TUESDAY

January 21, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



TOMORROW TONIGHT 32°-34° 54°-56°

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

RETIREMENT RECEPTION

A retirement reception for Margy Thompson-Bradberry, chief juvenile probation officer for the 118th District Court, will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Thompson-Bradberry has served in the posi-

tion since 1982 and has received numerous awards in juvenile probation. She has received the prestigious Amador Rodriguez Lifetime Achievement Award. For more information on the reception, call Sylvia Dominguez at 264-2240.

COMING

THURSDAY



CHAMBER EDITION

What is the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce? How does it operate? Who makes up the board of directors? What services does it provide for our community? Find out the answers to these questions and more in the *Herald's* annual salute to the Chamber of Commerce.

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More than 2,000 fans turned out at Dorothy **Garrett Coliseum Monday** night as the No. 3 ranked **Howard College Hawks** edged rival Midland College 72-71. The fans not only enjoyed some nail-biting basketball action, but some exciting halftime entertainment as well. At right, Stevi

Bingham leads dancers

from the Dance Gallery.

For game writeups on the

Hawks and Lady Hawks,

see Page 6. **HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler**



WTO schedules seminar for those on fixed income

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

You're retired and living on a fixed income. You get sick and suddenly have to pay an extra thousand dollars or more for prescription medicine. Your Social Security check and retirement fund don't stretch far enough for the medicine as well as the food, shel-

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"These people a lot of times don't know that these programs are out there and families are emptying their pocketbooks to pay for prescriptions." Judy Reed,

West Texas Opportunities

An important lesson: Learning needs to be fun

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

One simple question meant as encouragement changed the life of a young West Texas woman.

and Janet

Smith, (fordirecmer tor) asked me 'Why don't you go school? to You're SO bright you could do something with yourself,'" said Rosie Lain.

Washington Elementary fourth-grade teacher.

Lain had never considered the idea of attending. college.

ety of different cultures

the beach life in California as her parents worked the grape vines, and migrant school in Nebraska as her family toiled in the sugar beet

"I had an opportunity to

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

see lot of things across the country," she said. "I had wonderful teachers in migrant school. They "I was working at the were so caring and we Senior Citizen's Center did lots of exciting activities.'

Always, the

family came

home from

their summer

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the small oil

and farming

community of

Schooling

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Westbrook.

"Every child should be encouraged to go to school, no matter their circumstance."

> Rosie Lain. fourth grade teacher

aged by the family and teachers but education beyond high school was never expected, never spoken of nor considered.

Lain herself never The daughter of sum-regarded college as a posmer migrant farmers, sibility until the prompt-Lain experienced a variing of her boss and the support of her husband.

"She let me go in the morning and afternoons," Lain said. "She's the one who really encouraged me, plus my husband, Bill.'

Washington



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Rosie Lain, Washington Elementary fourth-grade teacher, watches as her students per forms a multiplication exercise. An eight-year career educator, Lain tries to make learn-

Elementary was where staved after her gradua- fun," Lain said. "Mr. Lain received her first tion from college and (Royce) Cox (former real experience in the classroom as a student teacher. That's where she.

where she learned a valuable lesson.

"Learning needs to be See LAIN, Page 3

Washington Elementary

Presbyterian seminary president to address area leaders

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staif Writer The newly

installed president of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will address a r e a Presbyterian leaders WARDLAW Thursday in Big Spring.

"He will address the

state of theological educa- on Nov. 9, tion and opportunities at Approximately Jack Harrison, co-host of to attend. the event. "This is a con-

According to Harrison,

Austin Seminary under Presbyterian ministers his new leadership," said and leaders are expected

A "Theological colloquiversation for ministers um" will held from 10 and staff members of the a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Tres Rios Presbytery in Presbyterian Church, the Presbyterian Church Runnels and Eighth

The first session will be the seminar is Dr. from 10 a.m. until noon. Theodore J. Wardlaw's Wardlaw will address the ed by Harrison and Flynn first outing to speak to audience about the state Long, both retired church leaders since his of theology and take quesinstallment as president tions from the audience

2002. the second hour.

be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will be directed by a panel consisting of Harrison, Long, Wardlaw. and Hilton.

"We will address the theological education needs in the Presbyterian and local churches," said Harrison.

The seminar is co-host-Presbyterian ministers.

and Gerry Hilton, pastor The second session will of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

> Prior to accepting the position as president of the seminary, .Wardlaw held a lengthy career as a pastor of several Presbyterian churches across the nation. He served as pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, the Setauket Presbyterian Church in Setauket, Long Island.

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Volunteer fire department receives grant approval to purchase new fire truck

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer The Howard County Volunteer Department has been approved to receive a grant to purchase a new fire truck, HCVFD Chief Sullivan Tommy announced Friday.

"In 2002 the president signed a grant through FEMA for \$350 million to help support fire departments after Sept. 11," Sullivan said. "We spent many hours writing a grant for a pumpertanker. We did a risk analysis of Howard County, our \shortfalls, and we determined that

'This allows us more firefighters on the truck with the

water supply, getting there quicker without two separate trucks."

Tommy Sullivan, **HCVGD** fire chief

we needed a pumpertanker. It's a lot of money for this piece of equip-



The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department was recently approved to receive a \$208,500 grant to purchase a new fire truck similar to this one. Having the truck available will slash insurance rates for rural Howard County residents, said HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan.

ment. It's actually two ers on the truck with the an engine. Our big problem is water supply. This allows us more firefight-

trucks in one. It has 3,000 water supply, getting gallons of water, plus it's there quicker without two separate trucks."

The grant is close to a quarter-million dollars,

Sullivan **said**.

"We put in for the grant and we did get awarded through FEMA in the

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BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Elnora Hubbard Hart



Elnora Hubbard Hart, 80, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on March 25, 1922, in Pawhuska, Okla., and married Tommy Hart on Oct. 20, 1947, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 2002.

She enjoyed art and was a member of the Big Spring Art Club.

She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she had taught Sunday School for 24 years an was very active in the church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and Ron Perry of Denton and Phyllis and Ron Tipton of Waco; one grandson, Jason Perry of Denton; one sister, Pauline Wood of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Balford Shelton Hubbard Jr. and Tommy Hubbard.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Maria Guadalupe Ornelas

Maria Guadalupe Ornelas, 82, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, in a local hospital. A vigil service will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2003, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1920, in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and married Brigido Ornelas in Gonzales. He preceded her in death in 1964.

She was a loving and caring mother and grandmoth-

Maria was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a Guadalupana and had been a member of the Legion of Mary.

Survivors include one daughter, Dolores Garcia of Big Spring; five sons, Guadalupe Vidal Ornelas of Midland, Francisco Ornelas of Big Spring, Rene Ornelas of Odessa, Adrian Ornelas of Denver, Colorado and Edward Ornelas of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, Michael Garcia, Stephanie Cisneros, Michelle Bettinger, Anna Maria Cisneros, Edward Ornelas Jr., Victor Ornelas, Jovanna Ornelas, Vanessa Ornelas, Jennifer Ornelas, Estella Ornelas, Frank Rene Ornelas and Marcia Ornelas; eight greatgrandchildren; and several brothers and sisters.

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

Kathleen Moreno

Graveside service for Kathleen Moreno, infant daughter of Catrina Ramos and Guadalupe Moreno of Stanton, were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery with the Rev. George Thirumangalam officiating.

Kathleen was born on Jan. 18, 2003, and died the same day in Midland.

Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel had charge of arrangements.

Take note

□ A RETIREMENT RECEPTION for Margy Thompson-Bradberry, chief juvenile probation officer for the 118th District Court, will be held on Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

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For more information on the reception, call Sylvia

Dominguez at 264-2240.

☐ THE SECOND ANNUAL KEY CLUB talent show will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

Tickets are available from Key Club members or at the high school, 707 11th Place.

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight

or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and

delivered within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community

who have been abused and neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

Police blotter

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

• STEVEN PHILLIPS, 46, of Sweetwater was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• HENRY JOHN RAYMOND, 29, of 1612 Donley was arrested on a Department of Public Safety warrant. · DONNI KAY ROBERTSON, 18, of 108 Merrick in Sand Springs was arrested on city warrants.

 ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 700 block of South Gregg.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of West Third Street and the 3800 block of South Highway 87.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa Drive, the 1000 block of East 15th Street and the 1600 block of East Sixth

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

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore

 CRIMINAL TRESPASSING AT A HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 1200 block of East Third Street. The home reportedly sustained \$30 damage.

 DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED OR INVALID LICENSE was reported in the 1100 block of Settles.

Support groups

TUESDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to

☐ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

☐ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

☐ New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

☐ The Big Spring Military Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the VA Medical Center. The January meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13. For more information, contact Holly Moore at 263-8106 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows near 30. Light winds. Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Thursday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Friday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs in the mid 40s.

Saturday — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

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in the mid 60s.

Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 9-11-18-24-37

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 6-2-0

Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night:

6-0-1

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

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 to attend.

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 identification 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.

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room,

267-6479.

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

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 118 Cedar, call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch

'AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway

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

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

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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.

Club, Driver Road.

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.

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

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

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principal) always told us, Do your job but have fun doing it."
And she does.

"She taught me how to learn and understand things and have fun doing it," said Lindsey Deel in nominating Lain as Teacher of the Week. "One time she was reading a book about insects and she clipped a fake scorpion in her hair to see if anybody noticed."

Lain said she enjoys teaching and even misses the classroom during the summer break.

"You can see the students' growth at the end of the year," she said. "I don't think I want to do anything else.'

Through the fun activities and the less exciting lectures, Lain hopes children take at least one bit of knowledge when they leave.

"Every child should be encouraged to go to school, no matter their circumstance," she said.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331. ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

I would like to nominate my fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Lain. She is a teacher at Washington Elementary.

She taught me how to learn and understand things and have fun doing it. One time she was reading a book about

insects and she clipped a fake scorpion in her hair to see if anybody noticed.

She was a very creative and fun teacher. She taught me to start any project with what I already know and then go with it. She helped me to realize that reading and learning can be fun. It is how you go about a project that makes it fun. Anybody can read a book but Mrs. Lain kept you interested in the story

because you never knew what she would come up with to make the story more exciting.

And she came up with some good things.

She read a story about the Mad Hatter and changed hats every page or so. Mrs. Lain, if you read this, I hope that you know how much I appreciate you teaching me. Lindsey Deel

How to **NOMINATE**

The Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring **Education Federal Credit** Union congratulate Rosie Lain as the Teacher of the Week.

If you want to earn your favorite teacher a quick \$25 in cash, send your nomination for Teacher of the Week to the Herald at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom or imoseley@crcom.net

Nominations can be mailed to P.O. Box. 1431, Big Spring 79720.

more than 2,000 residences. We're asking them, if they'd just donate \$10 per residence, we'll make it."

The donation will be made up in fire insurance savings, Sullivan said.

"Through this, this is going to help us when we do our fire-flow test for the Insurance Services Office. It will help lower their insurance rate on their residences out in the county," he said. "Right now we have a 5/9 ISO rating. If there's a water supply they get a class 5 rating, but if there's not a water supply, they get a class 9. With this truck when we do our fire-flow test for the ISO, we can actually bring that down to a 5/5 or a 5/6. On an average \$30,000 home it will save them about \$200 a year on fire insurance.'

The department is excited about the prospect of having a new truck, he said.

"This is going to be our first brand-new pumper out of the box," he said. "It will be built to our

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ter and other necessities. What do you do? That's the focus of a meeting community planned for 10 a.m. Wednesday at West Texas Opportunities Inc., 4005

E. Interstate 20. "We're going to have a home health nurse here who can direct lowincome people to where they can apply for dental and medical assistance, prescription assistance," said Judy Reed of West Texas Opportunities.

Everyone is invited. "It's for the community," Reed said. "But the people that are going to qualify for the programs are people that are at a certain poverty level, a certain income level.

Community members who may know someone who could benefit from dental or prescription assistance are encouraged to attend.

"These people a lot of times don't know that these programs are out there and families are emptying their pocketbooks to pay for prescriptions," Reed said. "A lot of us know people that could use that assistance, in fact, maybe our mothers or fathers. Once a person gets on a set income, a retirement income, Medicare pays three prescriptions a month. So once their fourth and fifth prescriptions come along. that's up to them. These prescriptions can be \$400 or \$500 a month."

For more information West Texas Opportunities at 267-9536.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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N.Y: Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church, Sherman; and Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tenn. In 2001, Wardlaw was moderator of

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Presbytery of Greater Atlanta as well as a commissioner to the 213th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) where he chaired the committee on church policy.

He is a member of the Pastors Working Group of the Louisville Institute. He has twice been editorat-large of. Presbyterian Outlook and served on the board of directors for the Journal of Reformed Liturgy and Music.

He has served on the Union / P.S.C.E. Board of Trustees and on its alumni board of directors, chairing their 1996 alumni giving campaign. Wardlaw has been an adjunct professor of preaching at both Union / P.S.C.E. and Columbia

Theological Seminary and C. Johnson Seminary.

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12th round, \$208,500," he said. "With this we have to match it with 10 percent. It will be \$20,850. We're going to work on a fund-raiser without trying to approach the commissioners at this time. We're going to make it a community project for our citizens in Howard

County."
The HCVFD has a year to raise the money.

"We're going to the community," Sullivan said. "Outside the city limits of Big Spring, there are

was a member of the board of visitors for Smith

FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Truman Jones, 88, Thursday. Graveside services were 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park followed by memorial services at 11:00 AM at Presbyterian First Church.

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days with a lit candle and ask for three favors one economic two impossible and on the ninth let the candle be consumed. Even without faith they shall be fulfilled

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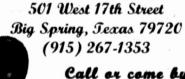
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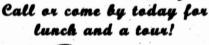
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OUR VIEWS

Please make most of the Chamber's Leadership class

ne of the most common mistakes people make is a rush to judgment. We criticize first and ask questions later. The solution, of course, is to take some time to get the facts before we put our mouths into gear. Just sitting in on a few school board or city council meetings can be a real eye opener.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

Help us, Lord, know that we can survive and overcome anything through your love.

America's overweight problem

he problem with America's poor kids is that they're too fat.

Few policy-makers are willing to say this rather obvious truth. which is why America's nutritional programs are caught

in a 1930s

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that amplifies the chief health problem facing poor children — namely, that they're overweight.Liberal advocacy groups, stuck in a gruesome nostalgia for a bygone era of deprivation, still talk of hunger as if it stalks every poor household in the country. They maintain that there are 13.6 million children hungry or at risk of hunger in America, one of the great bogus statistics of our age.

As poverty expert Robert Rector of the **Heritage Foundation** explains, malnutrition, understood as a significant dietary deficiency, essentially doesn't exist in America except in small pockets of the population with other problems, e.g. drug addicts or anorexics. Hunger,

defined as going without a meal at least once in the past month, is also extremely rare, according to the Department of Agriculture, affecting roughly one-half of 1 percent of American children.

Advocacy groups get their higher number by resorting to a category in **Agriculture Department** surveys measuring "food insecurity without hunger," meaning the worry that it might be hard to find a meal. This statistic tries to capture a psychological state rather than anything real, and contradicts the harder (or at least pudgier) evidence on the ground.

According to Rector. the average poor child is, in fact, supernourished. On average, he consumes twice the daily recommended allowance of protein. By age 18, he will be an inch taller and 10 pounds heavier than the average teenager in 1950.

This is all to the good, except that this positive trend has been supersized. Douglas J. Besharov of the American Enterprise Institute notes that 65 percent of Americans are overweight, and the poor are even more so, by an estimated 5 percent to 10 percent. Adolescents from poor households. Besharov reports, are

twice as likely to be over- Infants and Children weight.

This reflects a worldwide trend. In poor countries, it's the rich who tend to be disproportionately overweight, while in advanced, rich countries it's the opposite, since it takes so much time and effort not to be overweight (rich urbanites, for instance, have the fancy gym memberships). Excess weight is, of

course, associated with the increased incidence of all sorts of health disorders, from coronary disease to type 2 diabetes. It's important, therefore, to get kids on the right nutritional path. "The simple fact is that more people die in the United States of too much food than too little," said Clinton **Agriculture Secretary** Dan Glickman in 1998, "and the habits that lead to this epidemic become ingrained at an early

The federal government helps ingrain them, as Besharov argues. Food stamps can't be used for anything other than food, forcing some recipients to buy more than they need. School breakfast and lunch programs are stacked with calories on the assumption that kids will go hungry the rest of the day. The Women,

food-support program roughly half of all newborns are enrolled - also favors high-calorie, highcholesterol food.

Besharov suggests substituting cash for food stamps, slimming down school meals and focusing the WIC program more on fruits and vegetables and on sound nutritional counseling. Doing any of this, however, will require prevailing over the howls of liberal advocacy groups, which love to feel as if they are "crusading against hunger" in a callous country two steps away from the starvation of Zimbabwe. Such groups are

increasingly disconnected from the real problems of the urban poor. They talk about hunger and housing, which are conveniently susceptible to big-government solutions (more food programs! low-income housing!). The real problems of the poor tend to be crime, failing schools, out-of-wedlock births, sexually transmitted diseases and poor eating habits.

It's time for liberals to upgrade their image of America. We live in such a splendidly abundant nation that even the poor are overweight. Get over

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Sharpton wants his 15 hours of

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harpton wants his 15 hours of fame. There are more reasons to run for president than thinking

you can win, and the Rev. Al Sharpton is more direct than most in owning up to his real motive As the only African-American in the field,



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he has a niche that together with his leftist politics could translate into a tidy number of delegates at the Democratic National Convention. Like the Rev. Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988, he could accumulate enough influence to affect his party's platform, and perhaps its nominée.

Democrats are divided about Sharpton's potential impact. His critics say he's no Jackson, and that his in-your-face urban style of confrontation won't play outside of New York City. Those who have dealt with him warn against underestimating his quick mind and sharp tongue. He

could be the equivalent of a gale force wind in Democratic Party poli-

Sharpton has built an empire for himself in New York, where disenchanted minority populations are receptive to his theatrics. Taking his act national could divide Democrats and be the best thing that ever happened for Republicans as they try to create a bigger base of minority voters in the wake of the Trent Lott fiasco. Unlike the other candidates, Sharpton has nothing to lose in pressing his issues in the most extreme fashion, or getting personal with his rivals. He's not angling to be chosen vice president by the eventual victor, and a Cabinet post is unlikely. He wins if he creates a ruckus, and he's good at doing that.

There's no holding him back from the early debates. Until they start counting votes, everybody is equal, and everybody debates. He's readying his zingers. He told The New York Times that he'll ask North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, a former trial lawyer who says he fights for regular people, "Name one regular guy

you fought for that you

didn't get paid for. "Sharpton blames Democratic losses in recent elections on the party moving to the center and abandoning its liberal base. By unabashedly staking out leftist positions on every thing from Iraq (he's anti-war) to affirmative action (he's for beefing it up), Sharpton can complicate the efforts of Democrats to adopt centrist positions. He can also liven up the debates and perhaps attract more voters to pay attention, whether they agree or disagree with him.

But real impact requires winning some primaries, as Jackson did when he ran. Among the early contests, Iowa and New Hampshire are not natural fits for Sharpton, whose breakthrough, if it occurs, would come in South Carolina, where 40 percent of Democratic primary voters are African-American. Otherwise, given Sharpton's penchant for making racially polarizing statements, he might be tempted to stay in the race for pure theater.

He first burst onto the national scene in 1987 as the spokesman for a young girl, Tawana

Brawley, who claimed she had been the victim of a terrible rape. Her racially inflammatory story turned out to be a hoax. Sharpton never apologized, and his credibility was irreparably damaged.He later made anti-Semitic remarks, a side of himself that he is trying to leave behind as he attempts to go national. Smart and shrewd, Sharpton wants his 15 hours of fame, which the upcoming Democratic primary debates should provide. How he handles the airtime, and how his opponents handle him, will send a message to the electorate about the Democratic Party.

A messy primary season that pits Democrats against each other or forces them to pander to African-Americans could hurt the party's nominee. It could also settle the ongoing fight for the party's soul. Either way, Sharpton's candidacy, which he will soon announce, has Democrats cringing and Republicans cheering.

Prediction: Sharpton will alienate people across the racial spectrum. He will not be a candidate generally embraced by African-Americans.

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Task Force Ironhorse' receives orders

FORT HOOD (AP) - More than 37,000 soldiers from Fort Hood and other Army posts making up what will be known as "Task Force Ironhorse" have received their orders for an imminent ground-force deployment, the largest so far in the buildup for a potential war against Iraq.

The 4th Infantry Division's two ground brigades and one aviation brigade at Fort Hood - its 12,500 soldiers by itself making up almost 40 percent of the deployment - are at the core of the forces that received marching orders on Monday.

"This is the largest deployment here at Fort Hood since Desert Storm," said Lt. Col. Dan Baggio, public affairs officer for III Corps and Fort Hood. "During (that) time frame, we deployed roughly 25,000 soldiers."

Central Texas business and government leaders who recalled the economic downturn that followed the last large deployment, during the Persian Gulf war, said they hoped that changes over the past decade would help avoid that fate again. Military dependents were preparing for the latest deployment.

Soldiers from Fort Bliss; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Polk, La.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Fort Bragg, N.C., will also make up Task Force Ironhorse.

Balance may shift in abortion politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruling allowing legal abortions turns 30 years this week, an anniversary heavily shadowed by speculation that a high court retirement could shift the balance of power in abortion politics.

For abortion rights supporters, the departure of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor would be most troublesome. For anti-abortion forces, the wild card could be the exit of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

The court is split 5-4 in favor of abortion rights. O'Connor is considered a cautious supporter and the swing vote to uphold Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 case providing for legal abortions.

Should she retire, President Bush's more conservative supporters will certainly press for him to pick a strong anti-abortion nominee.

"It's in the greatest danger it's ever been in," Feminist Majority President Eleanor Smeal said of the Roe decision. "You're one vote away."

Investigation: Wife buried husband in yard

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities are investigating the stabbing death of a Houston-area man which, according to his wife's attorney, she did in self-defense when she thought the man would kill her and their two chil-



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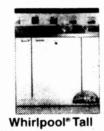
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No arrests have been made and authorities have yet to talk to the woman, said Lt. Danny Billingsley, the homicide chief at the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

'We have a lot of work left to do," Billingsley said Monday. "While her attorneys say she's admitted to this, she has not admitted it to us, and until we finish investigating I'm not willing to say she's a suspect."

According to Houston attorney Neal Davis, Susan Lucille Wright, 26, called him to her home just outside the city limits of Houston's northeast side Saturday. That evening, Davis went to the district attorney's office and told prosecutors a body was partially buried behind the house.

'When we got out there we eventually recovered the body of a white male who appeared completely buried at one time, with a dog (living) on the premises," Billingsley said. "It looked like the dog had dug it up."

Noman convicted in parents' slaying

FORT WORTH (AP) - A jury on Monday convicted a woman of capital murder in the 2001 stabbing and bludgeoning deaths of her elderly parents.

Deborah Pieringer, 49, received an automatic life sentence because prosecutors declined to seek the death penalty for the attack at the victims' Fort Worth

Prosecutors said Pieringer killed Loyd Courtney, 75, and his wife Agnes, 71, to collect an inheritance.

During the trial, Pieringer told jurors that her mother was her best friend and called her retired policeman father the "most honorable man in the world."

Prosecutors said Pieringer cut, stabbed and bludgeoned her parents with four cast-iron skillets.

Dentist's murder trial set to begin

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston dentist accused of killing her husband will spend the next few weeks in a Harris County courtoom where jurors will determine whether she purposely or accidentally ran him down

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with her Mercedes Benz in a hotel parking lot.

A panel of 120 potential jurors in the case were set to gather in State District Judge Carol Davies' courtroom Tuesday, where prosecutors and defense attorneys will have narrow the panel down to 12 jurors and two alter-

Jurors selected to hear the case must decide if Clara Harris intentionally ran over her husband, or if 44year-old David Harris' death was an accident, as Clara Harris says.

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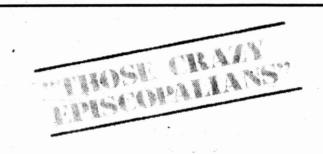
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Last-second FT lifts Hawks past Midland

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The breeze you felt exiting the Dorothy Coliseum Garrett Monday night wasn't a Canadian cold front, it was a collective sigh of relief from Howard College fans who watched on as sophomore Jared Fears sank a free throw with 3 seconds left to lift the thirdranked Hawks to a 72-71 win over the Midland College Chaparrals.

With the win, the Hawks improved to 19-0 and, more importantly, moved into control of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race with a 3-0 record. The win also moved Howard to within one win of matching the school's all-time mark for consecutive wins of 20.

"That was a great ballgame," said Howard College head coach Chris Jans. "This is one of those game's neither team deserves to lose."

It was a struggle down the stretch for both teams. The two teams exchanged the lead seven times over the final 6:34 of the contest. The Hawks didn't seal the win until Fears drew a foul while attempting to push in an 8-footer from the baseline with time running out.

It was a foul Midland coach Scott Raines felt was unnecessary.

"The referee made a high school call," said Raines. "The kid from Howard comes down and throws his body in there. Every official in America knows you do not blow the whistle in that case. He was doing nothing but hunting for

Fears promptly turned the foul against Midland. He snapped a 71-71 tie by hitting the first of two free throws - and setting up a last-second half-court heave by the Chaparrals that bounced off the backboard.

Midland looked as it would dominate the Hawks in the opening minutes. The Chaps, now 10-6 and 2-1, stormed out to an early 10-point lead by outscoring the Hawks by a 12-2 clip in the first four minutes.

Howard, sparked by 3-pointers by Je'Kel Foster, Eddie Starks and Chaun Brooks battled back to tie the game at 28-28 with 4:16 to play in the half. Just 33 seconds Vas'shun Newborne buried a shot

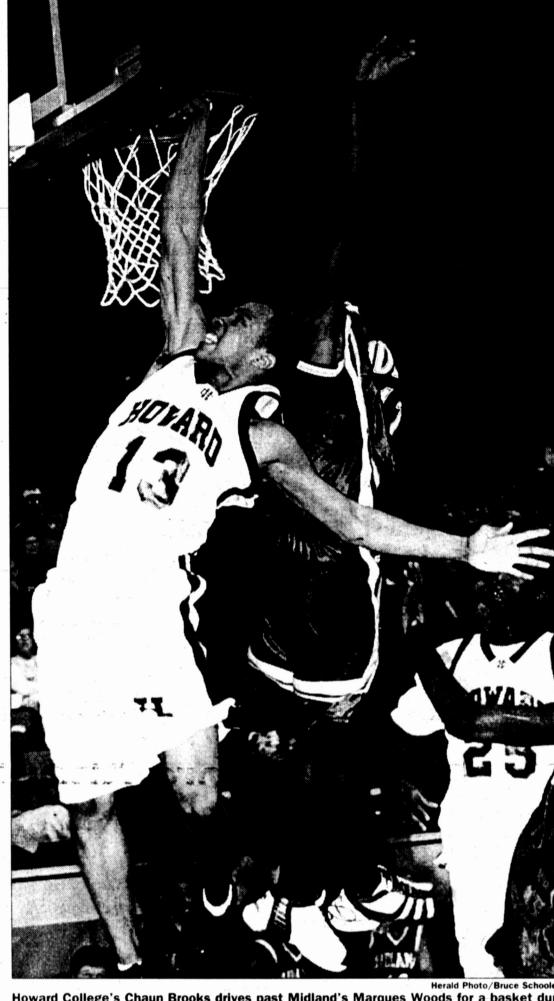
from inside the paint to give the Hawks their first lead of the evening. Midland rallied back to pull into a 36-36 tie at the

half. Howard College found its game in the early minutes of the second half. The opened the half by going on a 19-11 run that was capped by a

the 12:33 mark. The Chaps, who were led offensively by Robert Sevalia's game-high 27 points, rebounded. They regained the lead with 6:45 remaining on a basket from Englebert

shot from Daniel Price at

Cherrington. Pate rallied the Hawks from there. He sank two free throws with 2:12 to cut the Chaps' lead to one, at 69-68 — and then hammered home a dunk with 48 seconds left to stake the HC men to a 70-79 advantage.



Howard College's Chaun Brooks drives past Midland's Marques Woods for a basket during the first half of the Hawks' 72-71 win. The win improved the Hawks to 19-0.

Lady Steers looking for 2 in a row vs. LVHS

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers know all too well their playoff hopes hinge on what they do this evening against the San Angelo Lake View Maidens. A win will let them live another day while a loss all but eliminates them from the hunt.

The Lady Steers, 16-9 and 2-3 in District 4-4A play, is slated to lead off a high school basketball double-header against Lake View beginning at 6 p.m. in the LVHS gym. The Big Spring boys will follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The matchup against the Maidens couldn't come at a better time for the BSHS girls. The Lady Steers, fresh off a thrilling win over Andrews, could even its loop mark with a win and pull to within a game of Frenship for the third playoff position.

The BSHS girls are led into the game by juniors Leina Braxton and LeKenya Wrightsil and senior Krystle Long.

Lake View, which enters the game riding a 34-game district losing streak, is paced by Allison Hill.

The Maidens are 7-17 for the year.

The BSHS boys, 2-22 overall, will be gunning for their first 4-4A. win against a Lake View team (12-12) that is also winless

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

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MC keeps Lady Hawks women winless in WJCAC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The No. 23-ranked Midland College Lady Chaparrals reeled off a 15-2 run midway through the second half and rolled to a 73-59 win over the Howard College Lady Hawks Monday in the Dorothy Garret Coliseum.

The win was Midland's sixth straight win over the HC women. It also kept the Lady Hawks winless in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play at 0-3.

Howard College, which picked up double-digit 10 more.

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efforts from Jeanenne Colbert and Brittani Calhoun, held their own in the first half. Sparked by a late shot rom LaTasha Davis, the Lady Hawks pulled to within eight at the end of the first half, at 34-26.

The Lady Chaps blew the game open in the second. They used a 9-2 run to start the half to stretch their lead to 43-28 with 16:41 to play. Their 15point spree minutes later upped the lead to 26.

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Volcanoes



quiet for 123 years There were five more eruptions that year The eruption, and the mudflows and floods caused by the eruption, took 57 lives and caused more than \$1.2 billion in property damage. covered the land hundreds of miles to the east, where the wind blew it. There was enough ash to bury a football field under ash 150 miles Scientists say it could erupt again.

The Mini Page thanks Steven Brantley, Hawai Volcano Observatory, U.S. Geological Survey, for help with this

Volcano damage

Volcanoes can cause great damage. They can wipe out whole towns, killing thousands of people, plants and animals.

When lava erupts, it is red-hot, measuring more than 2,000 degrees F. An explosive eruption may throw out big rocks, known as bombs. These can weigh hundreds of pounds.

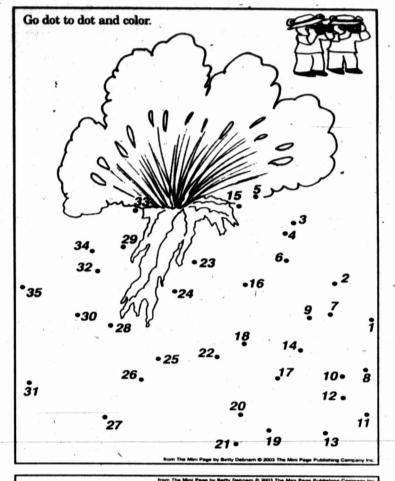
Volcanic rocks can cause dangerous mudflows if they mix with water. These mudflows might rush by at 10 to 30 miles per hour.

Winds can carry volcanic ash around the world many times. Experts believe volcanic ash from big explosive eruptions can block the sun and change the climate.

College: Southern Cal In his first three seasons as a college quarterback,

Palmer completed almost 63 percent of his passes for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns. He was a major reason his team, the Trojans,

majoring in public policy and management. He also has helped area schoolchildren by participating in the Read Across America Program. Palmer has more big plans for next year. He's scheduled to marry his fiancee, Shaelyn Fernandes, in July.



Meet Alpha Betty and B. A. Reader



This is especially for parents, teachers and beginning readers to enjoy together.

The letter E is a vowel. Vowels have two sounds, a short sound and a long sound. All of these words have the short sound of E. What sound do you hear?









The Kilauea

(kee-lo-WAY-

ah) volcano in

Hawaii began

erupting again in 1983. It has

been erupting

continuously

since then. It is one of the

most active

the world.

"Kilauea

means

much

Which picture in the row below does not have the short E sound?



Here's how to make the big and little E. Practice here



Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

VOLCANOES

FUNNY'S Mimi Jokes All the following jokes have something in common. Can you find the common theme or category?

The same of the same of the same of the same

Cooper: If you make hamburgers from ground beef, what do you make pork burgers from? Ken: Groundhogs!

Sam: Is there a way to make a hamburger do the hula? Rosy: Order it with a shake!

Words and names that remind us of volcanoes are hidden in the

See if you can find: ERUPT, DANGEROUS, MELT, HOT, LAVA, GASES, ROCK, FLOW, MAGMA, EARTH, ACTIVE, ISLANDS, MOUNTAINS, ASH, MUD, FIRE, DUST, VULCAN, PELE, KILAUEA, HAWAII, NATURE.

Mini Spy and Basset are exploring a volcano in Hawaii. See if

you can find: • exclamation mark • question mark • number 3

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Foster: Where do monkeys cook their hamburgers? Trudy: On grillas!





Carson Palmer experienced frustration and disappointment. But he didn't quit. He kept striving and his hard work paid off. In December, the Southern Cal senior was voted winner of the Heisman Trophy, the most prized award in college football.

won 10 games and lost only 2. While at Southern Cal, Palmer has been a solid student as well,

More About Volcanoes

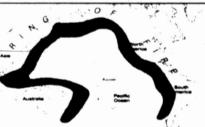
Volcanoes can build



Volcanoes have played a big role in forming the surface of our planet. More than 80 percent of the

Earth's surface was made by volcanoes, including much fertile soil. Many mountains are volcanoes.

The first oceans and the Earth's atmosphere were created from the gases from volcanoes erupting several billion years ago.



Many earthquakes and volcanoes occur in the area known as the "Ring of Fire."

Volcano sites

More than half of the active land volcanoes circle the Pacific Ocean in a "Ring of Fire." In this area, parts of the Earth are slowly colliding with each other.

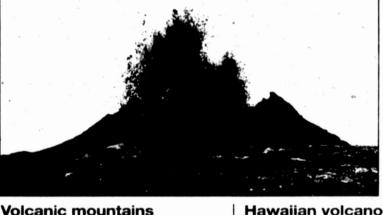
The Earth's crust is broken into huge parts called plates. When one of these plates slides under another plate, they rub against each other. This is where rock melts to form magma.

Most active volcanoes border the edges of continents. Many are in or around the Mediterranean Sea. One, Mount Etna in Sicily, had a big eruption in October 2002, and it is still continuing.

There are a total of about 50 active volcanoes in the United States, in Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California.

Look on the weather page of your newspape to see if any exciting natural events such as storms are predicted.

Next week The Mini Page is about the First



Most land volcanoes are mountains, formed after layers of lava and ash

Mount Shasta in California, Mount Hood in Oregon and Mount Rainier in Washington.

built up over thousands of years.

These volcanoes are usually cone-

shaped mountains with a hole, or

vent, where the lava has erupted.

Ancient legends The word "volcano" comes from

Some volcanic

mountains include

Mount Fuji in Japan,



the Roman god Vulcan, the god of fire and the blacksmith for the gods. Hundreds of years ago, the Romans believed a volcanic island off the coast of Italy, Vulcano, was part of Vulcan's blacksmith forge

The Romans believed the lava and dust erupting from Vulcano came when Vulcan made thunderbolts for Jupiter, the king of the gods, or weapons for Mars, the god of war.

The Polynesian people who settled the Hawaiian islands believed eruptions were caused by the beautiful goddess of volcanoes, Pele (PAY-lay)

Hawaiian volcanoes

Many islands, such as the Hawaiian Islands, are really volcanoes that have built up from the ocean floor.

Kilauea and Mauna Loa on the Island of Hawaii are two of the most active volcanoes in the world. Mauna Loa is also the biggest active volcano in the world. It rises more than 30,000 feet above the surrounding ocean floor.

Many island volcanoes are near hot spots in the Earth. These hot spots are areas where the Earth's activity is creating higher temperatures under the Earth's surface.

The Island of Hawaii is near a hot spot that has been there for at least 70 million years. This island of Hawaii has existed about 1 million

The U.S. Geological Survey's Volcano Hazards Program is using knowledge gained from the Hawaiian volcanoes to keep people around the world safe.

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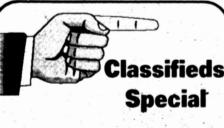
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You have an easy way about you that attracts others. However, on some issues you are like steel, refusing to bend. Although at times this quality might be a good thing, sometimes you could be preventing yourself from enjoying life's goodies. Partners and associates offer you many opportunities. Know when to say "yes." Let go of rigid rules and flow with life more often. You gain financially and emotionally through others. If single, you could yearn for a relationship, thus making it a reality this year. You could meet someone quite different. If you're attached, you will discover that your sweetie's goals could be changing. Honor the caring here. VIRGO pushes you to

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 around you appear to calm down because of your ability to focus and concentrate on the details. Given time, others will chill out. Still, pressure involving someone at a distance could throw you into a tizzy. Pick and choose your words with care. Tonight: Mellow out in a favorite way.

TAURUS (April 20-May

Horoscope

20) ***** Sometimes you need to let go and play more. A partner might have a strong reaction to your actions, but sometimes you need to please yourself, not someone else. Recognize what is motivating this person; consider including him or her more often. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Allow family and personal priorities to dominate. Think through a recent decision involving a partner. You might have pushed this person away without even thinking about it. Be more indulgent of others' foibles, as they are of yours. Tonight: Chill out at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Reach out for others. Your ability to relate to others develops through understanding. Carefully consider what someone wants. It might be easy to say "yes," but ultimately, it's not what you want to do. Keep discussions active and moving. Tonight: Visit with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Use extreme caution with a risk, even if it involves another's request or longterm desire. Seek out different types of solutions. A tendency to overindulge and have a good time comes out despite yourself. Realize what might be possible. Tonight: Chip in and help someone out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** The Moon in your sign empowers you, causing new possibilities to evolve out of a difficult encounter with a loved one or a friend. You cannot push this person, but you can walk in another direction. Take care of yourself. Realize how much a close associate does care. Tonight: Loosen up, please.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** You might choose to deal with a situation differently given some perspective. You want to kick up a storm right now, but after a while, you could be unhappy. Accept an invitation and an opportunity to loosen up. Extremes punctuate your mood. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** A friendship or association could be costly, yet worthwhile. Rethink your priorities here before you take a risk, which will cost you. You have a tendency to be extravagant, both emotionally and financially. These traits seem to go hand in hand. Tonight: Let yourself have a good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Make an effort, even if it means bending in unprecedented wavs. Rethink how you approach a boss or loved one, as your present attitude doesn't seem to work. Flexibility and good will team up, making you a sure winner. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) *** A change in course might be refreshing for not only you but also for others. Detach by getting others' advice. You might be surprised by what comes your way. A friend or associate presents a unique opportunity. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Consider what might be going on with a partner or associate. You simply need to rethink your position here. You might not want to move on, but you have little choice right now. Listen to information that heads your way. Someone is sharing some key facts. Tonight: Let a partner make the call.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Review a personal matter that might be on your mind with a friend you really trust. You find getting an assortment of views instrumental to your well-being. Consider what might be going on with a boss or parent who could be out of sorts. Take in this information. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

BORN TODAY

Dentist, pioneer in the use of anesthesia Horace Wells (1815), Civil War Gen. Jonathan Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (1824).

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: You have printed a lot of letters from women looking for a nice guy. Well, I'm a nice guy, middle-aged and educated. I have learned the hard way that women today don't give the nice guys a chance, so I am interested in mail-order brides and hope you can help me.

Many women from foreign countries want a better life, and marrying an American man is one way to do it. Have your readers heard of No HUD, Sorry, no any successes with this endeavor? How about the women from other countries who are now here? Have they adjusted, and are they glad they married these men?

Frankly, I am running out of ways to find a woman and figured this would be my next step. — The Last Nice Guy in S.W. Virginia

Dear Nice Guy: Your next step — or the last resort? Some of these marriages probably work out fine provided you don't mind a relationship with someone who married you only for your money or connections. You certainly don't need a mail-order bride to get that



Annie's Mailbox

kind of arrangement.

There are plenty of nice women looking for nice men, but you have to search in the right places and be willing to date women who are not like the idealized versions we see on TV and in magazines. Don't give up.

Dear Annie: I am 45 years old and the mother of a 2year-old boy. I am a little older than many mothers of toddlers, because it took years of trying before my husband and I could have a child. We are thrilled to be parents.

My question is, how do I

respond when people say, "You have such a beautiful grandson"? I don't look older than my age, and a lot of women have babies in their 40s. Can you please tell folks if they aren't sure of the relationship, to err on the side of flattery? If they are wrong, and the person is the child's grandparent, this will make their day. - Not the Grandmother in Ontario, Canada

Dear Mom: In this day and age, it's surprising anyone would assume a woman (or a man, for that matter), grandparent. So many people delay having children, not to mention those young grandparents who are in their late 30s or early 40s. that it is impossible to determine the relationship based on looks alone. Respond politely by saying, "Thank you for the compliment. This is my son." It will ensure that the person will not make the same mistake again.

Dear Annie: I was recently invited to a bridal shower for a friend of mine. The invitation was issued via telephone, and the caller said the shower was going to be held at a local restau-

I purchased a nice gift and was told at the restaurant to order whatever I wished off the menu. As soon as the bride left the room, the hostess announced loudly that everyone had to chip in \$45 to pay for the meal. I was surprised at being charged for attending a shower, but I passed along all the money I had on me, which turned out to be \$40. When the hostess loudly complained, "Someone didn't give me enough," the woman next to me was kind enough to loan me \$5.

Tell me, Annie, is this the way people throw bridal showers these days, or am I out of touch? — California Reader

Dear California: This wasn't a shower, it was a shakedown. Hostesses are responsible for all the costs of giving the shower, including the food. If they cannot spring for a lavish affair, they should have something more affordable and not expect the guests to foot the bill.

Dear Annie: I have been casually dating a wonderful man for about five months and truly care about him. "Lawrence" has made it clear that he doesn't want a serious relationship, however, and I can accept that.

Last night, I found out from a mutual friend that Lawrence was recently diagnosed with metastatic lymph node cancer. I am shocked. He has become slightly distant from me,

and I'm not sure what to do. He does not return my calls, and when I do get him on the phone, he is quiet, vague and sometimes rude. I know he has a lot on his mind. Lawrence has no family nearby, but he does have many friends, and I thought I was one of them.

I don't know if I should leave him alone or try harder to reach him. How can I be supportive without being pushy? -- Grieving in Kernsville, N.C.

Dear Grieving: Not everyone is comfortable disregardless of age, is the cussing a serious illness with friends. Also, Lawrence may not want you to see him in a debilitated state, or he may be worried that your relationship will resemble that of a caregiver and patient.

Phone Lawrence, and tell him you are aware of his diagnosis, that you care about him and would like to be a supportive friend. If he won't let you get any closer, try to respect his decision. Ask that mutual friend about sending cards, meals, books or other items so he knows you are thinking of him. Beyond that, it's his call.

Dear Annie: My mother has an extreme fear of flying. I live in Alaska, and although I visit Mom at least once a year, it's hard to convince her to come and see us up here. Mom often promises she'll come, and we start making plans, but within a month of her scheduled trip, the excuses begin and she cancels. This year, Mom promised to come for Christmas, but I knew better than to get my hopes up, and sure enough, she decided she couldn't make it after all.

Anxiety disorders, such as a fear of flying, are very treatable. Mom is a medical professional and knows this, but refuses to get help. She has tried some medications, but I think she needs counseling as well. I have an anxiety disorder, too. and therapy and medication helped me tremendously. It's hard for me to watch my mom let this problem keep her from the joys of being with her family. Should I tell my mom about my experience or just accept the situation? -- Missing Mom in Alaska

Dear Missing Mom: By all means, tell Mom how you took steps to overcome your anxiety disorder with counseling and medication. It may provide the underlying support she needs to get help. (The predisposition for some anxiety disorders, by the way, can be inherited.) Meanwhile, don't be too hard on her.

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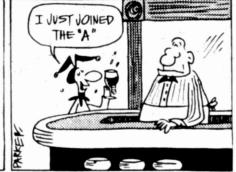


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People In the News

By The Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. Five former first ladies are expected to attend a Jan. 17 celebration for the 20th anniversary of the Betty Ford Center for drug and alcohol abuse.

Nancy Reagan, Rosalynn Carter, Barbara Bush and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton will join and honor Betty Ford at the black-tie event at the Hyatt Grand Champions resort in Indian Wells.

"People have told us that this many first ladies getting together is extraordinary. It speaks to their respect of Mrs. Ford," cen-President John Schwarzlose Wednesday.

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush will send videotaped remarks, he

Tickets cost \$1,000 for the private event, which will be closed to the news media.

CNN's Larry King is master of ceremonies with baritone Josh Groban as the featured performer.

Money raised at the event goes toward financial assistance for patients at the desert facility 110 miles east of Los Angeles.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) The Nashville radio station that broadcasts the "Grand Ole Opry" has dismissed at least seven employees, including its operations manager.

WSM-AM fired Opry announcer and operations manager Kyle Cantrell, a 20-year veteran who oversaw programming at the last 50,000-watt clear channel station that hasn't converted to news, talk or sports.

Spotlight' Star hosts Matthew Gillian and Johnny Koval also said they lost their jobs.

Gillian said he was stunned by the news after the positive feedback he had received from listeners. WSM's night signal reaches 38 states, and the station offers an Internet Webcast

"We really had something going with that show, Gillian told The Tennessean newspaper.

K.K. Wilson, a 12-year veteran who oversaw the station's Web site, said that WSM fired him, afternoon DJ Allen Dennis, assistant promotions director Trish Matthews and Cantrell assistant Carolyn Davis.

"I truly love the station," Cantrell said Tuesday. "My fondest dream was to be able someday to announce the 'Grand Ole Opry.' I did that.'

General manager John Padgett said Cantrell would be replaced, but didn't comment on the future of "Opry Star Spotlight.'



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