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Interested persons wishing to help with the After Prom Party for Big Spring High School students are invited to attend a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library, 707 E. 11th Place.

This year's party will be held on Saturday, May 17, following the high school prom and will feature casino night, a video game room, swimming and carnival games. For more information call Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

Meet superintendent

The public is invited to a reception for Michael Downes, the finalist for the Big Spring Independent District's superintendent position, on Friday, May 9, from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Big Spring High School library, 707 11th Place.

By the time of the reception, Downes will have been officially approved as the new superintendent.

BSISD trustees will meet at 3 p.m. Friday in the high school board room to officially approve Downes to the position.

The 42-year-old Downes has served as superintendent of the Bovina ISD.

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Police plan to stop LOUD music

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

If you're out "bassing" in a residential area, you might want to turn down the music or be ready to pay.

The Big Spring Police Department, in response to numerous complaints from citizens, has started taking an enhanced enforcement stance on disorderly conduct by noise or violation of the city ordinance noise complaint, according to Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

Drivers playing excessively loud music from their car stereo systems, either driving or parked, could be cited with a

"If our patrolmen are in their cars with the motor running and the windows are up — if they can hear or feel the music, then I consider that being excessively loud."



SMITH

Class C misdemeanor and face a fine of up to \$96.

What is "excessively loud" — enough to earn a ticket?

"If our patrolmen are in their cars with the motor running and

the windows are up — if they can hear or feel the music, then I consider that being excessively loud," Smith said.

Smith added he has instructed his officers to denote where and

how far away the potential offender is located before making the decision to issue a citation. Those caught in residential areas breaking the noise ordinance will more likely receive a citation than those found in more isolated areas.

Police began cracking down on loud music last week and have already issued about 10 citations. "We are listening to the public's complaints and we are trying to address the problem with the existing laws that we have," Smith said.

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



Coahoma Bulldogettes Michelle Walkeer (left) and Megan Walker display the No. 1 signal as they and teammates display their regional quarterfinal championship trophy following a 7-0 win over Alpine's Lady Bucks in Midland on Tuesday. See related story and photos, Page 1B.

No change

Local canvassing leaves Neugebauer, Conaway atop field

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Well it's official... At least in Howard and Martin counties.

Commissioners in the two counties have canvassed votes in the 19th Congressional District special election — Martin County commissioners Monday morning and Howard County officials Tuesday afternoon.

Neither county experienced any variances from the results announced Saturday night.

Howard County Clerk Donna Wright explained the canvassing procedure.

"The law just requires that you canvass the votes," she said. "That's just to make sure that your computer printouts match with the actual signatures on the poll list that come in with the ballot box. We just check the total number of signa-



NEUGEBAUER CONAWAY

tures on the poll list as opposed to the number of ballots that the computer counted at that precinct to make sure that those numbers are correct."

In Howard County, Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) was tops in the race to replace retiring Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock), boasting a hefty 31 percent of the total turnout while Mike Conaway (R-Midland) was second and Kaye Gaddy (D-Odessa) was third.

Howard County saw a total of 1,874 voters cast ballots, 10.74 percent of

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Police searching for driver in hit-and-run accident

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A hit-and-run accident Monday evening has left Big Spring police searching the city for a maroon Pontiac with damage to the left front of the vehi-

cle. The accident occurred after 5 p.m. at the corner of Birdwell and Third Street.

"A Chevrolet suburban was westbound on Third Street in the inside lane," said Big Spring Police

Sgt. Roger Sweatt, information officer. "The hit and run vehicle was also west bound in the middle lane. The vehicle made a left turn onto Birdwell and hit the suburban on the front, right and then fled the scene."

The driver of the Chevrolet, 42-year-old Joan Hipp, suffered incapacitating injuries and was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

According to Sweatt, the vehicle was last seen

heading south on Birdwell and the driver was described as possibly a black male. The driver could be face a felony charge of failing to stop and render aid.

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Retiring educators honored during banquet

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Standing in front of his colleagues one last time, Big Spring educator Milton Laird was able to say something he had probably wanted to express for a long, long time.

"After 31 years, I finally get out of junior high," quipped the retiring teacher.

Laird was one of 18 retiring Big Spring Independent School District personnel recognized for their years of service to the district and community at the hour-and-half long dinner held in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria Monday night.

"Words do not exist to tell you how envious I am of these people," BSISD Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal said before introducing the retirees. "These ladies and gentleman are retiring from one of the best school districts in the state of Texas."

"One of the reason that is, is because of their work throughout

the years."

Retirees recognized were: Santos Arguello, Linda Bennett, Shirley Burgess, Paula Cole, James Collinsworth, Susie Combs, Abraham Espinosa, Helen Hernandez, Edna James, Milton Laird, Laura Pollard, Jeane Reed, Mary Lou Salazar, Teresa Sanders, Loren Spencer, Claudia Stabenog and Mariann Williams.

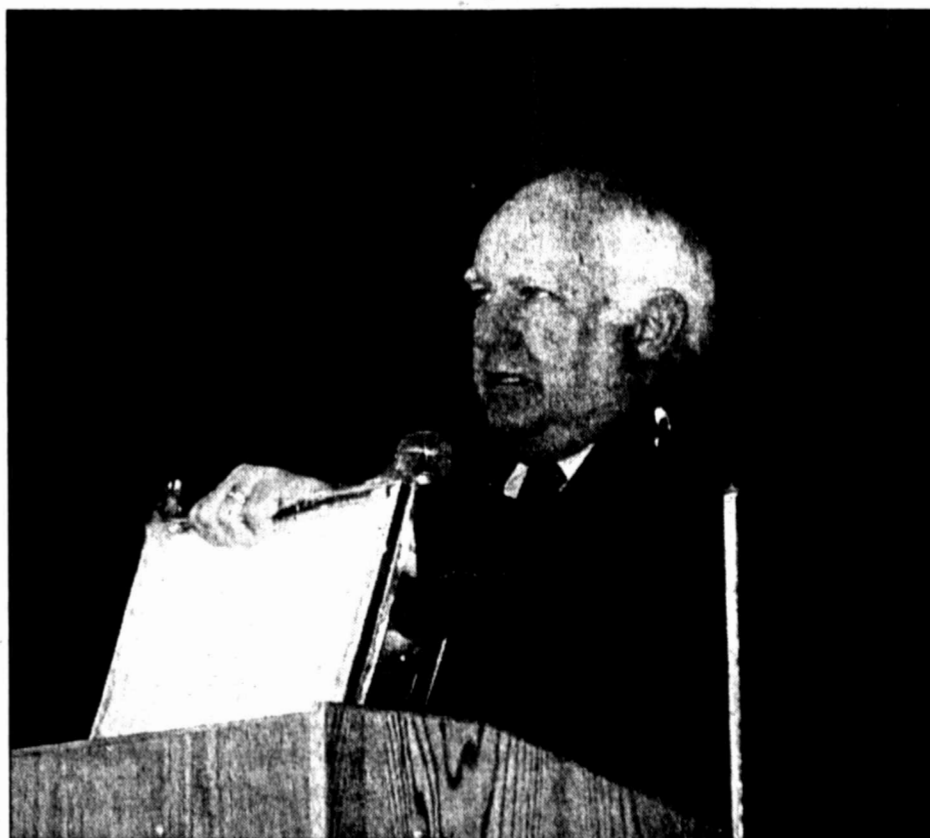
Also recognized Monday was retiring Superintendent Murray Murphy, who received a proclamation from Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen making Monday "Murray Murphy Day."

Outgoing trustees Frank Long and Terry Wegman were also honored during the evening.

Recipients of service awards were:

• 35-year pens: Karen Adams, Mary Lou Salazar and Loren Spencer.

• 30-year pens: Joy Burnsed, Judy Bynum, Andre Clark, Kathie McFarland, Jeannine



Retiring teacher Loren Spencer says his goodbyes during Monday night's Big Spring Independent School District employee awards banquet. Spencer was one of several retiring teachers recognized during the event.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Minnice Aaron Damron



Minnice Aaron Damron, 93, died on Monday, May 5, 2003, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

He had been a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ from its beginning.

Aaron was born on Feb. 1, 1910, in Midland to Minnie Godsey and Goldie Melton Damron, who had come from Montague County.

His first job was with the Highway Department, maintaining the road from Midland to Stanton using mule-drawn graders. He shoveled many a ton of gravel during that time.

The Highway Department transferred him to Pecos where he met his future wife, Ellen Lanehart. They were married on Sept. 28, 1931, in Carlsbad, N.M.

They had lived in Crane, where his father had ranching interests, until 1944 when they moved to Silver City, N.M. He hauled lumber for sawmill owner, Otto Fowler and drilled water wells.

Throughout his life he used baling wire to douse for water and never failed to find it. In August 1948, they moved to Big Spring and lived at 1608 Donley until 1998. He worked for his brother running a seismograph rig in Utah until he broke his neck in a car wreck. He then went to work for the city of Midland until he retired.

He and Ellen always combined camping and visiting relatives for their vacations. They spent their weekends at his place northwest of Midland where they worked many years improving the property.

When she died in 1999, he moved to the place to enjoy what time he had left tending his cattle, burros, miniature horses, chickens and guineas. He made pets of them all, as well as the numerous cottontails and road-runners around.

He loved youngsters - human and animal. No grandfather ever enjoyed his grandkids more than Aaron and no pets were ever more spoiled than his. His old burro, Maggie, now nearly 30-years-old, will surely wonder where her friend has gone.

Although his body began to fail two years ago, his mind and spirit remained unimpaired until his hospitalization Monday a week ago. He could not have stayed on his place as long as he did without the assistance of his friends, Lucia Nunez and Reyes Lara.

Aaron always had a teasing line for everyone and was generous to a fault with his family and friends. A hard worker all his life, he is now at rest.

Survivors include two sons, John R. "Tom" Damron and wife, Sue Ann, of Sand Springs and Jim Damron and wife, Carole, of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Duane Damron of Lubbock, Kim Tull and husband, Richie, of Dallas and Anne Witherspoon and husband, Jonathan, of Trophy Club; a sister, Doris Lanham of Midland; a cousin, Joyce Hooper of Midland and numerous other cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son, Dr. Bill Damron and two brothers, J. L. and R. L. Damron.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130-9411; the Permian Historical Society, U.T.P.B. 4901 East University Blvd., Odessa 79762; or to one's charity of choice.

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

Jashawn Donta Smith



Jashawn Donta Smith, 2, of Big Spring went to be with the Lord on May 3, 2003, at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston after a short illness.

A vigil was held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass was today, May 7, 2003, at 1 p.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Cubelo Felix, officiating. Burial was in Trinity Memorial park.

Jashawn was born on July 7, 2000, and He is survived by his mother, Michelle Bustamante and his father, Albert Smith Jr. both of Big Spring. Also his grandparents, Joe Manuel Bustamante and Nora Bustamante and Albert Smith Sr. and Fern Smith, all of Big Spring; great-grandparents, Olivia and Pascual Porras, Sr. of Big Spring; sisters, Paige Smith, Alexis Smith, Tranaesha Smith, Janeisha Smith; and brother, Damarkus Smith.

Jashawn captivated and brightened up everyone's heart that knew him. He was very loving with a very determined personality. He had big sweet brown eyes with a beautiful smile.

His life and ready to take it on! This is a devastating loss for his parents and all of the family and friends. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Pallbearers will be Wesley Porras and Justin Watson.

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

Weather

Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light northeast winds becoming south at 10 to 20 mph this afternoon.

Tonight - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday - Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Breezy with highs in the mid 90s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Irene Galaviz



Irene Galaviz Cuevas, 78, was born on Dec. 4, 1924, to Juan and Juana Galaviz. She passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2003, at Lubbock Covenant Medical Center from a sudden illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Juan and Juana Galaviz and brothers, Domingo Galaviz and Eusevio Galaviz.

Irene is survived by her husband, Juan Cuevas; sister, Victoria "Honey" Garcia of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter and son-in-law, Yolanda and John De La Garza of Big Spring; son and daughter-in-law, Robert "Buba" and Lily Ayala of Houston and Tony Galaviz of Big Spring; grandchildren, Andrea Ybarra and husband, Jerry of Leander, Tara Clinton and husband, Cameron of Big Spring, Paula Ybarra and husband, Albert of Phoenix, Ariz., Tony De La Garza of Big Spring, Brandi Barosh and husband, Nick of Katy, Tawanna Ayala, Jennifer Ayala and Alexandria Ayala, all of Houston, Billy Galaviz of Tyler, Annette Galaviz of Wisconsin, Pricilla Galaviz of Lubbock; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was a very caring and loving wife, mother and grandmother who always enjoyed visiting with family, friends and especially loved bingo.

Pallbearers will be Luis Parras, Gregorio Villa, Sammy Munoz, Agustine Paredez, Cameron Clinton and Jose Ybarra.

A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today, May 7, 2003 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plaines officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the Direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Myrle Mitchell

Graveside service for Myrle Mitchell, 74, of Lamesa, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 2003, at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa with the Rev. Robert Davis officiating. Mrs. Mitchell died on Monday, May 5, 2003, at a Lubbock hospital.

She is survived by her son, Jerry Mitchell of Coahoma.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Bronan Funeral Home in Lamesa.

Police blotter

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

- MARTHA MARTINEZ, 40, of 401 E. Eighth St. was arrested Tuesday on city warrants.
- TINA HILARIO, 27, of 1409 Bluebird was arrested Tuesday on city warrants.
- LINDSEY KEY LEE, 17, of 1310 Wood was arrested this morning on a charge of prohibited weapons and on city warrants.
- JUANITA BOWERS, 47, of 713 W. 16th St. was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant.
- WILLIAM RICHARD MERRICK IV, 19, of 1303 Johnson was arrested this morning on city warrants.
- LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER, 23, of 1808 Owens St. was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving with a suspended license.
- CURTIS CIMARRON PENDLETON, 21, of 810 Creighton was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant.
- JOSHUA JOHENRY PENDLETON, 19, of Fort Stockton was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant.
- EDWARD MARTINEZ, 17, of Lorilla was arrested this morning on city warrants.
- JOHN JAY FLORES, 31, of Odessa was arrested this morning on a charge of evading arrest by vehicle and on Ector and Howard county warrants.
- JULIO ROCHA, 26, of 3906 Hamilton was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.
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TODAY

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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

Eagles Lodge Aerie, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

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

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. Marcy Drive.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Friends of the Howard County Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main

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

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80, 263-2404.

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

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Neighbors and Newcomers Club, 268-9335.

FRIDAY
AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-9-11-20.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize: \$41,488.

Winning ticket sold in: Dallas.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-14-29-30. Bonus Ball: 23.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.

Prize: \$1 million.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$200,000.

McDon

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

As expected, council member incumbent took oaths of office at night at a special meeting of the City Council.

Gloria McDon over the reins in 4 after being u in her bid to incumbent Tom who decided not for re-election.

Also as expected council scheduled runoff election in the District between incumbent Garcia and W.A. "Woody" J. "It's different out than look McDonald said. it'll take some used to."

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the total 17,400 registered voters.

Howard County also decided to a polling place — in Coahoma — a yet unscheduled election Neugebauer Conaway.

"We've had a lot of comments that would really like a voting box or and there are a lot of people in that area," said. "So for this the runoff, we'll have a box at Coahoma, Salem and Sand Springs — as well as the Coahoma — Coahoma to vote on that day."

Wright said 207, 405, 407, 409.

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- Clarinda Wright
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- Boling,
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McDonald takes seat on council, runoff set for May 31

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

As expected, one new council member and one incumbent took their oaths of office Tuesday night at a special called meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

Gloria McDonald took over the reins in District 4 after being unopposed in her bid to replace incumbent Tommy Tune, who decided not to run for re-election.

Also as expected, the council scheduled a runoff election for May 31 in the District 2 race between incumbent Oscar Garcia and challenger W.A. "Woody" Jumper. "It's different looking out than looking up," McDonald said. "I'm sure it'll take some getting used to."

McDonald is jumping onto the council at a critical juncture — budget time. Several budget workshops have already been scheduled.

"It seems like we've already got our agenda for the budget," McDonald said. "They've given me two books about six inches thick, so I guess I'll be doing some reading."

The newly-elected councilwoman had little to say about the fact that her presence on the council gives Big Spring's governing body a female majority.

"It's been a majority of men up to this point and they've done a good job, and I expect that women can take over and follow suit," she said.

Mayor Russ McEwen said he looks forward to

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working with the new addition to the council.

"She's a great person," he said. "She's a person that I know is going to be responsive to the citizens of Big Spring and she's a tireless worker. She doesn't burn

out. Anywhere you go that has something civic going on, Gloria is there. I think she's going to be a great addition to the city council."

District 6 councilman Greg Biddison was re-elected, defeating challengers Ronnie

Carter and Frances Billalba-McKiski. Biddison avoided a runoff by claiming 130 of the 181 total votes cast in the race. Carter edged Billalba-McKiski 26 to 25.

Garcia and Jumper will face each other in the runoff election since neither candidate captured a clear majority of the total vote. Jumper, the lead vote-getter, drew in 50 ballots, while Garcia took 31. Manuel Ramirez Jr. missed the runoff by a mere three votes by amassing 28, while Elias Gamboa Jr. pulled in 14.

In order to avoid a runoff, one candidate would have had to receive at least 50 percent of the total ballots, or 62 in that race.

Early voting in the city runoff election will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

weekdays from May 14-27 at the city secretary's office at City Hall.

McEwen said he was disappointed in the low voter turnout.

"It's the same thing we talk about over and over and over again. We talk about turnout, and I don't know what the answer is except to plead with people to get out and vote," the mayor said. "It's the most important thing you can do, and it's strange because there seems to be a great deal of concern about the votes on city council, commissioners' court, school board — and yet the turnout for these elections, I consider to be ridiculously low."

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the total 17,482 registered voters.

Howard County officials also decided to add a fifth polling place — this one in Coahoma — for the as yet unscheduled runoff election between Neugebauer and Conway.

"We've had a lot of comments that Coahoma would really like to have a voting box out there, and there are a lot of people in that area," Wright said. "So for this election, the runoff, we'll have a box at Coahoma. Vincent, Salem and Sand Springs — as well as the residents of Coahoma — will go to Coahoma to vote on election day."

Wright said precincts 207, 405, 407, 408 and 409

will vote in Coahoma.

She still has to verify that the actual locations will be available before announcing the polling places, Wright said.

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart said he was disappointed in the county's voter turnout in such an important election.

"Of course in the runoff we can have a chance to help decide who will be the representative, and it would really be nice if we had a large turnout," he said, adding that confusion stemming from the large number of candidates might have cowed people from voting.

"That could be," he said. "You know, we had 17 candidates and it could have been that they just didn't know who they wanted and didn't vote."

The bumper crop of candidates in the race may

have contributed to another disturbing trend — overvotes.

Sixty-four people, more than 3 percent of the total turnout, marked a vote for more than one candidate on their ballots. Several commissioners speculated at the meeting that voters may have mistakenly thought that, since there were so many candidates, they could choose more than one to support.

A representative in the Howard County Clerk's Office said voters who accidentally mark too many choices can request another ballot from the election clerk. The incorrect ballot will be voided and a new one will be issued. Clerks may issue each voter three ballots in this way.

Conaway took Martin County with 167 total

votes, or about 35 percent of the total turnout.

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Jashawa Donta Smith, 2, died Saturday. Funeral services are 1:00 PM, Wednesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.
Irene Galaviz Cuevas, 78, died Sunday. Vigil services are 7:30 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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• 20-year pens: Mary Balderach, Barbara Ball, Tom Brewer, Flo Carnahan, Sarah Corse, Sally Grove, Bessie Lara, Janie Shivers, Molly Smith, Judy Terletsky, Henry Vierra and Earlene Williams.

• 15-year pens: Don Boling, Carla Collinsworth, Janie

Conley, Abel Cruz, Betty Downey, Brenda Gainey, Domingo Guerra, Joy Horn, Linda Long, Ricky Long, Leah Petersen, Vickie Riddle, Maria Rodriguez, Tim Tannehill, Barbara Tarpley, Mary Ann Terrazas, Isabel Villarreal, Rey Villarreal, Mary Wallace and Dennis Witt.

• 10-year pens: Alvina Aguello, Dan Aritsa, Bill

Black, Paula Cole, Kay Cook, Gloria Diaz, Pamala Estep, Deborah Foster, Joe Martinez, Margie Martinez, Gary Pierce, Wayland Pierce, Sarah Robles, Tammy Shults, Dennis Smiley, Karen Thibeault and Jack Tonn.

Kim Willems and Karen Sneed accepted the 10-year pen on behalf of the late Helen Jones, who died on April 28.

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OUR VIEWS

Be a part of
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this weekend

One more time... The place to be in Big Spring next weekend will be Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus — the site for the annual Relay for Life event staged by the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The stadium's football field will be transformed into a huge, colorful campground as runners and walkers take to the track for the 24-hour fund-raiser.

A total of 77 teams are expected to take part in the event, which means there will be literally hundreds of participants involved in the community-wide campout.

Organizers will open the event Friday evening with a brief ceremony and the "Survivor's Lap" in which anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer can participate. Cancer survivors, from young children to senior citizens, are scheduled to participate in the special lap this year.

The Relay for Life then gets under way with a walker or runner from each team beginning to circle the track. Look, too, for a group of rockers. They won't have guitars and microphones though; they'll keep rocking chairs going as an alternative method for those participants who find it difficult or impossible to maneuver the track.

The teams will continue the relay through mid Saturday afternoon.

Entertainment, food and games are planned throughout the event and many of the teams will be selling food as additional on-site fund-raisers.

Just after dark on Friday, another of the event's emotional moments will come when luminaria are lit circling the track. These are purchased in memory of loved ones.

We encourage each of our readers to become a part of this worthwhile effort which now annually tops the state and finishes among the top 10 in the nation for fund-raising among communities of similar size.

Let's continue that tradition. Be a part of it Friday and Saturday at Blankenship Field. You'll be glad you did.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, thank you for your caring compassion for us.

Amen

Memories from Dialville High School

Clarence Trotter runs a produce store between Rusk and Jacksonville. He grew up on a farm and loved it. When he finished school he went to work for a tire manufacturing company in Tyler. He missed the outdoors, so he quit his job and started growing fruits and vegetables on 75 acres of land. He furnished produce to some of the largest stores in East Texas.

"I get a lot of customers driving between Dallas and Houston," says Clarence. "Some of them have been stopping at my place for years. They tell me I have the best fruit and vegetables they've ever eaten."

He specializes in home-grown peaches, plums and grapes. His store is open from 9 AM to 6 PM every day. He's looking forward to a good sweet potato crop this year. They're grown around Golden, near Mineola. "I've been buying them from the same man for thirty years."

He grew up at Dialville, about five

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miles from his store. A big swimming hole near there was called The Plunge.

"They had a big dance hall up there. They had a tire with a cable on it and you could slide down that cable into the water. It was fixed up real nice. They had the shallow parts cemented. Then on further out it was about thirty feet deep. Me and an old boy they called Tater Bug Sides used to swim down to the bottom and bring up mud. We were the only ones who could do it."

Clarence's first swimming lesson was when he was in an inner tube and some of his friends dumped him into the water. "I made it to shore OK."

Since then, I've been able to swim. I used to go down to the river, feel in those hollow logs and catch catfish with my hands. One weighed forty-six pounds."

He caught an alligator once. "It was seven feet long. And I put him in the boat, too. I brought him to Rusk and kept him for several months."

He got to bothering people. I'd keep him tied to a tree, but at night he'd get out and walk across people's porches they had just painted. Then he'd try to get into

their chicken houses. I finally gave him away. Ran an ad in the paper for a free alligator. Somebody came and got it."

He graduated from Dialville High School in 1956. Twelve students were in the graduating class. "We took half the seats out of the school bus, put some mattresses back there and went to Florida. Stayed gone three weeks. Only eight of us went. Four didn't go."

We had little plays and cake walks to pay for the trip. We made lots of money.

"Our superintendent and his wife went with us. He drove the bus. On the way to Florida we went to New Orleans and stayed three days there, then went on down to Florida and went all over. Rented beach houses and motels. While we were on the road, those three or four mattresses were real comfortable. When we wanted to take a nap, we just laid down and went to sleep."

"We came back through George and Alabama, on into Arkansas. We spent our last night in Henderson. It was just thirty miles from home, but we still had spending money and wanted to spend it. We had lots of fun on our senior trip."

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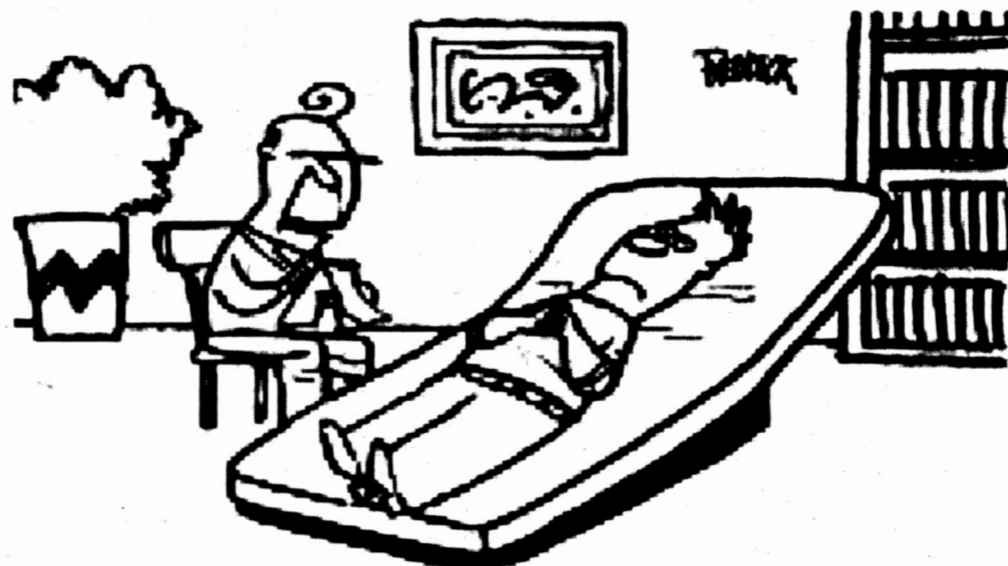
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"You'll be pleased to know that this session is free of charge. Mr. Wagstrom. The notes I took in our last session about your paranoid delusions that others simply want to profit off of you went for 200 bucks on eBay."

Senator Frist's unhappy Easter

Travelling through the Orient on his Easter recess, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist cannot be enjoying himself if he appreciates the intensity of two Republican critics back in Washington: freshman Sen. Lindsey Graham and House Majority Whip Roy Blunt.

They are angrier than they admit on the record about Frist's performance just before Congress took its break. He not only accepted an unacceptable limit on President Bush's tax cut but kept it secret while hurrying out of town two weekends ago. Graham and Blunt make clear to colleagues that this is a major transgression that must be corrected and cannot be repeated.

Graham was elected to the Senate from South Carolina only last November, but his reputation in the House should give Frist pause. He led the attempted 1997 coup against then House Speaker Newt Gingrich that failed but fatally weakened him. Blunt's criticism might be even more unsettling for Frist. The low-key Blunt is a party regular who normally would not consider criticizing a fellow Republican leader, especially a senator.

On Thursday, April 10, Frist met in the office of House Speaker Dennis Hastert. The House had trimmed the president's proposed 10-year tax cut of \$726 billion to \$550 billion, and Hastert vowed he

would stick with that figure. Frist indicated he, too, would do his best to stay at that level.

Frist then walked back to the Senate to meet with two rebellious Republican senators, George Voinovich and Olympia Snowe, and the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Charles Grassley. Voinovich and Snowe said they would not vote for the pending budget resolution without a pledge that the final tax cut approved later this year would not exceed \$350 billion. Grassley, who will be in the Senate-House tax bill conference, agreed to that demand.

Incredibly, Frist went along. Doubly incredibly, he did not notify the White House, House GOP leaders or even members of his own Senate leadership. Nobody was informed until Grassley went to the Senate floor the next day, as Congress was about to recess, to reveal the deal. "At the end of the day," Grassley declared, "the tax cut side of the growth package will not exceed \$350 billion." Don Nickles, who as the new Senate Budget Committee chairman was obsessed with passing a budget resolution, vigorously endorsed the limit.

When the word seeped out about the Senate commitment, Hastert and other House Republicans were furious and complained Frist had betrayed them. Frist's colleagues in the Republican leadership — Majority Whip Mitch McConnell and Conference Chairman Rick Santorum — were nearly as unhappy. Frist did not diminish the animosity when he skipped a bicameral meeting of GOP leaders Saturday, April 12, though he

could have made it before leaving for Asia.

Frist was informed via trans-Pacific telephone of the havoc left behind, and issued a statement asserting that "I should have immediately passed on to the House leadership" the Senate deal. The majority leader added, in an early version dispatched by e-mail, that "not doing so created confusion" (though this was omitted from the final version). He pledged to still seek "the biggest growth package in line with the president's request," though how this is possible in view of the \$350 billion pledge is unclear.

Frist had better figure it out, however, or face big trouble in the Senate. "They got Olympia Snowe, but they lost Lindsey Graham," was Graham's comment to colleagues. "I don't feel bound by this deal," Graham told me. "I'm not going to vote for this. We'll have a (tax) bill that meets the president's specification, or we'll have no bill at all." He added, "Conservatives can control spending and cut taxes. If we don't, we are drifting." The feisty South Carolinian made clear that Frist is no Gingrich, but that this fiasco cannot be repeated.

House Republican leaders blame old hands like Grassley and Nickles rather than the inexperienced Frist, who was frantic to pass a budget resolution and to start the Easter recess promptly. "We have three or four weeks to solve this problem," Blunt told me. That means putting on the president's desk a tax cut around \$500 billion. If he does not undo what he did April 10, Bill Frist will be in real trouble.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In my experience I have noticed a difference in people. There are people you meet on the street, in the grocery store or the doctor's office. There are casual acquaintances such as neighbors or co-workers. There are even closer folks with whom you go to church or see at an occasional function of some kind. But then, there are those people who become close to you. The kind of people who possess qualities that seem to outshine and overshadow all other relationships. These are the people that you and I call true friends.

You know, the ones who really care and go out of their way to express their commitment and loyalty to you. These people don't just talk a good game and give lip service to your relationship. They are there when things are going well and their sharing in your happiness seems to somehow make it more complete.

They are there when you fall on hard times and struggle. Backing up their commitment to your friendship with love and prayers and every resource at their disposal.

These are the kinds of friends that are extremely rare and hard to find. I dare say that a person would be unusually blessed just to find this kind of friendship in an entire lifetime.

I have written all of this just to let you know that I have been so blessed. And this blessing of friendship comes from a couple in Big Spring whom I am proud to call true friends.

Our association began back in 1995 when my wife, Janie, and I moved to Big Spring in answer to a call in bivocational ministry and I found myself selling furniture to make a living.

These friends not only generously put me to work but gave me ample time off for anything that concerned the work of the ministry. Weddings, funerals, music to nursing homes, hospital visits, etc. In fact, when an opportunity arose for my wife and I to take a 30-day mission trip across America, these friends

not only allowed the time off which dramatically increased their burden but kept my income the same through the entire time. It simply would not have been possible without them.

Even now, as we pastor a small country church in northeastern Oklahoma, this ministry would not be possible without them. The love, commitment, encouragement and help from these true friends has created a debt of gratitude that will be impossible for us to ever repay.

These hard to find qualities are not only expressed on a personal level but are quite evident in their business ethics, customer service and commitment to the Big Spring community as a whole.

Yes, I am truly blessed! Blessed with true friends like Allan and Margie Johnson.

JIM POPE
ALLUWE CHURCH OF GOD
ALLUWE, OKLA.

To the Editor:

As a volunteer for Big Spring, I notice and appreciate those who spend their precious time working for our city and its events. As a prior member of the medical community, I have witnessed doctors such as Hall, Cowper, Malone, Hogan and Marcum often serving their community and many others I can't recall at this time. Of course, Dr. Thomas was always there to help the Boy Scouts.

Several days ago, on my way to Wal-mart, there was group of people standing in the median collecting money for the Relay For Life. One of those people was the chief of staff at the VA Medical Center. I am sure he had other things more pressing and probably more interesting than standing out in the hot sun with a can collecting change. Not only was he involved that day but his involvement is noticed in the many other fund raising activities for Relay For Life and other civic projects.

On another note, there is another professional that gives a great deal of his time also for the

Relay For Life. You can mostly find him behind the scenes during the months before the Relay but if you were on the track at the Relay event in the early morning hours, you would find this person walking for his team and doing his part.

I'm sure these two individuals are not the only ones, but I would like to say "thank you" to both Drs. Powell and Farquhar for the support they give to their community and their employees. It does not go unnoticed. As I said, both of these men surely have something that would be more fun to do with their precious time, but they choose to serve. I salute them and thank them for making a difference in Big Spring.

GLORIA McDONALD
BIG SPRING

To the Editor:

In 1989, I had the opportunity of leading a Rotary Group Study exchange team to promote international understanding and goodwill among the people of the world, as a function of the Rotary Foundation. Our team to Belgium included two members of that team from Big Spring, Dr. Alice Haynes and Denise Crenwelge (now married to a Belgium dentist).

While in Belgium for some five weeks, we were hosted in the homes of Rotarians in the different towns. One of our host families was Jean Paul de Vidts, his wife, Marianne, and daughters Kim and Kati. Later the family came to Big Spring and traveled Texas. During the years we have established a very close bond.

Jean Paul just sent an e-mail from Belgium which thought you might like to see:

"The latest days, through the local and international media, it appears that more and more 'Europeans' seem eager to show (as loudly as possible) how much they are against the war against your president Bush. So I hereby absolutely want to let you know that there are people in Belgium who have

another opinion and who support the American intervention. I wish I could apologize for each and every fellow-Belgium who suddenly start to behave like pacifists without knowing exactly what they are talking about. I really wonder where all this 'suddenly devoted' people get their 'peaceful information' and especially why they loudly condemn Bush and only Bush for the present war situation. Nobody here seems to talk or remember Sept. 11 (I still remember how afraid I was that something could happen to Kim (his daughter) in Honolulu). I do not consider Bush to be a saint, but in my humble personal opinion, he is actually the only one to do something in order to protect the Western collective security and lifestyle by trying to put down a criminal aggressor and I am grateful for that.

Of course, we also watch the horrible pictures on television and hope that peace will come soon for all parties. I observe Kim who is especially worried for one of her American friends, Tiffany (they graduated together at University of Hawaii). Several times a day they contact each other via email and telephone. Tiffany lives in California with her mother, since she expects her first baby soon and her husband in somewhere in Iraq. I feel so sorry for this young couple and I imagine there must be thousands of such heartbreaking situations.

Since we see no reason to hide our opinion and sympathy for the U.S., you can imagine that our family sometimes feels a bit isolated in this little complicated country, called Belgium. We are proud to support the United States and your president.

/s/ Jean Paul de Vidts'

One of the sights we visited while in Belgium was the Memorial the Belgians had erected in memory of the Americans who died at the Battle of the Bulge. It

is a huge monument, some 150 feet in diameter and about two stories tall made of stone. We wept when our hosts expressed their gratitude for the

Americans that had saved their country in two world wars.

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Shirley

By VALERIE AVER
Special to the Herald

Longtime Big Spring State Hospital volunteer Shirley Bodin was the Jack Y. Smith recipient Thursday's Volunteer Services Council recognition and luncheon. The prestigious Smith Award was presented by Smith Steve, and is given annually to a volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary service during her tenure. Smith a longtime hospital volunteer who was instrumental in advancing volunteer services. He is chairman of the Volunteer Council and a member of the local council. Howard College professor and motivational speaker Terri DeWahl was the keynote speaker at the annual awards luncheon. "Volunteers are the backbone of America." The luncheon was held in conjunction with the...

Senate

By NATALIE GOTT
Associated Press Wire

AUSTIN — The Texas school funding plan that pays for education through increased and estate sales tax, despite resistance in the House. The bill and constitutional amendment approved by the Senate would replace the current share-the-pain system, common to Texas, with a Robin Hood, that heavily on local taxes. Supporters proposed new...

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GOP senators plan dividend tax cut; Bush likes progress, but wants more

By MARY DALRYMPLE
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON — Republican tax writers in the Senate included a dividend tax cut in the first draft of their legislation, putting it a step closer to President Bush's outline for economic growth. Bush welcomed what he called "some progress" in Congress but argued for more.

"We need aggressive action out of the United States Congress right now," Bush told a business audience, reiterating his argument for complete elimination of taxes on stock dividends.

Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, inserted a three-year version of the president's tax proposal to eliminate dividend taxes into his bill as a placeholder. In Grassley's version, taxes on dividends are eliminated for one year in 2005. The tax is reduced in 2003 and 2004.

Republicans will have until Thursday's committee debate to rewrite the idea to make it fit in their \$350 billion tax cut.

Bush has pressed for a larger tax cut along the lines of the \$550 billion level approved by the House, but did not specifically mention that level in a morning speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"We've got to do more. And that's the message I want you to take to the halls of the United States

Congress," he told the chamber. Of recent efforts in both the House and the Senate to find some common ground, Bush said, "We've seen some progress...and that's good news. Both parties recognize that tax relief helps create jobs."

The House Ways and Means Committee debates its tax bill Tuesday, including a modified version of the dividend tax cut that gives tax benefits to a broader range of investors.

Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., opted to consider dividends in the same category as capital gains, which are taxed at a lower rate than dividend income. He wants to reduce taxes on both types of investment income to 15 percent, and 5 percent for low-income individuals.

Shareholders currently pay the same tax on dividends as earned income at rates as high as 38.6 percent. The new tax system will absorb \$277 billion of \$550 billion in tax cuts through the next decade. Democrats plan to make the dividend and capital gains policy the target of amendments to aim more of the benefits to middle-income taxpayers.

The remainder of the package would give individuals and families a \$235 billion tax cut through 2013, reducing income tax rates beginning retroactively at Jan. 1 to accelerate changes

already planned for later this decade. It would also increase other tax breaks for three years, raising the \$600 child credit to \$1,000 and expanding deductions for married couples and preventing 10 million people from being forced to pay the alternative minimum tax.

The package allows small businesses to write off \$100,000 of investment from 2003 through 2007.

Senate Republicans, who control the chamber by the narrowest of margins, are under intense pressure to back the president and reduce taxes on dividends.

Bush set forth a \$400 billion plan to cut the dividend tax, the centerpiece of his economic plan. The Senate limited its entire tax cut to \$350 billion over the next decade and has struggled to combine a dividend tax cut with more popular plans to accelerate income tax rate reduction, boost the child credit and expand the standard deduction for some married couples.

Senate Republicans cannot fit the president's \$400 billion dividend plan in their smaller tax budget. Even taking into account items that will offset the cost of tax cuts exceeding \$350 billion Republican aides estimate they have a \$70 billion budget for a dividends tax cut.

Conservative Republicans want to reduce taxes on dividends to zero, even if it means gradually phasing in the

policy and then letting it expire two or three years later. Senate vote counters say that approach may not have enough support to survive committee debate.

Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine, a moderate Republican who holds a key vote in committee and floor deliberations, favors letting taxpayers exclude \$1,500 of dividend income from taxation. She called the approach that phases in and then terminates the tax cut a gimmick that masks the policy's true cost.

Senate Republicans disagree over using the bill to give some relief to cash-strapped states. Snowe and Gordon Smith, R-Ore., want to give states \$20 billion, half devoted to Medicaid.

Democrats want to give state and local governments \$40 billion, according to sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Democratic proposal will include a one-time tax cut of \$300 per child for up to two children in a family, as well as a one-time tax credit per worker of \$300, these officials said.

The child tax credit, currently set at \$600, would rise to \$700 in 2003 and \$800 in 2004. Other elements of the plan provide relief from the so-called marriage penalty, both for low-wage earners and for couples that use the standard deduction to calculate their taxes.

Senate gives OK to clean air bill

By NATALIE GOTT
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Texans during the past year as much as \$20 more in fees to help the state comply with federal clean air standards under a bill passed by the state Senate.

The bill by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, combined with current funding, would raise about \$642 million over the next four years for the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan, which targets diesel emissions.

Lawmakers are under pressure to fund the program because it is needed to help the Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth regions comply with federal clean air laws.

If those areas don't comply, the EPA would come up with its own plan for cleaning Texas' air and the state could lose hundreds of millions of dollars in federal highway money.

"If we don't address this problem, this will shut the state of Texas down," Harris said.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also issued a warning that the bill was necessary.

Without the funds to improve air quality, "we could find ourselves in an Armageddon situation as we lose potentially billions of dollars of highway funding and stop construction of our highways, which are absolutely necessary to

our commerce and to our quality of life," Dewhurst said.

The money for the program would be raised by increasing some fees.

Under the bill, the current \$13 vehicle title transfer fee would increase to \$33 in areas of the state that are not in compliance with federal clean air standards, such as Harris or Dallas counties, or those that are close to not being in compliance. The fee would increase to \$25 for the rest of the state.

The bill also would increase the surcharge on the sale or lease of off-road, heavy duty diesel equipment from 1 percent to 2 percent.

The bill decreases the surcharge on the sale or lease of some on-road diesel motor equipment from 2.5 percent to 2 percent, but the surcharge would be expanded to newer vehicles.

Combined with current funding, Harris' legislation is expected to raise on average \$160 million a year through 2007.

Harris said the legislation is important not only because of the funding the state could lose without it, but he also said if the bill is not approved the federal government could dictate when construction work could be done, when certain types of vehicles could be driven and when people could mow their yards in the Dallas and Houston regions.

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Shirley Bodin selected as BSSH's top volunteer

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald

Longtime Big Spring State Hospital volunteer Shirley Bodin was named the Jack Y. Smith Award recipient during Thursday's Volunteer Services Council's yearly recognition and thank you luncheon.

The prestigious Jack Y. Smith Award was presented by Smith's son, Steve, and is given annually to a volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary service during his or her tenure. Smith was a longtime hospital volunteer who was instrumental in advancing volunteer services. He served as chairman of the state's Volunteer Services Council and as treasurer of the local council.

Howard College professor and motivational speaker Terri Davis was the keynote speaker at the annual awards luncheon — "Volunteers...Caring and Sharing the Spirit of America." The luncheon was held in conjunction

with National Volunteer Week.

More than 110 volunteers worked nearly 10,500 hours last year to benefit the patients at Big Spring State Hospital on fundraisers, day-to-day operations and special events.

Through their efforts, they have raised or worked hours equaling more than \$99,000.

Bodin has worked 1,891 hours in the past seven years and holds many important responsibilities. Community Relations Director Billie Russworm said, "She does so much, it's almost impossible to list all of her contributions."

"As a retired nurse, she involves herself in many patient activities and helps with all of our clerical work. She also is responsible for keeping the patient's clothing shop stocked with grooming supplies. Shirley serves on many important committees and helps with every fund-raiser down the pike. "She does it all."

Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon presented special pins to volunteers who have volunteered for a number of hours ranging from 100 to more than 21,000. Longtime volunteer Murlene Williams was recognized for volunteering 21,667 hours in a career that has lasted more than 30 years.

Two Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation "Star Awards" — one of the highest awards presented by the TDMHMR system — also were presented to Williams and Howard College. Williams won an individual Star Award and the students, who have provided outstanding service and contributed to special projects received a Group Star Award.

Suzanne Markwell was recognized as the Region I Volunteer of the Year. Markwell was selected from among volunteers at all the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation centers,

schools and hospitals in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Volunteer Judy Jarmes was honored as the Rookie of the Year. CEO Moughon earned CEO of the Year for his encouragement and hospital leadership to the volunteer council.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 173-bed psychiatric hospital serving people in a 79-county area in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

The following people received awards for their volunteer service:

- 100 Hour Pins: Terry Brooks 282, Judy Jarmes 204, Linda Nanny 101.
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Senators approve legislation revamping school finance

By NATALIE GOTT
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Senate on Tuesday approved legislation that revamps Texas' school funding system, moving ahead with a plan that pays for public education through an increased and expanded state sales tax and a statewide property tax despite resistance from the House.

The bill and proposed constitutional amendment approved by the Senate would replace the current share-the-wealth system, commonly called Robin Hood, that relies heavily on local property taxes. Supporters say the proposed new system

would cut property taxes in half.

The plan requires voter approval.

"This is fabulous," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said after the vote. "This lowers our local property tax, puts more funding into public education, improves the equity and is a step forward that I think all Texans want."

In approving the legislation, the Senate substituted its measure for one that the House has approved. The bill now goes back to the House, but it was unclear whether the House will consider it because the Senate and the House have been at odds on the issue.

The House measure would repeal Robin Hood in 2004 and give schools an additional \$1.2 billion in funding while lawmakers draft a new financing system. That bill offers no alternative plan.

House Speaker Tom Craddick last week was critical of the speed in which Senate was moving ahead on the Senate plan.

In a written statement, Craddick said the House would not do anything with a "gun to our heads" and said he had several questions about the bill.

Dewhurst responded to Craddick's comments in a letter Tuesday, saying the Senate has been working on school funding reform all year and the plan has

been under consideration by senators for months.

He also said the House, itself, has taken quick action this session, pointing to an "enormously complicated" lawsuit reform bill that Dewhurst noted came to the House floor "only four weeks after it was filed."

"It took the House only 27 days to engross the bill after it passed out of committee," Dewhurst wrote.

The school finance bill the Senate approved would increase the 6.25 percent state sales tax to 7.25 percent and expand it to include services such as advertising and child care. Medical and dental services would be excluded.

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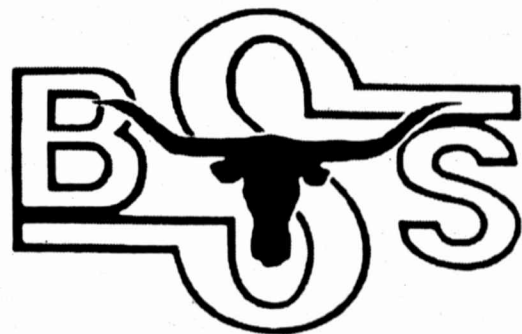


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DALLAS (AP) — Webber dribbled the ball, missed the shot, missed the rebound and put the ball back on the floor. Then came a stretch of five baskets, one for Sacramento starter.

The Kings were only six minutes into the game and the Kings were already in high gear. Webber scored 13 points in the first quarter, helping Sacramento lead by 12 at halftime. The Kings led by 20 in the third and eventually settled for a 113 victory over Dallas Mavericks Game 1 of their second round series Tuesday night.

"They put on a clinic," Dallas guard Steve Nash said. "They were extremely focused and got everything they wanted." Webber certainly lived up to his billing. After backing Eduardo Najera, Sacramento's first pick, Webber capped a 2 run by dunking. Shawn Bradley made the Kings look like they were warming up, and they seemed only warming up. They'd be rusty after a day layoff.

Webber's early success ended when he fell away past Brad Miller the foul line and uncontested putting Sacramento 13-0. Webber's Stojakovic sat through 5:08 of the second quarter, but the Kings stretched their lead. "We knew exactly what we needed to do," center Vlade Divac had 14 points in the first half. "It was beautiful," Webber impressed.

"We made some mistakes tonight," Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We can play every night." In the other Tuesday night game, the Philadelphia 76ers beat the opener of an NBA Conference semifinals. The other Eastern Conference semifinals resumes Wednesday night with Boston Celtics, which opened in the three-time NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers are in San Antonio, which led the series 1-0.

The Kings shot 50 percent, going 9-for-18 from the field. Peja Stojakovic had 26 points and 10 rebounds and Steve Nash, the NBA's MVP, had 15 points and 10 assists.

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Kings humble Mavs in Game 1

DALLAS (AP) — Chris Webber dribbled to the basket, missed, grabbed the rebound and put back a layup. It was that easy.

Then came a stretch of five baskets, one for each Sacramento starter.

The Western Conference semifinals were only six minutes old and the Kings were already in high gear.

Webber scored 13 of his 24 in the first quarter, helping Sacramento go up by 12 at halftime. The Kings led by 20 early in third and eventually 28 before settling for a 124-113 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 of their second-round series Tuesday night.

"They put on a clinic," Dallas guard Steve Nash said. "They were extremely focused and got what ever they wanted."

Webber certainly did.

After backing down Eduardo Najera on Sacramento's first possession, Webber capped a 15-2 run by dunking over Shawn Bradley. That made the Kings 9-for-14 and they seemed to be only warming up. So much for the notion they'd be rusty after a six-day layoff.

Webber's early burst ended when he faked his way past Bradley near the foul line and made an uncontested dunk, putting Sacramento up 13.

Webber and Stojakovic sat the first 5:08 of the second quarter, but the Kings still stretched their lead to 14.

"We knew exactly what we needed to do," said center Vlade Divac, who had 14 points in 15 minutes. "It was beautiful."

Webber wasn't impressed.

"We made some mistakes tonight," he said. "We can play even better."

In the other game Tuesday night, Detroit beat Philadelphia 98-87 in the opener of an Eastern Conference semifinal.

The other East series resumes Wednesday night with Boston at New Jersey, which won the opener. In the West, the three-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers are at San Antonio, which leads the series 1-0.

The Kings shot 55 percent, going 9-for-21 on 3-pointers. Peja Stojakovic had 26 points and nine rebounds and Bobby Jackson, the NBA's top

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Class 2A State Softball Playoffs

The Bucks Stop Here



Coahoma's Tawna Jacobs slaps a single to center to open a 4-run second-inning barrage. Coahoma routed Alpine by a 7-0 margin Tuesday in Midland to win the Class 2A regional quarterfinals honors. They will now face Eastland in the regional semifinals.

Coahoma advances to regional semifinals with romp over Alpine

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — On most days, Michelle Walker stands in the outfield daydreaming of the hottest gossip, boys and homework to help pass the time. On other days, working on a tan is the best option to avoid boredom. Such is the life of an outfielder.

Still, she truly believes diamonds are a girls' best friend. Softball diamonds, that is.

Walker didn't mind waiting in the outfield in the least Tuesday afternoon as Sarah Dunn and Tawna Jacobs helped carry the Coahoma Bulldogettes to a 7-0 whitewashing of the Alpine Lady Bucks in a Class 2A regional quarterfinals matchup at Midland Lee's Lady Rebel Field. It, after all, did move her one step closer to a return to the state softball tournament.

"We did what we had to do to win tonight," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "Our intensity was there the whole game. Now we move on and that's what is important."

With the victory, the Bulldogettes move to within two games of qualifying for their sixth trip to the state softball tournament in the past 10 years. Coahoma, 17-12-3, is tentatively slated to meet the Eastland



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Coahoma sophomore Liz Conley holds up at second base during a 4-run second-inning outburst.

Lady Mavericks next Thursday at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field. Eastland defeated Holliday by a 5-3 margin Tuesday.

Dunn turned in a stellar outing against Alpine. The freshman

fanned 10 batters and allowed just two hits over seven innings en route to claiming her second career postseason victory.

Dunn was quick to pass the praise to her teammates.

"They played great defense behind me," she said. "I just relaxed and took it one pitch at a time. I know they will make every play behind me so I don't worry about anything when I'm out there. You couldn't ask for better teammates."

The Bulldogettes, who lost to Alto in the state semifinals last year, roughed up Alpine starter Mimi Fort early. Coahoma scored four times in the second inning and never looked back.

After Dunn had held the Lady Bucks scoreless in their first two at-bats, Jacobs and the CHS offense hit stride. Jacobs led off the Bulldogette second with a sharp single to center. Nine batters and four runs later, she finished off the frame with a fly ball to center.

The Bulldogettes garnered second-inning runs from Jacobs, Elisha Teeler, Ashle New and Liz Conley, who scored as a courtesy runner for Dunn.

Dunn didn't need any more offensive support from there. She retired the next nine Alpine batters she

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IN BRIEF

BSHS physicals will be given in May

Physicals for BSHS student athletes will be held May 10 in the Big Spring High School auditorium. Forsan's physicals will be administered at the same time.

Incoming seventh graders will have their physicals given at 9:45 a.m. Freshman athletes will follow at 10 a.m., while those entering their junior year will receive exams starting at 10:15 a.m. All others needing physicals will be seen beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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The cost for the physical is \$15 per person. Male and female doctors will be available.

For more information, contact Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin at 264-3662.

Couples tourney will be held at CTGC

A Couples Golf Tournament will be held every Thursday evening at Comanche Trail Golf Tournament. The tournament will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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For more information contact, CTGC at 264-2366.

Tennis boosters to hold banquet May 9

The Big Spring Tennis Booster Club will hold its annual tennis banquet May 9, at the BSHS cafeteria beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets to the banquet are priced at \$5.50 per person and includes the meal. Tickets must be purchased by May 7.

For more information contact Jerry or Vicki Parnell at 263-3719.

Lady Steers to face Dumas Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers are scheduled to face the Dumas Demonettes in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals Thursday. The two teams are tentatively slated to meet at 6 p.m. Thursday night in Lubbock.

Tickets to the contest will be priced at \$2 for students and \$4 for adults.

Big Spring, now 21-9-1 for the year, advanced to the third round via a 12-2 win over El Paso Irvin. Dumas, the District 1-4A champion, ousted El Paso Jefferson, 5-0.

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Big Spring Reds shortstop Ashley Johnson prepares to throw to first as a Mama's Girls player dashes for third during the third inning Tuesday night. The Mama' Girls improved to 2-0 for the year with a 15-4 win over the Reds. The Reds, a 20 & Under squad, return to play Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Bagwell powers Astros to wild 10-9 win over Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) - Jeff Bagwell's RBI single capped a six-run, eighth-inning rally as the Houston Astros defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-9 Tuesday night.

Lance Berkman hit a solo home run, and Morgan Ensberg added a three-run pinch-hit homer for the Astros, who won after coming back from a deficit of five or more runs for the third time this season.

Trailing 9-4 in the eighth, Houston loaded the bases with no outs. Scott Sauerbeck (0-3) then came out of the Pittsburgh bullpen and threw 10 straight balls, walking Greg Zaun and

Brian Hunter, to make the score 9-6. He then gave up a two-run single to Orlando Merced.

Geoff Blum hit a sacrifice fly off reliever Mike Williams to tie the score before Bagwell's single scored Merced with the winning run.

Nate Bland (1-0) recorded his first major league victory with two innings of scoreless relief. Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his seventh save in eight opportunities.

Berkman led off the Houston second with his fourth homer of the year.

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sixth man, scored 23. Webber added nine assists and six rebounds.

Doug Christie had 13 points and Keon Clark added 11 as the Kings beat Dallas for the eighth time in 10 meetings and fifth straight at the American Airlines Center. Those streaks began in last year's playoffs, when Sacramento won in five games, also in the second round.

Dallas coach Don Nelson tried a variety of different lineups in hopes of slowing the Kings, all to no avail. He hopes to have figured something out by Game 2 on Thursday night.

"We had a good game

plan, but they just totally picked us apart," Nelson said. "The bottom line is we have to play better and they have to play worse."

Nash, Michael Finley and Nick Van Exel each scored 20 points for Dallas. Dirk Nowitzki had 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Mavs expected a closer game after the last three were decided by a total of nine points. The last two had gone into overtime, with Dallas winning the most recent one.

The best the Mavs could do, though, was get within six points late in the second quarter on the strength of a 10-2 run. Then they wasted three offensive rebounds on one possession and the Kings

turned it into a wide-open layup.

A franchise-record crowd of 20,525 went from screaming to silent. They were booing after a dunk by Divac made it 74-54 early in the third, and many left with 8:10 to play and Sacramento ahead 110-85.

"They had every right to boo," Nowitzki said. "We didn't come out to play. Any time we get spanked in the semifinals, and at home, it's embarrassing."

Pistons 98, 76ers 87

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Richard Hamilton scored 25 points for top-seeded Detroit.

But the Pistons lost guard Chauncey Billups with a sprained left ankle after his 24th point gave the Pistons a 77-70 lead with about 10 minutes left.

Allen Iverson, who led the league in scoring with 34.8 points per game during the first round, had 27 points for the 76ers.

Game 2 is Thursday night in Detroit.

GIRLS

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faces in order, including the final three in the fifth via strikeouts.

Dunn may not have needed the extra runs, but she didn't mind helping the Bulldogettes add to their lead. She led off the fourth inning with a single to left. Conley raced home with Coahoma's fifth run minutes later on a sacrifice bunt by Walker. Ruby Garcia also scored in the frame, sending Coahoma into the fifth holding a 6-0 lead.

Dunn finished off her outing in the sixth with a single. Conley turned the hit into a run later, racing home on a passed ball.

Dunn finished the game with a 3-for-3 effort from the plate.

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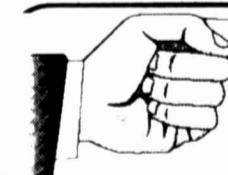
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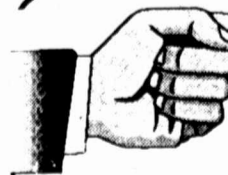
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As the moon shifts from Cancer into Leo, make a new policy. You'll get plenty chances to test its effectiveness before the week is up. Exaggeration is a theme this week, so remind yourself from time to time what's real and what's not. And don't be hard on kids when they tell big whoppers — so long as nobody gets hurt.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Thought patterns that bring you down are best destroyed. Your relationship Rx involves knowing exactly what you're willing to compromise and what you're not. Once you voice these opinions, things might

change. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're super-attractive today because you're open to new people and care about what others think. As a result, prospective romantic companions will come on stronger in their true personalities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If an investment is too complicated to be explained, it's probably too complicated to pay off. Singles find love while running an errand. Couples avoid arguing by deciding who is going to shoulder a responsibility.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). At home, finish what you've been procrastinating and make room for a new influx of excitement in the form of passionate love. Intellectual pursuits bring singles together. If involved in a triangle, meet the opposition on your turf.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Do

what makes you afraid — it's liberating for you and inspiring to everyone around you. Dabbling in a variety of hobbies makes your love life spicy, too. Meld your talent with the talents of people who interest you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 7). This year, don't underestimate the power of your winning personality. Business ventures pan out beautifully under your command. A Gemini or Scorpio love interest who may have previously left you out in the cold invites you in with open arms by summer's end. A road trip in June helps you rediscover a talent you hadn't put into use for a while. Your lucky numbers are: 53, 18, 1, 19 and 21.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be evaluating business partnerships for their productivity and usefulness. Contracts may be revised to

fit growing needs and expectations. Once these issues are settled, you can focus on your new attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Unemployed folks have exceptional luck finding work that is actually fun to do. Cancer or Pisces bosses are the best. If you're the boss for the first time, follow the lead of those before you instead of coming up with your own method.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Modify goals to fit your personal style, talents and values. Success in entrepreneurial ventures could begin with a simple seminar or workshop. You'll never know if you don't sign up. Happy social flow keeps you upbeat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Writing in a journal, talking to relatives or getting out by yourself will help you get to know yourself better. This in turn helps you make decisions

quickly and therefore be a more efficient, productive person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take a step back from a complicated situation, and see if you can look at the scene from a few different points of view. Objective diplomacy could win you a new position. Those in negotiations will have a breakthrough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your talents are far-reaching but under-utilized. Once you decide you've had enough of work that doesn't satisfy you on deeper levels, ask for a miraculous transformation. Providence moves!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Protect what you have — it's the best way to bring more of what you want into your life. Many feel guilty about being too fulfilled, and this is a perfect time to get rid of that baggage. Game playing works wonders in love.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My date of birth is June 22, 1968. I am married with three girls. I was wondering if you could tell me what the future may hold for my family and my personal situation. I presently work out of the home and have been married for almost 10 years. I love my husband; the problems that

I seem to be having are with myself. I have low self-esteem and am about 50 pounds overweight. No one knows what a struggle this is and how much it haunts me. Can you shed a little light on this for me?"

In the next two months, you'll be more aware of the subtle way others (family members, especially your well-meaning hubby) are trying to control you. Independence is what you need — at least in spirit. Look for opportunities to vocalize the pain that is inside of you to your husband. This year sees you finding new ways to let your light shine! Make a list of the things that were important to you as a little girl, and one item on that list leads to a new business venture.

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Seniors on the Go

May is Older American Month, so for those of you who just can't sit still, fill your social calendar with this month's special activities

WEDNESDAY MAY 7	THURSDAY MAY 8	FRIDAY MAY 9	SATURDAY MAY 10	SUNDAY MAY 11	MONDAY MAY 12
LINE DANCING 1 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	BINGO 12:45 SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER COFFEE CLUB 10 AM GALES SWEET SHOP	COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE 7:30-10:30 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	HERITAGE MUSEUM 510 SCURRY 10 AM-5 PM HANGER 25 AIR MUSEUM AIRPARK 10 AM-2 PM POTTON HOUSE 200 GREGG 1 PM-5 PM	MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH 12 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER HANGER 25 AIR MUSEUM AIRPARK 1:30 PM-4 PM	SENIOR CIRCLE SIT AND BE FIT CHAIR AEROBICS 4 PM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER
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FOR MORE SENIOR ACTIVITIES CONTACT THE FOLLOWING RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) - 264-2397
SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER - 267-1628
1801 SIMLER (IN AIRPARK)
SENIOR CIRCLE - 268-4721
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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I would like to know how to cope with the loss of my husband's pension. My husband worked for the same company for 39 years, and this money was to be our retirement. But it was lost to a thief who was supposed to invest it in the company's future, but instead, he got rich and let the company go down the drain.

My husband has since passed away, and at the age of 68, I have nothing left to live on except Social Security benefits. Our house and savings were used to pay for my husband's medical care. I live with one daughter for six months of the year, and my younger daughter for the other six months.

I have nothing to look forward to. I don't even have enough money to pay for auto insurance, and my old car sits in the driveway. I feel as if I am at the end of my rope. If I want to buy something, I can't. If I want to give my grandchildren a gift, I can't. I thank God that I have my health, otherwise I don't know what I would do.

Many times I have thought of simply ending it because I don't see any way out of this trap. I live from day to day, and government check to government check. Any advice? — Jean in the Southwest

Dear Jean: Your letter is heartbreaking. If your husband's company mismanaged the pension fund, was there some class-action lawsuit to recoup the losses? If so, you may be entitled to some settlement money.

Too many seniors have discovered they cannot support themselves at a time when they need financial security more than ever. Some find part-time work to make ends meet, and if you are physically healthy, you might consider this. Meanwhile, you are blessed to have two daughters who love you and provide for your needs.

Dear Annie: I was divorced after 18 years of marriage and have a teenage son who lives with his father. I remarried a year ago but am having a difficult time living so far away from my son and ex-husband. I don't see my son very often.

My ex-husband and I had a lot of problems, but I really didn't give the marriage the chance it deserved. I'd like to patch things up. My new relationship is not doing well, because my old one is always in the back of my head.



Annie's Mailbox

I still love my ex-husband, and he still loves me. I feel lost and lonely and need some advice on how to be happy. I can't seem to accept what I have done. — Lost and Lonely in Colorado

Dear Colorado: If we read between the lines correctly, you left your husband for another man, and now think you made a mistake. Perhaps you did, but you cannot dwell in the past. You are lonely, which means you are seeing your new marriage in a negative light while romanticizing your previous life. Also, you miss your son and feel guilty about leaving him.

Talk to a therapist who will help you decide what course to take and how to revive your spirit so you can face the future. There is hope for you, but you have to take the first step. Ask your doctor to refer you to someone.

Dear Annie: A writer from Denver complained about the phrase "Easter Sunday," saying, "Easter is always on Sunday."

In many churches, "Easter" is also the name of the liturgical season that stretches 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. The Sundays are called the second through seventh Sunday of Easter (the season). — Pastor Ann Larson, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Jericho, Vt.

Dear Pastor Larson: Thank you for enlightening us and our readers.

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	Midland	Odessa	Dallas	ABC Family	Odessa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Nashville	Premium	Premium	Learning Ch.	Premium	Odessa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Premium
6 PM	News Wheel	King of the Hill	Cyberchase Zoboomatoo	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Wheel	News Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Friends (CC)	Gata Salvaje	Blind Date	:05 Movie: Rock My	Secrets of Fo-	(CC)	Update With John Hagee	American Justice	Now See This!	Law & Order (CC)	Sister, Sister	Lizzie
7 PM	My Wife-Kids George	70s Show American	National Geographic	Movie: When In	Star Search (CC)	My Wife-Kids George	Dateline (CC)	Seinfeld (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Las Vias del Amor	Star Trek: Next	World (CC)	Movie: Sidewalks of	Extreme Machines	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Jack Van Impe	Biography: Diana: True	Unsolved History (CC)	NBA Basketball	Movie: The Pool Point (CC)
8 PM	Bachelor (CC)	Bernie Mac Bernie Mac	Secrets of the	60 Minutes II	Bachelor (CC)	West Wing (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or	Entre el Amor	Movie: Showdown	Jay and Silent	New York (CC)	Junkyard Wars	Six Feet Under	Light of the Southwest	American Justice	Extreme Engineering	Playoffs: Conf. Semi.	NBA	Sister, Sister Lizzie
9 PM	Extreme Makeover	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Hitler's Victory	Whose Line? Whose Line?	48 Hours Investigates	Extreme Makeover	Law & Order (CC)	Movie: A Thin	Don Francisco	Back	45 Movie: Soul Food (CC)	Legendry Night	City Confidential	Point of No Return (CC)	NBA	Sister, Sister Lizzie			
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	Newshour	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show (CC)	News Nightline	News Tonight	Love and Hate	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	Whatever It Takes (CC)	Street Time The Queens	Extreme Machines	X2: First Look	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Unsolved History (CC)	Basketball Playoffs:	Even Stevens Boy World
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Jim Lehrer Susan	Caroline Rhea	(CC) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	(CC) Late Night	Worst-Case Scenario	En las Mejoras	Blind Date	Movie: Fires	Comedy	Junkyard Wars	Movie: Resident Evil	Faye Hardin Joseph Good	Biography: Diana: True	Extreme Engineering	Conf. Semi.	Boy World Smart Guy
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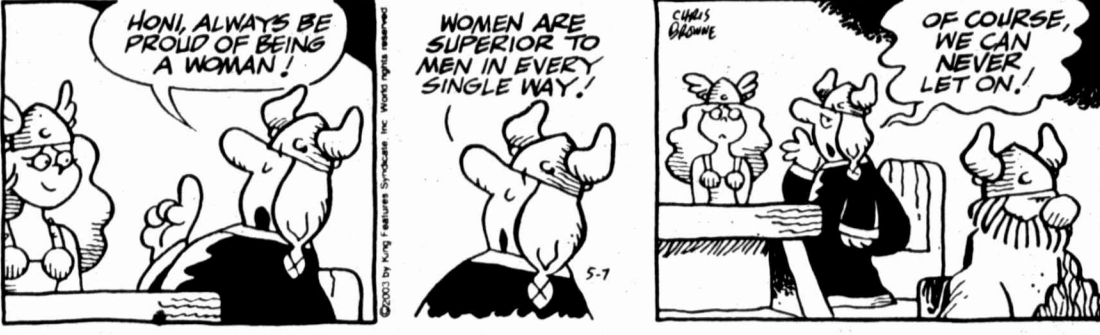
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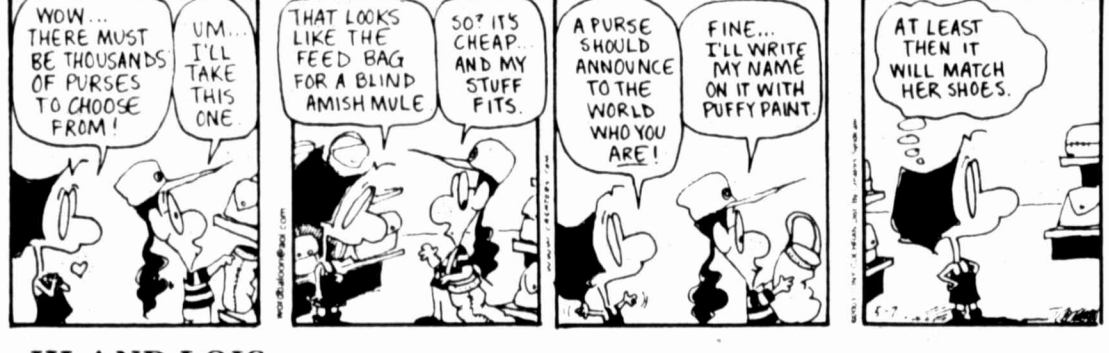
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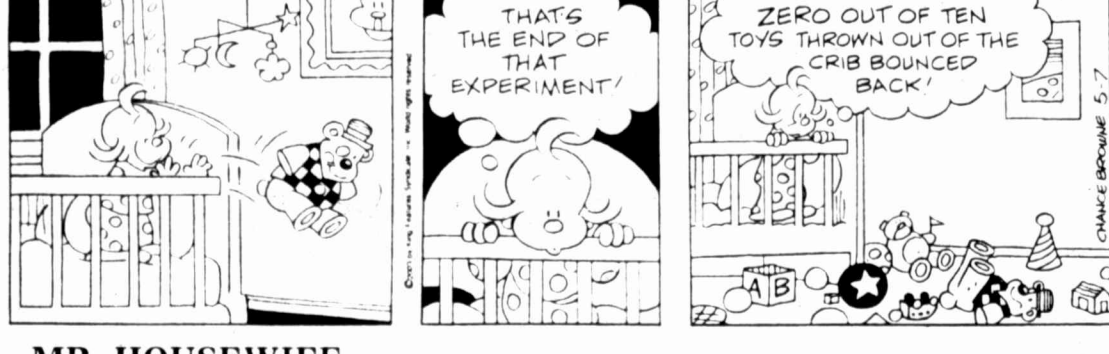
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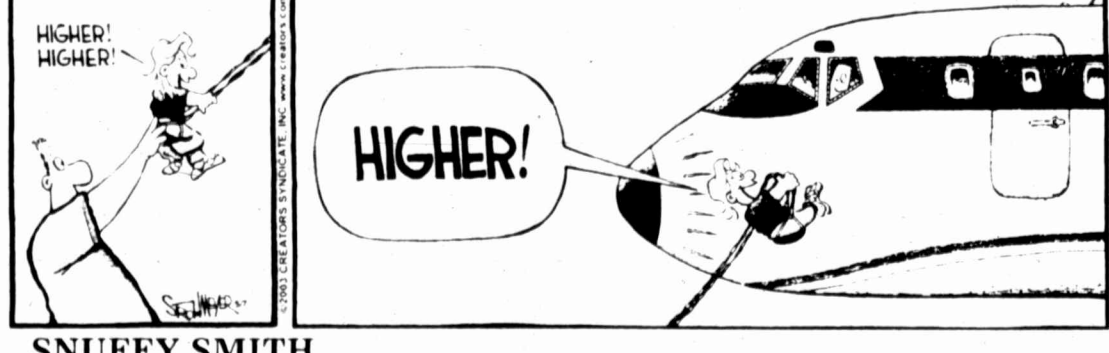
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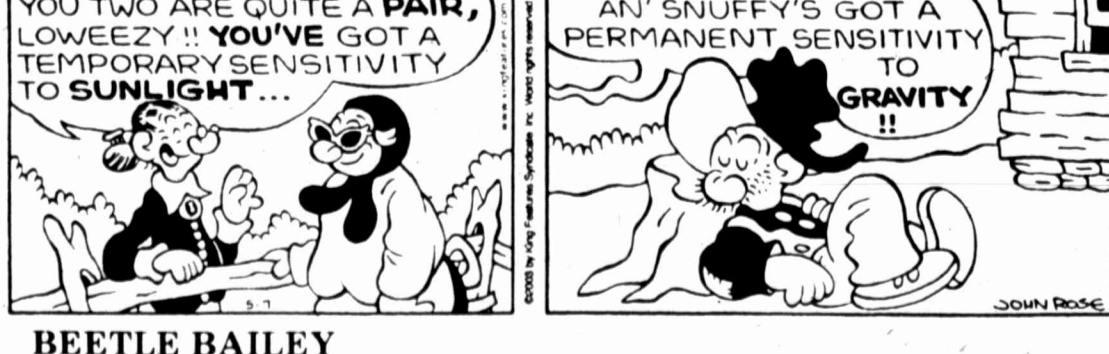
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Luke Perry, who starred in the '90s TV series "Beverly Hills, 90210," and his wife, Minnie, have decided to separate, his publicist said. The couple have been married since November 1993 and have two children, Jack, 5, and Sophie, 2. They plan to share custody of the children, publicist Arnold Robinson said Monday. "Beverly Hills, 90210: 10-Year High School Reunion" is scheduled to air May 11 on the Fox network. Perry and former co-stars Jason Priestley, Shannen Doherty, Jennie Garth and Gabrielle Carteris will discuss their memories of the show. Perry, 36, portrayed Dylan McKay on the popular series. His other credits include the 1992 movie

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and a recurring character on the HBO prison drama "Oz."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Lisa Marie Presley knows people are wondering whether she's talking about one of her famous ex-husbands in some of the bitter songs on her new disc, "To Whom It May Concern."

But Presley, who has been married to Nicolas Cage and Michael Jackson, isn't talking. "I won't confirm or deny," the 35-year-old said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. The daughter of Elvis Presley released her first album to critical acclaim earlier this month. The disc contains plenty of songs that take verbal jabs at an unidentified ex-lover. She anticipated that listeners might think she was talking about Jackson or Cage, her second and third husbands. It's part of the reason the album has the title it does, Presley says.

"It's a little on the sarcastic side," she said, and it's aimed at curiosity seekers. "Are you actually going to listen to this and look at it for what it is, or are you going to immediately go to some superficial bull and start trying to figure out, 'Who's she talking about?'" Presley is among the performers who have been added to VH1's "Divas" concert, along with Beyonce Knowles, Celine Dion and Whitney Houston. The live show will air from Las Vegas on May 22.

Lisa Marie Presley Web site: <http://lisamariepresley.com/>

Answer to previous puzzle

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YOU BET by Fred Piscop
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- ACROSS
- 1 Brainy group
- 6 Burger side dish
- 10 Baseball great Speaker
- 14 Intense hatred
- 15 Cleanser scent
- 16 Bee or Em
- 17 Take nearly all the electoral votes
- 20 Bering and Caspian
- 21 Mule's mother
- 22 Skater Sonja
- 23 Harness race gait
- 25 Israeli spy agency
- 26 1997 Nicolas Cage film
- 29 Tooth part
- 31 Go-between
- 32 "My mistake!"
- 33 "Zip- - Doo-Dah"
- 37 Shop or office
- 40 Prefix for marketing
- 41 Sci-fi fliers
- 42 Baseball-card data
- 43 "Hey . . . over here!"
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- 49 Garden intruder
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- 60 Father, in France
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- 5 Writer Tan
- 6 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 7 Fact fudger
- 8 Comic Meara
- 9 Tie the knot
- 10 Canterbury collection
- 11 Archeologist's find
- 12 Calcutta's country
- 13 Noble mount
- 18 Love, to Caesar
- 19 Took a photo of
- 24 Bar mitzvah, e.g.
- 25 Forest growth
- 26 Skipper: Abbr.
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- 28 Patricia of Hud
- 29 Mechanical man
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- 32 Extinguishes, as a light
- 33 Venom neutralizers
- 34 Diary-entry opener
- 35 Business sign abbr.
- 36 Former gas name
- 38 Depose
- 39 "That's clear!"
- 43 Chihuahua cash
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