Congressional and Senate staff worker and a Marine Corps Reserve major.

Obituaries

Truman Jones



Truman Jones, 88, OF Big Spring, died at 2:32 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park. Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Flynn Long offici-

Mr. Jones was born on Sept. 13, 1914, in Marion, Ind. He was the son of Nora Wile and William "Bill" Jones. He grew up in Fort Worth and was a veteran, having served with the Marines as a radio communication specialist during World War II.

He married Dotsy Jones on Oct. 11, 1943, in San Diego, Calif. They moved to Big spring from Odessa in 1948. She preceded him in death on June 26, 1998.

He opened Truman Jones Motor Co. in Big Spring in 1947 and was the Lincoln-Mercury dealer for more than 20 years. He served on the National Advertising Board for Lincoln. His dealership sold more Lincolns per capita than any other dealership in the nation for several years. After selling the automobile dealership, he was involved in land brokerage and sales, the most recent being at Timberon, N.M.

Mr. Jones was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, having served as a deacon and elder. He was involved in a number of civic activities, especially the Chamber of Commerce. He served as president and was also Man of the Year.

He is survived by his daughter, Libby Jacobus of Midland; four grandchildren, Ann Jacobus Kordahl and her husband, Jim, of Paris, France, Bill Jacobus of Tallahassee, Fla., Lacy Jacobus Ficklen and her husband, Robert, of Coppell and Todd Jacobus of Washington, D.C.; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Juanita Haynie of Fort Worth; and six nieces.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Jones.

The family suggests memorials to the Parlor Fund at the First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring, 79721.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Isabel "Chabela" Gaitan Rodriguez



Isabel "Chabela" Gaitan Rodriguez, our beloved mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a brief illness. Vigil services were at 7 p.m. Thursday,

Jan. 16, 2003, at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel and will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, at St.

Paschual's Catholic Church in Sterling City. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, at St. Paschual's Catholic Church with the Rev. Mike Dinio officiating. Burial will be in the City Cemetery of Sterling City.

Mrs. Rodriguez was born Isabel Gaitan on Dec. 22. 1917, a daughter of Petra and Vicente Gaitan. She married Moises R. Rodriguez Sr. in Sterling City on March 21, 1936. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1999.

She had been a long time resident of Sterling City before moving to Big Spring 20 years ago. She was a member of St. Paschual's Catholic Church in Sterling City and St. Thomas Catholic Church in Big Spring. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons, Moses Rodriguez Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, of Sterling City, Johnny Rodriguez and his wife, Elvira, of Abilene and David Rodriguez and his wife. Norma, of Midland: five daughters, Adelaida Paredes and her husband, Oscar, of Odessa, Senaida Orona and her husband, Hijinio, of New Braunfels and Mary Mireles and her husband, Demetrio, Marianne Basurto and Hilda Herrera and her husband, Marcelino Jr., all of Big Spring; three brothers, Manuel Gaitan of San Antonio, Pilar Gaitan of Sterling City and Vicente "Ben" Gaitan of Arlington; two sisters, Sendna Lujan of Sterling City and Albesa Paredes of San Antonio; 27 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Robert Rodriguez; one grandchild, Stevie Rodriguez; one great-grandchild, Desiree Rodriguez; one brother, Jose Gaitan; and one sister, Anita Molina.

Pallbearers will be Albert Orona, Johnny Rodriguez Jr., Rene Rodriguez, Vaughn Lee Medina, Jerry Mireles, David Rodriguez Jr., Robby Rodriguez and Donny Rodriguez. Honorary pallbearer will be Robert

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

 EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION, POSSES-SION OR DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA and PROHIBITED WEAPON IN A WEAPON FREE **ZONE** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

THEFT was reported:

- In the 1900 block of South Gregg Street. Computer hardware or software worth \$321.92 was reported stolen but later recovered.

- In person at the police station. Lawn equipment worth \$450 was reported stolen.

In the 1000 block of East 12th Street. Items worth \$60 were reported stolen.

- In the 900 block of West Fourth Street. Seized in the incident were drug equipment and a nonfirearm weapon. Items worth \$324 were reported stolen in the incident.

- In the 2300 block of Wasson Road. Items worth \$35.43 were reported stolen from the convenience store.

'- In the 300 block of Veterans Boulevard. A purse or wallet worth \$18, \$100 cash and other items worth \$60 were reported stolen.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 900 block of West Fourth Street. Someone reportedly cut the screen on a side window and stole tools worth

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of Young Street. A purple 1997 Toyota Corolla reportedly sustained \$1,000 damage in the incident. CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE was

reported in the 300 block of Settles Street. Credit or debit cards were reported stolen in the incident. • MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2500 block

of Fairchild Drive, the 1700 block of West FM 700 and the 1500 block of Wood Street. LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1000

block of North Main.

• HARRASSMENT was reported in the 2500 block of Ent Drive.

Sheriff's report

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

• JOSEPH DEWAYNE TURNER, 25, of 2903 Clanton was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Thursday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• JONATHON MICHAEL PAUL, 22, of 605 Circle Drive was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Tuesday on a charge of criminal mischief \$500 to \$1,500.

• ACCIDENT was reported near mile marker 179 on Interstate 20 eastbound.

 DOG PROBLEM was reported in the 400 block of North Fourth Street.

• LOOSE HORSE was reported on Interstate 20 South Service Road.

POSSIBLE THREATS were reported in the 2800

block of South Highway 80. ANIMAL CRUELTY was reported in the 100 block

of Eckert Drive.

· JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 3900 block of Gail Highway.

HIT AND RUN was reported in the 1500 block of

 KIDS MAKING A LOT OF NOISE was reported in the 5100 block of Dawson.

Weather

Tonight — Clear. Lows 25 to 30. Light and variable

Saturday — Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night — Clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Sunday — Sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

Martin Luther King Jr Day — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Wednesday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Thursday — Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Highs in

the mid 50s.

In Thursday's edition of the Big Spring Herald, an article about the Girl Scout cookie fund-raiser listed the wrong contact number to place orders. The correct number is 267-9773.

Correction

Here is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department Center.

EMS activity for Thursday:

2:35 a.m. — 500 block of W. 17th St., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:07 a.m. — 3200 block of Cornell, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

- 1300 block of Marijo, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:57 a.m. - 800 block of Willa, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

: 11:33 a.m. — 1800 block of U.S. Highway 87 North, medical call, one patient transported to the VA

Medical Center.

2:03 p.m. 4 1900 block of Scurry, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

2:45 p.m. - 5700 block of Cedar Road, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

5:02 p.m. — 1600 block of Wood, traffic accident, two patients transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. -

5.51 p.m. - 1700 block of W. FM 700, trauma call, onepatient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical

6:32 p.m. — Mile marker 170 on Interstate 20, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center. 9:27 p.m. — 1800 block of U.S. Highway 87 North, medical call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

11:36 p.m. — 1800 block of U.S. Highway 87 North, medical call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

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

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

Spring City Senior Citizen's: Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open form 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal with meeting to follow, Goliad and First St.

Eagles Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., SMMC. People 50 years of age and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

Concerned Citizen's, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, Bethel St., in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 267-1628.

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

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

Big Spring Band Booster, 6 p.m., Big Spring High School band hall, 707 11th Place. All band parents are invited to attend

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for dinner and meeting to follow. First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter, 67, Order of the Easter Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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. The West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road. The program will be an iden-

tification of the many Republican candidates who are campaigning for the 19th U.S. congressional seat vacated by Larry Combest of Lubbock. To reserve a meal, call Irene Medellin at 264-0946.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 1-2-22-23-30

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AUSTIN (AP) _ With Gov. Rick Perry and others vowing not to raise taxes, lawmakers may not even want to take a peek at a new report that says the state is losing out on \$22.4 billion a year because of sales tax exemptions.

The Senate Finance Committee report details exemptions on items such as manufacturing materials, medicine, food and fuel.

The report says Texas could generate about \$2.4 billion a year in revenue by repealing some exemptions. Not taxing some services such as construction labor will cost the state about \$9.9 billion over the next biennium, the report said.

Perry sets May 3 election

AUSTIN (AP) - The special election to fill a congressional being vacated by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest will be May 3, Gov. Rick Perry

Thursday. Combest, R-Lubbock, announced in early November that he would resign effective May 31

Candidates for the special election must file applications with the Secretary of State by April 2. The early voting period runs from April 16 through April

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"... 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. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available at the museum.

"What you pay for, you get your money's worth," Mauch said.

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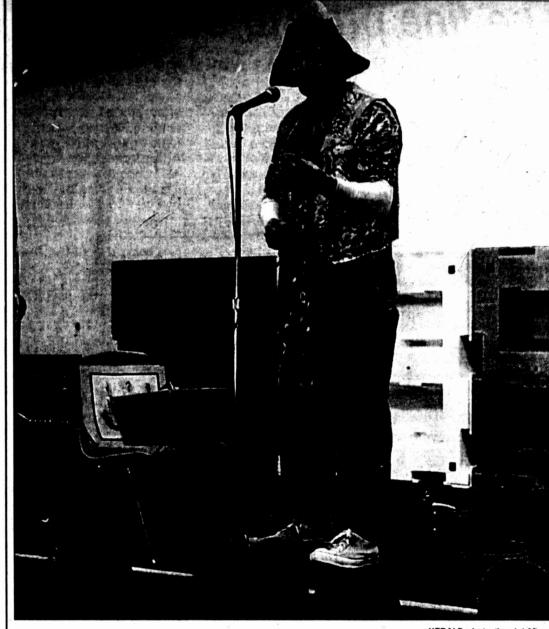
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selected as a member of three other senate committees: Government Organization, International Relations Trade and Jurisprudence. He served three previous terms as chairman of the Senate **Education Committee and** also served as a member of the Natural Resources and Criminal Justice

committees. Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, was named of chairman the Jurisprudence Committee. He was also appointed to the Finance Committee, the Natural Resources Committee and the State Affairs Committee.

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and debilitating." Hanslik said the event is a safe place where homeless vets can come to get job counseling, health screenings, vision screenings and other information from the VAMC. Workforce Texas Network, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, the Department of Health and

Department. If screenings reveal that veterans have need of medical care, they will be encouraged to admit themselves to the hospital or schedule a visit at a later time, Hanslik added.

Human Services and the

Security

Social

The local Lions Club will be providing free used eveglasses to those who need them, and other area service organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and American Legion, are helping out with donations of food, clothing, phone cards and personal hygiene items.

Needy veterans will be treated to three hot meals at the event, Hanslik said.

"Stand Downs are an attempt to assist the homeless in removing the legal and social barriers in an effort to overcome isolation and hopeless-VAMC ness," said

202 Scurry

Director Cary Brown. For more information, contact the VA Medical

Center at 263-7361.

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in representative democracy and I believe anybody who is an elected representative has to represent all of their constituents, no matter where a bulk of the votes come from," he said. "I already have a record of working on behalf of Big Spring and I feel very comfortable doing so working on initiatives from easing regulations the use of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark to working to implement the Ports-To-

Plains corridor.' How should Ports-tobreak down Plains between Midland and Big Spring?

"It's not an either-or proposition," Christian said. "I worked with the Midland-Odessa community to ensure that they were included, if they wanted to be, as a spur to the Ports-To-Plains, but they are also involved in a corridor called 'La Entrada al Pacifico.' I think that there is enough support to go around for the whole district."

Such decisions should

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fourth term, accountant,

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· Donald May (R), optometry surgeon, for-Texas Tech University professor.

 Randy Neugebauer (R), real estate investor and entrepreneur, former city councilman.

Midland

Midland physician who also practices in Odessa.

• Mike Conaway (R), an accountant and former business partner President George W. Bush, former Midland ISD trustee.

· Carroll Thomas (R), former Midland mayor,

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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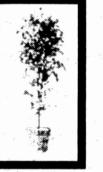
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OUR VIEWS

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:

- THOMAS PAYNE, winner of the Herald's "What's In the Bag?" subscription promotion in December.
- L.R. DUNN, interim principal at Garden City High School, who was named Principal of the Week.
- FFA and 4-H PARTICIPANTS in Glasscock and Howard County, who held stock shows last week, and in Martin County, who are holding their show this weekend.
- REGINA SLEDGE, Moss Elementary School special education instructor, who was named Teacher of the Week.
- Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the Year STACY ALLS and Officer of the Year ZACH JOHNSON.

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.

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By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

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To the Editor:

As I read your article on the editorial page of the Thursday, Jan. 9, paper about the store closings in Big Spring, I too was saddened. I have lived in Big Spring since 1944 and have seen our town practically close down.

I would be very happy to do all my shopping in Big Spring if I could, but our options and selections are very limited. There is not one men's store here. The only places available are Bealls and Wal-mart. Dunlap's has closed all men's departments out:

There are very few places to shop at home and their prices are much higher than in Midland, Lubbock or San Angelo. Check it our for yourself. The price in the Big Spring Wal-mart store is higher than their stores in the bigger towns.

However, this is not my real problem. What bothers

In person at 710 Scurry St.

By telephone at 263-7331

By fax at 264-7205

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your wishes, Lord.

ions.

me is the fact that you are in a way lambasting Big Spring citizens for buying out of town, and at the same time encouraging them to buy out of town. Look on page 5 of this edition. You ask them to buy at Wood's Boots in Colorado City. Do we not have western wear stores in Big Spring? On page 7 you ask us to buy furniture, appliances, carpet and TVs at Ramage Appliance in Colorado City. Do we not sell these things in Big Spring? Also on page 7 you advertise for Pierce "GM Country" Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac in Lamesa. We do have auto dealers in Big Spring.

When you live from payday to payday or on a fixed income you have to shop where you get the most for your money. Big Spring, it's

LEEON PETTITT

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

up to you.

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The fine print in Bush's tax cut plan

just love the fine print in the president's taxcut plan. I grant you, the overall effect is pretty spectacular, too

a plan that has almost no stimulative effect but still opens a future of zillion-dollar deficits to drag down the economy.



That's the backasswards of what we need. but it's not the fun part. Look at these little goodies:

- Think because you have money in the stock market you might have a stake in eliminating the dividend tax, the centerpiece of the president's tax cut - \$300 billion over 10 years? (You probably think you have money in the stock market because your 401K keeps going down - that would be 40 million Americans.) But no! This tax break doesn't apply to your dividends! The money in your 401K from both say ings and dividends are tax sheltered until you withdraw the money then all of it gets taxed as ordinary income. You don't get any tax break on your dividends - that only goes to the investor class. According to Kevin Phillips, 1 percent of investors pocketed 42 percent of the stock mar-

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ket gains between 1989 and 1997, while the top 10 percent of the population took 86 percent. These people need a tax cut! They haven't been getting their share!

 According to the **Urban-Brookings Tax** Policy Center, the effect of eliminating dividend taxation is that the average benefit for those making less than \$10,000 would be \$6, and average benefit for those making more than \$1 million would be \$45,098. Quick, high-schoolers, let's practice up for the those SATs by figuring out by what percentage \$45,098 is bigger than \$6.

 Bush also wants to accelerate the income tax cuts slated for 2006. Look at this folly. The top 5 percent of taxpayers would get 70 percent of the benefits on that one. The bottom 80 percent would get 6.5 percent of the benefits. Ditto with accelerating the 2004 tax cuts: 64.4 percent to the top 5 percent of taxpayers; 7.7 percent to the bottom 80 percent.

 One of those people who can't handle numbers, need something visual to work with? Find the Urban-Brookings charts published in the Jan. 7 New York Times showing who gets how much of this tax cut. You can barley see the lines that measure the relief until you get above the 99th percentile.

Naturally there will be

a lot of spinning on these tax cuts in the weeks ahead, with numbers being tossed around like confetti. We'll probably need John Paulos, the innumeracy guy, to referee. I recommend the Center for Tax Justice (www.ctj.org) - its computer model is widely respected.

Speaking of damn lies

and statistics, one of the

little games being played in Washington is that the Republicans want to switch to Enron accounting on the economy. They're leaning on both the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) and the Joint Committee on Taxation to change the way they make their economic estimates. According to the R's, "static scoring" - as opposed to your "dynamic scoring" - overestimates the cost of tax cuts by ignoring their role in boosting economic growth. Why, claim the R's, tax cuts pay for themsleves! If that's so, why are all the states going broke? Bring on Arthur Andersen and mark-to-market accounting - that'll perk up the economy.

The only good part of the Bush's tax cut plan is the \$400 increase in the tax credit per child - at least that spreads it around a little. Naturally, that's the one part of the plan right-wingers hate. As we all wade into

these numerical battles over exactly how much of this tax cut goes to the very rich, the more fundamental question is whether it's a good idea either economically, or in terms of social justice, to have the very rich get very much richer than they already are.

Contrary to the paranoid fantasists on The Wall Street Journal's editorial page, populists are not motivated by some burning resentment of the rich - we don't spend our lives in an envious funk that someone else is better off than we are. "No skin off my nose" is the general attitude, with others coming in at "Lucky them" or "Good for them." The problem is that the rich are screwing up our democracy. Less than 0.1 percent of the U.S. population gave 83 percent of all itemized campaign contributions for the 2002 elections, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. According to the Houston Chronicle, just 48 wealthy Texas families provided more than half the campaign funds for the major Republican state candidates this fall.

How dumb do you have to be not to be able to connect the dots here? Law, policy and regulation are consistently shaped to favor the rich over the rest of us, and that, dammit, is not fair, it is not right, it is not the country we want and for which we are asked to sacrifice.

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Middle income taxpayers will benefit

resident George W. Bush's proposal to exempt corporate dividends from double taxation represents the cornerstone of his latest effort to

revive the economy and fix the tax code. In our

first look at Bush's proposed elimination of the double taxation of. dividends a few days



JACK **ANDERSON**

ago, we noted that although the president's earlier tax reductions were tilted to the wealthy, the dividend exemption is another

matter. While we touched on the positive impact the elimination of double taxation of dividends would have on small businesses, it is an important point that deserves further elabora-

Say you are an individual starting a small company. You need capital, and accordingly seek investors. Why should they invest money in a

company that pays no dividends and is not publicly traded? The answer is that they usually don't. But, if dividends are

tax exempt, because the corporation has already paid taxes on that money, two things happen. First, the small company will have an incentive to distribute a portion of its profits in dividends. Second, investors would flock to invest in small, private companies. And why do small business owners not issue dividends now? The answer is that small business owners are just that, owners. They tend to own a large percentage of their companies, and they are not foolish enough to pay their taxes

twice. Here is what happens in the present system. A small business owner's corporation earns \$150,000 and pays about \$50,000 in federal taxes. He or she then issues a dividend of \$50,000 to its stockholders, and that business owner owns 70 percent of the stock. Therefore, the business owner would receive a **\$35,000** dividend, on which approximately \$10,000 in federal taxes

would be due. So instead of paying \$50,000 in federal taxes, the small business owner would pay \$60,000, plus additional state taxes.

The other current option is for the small business owner to form a Sub Chapter S corporation in which all of the company's income automatically passes through to the stockholders. But this means that stockholders would have to pay taxes on the corporation's profits, even if those profits are not distributed. It's not a very appealing situation for the stockholders. Contrast this with an

environment of taxexempt dividends. That \$35,000 dividend would be tax free, as would the \$15,000 going to the company's other stockholders. Now multiply these figures by a factor of 10, and we see the impact on a larger privately held company. The investors would receive \$500,000 in tax-exempt dividends. It creates a huge incentive, which in turn would create a business boom, because small businesses employ most the nation's workers. And a business boom means a profit

boom, and a profit boom means a tax boom. In other words, any tax rev enue lost by ending double taxation of dividends would be more than surpassed by taxes on increased profits. Estimates of the impact on the stock market run between 8 and 20 percent for stock gains. The net effect would be a dramat ic increase in tax receipts. Would wealthy taxpayers benefit from all this? Yes.

But more important, middle-income taxpayers would benefit. More of them would start businesses because capital would be more readily available.

More of them would invest in privately held companies and see their income increase because of dividend payments. And large corporations holding huge cash reserves would be compelled to distribute more of it in the form of dividends as the competition to attract investors with high-dividend payments increased. Prediction: Double taxa-

tion of dividends will end, creating a boon to small businesses and their stockholders.

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Gospel Tabernacle, 1907 Scurry St., will host the Annual Camp Meeting Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, nightly at 7 p.m. and at 10 a.m. Saturday Sunday. "Come, let us go into the house of the Lord". (Psa. 122:1)

Body ministry, music and spiritual singing. Hear about the Kingdom of God. Growing up in the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:13). The unveiling of the Sons of God. (Rom. 8:19). Ministers from Canada and several U.S. states will minister the word of

Everyone is welcome. Food and fellowship will follow the meeting.

For more information call 263-2053 or 267-8542.

Friends of Unity

The mission of Friends of Unity is to build a fellowship which is an integral part of our community, for the purpose of learning, growing, sharing and living in spiritual awareness.

The 2 p.m. Sunday group commences a 13th week study of powers active in Jesus' 12 apos-

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Powers Of Man," Charles Fillmore shares his understanding that these same powers are available today.

His book, based on the Bible, will be the study guide. All are welcome to get in on the beginning of this interesting and challenging inquiry.

St. Paul **Lutheran Church**

Here's help in raising responsible young men in today's culture! Free to the community! St. Paul will be sponsoring a sixweek video seminar titled "Bringing Up Boys." This seminar is produced by Focus on the Family Ministries and Dr. James Dobson. All parents, grandparents, workers, pastors, teachers - anyone who can make a difference in a boy's life don't miss this seminar. It will be held in the Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning Feb 6. Please call 267-7163 to register.

The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is "to serve Jesus Christ in word and deed, through the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the love of God so that everyone my have eternal life."

First Baptist Church

First Baptist invites you to worship with us this

President Reid read a

9:30 a.m. and join a Sunday School class for Bible Study and fellowship. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Dennis Andrew will have its Teeters' sermon topic for

Sunday morning is "Lost Found.' and-Testament Survey" and "What Did Jesus Say About That?" classes are at 5 p.m. These classes will be taught by our pastor and youth director. Dr. Jeff Donnell. We'll meet again for evening

worship at 6. If you are a fan of old time gospel music, you are in for a treat. Ed Enoch, formerly with the Statesmen, who were backup singers for Elvis, and Golden Covenant will be here in concert on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken to support these men in their ministry. There will be childcare for children three years of age or younger. Come and enjoy

this evening of music. For more information cencerning the other programs of our church, please call 267-8223.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited at attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30

year. Come this Sunday at aim. The Adult Sunday School class will be studying a series on "The Christian Life.

The Brotherhood of St. monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday, Jan. 18, starting at 8 a.m. in the Chapel.

Episcopal Church Women will meet after the 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, Jan. 19.

St. Mary's will begin their Inquirers' Class on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. This is a class for adults who are interested in learning more of the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church.

For more information St. about Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web

www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First Assembly of God

You are invited to our annual Chili Cook Off this Sunday after the morning service. Each year we have a chili cookoff and prizes are given to the top three contestants. But the greatest part of the event is eating the chili and the fellowship during this wonderful occasion.

In the morning service, at 10:40, Pastor Havener will be speaking on

'Characteristics Discipleship," taken from Revelation 14:4.

In the evening service. at 6, Pastor Havener will "Why be speaking on Should You Be Christian."

The congregations of First Assembly invite you to join them for this great day of special music, fellowship and the Word. First Assembly is located at Fourth and Lancaster.

Christs' Community Fellowship

Womens ministry at Christs' Community Fellowship, 1909 Gregg St., Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us to renew or to begin your walk with God and encourage others. Call 267-3200 for more informa-

Cowboy Church of the American West

Cowboy Church of the American West has established an emergency fund to support the search and rescue efforts still being conducted in Flagstaff. Ariz. for Pastor Monty Price and three passengers. With the search efforts continuing, the relief fund will be used to support the volunteers that are diligently searching for the plane that disappeared from radar on Wednesday, Jan. 8. Financial support is needed. Please send contributions to the "CCAW Rescue Fund: at the:

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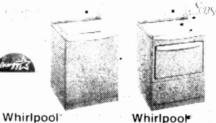
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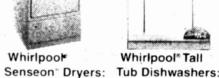
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CLUB**NEWS**

Big Spring Woman's Club

Big Spring Woman's Club held its annual Christmas party on Dec. 16 at the home of Kim Cooksey. A Chinese auction gift exchange was held and holiday entertainment was provided by Big Spring High School's choral group, "Rhapsody."

Items have been collected by club members to be donated to the Rainbow Room.

The Club will be presenting a community forum on "Health Issues for Young Women" on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex at 810 Eleventh Place: The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited.

Big Spring-Howard County **Retired Teachers Association**

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Jan. 20, in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m..

Jack Abusaab will speak on the subject, Palestinian Heritage. Members are reminded to turn in their volunteer hours for the year. All retired school per-

sonnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Sand Springs **Lions Club**

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday, Jan. 6 with President Shyrlee Reid presiding.

Pledge The Allegiance was led by Ben Boadle and the opening prayer was worded by Jarrell Barbee.

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letter of recommendation in regard to the transfer request of Richard "Tex" Irvin to the Sand Springs Lions Club. Betty Franklin made

the motion that the transfer of Irvin be accepted. Fred Franklin made the motion that he be accepted by acclamation., The motion carried.

It was announced that the winner of the Christmas basket was Loryne Callete and it was Marjorie Squires. A profit Committee

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Reid urged anyone that could go to the District 2 A1 meeting in San Angelo, Jan. 11, should do

Jarrell Barbee, project chairman, gave the secretary the list of supporters of the sign project who had paid for 2003. A vote of thanks was voiced for each one of these supporters. A letter of thanks will be mailed to each one.

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officer report is to be in to International by April 5.

The Sand Spring Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Community Center on Scout Hut Road in Sand Springs.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

1955 Hyperion Club

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International briefs



Hussein calls people to 'rise up'

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A defiant Saddam Hussein called on his people Friday to rise up and defend the nation against a new U.S.-led attack and promised that Iraq's enemies would face "suicide" at the gates of his capital.

The 40-minute televised address, delivered on the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War, revealed no sign that Saddam was prepared to step down or bow to demands of the United Nations, which has sent inspectors to determine if Iraq has given up its weapons of mass destruction.

On Thursday, the inspectors found 12 empty rocket warheads that could be used to carry chemical agents. Iraq claims the warheads are old and were listed in earlier disclosures of the country's weapons. The inspectors initially were not sure if the 12th warhead was a potential chemical weapons carrier, but concluded Friday it was.

In Paris, French President Jacques Chirac met with chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix and supported the request by Blix and head nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei for additional time to complete their mission.

The United States has threatened military action if Iraq fails to prove it has given up weapons of mass destruction. On Friday, Saddam vowed to beat back any invasion.

"The people of Baghdad have resolved to compel the Mongols of this age to commit suicide on its walls," Saddam said. "Everyone who tries to climb over its walls ... will fail in his attempt."

Investigators probe infant deaths

COMITAN, Mexico (AP) — Forensic experts have begun exhuming the bodies of 27 infants in an investigation into unusually high death rates for newborns at a hospital in southern Mexico.

With the parents of the newborns closely monitoring their progress, the experts began their grim task Thursday by removing the body of a week-old infant, Jose Guadalupe Ortega, from his grave.

The newborn's mother, Alicia Anzures Ortega, said she and other parents hope the investigation will provide answers about the deaths, which many suspect were caused by malpractice and unsanitary conditions at the hospital in the southern state of Chiapas.

"We mothers demand that they tell us what our children really died of, and that they punish those responsible," Ortega said.

CLUB

Contunued from page 5A Diane Murphy. Sharon Johnston and Brenda Thomas served as co-host-

Brenda Concienne attended as the guest of Kay Zant.

The program was presented by Beverly McMahon, who gave the history and overview of Dora Roberts Community Center and its contribution to the community and plans to increase its use.

Mary Jane Club

Mary Jane Club of Coahoma met Jan. 9, at Patricia Barr's home in Vincent. Fourteen members answered roll call with "Why I love Texas."

Doris McClellan, who resides 30 miles south of Colorado City and is a wildflower naturalist. presented a very interesting and informative slide program about wildflowers and how using our native flowers and grasses in our gardens can help to preserve precious water.

Doris also has written a book, "Angel on My Shoulder," about her own experience of being attacked by a rabid wildcat while taking a morning walk at her ranch. She has also written a children's book, "Baxter Badger's Home."

The next meeting will be Feb. 13, with Sue Tindol and Sammie Kingston as hostesses to celebrate to club's 53rd anniversary with a special tea.

TOPS TX 21 Big Spring

TOPS TX 21 met for a regular Monday meeting on Jan. 13 in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third, at 6 p.m.

Olnee Menges opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the TOPS pledge and fellowship song.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Gladys Russell.

Donna Menges gave a reading, "Happy 55th Birthday TOPS," and Shirley Jenkins gave a reading entitled "New Year's Wishes".

Eleven TOPS and three KOPS weighed in. TOPS' best loser was Genay Bertran and KOPS' best loser was Lynne Criswell. Each one received the weekly award and certificate.

Carol Smith gave the program entitled. "Medical Reasons for Obesity."

Overeating is usually the cause for obesity but in rare cases (1 percent) obesity can be caused by hypothyroidism, Cushings Syndrome, depression, certain medications and heredity.

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TOPS is a support group organization and anyone interested in learning more abut TOPS can call 1-800-892-8677 or locally. 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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The cookbook with a trove of such recipes exists: it's "Gourmet's Five Ingredients' (Random House, 2002, \$35), based on a regular feature on everyday cooking in Gourmet magazine. The book's collection of recipes numbers about 175, with more than 100 created just for the book.

This chicken recipe calls for a simple combination of chicken breasts with briny olives, for a good flavor base. You'll need butter to cook them in, and to make the sauce with its almond crunch and bright touch of green parsley. What could be easier?

Olive-Stuffed Chicken With Almonds

(Start to finish about 35 minutes)

4 boneless chicken breast halves with skin (about 2 1/4 pounds total) 1 cup brine-cured green olives such as picholine,

pitted and chopped 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

1/4 cup whole almonds with skins

2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Pat chicken breasts dry. then cut a 2-inch-long horizontal slit in the thickest part of each. Stuff each chicken breast with 1 1/2 teaspoons olives, then season with salt and black pepper.

Heat 1 tablespoon butter

in a 12-inch nonstick skil- with remaining olives. spoon butter and 3 tablelet over moderate heat Saute chicken breasts spoons water to skillet until foam subsides, then shades darker, 5 to 8 minutes. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a cutting just cooked through, 5 to board to cool (do not 7 minutes more, than clean skillet).

Heat skillet over moderately high heat, then add chicken breasts, skin ing, chop almonds. sides down, and sprinkle

until skins are golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Turn chicken breasts over and cook, covered, black pepper to taste. over moderate heat until Spoon sauce over chicktransfer with tongs to plates. 🔻

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Sands' Tisha Kayla Spence a Lady Buffs' 33-

Little League officials looking into possible merger

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The days of having three Little League programs within the city of Big Spring are numbered. In fact, there could be less than one day left in the life of the American, National and International leagues.

At least, that's the hope of youth baseball supporters in the Crossroads who have scheduled a meeting

acquires

Lemieux

in trade

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

(AP) - Claude Lemieux

already has four Stanley

Cup championship rings.

He may have a chance

to win another one this

season, but it won't be as

a member of the Phoenix

In a cost-cutting move

Thursday, the Coyotes

dealt the veteran right

winger to the Dallas Stars

for left wing Scott

Pellerin and a conditional

pick in the 2004 draft

expected to be no lower

Lemieux, 37, had just

six goals and eight assists

in 36 games this season

but missed nine games

He agreed to waive his

"It hasn't been much

fun for me here on the

ice," Lemieux told The

Arizona Republic. "My

family and I, we love

Arizona. This is our

home. But not winning,

for me, is tough to accept.

Not winning and not

playing as much as you

expect to play is the ulti-

mate worst-case scener-

Lemieux signed with

the Coyotes as a free

agent in December 2000

after stops in Montreal,

Jersey

Colorado. He's just one of

five players in NHL his-

tory to win four champi-

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said. "He is a proven win-

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Dallas

for Saturday night to discuss the official merger of the three leagues into

leagues are slated to meet league for the past several tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Parker Hydraulics to formalize an agreement that for 2 or 3 years," said will make Big Spring a one-league community similar to other Texas the last few months have communities of equal we really gotten serious size. The meeting is open to the general public.

The idea of merging isn't a new notion among the Big Spring leagues. Officials have reportedly Officials from all three considered forming one vears.

> "We've talked about this Little League backer Randy Phillips. "Only in about consolidating the leagues."

behind the unification of the National, American and International leagues is simple: Declining numbers — both in the numbers of players participating and the overall decrease in the city's population in recent years.

Big Spring used to field four Little League programs during the 1950s fielding a Texas League on the north side of town

The major reason in addition to the three existing programs.

"The simple fact is the number of participants in Little League everywhere dropping," Phillips. "We had three leagues here while most other cities our size have one. In the past, because of the population shift here, the International League didn't have enough players to have a See LEAGUE, Page B2

IN BRIEF

Hawks' skills camp will begin Jan. 18

The Howard College Hawks coaching staff and players will begin their Skills Camp on Jan. 18 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-12. Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball. They will showcase the skills at the half of the Hawks-Clarendon game on Feb. 10.

The cost for the camp, which runs four Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, is \$10 per person.

For more information contact Hawks head coach Chris Jans at 264-5044.

Hunter safety class slated for Feb. 8-9

A hunter safety class will be available for local residents on Feb. 8-9 in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce offices.

Boyce Hale will conduct the classes, which are being sponsored by Dibrell's Gun Shop.

For more information contact Hale at 267-6957 or 267-7891.

Baseball boosters will meet Jan. 20

The Big Spring High School baseball boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in the ATC meeting room.

All boosters are asked to have their ads for the program completed and ready sto turn in. The group is also planning a work day on Jan. 25 to prepare the field for the team's first day of workouts, which is set for Jan. 27.

For more information contact Jim Clements at 267-1069.

BSYBA hoop season continues this Sat.

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season continues this weekend with a full state of games.

Teams from throughout the area, including Big Spring, Ackerly, Stanton. Forsan, Garden City, Grady and Coahoma are fielding teams this year.

Big Spring girls will face Andrews Friday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will continue their District 4-4A march on Friday when they travel to Andrews to face the Andrews Lady Mustangs.

The JV Lady Steers are slated to tip off at 7:30 p.m. The BSHS varsity squad will start at 6 p.m.

Ten Star basketball camp taking entries

Applications for the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp are now being accepted.

For a free brochure contact the camp at (704) 373-0873.

ON THE AIR

Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia, 2 p.n Tennessee at Oakland, 5.30 p. Event, Time Lady Hawks vs. Midland, 5.35 p.r Jan. 21 Lady Steers vs. Lake View, 5.45 p.m. Steers vs. Lake, View, 7:16 p.m.

STILL PERFECT Hawks improve to

18-0 with wild win over Bulldogs

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor Howard College head coach Chris Jans knew going into Thursday's showdown with the Clarendon College Bulldogs nothing would come easy.

And, true enough, it didn't.

The No. 3-ranked Howard College Hawks sprinted to a 17point lead in the first half and then held off a furious second-half rally to claim a tough 78-70 victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

With the win, Howard College remained atop the WJCAC standings, improving to 2-0 in league play. They also remained unbeaten for the season, going to 18-0.

Despite the scare, Jans said the whole ordeal was just what the Hawks needed.

"We needed to come into a hastile environment and play a game like that," he said. "I think this kind of game can only help,

The Hawks looked as if they would need plenty of help at the start. Clarendon, now 8-10 overall and 1-1 in conference play, bolted to a quick 5-0 lead to open the

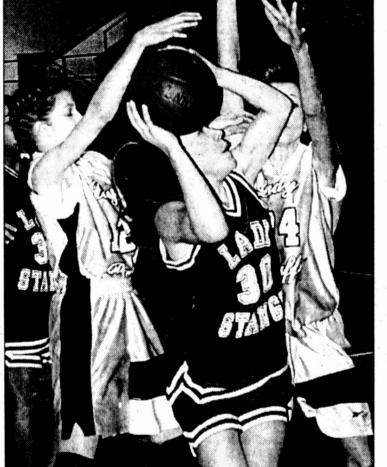
It took Howard College almost four minutes to take the bone away from the Bulldogs. Vas'shun Newborne helped key an 8-2 run early in the first half by pushing home a layup at the 16:17 mark of the stanza. His basket gave Howard an 8-7 cushion.

Newborne's heroics highlighted a 14-0 run but it was only the prequel to the Hawks' main act.

Over a 10-minute span midway through the first half, Je'Kel Foster and Newborne sparked a 22-6 spree that ballooned the Hawks' lead to 17, at 33-16, with less than five minutes to play in the initial 20-minute frame.

Clarendon, which was led by sophomore Raymond Shaw, battled back. The Bulldogs outscored Howard over the final four min-See HAWKS, Page B3

Howard College sophomore Jared Fears drives toward the hoop during recent Hawks' basketball action. Fears and the No. 3-ranked HC men's basketball team survived a 78-70 scare Thursday against Clarendon.



Sands' Tisha Lucio attempts to shoot around Forsan's Kayla Spence and Kalea Robbins during the first half the Lady Buffs' 33-19 win Thursday.

Lady Buffs advance to semifinals of JV tournament with win over Sands Kayla Spence, Whetsel

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

FORSAN - Stephanie Whetsel scored eight points and Haley Belew added seven more-Thursday night and helped carry the Forsan Lady Buffaloes to a 33-19 win over the Sands Lady Mustangs in the first round of the Forsan JV Basketball Tournament.

The win enables Forsan to move into the semifinals against against either Borden Co. or Water Valley on Saturday morning. The winner of that contest will compete for the tournament championship.

Sands, which played the final period, with just four players, will face the loser of the Borden Co.-Saturday at 9 a.m. The Lady Mustangs,

who have only five players on their roster, held their own in the first eight minutes of the contest. Sands garnered five points from Tisha Lucio in the first quarter and went into the second trailing by a slim 10-8 clip.

shots from the field.

and Belew also chipped in baskets. Lucio continued to

carry the hot hand in the Water Valley matchup second. She poured in six points in the frame and helped the Lady Mustangs outscore Forsan by a 9-6 margin.

Sands held a 17-16 lead at the half.

The wheels came off the Sands wagon in the third, however. Forsan, powered by the shooting of Whetsel and Marisa Lacy Eggleston paced McDonald, staged a 12-0 the Lady Buffs' efforts in run in the frame and the first, throwing in two streaked to a 28-17 advan-See JV, Page B3

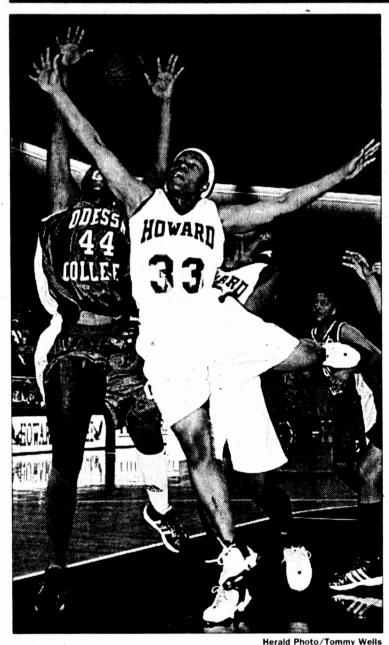
Steers, Lady Steers to face off with Andrews

The Big Spring Lady Steers will try and work themselves back into the District 4-4A playoff picture tonight when they Andrews Mustangs.

would enable the BSHS girls to close the first half of loop play with a 2-3 mark and move into a tie tavel north to face the for fourth in the league. The BSHS boys will also the varsity games.

A win over Andrews be looking to find the win column. The Steers, 2-21 overall, are 0-2 in 4-4A action.

Games will begin at 6 p.m. KBST will broadcast



Howard College's Dana Davis has the ball stripped away by a defender during recent women's action. The Lady Hawks dropped a 69-54 decision to Clarendon Thursday.

Clarendon deals HC women 69-54 setback

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor The Howard College Lady Hawks suffered another tough setback Thursday night, falling to the Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs, 69-54.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks slipped to 0-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. Overall, the HC women fell to 9-11.

The Lady Hawks, who earlier in the week had fallen to Odessa College to Britt and LaTasha Davis open conference play, carried the fight to Clarendon in the opening

minutes. "We led much of the first half then they (Clarendon) went on a run," said first-year head coach Kevin Bucher.

The Lady Bulldogs' run culminated in a 29-26 halftime lead for Clarendon. which improved to 14-4 and 1-1 in WJCAC play.

The Lady Hawks never managed to recover from there. Clarendon, despite a strong effort from freshman Traci Hemphill, posted a 30-28 run in the second half to seal the victory

Hemphill finished the game as Howard College's leading scorer by throwing in 15 points. Alexis

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South Plains	16	4	1	1		
Frank Phillips	13	6	0	2		
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Lady Hawks Upcoming Schedule

also played well offensively, scoring seven points apiece.

The Lady Hawks are scheduled to return to action Monday when they host rival Midland College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game will begin at 5:50

Midland College, 16-4 overall, heads into the game ranked No. 14 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I women's poll. They suffered a stunning 79-78 loss to New Mexico Junior College yesterday.

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Hart sticks to offseason plan for Rangers

ing big-name players.

the offseason plan laid out in November by the Rangers' brass, including manager Buck Showalter and an owner with new budgetary restraints.

year ago when Hart, then one," Hicks said. new in Texas, transformed the roster with nearly two dozen moves and pushed the payroll over \$105 million, the third-highest in the majors.

The Rangers say they completed their offseason moves Wednesday with the return of starting pitcher Ismael Valdes. He was the seventh free agent signed _ all to oneyear, relatively inexpensive contracts.

"We did exactly what we said we'd do in late November," said owner Tom Hicks. "We stayed on plan, stayed on course and mostly stayed within

Texas general manager the bullpen with several from the \$7.5 million the John Hart made it additions, including twothrough the offseason time All-Star closer without a bunch of bud- Ugueth Urbina, and tried get-busting moves involv- to solidify their defense up the middle by acquir-Hart instead stuck to ing catcher Einar Diaz and signing center fielder Doug Glanville.

The payroll will be slightly above the projected \$90 million and the team will lose money again this season — "this It's a stark contrast to a is going to be the last

> An uncertain market helped the Rangers stick to their plan. Many of the high-priced temptations that would have been available in the past were negated in the wake of baseball's new labor agreement and a shaky economy that made most teams unwilling to be free spenders.

> Kenny Rogers have certainly found that out. Both are still unsigned since the Rangers let them go in December. Texas didn't offer the 10time All-Star catcher arbitration (likely for at least \$12 million) or a new con-

left-hander made last season.

The Rangers, who have finished last in the AL West the past three seasons, haven't showed such restraint in recent years.

All-Star shortstop Alex 'Rodriguez got his record \$252 million, 10-year contract from Texas two years ago. Last winter, Hart gave Chan Ho Park a \$65 million, five-year deal and brought two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez home for \$24 million over two seasons.

The biggest contract the Rangers gave out this offseason was \$4 million to Urbina. Valdes, who was traded from Texas to Seattle in September, got \$2.5 million to return.

"We had a pretty good Ivan Rodriguez and read on the market and felt it could be a buyer's market," Hart said. "We went after people we needed, identifying people that could help us and give us short-term deals." Texas also signed reliev-

ers Aaron Fultz and Esteban Yan, and catcher in our budget." tract. And the 38-year-old Chad Krueter. Diaz came
Texas added starting Rogers turned down a in a four-player trade pitchers with Valdes and two-year deal worth more with Cleveland, which

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Thomson, improved than \$10 million, a cut will pay part of his \$1.75 million salary.

While filling some

needs, the Rangers still have plenty of flexibility after 2003.

By giving only one-year deals, immediate needs were filled without longterm commitments that could hamper the development of young players.

Park, Valdes and Thomson appear set in the starting rotation. That means two spots are open for competition among pitchers such as Joaquin Benoit, Ryan Drese, Colby Lewis, Ben Kozlowski and Mario Ramos, some of whom may not be ready to pitch full time in the majors until next season.

Urbina and Yan fill the void created by the absence Zimmerman, who didn't throw a pitch last season because of elbow surgery and won't be available until at least midseason, if at all in 2003.

That also allows the Rangers to be deliberate in the continued development of hard-throwing right-hander Francisco Cordero, who had 10 saves and a 1.79 ERA in 39 appearances last season.

Kwan back on top-at U.S. Championships DALLAS (AP) — Even Hughes going into bered period, not so much and a bit untidy in his

of this gets old for Michelle Kwan.

Not the jitters and the nerves, that sickening feeling of her heart being in her throat. And certainly not that wonderful joy that washes over her when her program is finished and the audience is cheering yet another masterful performance.

"It's my 12th nationals, so I should be used to it. But I still have the jitters," she said. "It's like a love-hate relationship."

The love was definitely outweighing the hate Thursday night. With Sasha Cohen and Olympic gold medalist Sarah Hughes itching to take her title away, Kwan reasserted her dominance with a convincing victory in the short program at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

She leads Cohen and

after a dozen years, none Saturday night's free skate. That's worth twothirds of the final score, but Kwan's performance Thursday showed that one of them will have to do something special to prevent her from winning her seventh U.S. crown.

> about history," Kwan City, Tim Goebel, won the said. "As a young kid, I wanted to be remembered

"For me it is not all

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While Kwan took con-

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The 22-year-old Goebel as a legend_to be remem- was somewhat sluggish ing."

as a legend. If I compete first major event of the season, but he held off upand-comers Johnny Weir and Matt Savoie.

"It felt great to be back," Goebel said. "For some strange reason, I like the adrenaline and the nervousness and being out in front of a crowd. This is all about everything I came back for. This is what I enjoy about skat-

LEAGUE

Continued from Page B1 competitive league."

The move from three leagues to one is views as a positive by most. The International League pushed to merge with the larger two leagues in an effort to give its players a chance at better competi-

Officials have said the restructuring would have

city tournament, which is held each summer. The same formula used to seed teams under the current three-league format would still be used.

Phillips urged parents, coaches and individuals interested in youth baseball — from T-Ball to Teenage League — to attend Saturday's meeting and offer their input into

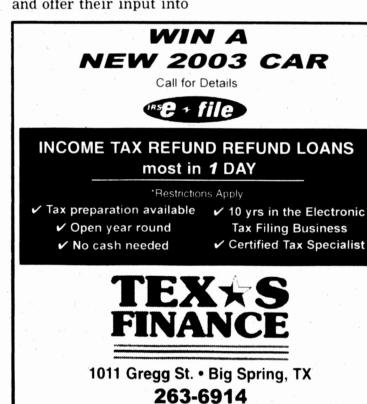
little affect on the annual the formation of the new organization.

"We want everyone to come out," he said. "We're talking somwehere in the range of 625-650 players participating. We're going to need all the help we can get."

"We'd like to get people's thoughts on how this will work. It's a whole different process." he added.



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"When we got up by 16 or 17 our young men got excited and we lost our focus a bit," said Jans.

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Jan. 30	South Plains Home
Feb. 6	Odessa College Odessa
Feb. 10	Clarendon Home
Feb. 13	Midland College Midland
Feb. 17	New Mexico JC Home

"Buy I think they came back and handled it well. Howard College opened

the second half on a tear. The Hawks used an 18-11 effort over the first few minutes of the half to run to another 17-point lead, at 56-39.

The Bulldogs refused to go down quietly, though. Clarendon battled its way back to within five, at 63-58, with less than five minutes to play

Daniel Price and Foster helped the Hawks weather the storm, however. Price broke free and pushed home a shot from the floor at the 4:30 mark to give the Hawks a 68-59

After a basket by Clarendon, Foster stretched the HC lead to 10 by completing a 3-point play from the foul line. Gabe Johnson set up Foster's effort with a rebound from the inside.

Clarendon Again, fought its way back. The Bulldogs knocked down a trey at the 1:30 mark and pulled to within six.

Clarendon looked as if it would move even closer from there, Howard College's Eddie Starks was whistled for an offensive charge on the Hawks' ensuing possession, giving the Bulldogs possession with 1:03 left in regulation.

Johnson, who has battled injuries for much of the past two seasons, saved the Hawks' hide seconds later. He stepped in front of a Clarendon pass, collecting one of 17 CC turnovers - and buried two free throws a few seconds later for a 75-67 lead.

Clarendon fought its way back to within five, at 75-70, with 19 seconds to play when Scooter Cook pushed home a trey from the right wing.

Foster, who finished with a game-high 21 points, and Starks sealed the win from there. The two went 2-of-4 from the free throw line over the final 17 seconds to clinch the victory.

Johnson finished the night as the Hawks' No. 2 scorer, netting 16 points. Newborne also hit double-digits with 13.

The Hawks, now two games shy of matching the school's all-time mark for consecutive wins, will host rival Midland College Monday in the Dorothy Garrett gym.

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Sands was hit double hard in the closing 26 seconds of the frame when Kandes Carlson was sent to the bench after drawing her fifth personal foul.

The Lady Buffs took complete advantage of their 5-on-4 advantage in the final eight minutes, reeling off a 7-2 run to

seal the win. Results of other firstround games were not available at press time.

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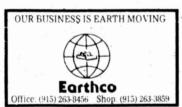


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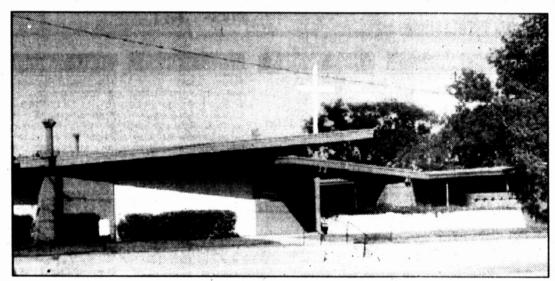
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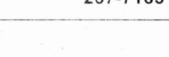
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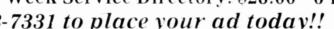
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20) ***** Others are receptive to your words and opinions. Where some hit brick walls with the same ideas, gates part for you. Pursue high-priority matters right now. Schedule time at the end of the day for an extended conversation.

Tonight: Out and about. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Say little and make solid choices for yourself. Others don't always agree with your ideas or choices. Consider your multiple options, even if you could be a bit confused. Juggle vour finances carefully as you seek out answers. Tonight: Treat a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You might not be absolutely sure about your choices that surround a partnership. Just when you think everything is settled, you could get a bit of a jolt. Learn to juggle and experiment more often. You might love the outcome. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Take your time. The more settled and direct you are, the better the end results could be. You hear a lot of conflicting stories. Consider the fact that the information could all be true. Pull back and see the many different sides. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Friends mean well, but you could feel as if you're on a merry-go-round as you try to ground yourself. Worry less about centering, and enjoy what is happening on a deeper level. Bring friends together. Celebrate the moment. Tonight: Where the action

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Understand what a boss or supervisor wants from you. As a result, you will be able to juggle your different concerns and make what you want happen. Don't push others too hard. Schedule time for a special loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Keep your loyalties in mind when making the choices you need to make. Someone at a distance or an in-law might have a tendency to throw boomerangs in your path. Keep your spirits high and look at the possibilities. Be open. Tonight: Take in a different perspec-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You might not be exactly sure what will work with a child or loved one, though it's time to find out. Carefully consider your different options once you have a better perspective of what someone wants from you. Tonight: Make that additional effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You don't have to do much because, as you'll discover, many come to you. Still, you could feel rather overwrought by all the opportunities you're presented with. Don't worry if you feel rather scattered. Make it OK. Tonight: The only answer is "yes" if you want to keep the peace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Realize your limits with a loved one or a friend. You can only do or say so much. Understand more of what is expected from an ~ associate or pal at work. Invite others to join you, even if you might be made nervous by the mix. Tonight: Get enough rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Realize what might be going on with a child or loved one. Your creativity and dynamic approach take you in a new direction if you're willing. Take a chance: Move in a new direction within a relationship. Get past a case of the jitters. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

BORN TODAY

Writer Anton Chekhov (1860), gangster (Chicago bootlegging) Al Capone (1899), U.S. founding father' Benjamin Franklin (1706)

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: As a gynecologist, I would like to offer a more complete response to "Somewhere North of Honolulu," who had been diagnosed with chlamydia. She was pregnant and did not have the disease three months earlier. The doctor said she could only have contracted it if her husband was cheating on her.

First, it is possible to have a false positive on these test results, and the poor husband may be telling the truth about his fidelity. Another possibility is that the earlier test did when, in fact, it was already present. Most of my patients who test positive for chlamydia at the initial prenatal visit are asymptomatic and may have had this infection for some time.

The important thing is to get the patient and her husband treated. M.D. in Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Virginia Beach: We received a great deal of mail from readers saying they, too, had been diagnosed with chlamydia when pregnant, only to discover that the test was inaccurate. Here's more:

From the Midwest: Please tell "Somewhere North of Honolulu" that a diagnosis



not pick up the chlamydia, of chlamydia does not always mean sex is involved. Years ago, I was diagnosed with this disease, and was mystified and upset. My gynecologist reassured me that he had once treated an elderly virgin nun for chlamydia. Baton Rouge, La.: A few

> days after we were home with our newborn, she developed an eye infection. The doctor took a swab for testing and two days later called to inform us that she had chlamydia. I was told our baby must have gotten it from the birth canal. The next day, I received a call telling me I was negative. When I asked how our baby could have gotten this I was told, "Sometimes tests are

wrong.

North Carolina: When my wife was pregnant, she tested positive for chlamydia and was told I must have given it to her. I knew I had never cheated on my wife, but this almost ruined our marriage. I decided to get tested to prove I did not have the disease and came back with a clean bill of health. We discovered that several of our pregnant friends also were wrongly diagnosed with chlamydia.

Beaver, Pa.: Tell that woman to repeat the test before jumping to conclusions. My daughter was diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease. She is a virgin. When the doctor said she must have been assaulted but blocked out the memories, she couldn't believe it. It turned out the test was not accurate, and she has since tested negative for the disease.

Brantford, Ontario: When I was five months' pregnant, I was diagnosed with chlamydia and was told my husband must have given it to me. I was so stressed over this betraval of our marriage that I miscarried. When I went back to my doctor, it seems the new lab tech made a mistake and I did not have chlamydia after all.

Prince George, B.C.: I had the same problem a few years ago, but it turns out the lab had erred. I was lucky our relationship was strong enough to withstand the initial incorrect diagnosis, but it created a lot of unnecessary grief for us.

Arizona: When I was pregnant with my first child, I was diagnosed with chlamydia. The doctor said, "Your husband is cheating, and you'd better face the facts." I spoke to my midwife, who said the test I was given tends to have a lot of falsepositive results. A second, more accurate, test indicated I was not infected. That

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Son needs to cut momma's apron strings

my early 30s and have been married for five years. I was just wondering: Is everyone cut out for marriage or a

long-term relationship? Does everyone's heart break from time to time within seemingly good relationship?

Dear My hus-

Prudence band is gentle most of the time, doesn't intartere in my life is a good provider, doesn't smoke or drink, and, I believe, is not the cheating kind. The thing is, Prudie, I was hoping for a warmer life. My hubby was in his mid-30s when we got married and was living in the family home with his mother, older sister and older brother. This is normal in our part of the world. Hubby treats these people better than he treats me. His mother cries when we leave town on vacation, calls her son five times a day and counsels him on every little detail of our lives. I have asked him not to report our

plied to some degree. One telling detail: Every

lives to her, and he's com-

Dear Prudie: I'm; gasp, in time she needs cash, she has her son leave our home, go the ATM, withdraw money from her account and bring it to her across town. There is an ATM very close her house, plus she has a son living with her. Isn't that bizarro? At this point, I am no longer angry, just lonely and disillusioned. Is there a way to change this kind of thing? — Where's the Light?

Dear Where: In answer to your questions, marriage isn't for everyone, and, of course, there are imperfections in even the good relationships.. Your particular situation, however, sounds like a severe apron-strings problem — beyond cultural. Or at least Prudie hopes it's beyond cultural, because it would be awful to imagine that catering to one's mother and freezing out one's wife is standard amongst

any group of people. Your husband needs to be enlightened about Mama's manipulation. If he does not understand, for example, the ATM maneuver for what it is, he is surely in need of edification. That there's a son — still living at home - is the tip-off. It is fine for your husband to respect his mother, but he doesn't have to let her push you to the sidelines. Going to a couples' counselor

would probably be the best approach — and if he balks. make it an "or else" proposition. If you do not, he will be dancing attendance on Mama long after ATMs have been replaced. Good luck. — Prudie, pointedly Dear Prudie: My wife and

I are heading toward a bit of a showdown with her parents and need your advice. We've bought a house and established ourselves in an area that we really like and where we

plan to stay for a long time. The problem is that my wife's parents, who we've always enjoyed seeing on visits several times a year, are now looking for a house near where we live. It may sound silly, but we feel like we've got some rights here, as people who have already put down roots, to ask that they consider looking for a house at least a couple

cities away. How do we explain that we do like them and enjoy their company, but we are not comfortable with them moving so close? By the way, age and health are not reasons for them wanting to move close to us. — Feeling Crowded in Texas

Dear Feel: This proposed homesteading act is somewhere between being needy, a compliment, and an attempt to take over.

You are not nuts to wish for some (geographical) space between you and your wife. and her parents.

Without knowing the exact relationship prior to her folks wanting to play guess-who's-coming-toeverything, you would be well-advised to go on record as to how you both feel about it. The message should be that you love their friendship; you think living in each other's pockets will only lead to problems; this is the time when you need to shape an autonomous, grown-up married life; and you hope, for the sake of a continuing trouble-free relationship. they will continue with their visits. "several times a year." Prudie. independently

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BEETLE BAILEY





People In the News

The Associated Press.

A judge dismissed a probation violation charge against former Olympic figure skater Tonya Harding on Thursday, calling the proceedings a "media circus.

Harding was a passenger in a car that was stopped for speeding in December in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. A police officer found two unopened cans of beer.

Judge Ken Eiesland said he doesn't review "potential violations."

"You are wasting the court's time.' he told a prosecutor.

Harding's blood-alcohol. level was 0.16 when she was arrested last April after running her truck into a ditch. She also spent eight days in jail last August for violating probation with her drunken-driving arrest. Harding was on probation

after hitting a boyfriend with a hubcap.

She said Thursday that she's been singled out because of her celebrity.

The two-time U.S. champion was convicted in 1994 of hindering prosecution in a plot to injure rival Nancy Kerrigan during the U.S. Championships in Detroit. The U.S. Figure Skating Association banned her for life.

Harding plans to make her debut as a professional boxer Feb. 22 in Memphis. Tenn., on a card featuring former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

LONDON (AP) - Prince Charles took a bus ride Thursday through a gentle green valley said to have been the inspiration for Middle Earth in J.R.R. Toluene's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Launching a new rural bus service through the Rabble Valley between the towns of Clitheroe and Chipping in northwest England, the heir to the throne chatted to fellow passengers.

"The prince said he would like a service like this to be used," said Len Cherry, 67, of Chipping.

"If they are not used then they will disappear. The prince was concerned about local trades in rural communities.'

Bus driver David Wilson. who handed Charles a bus ticket at the start of the journey, said he always drove carefully, "but with an extra special VIP on board I was a bit nervous.'

The new service is run by Bowland Transit, in collaboration with Lancashire County Council. which is trying to improve transport services for residents in small rural communities.



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