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WEDNESDAY

December 15, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Flu vaccine available now

Leonard's Pharmacy in downtown Big Spring has a limited number of flu vaccinations to be given on a first-come, first-served

The shots will be given from 10 a.m. until noon and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays through Thursdays until they run out.

Cost is \$20 for non-Medicare covered individuals.

Polar Express drive-through set

Coahoma Elementary will host a Polar Express drive-through with painted and animated scenes from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

There will be nine scenes telling the holiday story.

Entrance to the drivethrough is at the north entrance to the school in front of the office. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted and money raised will help buy new playground equipment. Cocoa and cookies will be for sale.

United Way luncheon Friday

The final tally of the 2004 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County campaign will be presented at noon at the Big Spring Country Club, during a joint event with the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. Big Spring High School's musical group, Rhapsody, will perform. The meal is \$15. Make a reservation by calling the office at 267-5201.

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Many angels remain on trees but time to give is running out

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While many joke and make light of the annual mad dash known as last-minute Christmas shopping, it's no laughing matter to the Salvation Army and its annual Angel Tree program.

According to Capt. Linda Keeney, there are more than 100 of the program's "angels" floating around the community with only a few days left before the effort's Saturday deadline.

"We've had more than 150 of the angel cards taken off of the trees, but only a few of the gifts have been returned," said Keeney. "I think a lot of people are holding on to

"A child who has everything they need provided for them has no concept of children out there that do without. If we, as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back, then they won't learn those things."

them and just haven't found the time to go out and purchase the gifts, or haven't found time to bring them to the Salvation Army



Capt. Linda Kenney

office or where they got the card.

In an effort to help those shoppers caught between the hustle and bustle of work and holiday events, Keeney said the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth Street. will be open Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. to accept the gifts.

"We understand a lot of people have a hard time getting to the office during the week because they have to work," said Keeney. "This way everyone will have a chance on Saturday.

Keeney said there are still a number of cards available for adoption on the Angel

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District 19 Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, talks with Big Spring residents Bebe and Art McCasland during "Coffee with the Congressman," an informational event held at Howard College Tuesday morning. Neugebauer answered questions from those in attendance, fielding subjects such as health care for veterans and the Intelligence Bill.

Morning coffee

Sen. Neugebauer: Some liberal judges need a good 'paddling'

■ Veterans, Intelligence Bill among topics discussed at coffee here Tuesday.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Intelligence Bill and veteran-related issues topped the discussion Tuesday morning as fate of the Big Spring VA Congressman

Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, held a community coffee at Howard College.

Principi's recent resignation still fresh in the minds of local expects little change in the process that will determine the Randy Medical Center.

appointment with him (Jim Nicholson, the unconfirmed With the news of Secretary of nominee for the position) and Veterans Affairs Anthony establishing that relationship with him just like we did with Secretary Principi. residents. Neugebauer said he Neugebauer told the audience gathered at the college's

Fireplace Room. "But you have

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Landfill gate fee in place

☐ Joyce Crooker, Richard Steel and Raul Marquez replace Charles Myers. Duane Thomas and Terry Hansen on Moore Development for Big Spring board.

By THOMAS JENKINS

The Big Spring City Council's : trash-talking may be over — at least

The council approved measures Tuesday evening that brought the year-long dispute between the city and county over fiscal responsibility

and a proposed gate fee for the landfill to a close. enacting a daily \$5 fee and cementing a contract between the two entities.

The council's unam mous approval of the emergency agenda items: which only require one

round of approval, came after Howard County commissioners approved an amended version of the contract Monday.

striking references to their obligation to future landfills from the doc While the change to the contract

was viewed as a possible stumbling block for negotiations between the two entities. Mayor Russ McEwerr called it a win-win situation during the council meeting.

"It's a situation where they (commissioners) were not totally comfort able with going out long term, and the county attorney was concerned with some things," said McEwen "We can go ahead and move down the road and do the things we need to do to close the landfill. Therefore, it gives us the opportunity in a length of time to start negotiating with them to try to come to some kind of

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Bush awards medal of freedom to three men key to his Iraq policy

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Bush awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Tuesday to three figures who were central to his Iraq policy, former CIA Director George Tenet, former Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer and retired Gen. Tommy Franks.

Democrats suggested Bush should have looked elsewhere, at least in the case of Tenet, in awarding the government's highest civilian honor.

liberty in Afghanistan and Pennsylvania.

in July after seven years its part in flawed estias director, has been criticized for intelligence failures leading up to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the Iraq war.

the terrorist attacks about Committee, said he his belief that the al-Qaida terror network was planning something big.

But specific information Bush lauded all three was never forthcoming, for playing "pivotal roles" and the attacks killed in great events" and for nearly 3,000 people in advancing the cause of New York, Washington

The CIA also has drawn Tenet, who left the CIA considerable criticism for mates that Iraq had stock piled weapons of mass destruction.

Sen. Carl Levin, D Mich, the top Democrat Tenet spoke up before on the Armed Services "would have reached a

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ABACA Press photo/Olivery Doullery President George W. Bush speaks with former CIA Director George Tenet after presenting him, former Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer and retired Gen. Tommy Franks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House Tuesday.

Obituaries

Alta Allene Hamner

Alta Allene Hamner, 84, passed away Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, in Big Spring. She was born June 7, 1920, in Winters to Herbert and Nora Clayton Hardegree.

She graduated from Winters High School in 1938. She married her husband, Stanley Hamner June 25, 1938, in Colorado City, where they made their home. She was a cook for 30 years for the Colorado school

She was a cook for 30 years for the Colorado school district and retired in 1985. She was a member of the 22nd & Austin St. Church of Christ where she was actively involved in teaching children's classes for many years.

Mrs. Hamner was the mother of two children, Nancy Wood and her husband, Jimmie, of Big Spring and Larry Hamner and his wife, Nancy, of Waxahachie. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Shelley Choate and husband, Mark of Big Spring, Stacey Parum and husband Russell, of Big Spring, Natalie Kopperud and husband, Ron of Upland, Calif., Cade Hamner of Dallas, Michael Hamner of San Diego, Calif., and Tyler Hamner of College Station; also by eight great-grandchildren, Jason Choate of Lubbock, Kristin Choate of San Marcos, Caleb Choate, Brett Griffin, Erin Griffin, Aubrey Parum, all of Big Spring, and Cole Kopperrud of Upland, Calif.; also by two brothers, Kenneth Hardegree of Abilene and Jimmie Hardegree of Colorado City; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one sister, Wanda Hitch, and two brothers, Talton Hardegree and Craig Hardegree.

Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, in the 22nd and Austin St. Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham and Cade Hamner officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home

Paid obitaury

Virginia 'Ginny' D. Altman



Virginia "Ginny" D. Altman, 57, of Elkton, died Dec. 6, 2004, at the Hadlow Center for Caring in Jacksonyille, Fla. Funeral service was Thursday, Dec. 9, at Masters Funeral Home of Palatka, Fla., with the Rev. John Miles officiating. Interment followed Saturday at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Altman was born in East Brewton, Ala., and had been a resident of Elkton for the past two years, coming from Palatka. She had been employed by the Putnam County Health Department as a switchboard operator for the past four years. She had also worked as a switchboard operator for St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville for 11 years.

She is survived by her sons, Bobby Sulkosky of Jacksonville and James "Duce" McKnight of Loxley, Ala.; her mother and stepfather, Myrt and Otis Thornton of Big Spring; her companion, Alan Edwards of Elkton; maternal grandmother Viola Daw of Abilene; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. "Chip" Altman, a son, Kenneth Sulkosky, and her parents, Kenneth and Virginia Dillon.

Memorial gifts may be send to Community Hospice, 525 SR 16, Suite 112, St. Augustine, Fla. 32084.

Support groups

THURSDAY

☐ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

☐ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Dopen discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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



Police blotter

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

- ERICK HERNANDEZ, 25, of 1502 Bluebird, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- ELIKINS LASHAWN DAVIS, 27, of Coleman, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant.
 ANDRES JUAREZ, 45, of 411 Trades, was arrested
- Tuesday on a parole violation.

 BRANDI MAYO, 21, of 1801 State, was arrested
- Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
 ESTHER MEJIA, 26, of New Jersey, was arrested
- Tuesday and held for the HCSO.
 THEFT was reported:
- in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1200 block of Wright.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ISREAL MIRAMONTES**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, felony escape while arrested/confined and burglary of a habitation.

• JESUS MARTINEZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• TONY RANDALL PARTEE, 45, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

GARY MONTEZ, 37, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

 AGUINALDO MARTINEZ JR., 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke community supervision.

• BRANDI LYNN MAYO, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for aggravated robbery.

 MARTHA MONTOYA MARTINEZ, 41, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• JIM MASON COKER, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of retaliation, obstruction - harm or threat and theft.

Take note

□ BUS BARN YELLOW DOGS BAKE SALE FUND-RAISER TO BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE is 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the Big Spring Mall. Order cookies by the dozen to be picked up that day by calling 264-4108.

□ CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant car seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF HOWARD COLLEGE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE continues through today. Bring toys to the Howard College library, which is open from 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. today. Toys may also be taken to the administration building, the STEPS lab, the student services office or the registrar's office. Gifts for children of any age are appreciated, especially for children 13-15.

at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Jeremiah Best, to help with the cost of his cancer treatment. Contributions and prayers are appreciated.

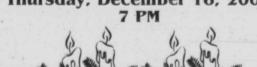
LETTERS FROM SANTA ARE AVAILABLE FROM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER as a Relay For Life fund-raiser. Each letter will have a North Pole postmark for a \$5 donation. Contact Amber Rich at 268-4960 for more information.

AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL, son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

□ THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

☐ THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266 is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Penance Service (Popularly called Confession or Reconciliation) Thursday, December 16, 2004





Christmas Eve Masses - Friday - Dec. 24
6 pm - Family Mass with Christmas Pageant
10 pm - almost Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 am

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park opens.
 Admission is free and donations are accepted.

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet

Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard

College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association

meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

 Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101
Lancaster

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

* Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
Big Spring Symphony and Chorale presents "The

Messiah" at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association will not meet today. They will resume regular meetings Jan 17.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-17-22-27-37. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-2

Weather

Tonight * Partly cloudy. Lows near 30. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening, shifting to the northwest after midnight.

Thursday – Increasing clouds. Highs near 50. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night – .Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday – Partly cloudy. Highs near 50. Northwest

Friday night – Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.
Saturday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
Saturday night – Mostly clear. Lows near 30.
Sunday – Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.
Sunday night – Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.
Monday – Partly cloudy. Highs near 60.
Monday night – Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

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Trees, which are located at Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Mall, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald.

"If anyone is interested in participating, all they need to do is go to one of the Angel Trees and pick up an angel," said Keeney. "It's a card with the child's age and sex and a short Christmas list of what

and buy whatever they would like to give the child for Christmas. Then they can either return the angel and gifts to the location where they chose the angel card, or they can drop them off at our office located at 811 W. Fifth Street. We'll package the gifts and get them to the children and seniors on Dec. 21, which is the

distribution date for this year." The tree at the Herald works in the same manner, but is designated to assist senior adults, nothing in the house for out there that do without. If we,

that child would like. They go who don't have enough income Christmas and the child gets a to provide a Christmas for themselves.

Capt. Russ Keeney said the program means a lot to him and the rest of the Salvation Army staff.

"This program is extremely special to me," said Russ Keeney. "Of all the programs that we do, this one is my heart because of the people it helps,"

bike, it's just chaotic with excitement. That's what it's all about, helping a child see somebody out there cares."

.Capt. Linda Keeney said the gifts donated to area needy children through the annual program can make an amazing difference in their lives, and the lives of those that give.

"It's everything," she said said an obviously emotional firmly. "A child who has every-Keeney. "When we take the thing they need provided for toys to a family and there's them has no concept of children

as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back. then they won't learn those things. That's why it's important, as a parent, to show these children there are others out there that are much worse off, who do without things that we take for granted everyday. If we show that to our children, think it makes them a kinder, more giving person as they grow.'

For more information on how you can help, contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

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a proper agreement.

"To try to do that right now maybe wasn't the right thing to do, so it's just a situation where they need time and we need time, and that works out better. I don't see it as a bad situation at all."

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton expressed concern over the wording of the amendment, which stated, "The per vehicle charge for residents of Big Spring and Howard County will allow daily dumping of residen-

tial garbage up to a maximum of 1,000 pounds per

"I said it when we first began considering this fee and I'm saying it now," Horton told fellow council members. "I believe \$5 per trip is too much for the constituents in my district to bear. I believe a \$5 day-long fee would be much better."

"I was under the impression that what we were looking at here tonight was \$5 for the entire day," Councilman Woody Jumper told the council.

"The way it was written, you could interpret it both ways," McEwen said after the meeting. "We just made sure everyone understands that for residential customers the charge is \$5 per day and that's it."

McEwen said the coun-

cil also approved the removal of the 1,000pound daily limit as well. "The 1,000-pound-perday limit that was in the ordinance was stricken," said McEwen. "We need to look at it and re-evaluate it. It may be a situation where you need to limit it at some point if someone comes in 15 times and says it's residential materials and you

get the feeling it's com-

mercial — those sort of

things you're just going to have to look at. I expect it to be adhered to properly, but as with all things you have to re-evaluate it if it doesn't work."

As the council put the "lid" on the issue, McEwen said concerns for closing the existing facility and eventually opening a new landfill are still very much on the minds of the council.

"The current landfill situation is solved," said McEwen. "Now we're going to have to look into the future and look at opening another landfill. We already have a substantial amount of money put back already, and this will transition us in. Honestly, if two years from now the amount of revenue isn't what we need — every bit of the increases is going toward the closing and opening of a new cell — we'll have to look at it again. It's only logical to look at it now while we have the luxury of time.'

Council members also approved several nominations to various boards and committees during the meetings.

The three open seats on the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors, which included the unexpired term vacated by Charles Myers,

drew more than a dozen resumes.

Joyce Crooker was appointed to the unexpired term, which will end in September of 2006, while Richard Steel and Raul Marquez were appointed to the full-term

Bob Taylor was appointed to the City Board of Adjustments and Appeals, leaving two positions on the board still open. Henry Roach was named to the Teen Court Board of Directors.

Seats were also left open on the Animal Control Committee, Traffic Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustments.

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different conclusion" than Bush on giving the medal to Tenet. "I don't think (he) served the president or the nation well," Levin said.

Bush lauded Tenet as someone whose leadership helped rebuild the CIA's capabilities, win the war in Afghanistan and capture al-Qaida terrorists and who was "one of the first to June.

recognize and address the threat to America from radical networks."

Bremer, the top civilian U.S. official in postwar Iraq, oversaw the transfer of power to an interim Iraqi government in

"Jerry, Iraq is free today, and you helped make it so," Bush said, using Bremer's nickname. "And a free Iraq will help make generations of Americans more secure."

Speaking to Franks, of Midland, the general who over-

saw combat in Afghanistan and the initial invasion of Iraq, Bush said, "One of the highest distinctions of history is to be called a liberator and Tommy Franks will always carry that title.'

Bremer has taken some blame

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to understand Secretary Principi was put in charge at the pleasure of the president. So the CARES program is part of an initiative that White House embraced, and that's going through the system and making sure our veterans are getting the best possible care and making sure we have the best delivery system in place. The president is committed to that, and I'm committed to that.

"Just like any organization, we have to stop every once in a while and ask ourselves if we're doing things the right way and treating our customers the best way we can. The new secretary will take on that responsibility. One of the things I feel like we have to do, just like we did with Secretary Principi, is go through an educational process with him about how we deliver health care to veterans in a very large territory like we have here."

way in which veterans not good enough for are being cared for today also found their way to Neugebauer during the gathering.

"They took what they

felt like were our most needy veterans in the system and began processing those veterans first," said Neugebauer. "As times goes on, I believe it's the game plan of this administration to phase in and make sure we keep our promises to all veterans.

"When President Bush took over in 2000, the Veterans Administration was in disarray. They were way behind in proclaims, cessing because we've gotten behind, it is taking some time to get caught up. They will continue to work on that and we'll just have to see how much headway we can make."

While local issues such as the VA Medical Center were a major concern during the coffee social, Neugebauer didn't lose sight of other national issues, including his decision to vote against the Intelligence Bill.

"I voted against that bill," said Neugebauer. "When you do a piece of legislation, some folks there (Washington, D.C.) will settle for half of enough. Half of enough when we're talking about Questions regarding the the security of America is Randy Neugebauer. We left some things out of that bill that we shouldn't have left out.

"We left out some provi-

sions on driver's licenses when we have states that are issuing driver's licenses to people that are not citizens and are not in this country legally. And we all know that when you give someone a form of identification, that opens up a lot of doors for them that shouldn't be opened. We found out that the terrorists that execut- and illegally. We need to ed the Sept. 11, 2001, cut down on the number attack had 63 driver's of illegal people coming licenses between them.

Neugebauer said "loopholes" in other parts of the law must also be addressed by the bill before Americans will be

"We have a system today that when a known terrorist comes into this country using some provisions of asylum," said Neugebauer, "there are some loopholes in our current system that just aren't good. We have to know more about the people that are coming into this country both legally into this country.

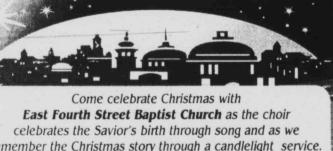
The congressman also answered questions regarding the battle between state legislatures and liberal federal judges to "make laws," a situation Neugebauer said can be cured by a few "paddlings." "I really believe the signal that needs to be sent,

and I've discussed this a little with some of my colleagues, is we need to impeach a federal judge or two," said Neugebauer. "When I was going through school you still got paddlings. And when you got paddled, they took you out in the hallway and they left the door open. That paddling was for two different groups — the group that was out in the hall and the group that was still in the room. It was to send the signal that you can get paddled.

"I think we need to send a signal to some of these very liberal federal judges who have gone way out of bounds trying to overturn what state legislators that are elected by the people in those states have allowed to pass. To me. those are impeachable events and I'm going to encourage some of the members of the judiciary to pursue that."

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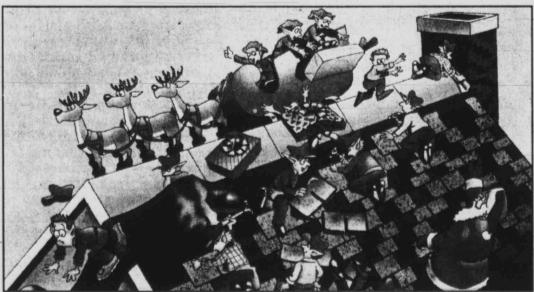
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OUR VIEWS

At least state's coffers are full at this moment

t the top of the Texas Legislature's agenda next month will be public school funding, a dilemma that has been plaguing lawmakers for way too long. However, at least as far as the budget, there

shouldn't be too many fussbudgets. Considering how a plan to pay for public schools has been the proverbial monkey on the backs of lawmakers, they deserve some good news, and got just that last week.

According to the comptroller's office, the Legislature won't have nearly the trouble creating a budget as it did two years ago, when lawmakers were forced to slash nearly \$10 billion just to make ends meet.

While the budget is predicted to swell to a record \$130 billion, estimates are the state is in sound enough financial condition to handle it.

That's the best news we've heard in a long time. Now about how to pay for public schools . . .

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Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

There's been a lot of talk in the press lately about how one activist organization, the Parents Television Council, is trying to dictate television standards for the rest of the country by encouraging its members to file complaints with the FCC. It seems that the press believes that the hundreds of thousands of complaints filed by outraged citizens over the rampant raunch on television somehow don't count simply because the complainant belongs to an organized group. If the networks put an

FCC complaint form on their websites or if they

flashed the FCC's phone number across the screen between shows there would be a flood of complaints. Parentstv.org is currently the only website that provides this useful tool.

But the number of complaints filed, and where they're coming from shouldn't matter. Whether we're talking about one complaint or one million, it all boils down to one issue: Are networks breaking the law by showing indecent content and will the FCC do its job to enforce the indecency laws?

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The little rod shop on Lake Fork

tewart Mahaney makes fishing rods in a small building not much larger . than an outhouse. It is located near Emory, on the main road to Lake Fork, one of the best fishing spots in the state. The shop is littered with

cork dust and materials Stewart uses in making his rods. It is sometimes filled with fishermen. "I get these friends

who drop by occasionally." Says Stewart. "We fill up the five or six chairs in here and talk about fishing.'

Stewart is a dealer for some of the top lines of rods priced from \$119 to \$500. Some have computer chips in the spool to keep the reel from backlashing. "A nice rod and reel of that cal-

iber will set you back about \$800,"

says Stewart. "The clientele here just don't mind paying it because they know it's quality.'

He has about a thousand satisfied customers. Stewart had a military career, then established a company that sold equipment to the government, then settled down in Emory. He moved around a lot in the military and always carried his rod and reel with him wherever he went.

"I've always loved to fish and everywhere I'd go I'd need a different type of rod for fishing. I didn't like what I was seeing in the stores, so about thirty-five years ago I learned how to make fishing rods. '

SMITH When he finally retired, his wife told him he had to do something.

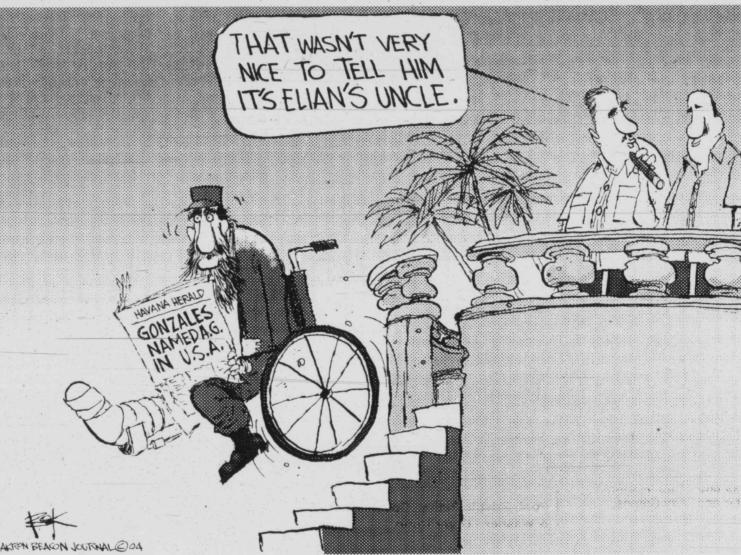
"I started making rods again and fixing reels, selling reels. I've been making rods here for nearly a year now. I send them to Japan, all over the United States. I have a real nice clientele here on Lake Fork that like my rods. Some have eight or twelve of them."

He'll spend up to eighteen hours making a rod. When I visited with him, he was making a green and white one for a player for the Philadelphia Eagles.

"They're wrapped up real pretty with different threads, colors, metallics. The key to a good rod is being able to balance that rod with a reel on it by adding weight to the handle in the back so it's just effortless. You can fish all day that way, just sit and hold that rod and your wrist doesn't get tired. It's just like a fencing foil in your hands and you can fish with it for hours and not get

Stewart says a good fisherman needs a good-looking rod.

"It makes them look like they know what they're doing. I always tell them if they want to be important, they've got to look important on the lake. And they want the colors to match their boat. Men are just as vain as women in many ways, so I enjoy making those rods for them.'



Maximum skepticism a must

elatively recent writings on Social Security, both to reform and not reform, convince me of two things. One is that we should be looking for maximum skepticism in our sources on this subject. And the second is

that anybody who starts with dismissive, condescending and absolutist views isn't worth reading or listening to on this subject. So that leaves out politicians.

There's a lot of fake objectivity out there, too. I personally think the Bush proposal for privatizing

Social Security is loony, radical and unnecessary, but that's not an argument, it's a conclusion. It's the people who aren't willing to make the case that you have to watch out for.

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Also, beware hidden assumptions — as in, "Everybody knows Social Security is (a) in trouble, (b) bankrupt or (c) will expire next week." In fact, "everybody knows" very little on this subject because the arguments about the system's future are built on complex, long-term economic models that can easily be thrown off by a single year. And if there's one thing the economy does with some regularity, it is confound expert predictions. Demographic changes, population growth and many other variables also influence how the models are drawn.

A second problem is that reporters of all kinds and stripes are notoriously weak on math. The Nation's Calvin Trillin says his trouble stems from his failure to convince his math teachers that many of his answers were meant in an ironic sense. I sometimes have to call John Pope of the New Orleans Times-Picayune just to make sure that going from 40 percent to 60 percent is still an improvement of 20 percentage points, and also a 50 percent

improvement. This debate is landmined with

Phony Fun Facts. One notorious scare tactic is to note that when Social Security began, there were 42 workers for each retiree. Now, there are three workers per retiree. And in 25 years, there will be only two. Ergo, we're doomed. Actually, at the "frightening" current rate of three workers per retiree, the system is producing a surplus and being skimmed to finance the rest of the federal budget. Alas, Al Gore's famous "lockbox" got lost along with a lot of hanging chads in Florida. Q: Can we at least agree that we

have a problem? A: No.

The argument in favor of "no" has two parts. One involves the incredible shrinking doom date. As Kevin Drum of Washington Monthly points out, the Social Security trustees, always operating on a properly gloomy forecast, have been predicting disaster for the system for years, but the projected point at which it will go bust keeps moving.

In 1994, the system was supposed to go bust in 2029, a mere 35 years from the date of prediction. Now, it's supposed to go bust in 2042, 38 years down the road.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, using a more realistic model, the trust fund will run out in 2052, and even then it will cover 81 percent of the promised benefits. To fully fund this shortfall would require additional revenue of 0.54 percent of GDP, less than we are currently spending in Iraq. Or, as Paul Krugman noted in The New York Times, about one quarter of the revenue lost each year by President Bush's tax cuts, "roughly equal to the fraction of those cuts that goes to people with incomes of \$500,000 a year."

The second argument involves the motives of those who are arguing for privatization. If there is a problem with Social Security, the obvious solution would be to raise taxes, cut benefits or some combination of both. Of course, I'm in

favor of cutting benefits to the wealthy - Ross Perot doesn't need the payout, and he's such a patriot, he's probably giving it back

Or, we could have a peppy discussion of how to raise what kind of taxes, if necessary — especially since the tax as it is structured is a terrible burden on the poor and middle class. It actually cuts OFF at \$87,900 a year. But that's not the Bush scheme

here. The Bushies don't want to mend it, they want to end it and they are quite upfront about

This is not some leftist conspiracy theory: Grover Norquist of The Club for Growth has been open about it for years. What we have here is a happy convergence of ideology (the Market Can Solve All Problems) and greed. The greed is from the financial industry, which stands to pick up an incalculable sum in profits — and, of course, the financial industry contributes generously to Guess Who. Just the Bush plan of partial privatization would cost about \$1.5 trillion in transition costs over 10 years, and Bush wants to borrow that money. Next week, the White House will

launch a giant public relations campaign, just as it did with the campaign to sell us on the Iraq war, with a lot of phony information to convince us all this lunacy is good for us. Social Security is of particular concern to women, since we live longer and have fewer earnings to rely on in retire-

It's kind of hard not to be stunned by the irresponsibility of this scheme. To just blithely borrow the money to destroy a successful social program is, well, loony, bizarre and irresponsible.

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Governor Perry announces 7,500 jobs for Texas

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press Writer

RICHARDSON California mortgage banking company will bring 7,500 jobs to Texas over the next six years, Gov. Rick Perry announced Tuesday.

"We are in all 50 states

business in," said Angelo state. Mozilo, Countrywide Financial Corp. chairman more and chief executive offi-

Mozilo said the \$20 mil-Enterprise Fund helped pany's Richardson office

away the best state to do bring more jobs to the

expansion will The than double Countrywide's presence in Texas. It will begin in January as 2,500 employlion from the Texas ees are added to the com-

.... and Texas is by far and prompt the company to over the next two years. An additional 5,000 jobs will come to Texas over

> the next six years. Mozilo said that those jobs probably will go to Richardson and Fort Worth, and he will also be looking at other sites.

"It's been a good, pros-

perous relationship that we expect will do nothing but make Texas grow," Perry said.

The governor's office calls the announcement the largest job creation announcement in the capital United States in several

The state has allocated more than \$200 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund to bring more than 22,000 new jobs to the state and has generated more than \$6 billion in investments, according to the governor's office.

Coahoma ISD trustees to focus on start date, facilities assessment

HERALD Staff Report

The board of trustees for Coahoma Independent at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in next year's school start tracts and resignations.

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School District will meet agenda are discussion of include employment con-

Administration date, an update on the Building at 600 Main St., facilities assessment by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Among the items on the 'and personnel issues that

Kingston said the board will discuss its options for the start of school next year, now that state law limits schools to starting not before the week of Aug. 21, whenever that day falls. In 2005, Aug. 21 falls on a Sunday, limiting the school to setting

Superintendent Dr. Bill seeking a waiver to set an said. earlier date.

Kingston said the board will get an update on the ongoing facilities assessment by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.

The firm is examining school district property so trustees have information to make future plans and Aug. 22 as its start date or set priorities, Kingston

Among other agenda items, the board will recognize students who earned spots University Interscholastic League Regional band and choir along with FFA contest winners. Trustees will review updated legal policies and act on local policies.

Festival of Lights opens tonight, can use more volunteer greeters

Herald Staff Report

The Comanche Trail Park Festival of Lights opens at 6 this evening and will continue nightly through Dec. 31.

Volunteer greeters, who welcome visitors to the display, provide information and accept donations, are always needed for the event. Greeters work in two-hour shifts for the Festival of Lights, which is open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to call Katie Cathey at 263-4615 or Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 270-3889.

What follows is a list of times for greeters, as well as volunteers who have already signed up.

Festival of Lights Greeters

Wednesday, Dec. 15 6-8 p.m., Judy Plumlee (Lions Club); 8-10 p.m., Russ and Laura McEwen, Katie and Jerry Grimes.

Thursday, Dec. 16 6-8 p.m., Judy Plumlee (Lions Club); 8-10 p.m., Lisa Barber (Big Spring Banking Center)

Friday, Dec. 17 6-8 p.m., Judy Plumlee (Lions Club); 8-10 p.m., Lisa Barber (Big Spring Banking Center)

Saturday, Dec. 18 6-8 p.m., Judy Plumlee (Lions Club); 8-10 p.m., Lisa Barber (Big Spring Banking Center)

Sunday, Dec. 19 6-8 p.m., Judy Plumlee (Lions Club); 8-10 p.m., Jane and D.W. Overman, Jeannie Husky

Monday, Dec. 20 6-8 p.m., Debbye Val Verde (Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce); 8-10 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Kohl, Audrey Able.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 6-8 p.m., Judy Thompson (State National Bank); 8-10 p.m., Judy Thompson (State National Bank), Bob and Holly Moore.

Wednesday, Dec. 22 6-8 p.m., Rene Burleson (Crisis Center); 8-10 p.m., Rene Burleson (Crisis Center)

Thursday, Dec. 23 6-8 p.m., Jill Shannon (Senior Center); 8-10 p.m.,





Jack Cathey, Homer Tomerlin, Iva Jo Hanslik, Bob and Mary Miller.

Friday, Dec. 24 6-8 p.m., Mike Henry, Pat Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Thiry; 8-10 p.m., Dusty and Patty Choate

Saturday, Dec. 25 6-8 p.m., Pat Simmons, 8-10 p.m., Pat Simmons

Sunday, Dec. 26 6-8 p.m., Jerry and Jan Forsyth, Iva Jo Hanslik (VA Medical Center); 8-10 p.m., Gloria Fedderson, Iva Jo Hanslik (VA Medical Center)

Monday, Dec. 27 6-8 p.m., Nancy Raney (Heritage Museum); 8-10 p.m., Nancy Raney (Heritage Museum)

Tuesday, Dec. 28 6-8 p.m., Wanda Roman, Jerrie Burchell; 8-10 p.m., Emma and Stanley Bogard

Wednesday, Dec. 29 6-8 p.m., Quail M. and Judy Dobbs, Linda and Ace Berry; 8-10 p.m., Katie Cathey, Laneta Fryar

Thursday, Dec. 30 6-8 p.m., Charlene and Robert Ragan; 8-10 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hernandez, Rene Valdez

Friday, Dec. 31 6-8 p.m., Pat Simmons, Earlene Williams, Sara Fryar; 8-10 p.m., Pat Simmons, Rene Valdez, Earlene Williams, Sara Fryar.



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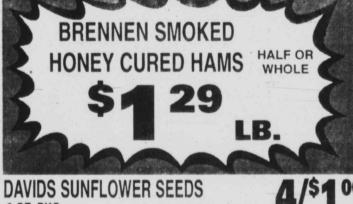
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Sprint Corp., Nextel Communications agree to merge in \$35 billion deal

NEW YORK (AP) - Telecommunications giants Sprint Corp. and Nextel Communications Inc. have agreed to merge in \$35 billion deal that would create the nation's third largest wireless telephone service provider

The widely rumored deal announced Wednesday would create a company that would be known as Sprint Nextel that would had about \$40 billion in combined revenue in the latest year and would serve more than 35 million wireless subscribers, trailing only the industry leaders Cingular Wireless and Verizon

Sprint would get access to Nextel's large base of business customers as a result of the deal while Nextel would get an opportunity to expand faster as it was approaching a decision on a big investment in upgrading its network infrastructure.

The deal was structured as merger of equals that values each company at about \$35 billion.

After completion of the deal, the companies said that Sprint's local telecommunications business would be spun off to the combined company's shareholders. The local telecom business accounts for about \$6 billion of the combined company's estimated revenues.

Iraq's defense minister accuses Iran,

Syria of supporting al-Zargawi's terror group BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's defense minister on Wednesday accused neighboring Iran and Syria of supporting terrorists in his country and charged that a senior Iraqi Shiite was leading a "pro-Iranian" coali-

tion into next month's national elections. Concerns have been raised over rising Iranian influence in the political future of Iraq, where the majority Shiites are expected to dominate elections scheduled for Jan. 30. Campaigning for the vote began Wednesday.

Hazem Shaalann, who has previously accused Tehran of interfering in Iraq's affairs, said that Iranian and Syrian intelligence agents, plus former operatives from Saddam Hussein's security forces, are cooperating with the al-Qaida in Iraq group led by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi "to run criminal operations in

The Jordanian-born militant's group is believed to be leading a brutal campaign of hostage-takings. beheadings and bombings that victimize both Americans and Iraqis. U.S. officials have offered a \$25 million bounty for al-Zarqawi.

Iran and Syria have rejected U.S. and Iraqi claims they are supporting insurgents in Iraq. Damascus, however, has said it is unable to fully close its long, porous border with Iraq.

Iraqi interim leader Allawi enters election race, announces list of candidates for Jan. 30 vote

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi joined the race for Iraq's Jan. 30 elections at a Wednesday news conference meant to highlight his appeal to Iraq's diverse and sometimes spread nevirapine throughout Africa.

fractious ethnic and religious groups.

Surrounded by women and men variously clad in tribal garb, clerical turbans and smart suits, Allawi pledged to work for national unity and move away from "religious and ethnic fanaticism."

Allawi made the announcement on the last day parties were allowed to register.

FCC considers allowing high-speed wireless Internet access on commercial jetliners

WASHINGTON (AP) - When it comes to communication, commercial airline passengers go from the Internet Age to the Stone Age once a plane takes off.

They can't get a high-speed connection for their laptops. They can't use a wireless connection to check email on domestic flights. They can't use their cell

Federal regulators are considering changing at least

They plan to vote Wednesday whether to allow travelers wireless high-speed Internet access. And they plan to talk about, without a vote, whether to end the cell phone ban.

The Federal Communications Commission also is looking again at the contentious issue of how to increase competition for local phone service.

First, however, commissioners plan to deal with the

David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, a passenger group, said the changes under consideration would "make business travelers more efficient and while away the time for a lot of other passengers. This is all the wave of the future

Currently, the only way passengers on domestic flights can communicate with the ground is through phones usually built into the seat backs. That service isn't very popular: It costs far more than conventional or cell phones - about \$3.99 a minute - and the reception often is poor.

AIDS research chief rewrote safety report, restarted research over objections

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government's chief AIDS researcher removed some negative safety conclusions from a subordinate's report on a U.S.-funded drug experiment, then ordered the research to resume over objections from his staff, memos show.

As justification, Dr. Edmund Tramont, chief of the National Institutes of Health's AIDS Division, cited his four decades of medical experience and argued that Africans with an AIDS crisis deserved some leniency in meeting U.S. safety standards, according to interviews and documents obtained by The

Tramont's staff, including his top deputy, had urged more scrutiny of the Uganda research site to ensure it overcame record-keeping problems, violations of federal patient safety safeguards and other issues. These problems had forced a 15-month halt to the research into using a single dose of nevirapine to prevent African babies from getting AIDS from their mothers.

AP reported Monday that NIH knew about the problems in early 2002 but did not tell the White House before President Bush launched a plan that summer to

Now, officials have new concerns the lone dose of nevirapine may cause long-term resistance to AIDS drugs in the hundreds of thousands of African patients who received it, foreclosing future treatment

Fans mourn slain guitarist at service

ARLINGTON (AP) - The smoke was thick, the music loud. The rum and the bourbon flowed, and so

Guitar-shaped funeral wreaths lined the stage as thousands of grieving fans, many wearing concert Tshirts, gathered Tuesday night to remember slain rock star "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott.

"This guy was full of life. He lived and breathed rock 'n' roll," guitarist Eddie Van Halen said in a profanity-laced tribute to his heavy metal friend.

The 38-year-old Abbott — best known as the former guitarist for Pantera — was shot to death last week in Columbus, Ohio, while performing with his new band, Damageplan. Three others also were killed before police fatally shot 25-year-old gunman Nathan Gale.

The public memorial service followed a private funeral Tuesday that Abbott's friend Jerry Cantrell, a singer in the 1990s rock band Alice in Chains, described as "beautiful."

Lawmakers submit public funds bill

AUSTIN (AP) - It will be easier for people to find out how the state is investing public money under a bill proposed Tuesday.

If passed in the January legislative session, the measure would clarify existing open records laws dealing with how public money is invested.

"It protects the public's right to know what is being done with its tax dollars and it protects the ability of the state of Texas to continue to invest in the future of the state of Texas, which is important to all of us," said Rep. Dan Gattis, R-Georgetown, who is filing the proposal along with Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

The measure would affect public investment agencies such as the University of Texas Investment Management Company, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, the Employees Retirement System of Texas, the Texas Permanent School Fund and the Texas Growth Fund.

Blockbuster plans to end late fees in 2005

DALLAS (AP) - Blockbuster Inc., the nation's biggest movie rental company, says it will eliminate late fees on games and movies as of Jan. 1 - but if you keep them too long, you buy them.

The offer announced Tuesday suggests that Blockbuster is still struggling to blunt the competitive threat from NetFlix Inc. and cable.

The company had expected to earn \$250 million to \$300 million in operating profits next year from its unpopular late fees but believes it can make up for the lost income with increased volume — betting that customers, no longer worried about late fees, will rent

more movies and games. "We had to deal with late fees," said chairman and chief executive John Antioco. "It's the source of jokes on late-night TV. It's still anecdotally, and in some sense really, the biggest negative to Blockbuster ... There were customer transactions that never hap-



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kind of panicked when I realized it was Monday afternoon and I hadn't written my column! When that happens, I wander through the stacks looking at what the library has and just pick out what catch-

es my eye.

Sometimes

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is catchy (like the first book) and then books that I think someone ought to read! So, sit down and see if any of

these pique your interst. The first one has a very catchy title, one that will appeal to many women: "How to Remodel a Man: Tips and Techniques on Something You Know is Impossible but Want to Try Anyway' (McNAUGHTON) by W. Bruce Cameron.

Cameron has written a somewhat scrambled but goofily satisfying parody of inspirational how-to books. While warning women that effecting real change in their men is nigh impossible

("Attempting to modify a man's behavior is like trying to talk cats into playing the tuba — even if you can convince them to put their lips on the thing, they'll never understand why."), he does offer plenty of tongue-in-cheek hints. To get a man to exercise, for example, buy him cool new gear; to cope with a man who snores, "teach yourself to snore back in self-defense." It is rather amusing, but if you don't care for man bashing, don't check it out.

I like to read biographies and one person who had always interested me is Gregory Peck. Lynn Haney had full access to the actor and papers before his death in 2001. Peck earned iconic status as a national father figure after portraying the noble and taciturn Atticus Finch in 1962's "To Kill a Mockingbird." In "Gregory Peck: A Charmed Life," (McNAUGHTON), she plumbs Peck's own neglectful fathering (Peck blamed himself for his son Jonathan's suicide) and philandering with such co-stars as Ingrid Bergman. Peck often projected massive calm onscreen, but in private he apparently required his first wife, Greta, to cater to his "monomania;" plus he was also a heavy drinker. Haney writes vaguely about Peck's "being repressed," but doesn't satisfactorily investigate how an emotionally stunted actor became a cultural treasure. Haney's insider perspective on Peck, whom she refers to as "Greg" throughout, is marred by a scattershot

manlike prose. Another interesting man to read about is Dr. Phil McGraw. Sophia Dembling and Lisa Gutterrez have written "The Making of Dr. Phil' (McNAUGHTON, which takes you inside the world of this global phenomenon.

narrative and flat, work-

Both an engaging biography and business success story, this comprehensive portrait introduces you to the real Dr. Phil, from his early days as a young athlete and student pilot, to his failed first marriage, decision to study psychology, chance meeting with Oprah, and other big breaks along the way that set the stage for his incredible career.

Dembling and Gutierrez dig deep to uncover Dr. Phil's motivations, inner drive, and the full dimension of a personality more complex than the "downhome doc" portrayed in his books and on televi-

How about a winter trip to Wyoming? "Wyoming Handbook," (917.8704 PIT D) by Don Pitcher, will take you far beyond Old Faithful and Jackson Hole. Instead, vou will see grizzles drinking at glacier made lakes, the ruts of the Oregon Trail and twopump towns where the saloon's bar still doubles as a visitor center. Also included are sections on "no trace" camping, how to duck the crowds and how to find suitable accommodations from a fancy B&B to free campgrounds.

I grieved when Erma Bombeck lost her battle with cancer in 1996. I rarely missed reading her column in whatever paper I subscribed to. One of her best compilations of essays is "All I **Know About Animal** Behavior I Learned in Loehman's Dressing Room" (814.54 BOM E). Published in 1995, it still resonates today with the age-old question "what's for supper?"

Dave Berry has turned 50 and has lived to tell about it! In "Dave Berry Turns 50," (814.54 BAR D) the baby boomers have come full circle. A couple more books from columnists are Robert Fulghum's "Maybe (Maybe Not): Second Thoughts on a Secret Life" (814.54 FUL R) and Andy Rooney's "Sweet and Sour," (814 ROO A) which perfectly describes his character.

The Howard County Library will close at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 for the Christmas holidays and will reopen at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27. We will be closed Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1 for New Year's. The Library will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Internet/Video room closes 30 minutes before closing and on Saturdays it is closed from noon until 1 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St.









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Less stuff, less stress, and a lot more meaning

By SUZANNE PEREZ TOBIAS

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WICHITA, Kan. - At Christmastime, Spexarth family opts for giving over getting, for comfort over chaos, for prayer and reflection over ribbons and bows.

But it isn't always easy. "Our society is so overindulgent, especially this time of year," says Carolyn Spexarth. "The message you hear is, More, more, more.'

But Joe and Carolyn Spexarth have chosen a simple life for themselves and their three children - "frugal is a gentle word for it," Carolyn jokes and their holiday celebration reflects that.

two-bedroom Their home in south Wichita won't overflow with gifts. Their children — 6-yearold Anna, 5-year-old Peter and 3-year-old Scott will get presents, but they won't be outrageously expensive, and they won't be the focus of Christmas morning.

Instead, the family celebrates Advent - the fourweek season prior to Christmas - with candles and good deeds. The children put pieces of straw in a shoe-box manger as a reward each time they do something kind. They celebrate St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6) and Epiphany (Jan. 6) with little treats - cookies, lollipops, nickels - that the children relish

At a time when the average American consumer will spend more

on the holidays, the Spexarths may be bucking a trend. But they're not alone in their quest to make Christmas less com-

"More and more people are . . . voicing a desire to scale back," said Diane Wood, executive director of The Center for a New American Dream, an organization dedicated to fighting overconsumption.

In a recent survey commissioned by the group, 81 percent of respondents said American society is too focused on shopping and spending. More man half worry that excessive materialism is having serious consequences on children, society and the environment.

Wood, a single mother of two, had a personal epiphany several years ago, she said. One Christmas Eve.



Wichita Eagle photo/Jaime Oppenheimer Anna, Peter and Scott Spexarth look at the gifts of money and candy that were left inside their shoes on St. Nicholas Day. The family doesn't go overboard on Chirstmas gifts.

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Inside Big Spring Mall

scanned the collection of **Blum's Holiday Hours** gifts she had bought and thought, "Oh my gosh, it doesn't look like enough." Open Every Sunday 'til Christmas

They focus on the spiritual side of the holiday.

She spent the day shopping and stayed up past 2 a.m. wrapping, dreading sunrise because she knew she'd be exhausted.

"At that moment, I was just so appalled and disgusted at myself," Wood said. "I thought, 'Who am I doing this for?' It wasn't for them, that's for sure, and it wasn't for me. It left me feeling hollow."

After that, she protes d to downscale her family's holiday hit by hit. Nage she and her teen daughters focus on the spiritual side of the holiday.

They invite friends to make gingerbread houses and bake cookies for neighbors. They connect with extended family. They still "do gifts," Wood says, but not piles and piles like years past.

"As a parent, you have to start with your own state of mind," she said. "If you approach the holidays with a feeling of dread, then you've gotten to the point where it's an obligation, and you're underserving your child."

Son Joanents may hesitate to cut Christmas spending because they think it will deprive their children. On the contrary, those who have successfully scaled back say the family benefits.

"If you really sit down and talk to children, you'll see that gift-giving

In Sunday's

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is not what they focus on for future use or what they remember," Wood said. "Look back at your own childhood, and you'll see the same thing.

"In many cases, we generate that hype. We're the ones saying the holiday means 'stuff.'

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museum or park

- A monthly lunch date (write it on your calen- the promise to plant one dars, and pledge not to cancel)

- A candlelight dinner
- Baby-sitting favors The offer of a talent, such as photography, gar-someone's name. dening or financial plan-
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- A tree or shrub (or in the spring)

- A fun road trip A Web site dedicated

to your loved ones.

Source: The Center for a

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- Talk early and often with children about the real meaning of the season. Emphasize your family's spiritual beliefs or values, such as giving to others.

- Make a list of holiday-related tasks (buying gifts, making cards, decorating, entertaining, etc.). Which activities could you scale back or cut out altogether?

 Ask your children to write down what they most want to do as a family, and act on some of their suggestions.

 Don't go cold turkey. - Make a donation in If you want to scale back your holiday, cut out a few things this year, a few more next year.

 Get creative with giftwrap. Using supplies already on hand (newspaper, craft paper, kids' art-

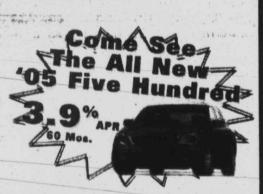




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IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

Booster Club gets more Steer gear

The Lady Steers Booster Club has just received a new shipment of Lady Steer Gear.

The Booster Club carries jackets, sweatshirts, long and short sleeve T-shirts, hats, visors, toboggans and ear warmers.

For more information, call Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

YMCA announces gymnastics program

The YMCA will be hosting its Christmas gymnastics program Friday.

The program will consist of children of all ages and abilities and it will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The entire community is welcome to attend.

The kidnastics program will last from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., while beginning gymnastics takes place from 5:20 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The tumbling and sidewinders team por tions of the program will begin at 6:05 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

Big Spring boys return home Friday

The Big Spring Steers basketball team returns to the Steer Gym Friday as they host Greenwood, a team which beat them in the two teams' earlier meeting. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Buffaloes seek revenge at home

The Forsan basketball teams will try to avenge two early season losses to Garden City as the Buffs and Lady Buffs host the Kats and Lady Kats Friday night Forsan.

The Garden City girls cruised in the first meeting, winning 43-28 and the boys, despite trailing at halftime, pulled out a 44-36 victory.

Rodman signs to play with ABA team

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Seven-time rebounding NBA Dennis champion Rodman signed to play two games in January with the Long Beach Jam of the American **Basketball Association** after being granted his release by the league's Orange County Crush. Rodman will play home games Jan. 23 against Utah and Jan. 28 against Tijuana.

He played the first two minutes of Orange County's 124-123 victory over Las Vegas last Thursday, several days after injuring his right hamstring in practice and a day before undergoing surgery.

Higgins, Adams make the grade

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Seniors Kendal Adams and Shannon Higgins added more awards to their postseason portfolio recently as both were honored as academic allstate vol-

leyball players. Higgins also was voted to the all-West Texas firstby team the San

DAGGETT Angelo Standard

Times. "They are just great students and even better kids," said Big Spring head volleyball coach Revis Daggett. "And these are some big-time honors for them."

In order to be considered for an academic all- er.

state accolade, a studentathlete must be ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduation class.

The system that chooses an academic all-stater also recognizes the honors classes taken by students, which applies to both Adams and Higgins.

Higgins is currently ranked fifth in a senior class of 216 students, while Adams is seventh.

The Texas High School Girls Association's formula for choosing the allstate student athletes gave Higgins a 98.24 and Adams a 98.21 on 100point scales.

Higgins and Adams were both honored last month with superlative all-district honors. Higgins was voted as the district's best hitter, while Adams was picked as the league's best serv-



cale back," said Diane

Wood, executive annexial

Big Spring seniors Kendal Adams, left, and Shannon Higgins were honored recently as academic all-state volleyball players for their excellence in the classroom and on the court. Higgins was also chosen as an all-West-Texas first-team member by the San Angelo Standard Times.

Grady cruises in Forsan rematch

Rivas leads Lady Cats in Lenorah against Lady Buffs

By TROY HYDE

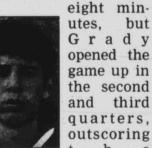
Sports Editor LENORAH Both Grady basketball teams had no trouble with Forsan Tuesday at home as the Wildcats defeated h e



Buffaloes, 61-48, and the Lady Cats took care of the Lady Buffaloes,

T h e Grady boys avenged an earlier season loss which saw Forsan win the game, 43-41, on a last second 3-pointer.

Forsan trailed by just one point after the first



the second and third quarters, outscoring h e

Buffaloes 28took the final frame 15-13. Baker led all scorers with 20 points. Junior Steven

Buffaloes. Jonathon Tunnell led ures for Grady with 15 points, including three 3pointers.

Freshman Justin Tubb and senior Andrew Villa each scored 13 points and senior Ben Hirth added

Lady



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler Grady freshman Kandace Schuelke drives to the hoop in a game at the Stanton Hooptown Classic last Friday. The Lady Cats defeated Forsan Tuesday, 46-20. Brittany Rivas led a balanced Grady attack with 11 points.

and 12-0 in the second with four. Forsan junior Tye frame and cruised to a 26point win.

> Sophomore Brittany Rivas led Grady (11-3) with 11 points, while senior Lynsey Pinkerton Lubbock and sophomore Kelsi Howard added nine and seven points, respective-

outscored the Forsan girls with nine points and 14. Forsan 15-6 in the first quarter Shiloh Sanders pitched in

Forsan hosts Garden City Friday in a rematch The Lady Buffaloes of a previous meeting, Chavez added six for the more than doubled their which both games were point total in the second won by Garden City earlihalf, but was still er this season. The girls four players in double fig- outscored by Grady, 19-14. game starts at 6:30 p.m. and the boys game starts around 8 p.m.

> Grady hosts the Warriors Friday, as well. The Lady Cats will tip-off at 6:30 p.m. and the Wildcats will begin shortly after at Casi Graves led Forsan around 8 p.m.

ALL-WEST TEXAS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Chosen by the San Angelo Standard Times

Player of the Year: Brittany Hughes, Monahans Hitter of the Year: Allison Hill, Lake View Defensive Player of the Year: Melissa Dominguez, Odessa High Newcomer of the Year: Stephfanie Starnes, San Angelo Central Coaches of the Year: Patty Dominguez, Monahans; Liz Miller

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Big Spring JH girls hit road block at Lamesa Tournament

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

LAMESA — A trip to the Lamesa junior high 'A' team tournament resulted in a seventh place finish for the eighth-grade team, while the seventh-grade team took fourth.

The eighth-grade team lost to Andrews, 25-17, Thursday and then lost to Brownfield, 27-25, in the team's first Saturday.

M'Lyn Swinney led Big Spring against Andrews

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Almond, Boley lead Southern Mississippi past North Texas

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS Dustin Almond threw for 247 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score, leading Southern Mississippi to its first bowl victory in four years, 31-10 over North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl on Tuesday night.

Linebacker Michael Boley helped put the game away, returning an interception62 yards for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Boley, named MVP of the first bowl of the post- who narrowly lost to No. season, finished with 4 California earlier this yards in the third quar-finishing with a 403-212

eight tackles including month, outplayed North ter. two sacks.

North Texas' season had been defined by overcomadversity. Quarterback Andrew Smith died in a car accident just before training camp, starting running back Patrick Cobbs injured his knee in the second game of the season and never returned, and the Mean Green lost their first four games before winning seven straight to earn their fourth-straight trip to the New Orleans Bowl.

But Southern Miss (7-5),

Texas throughout.

Jamario Thomas finished with 92 yards on 30 carries. His season total of 1,801 fell 62 yards short of former Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne's freshman record of 1,863 yards.

Thomas entered the game averaging 189.9 yards, but struggled against Southern Miss, bouncing off hard hits and spinning out of numerous tackles. The Golden Eagles pulled him down for several losses as he rushed for minus-13

USM also pressured North Texas tailback North Texas quarterback Scott Hall relentlessly, sacking him six times, and once forcing him to rush a third-and-goal throw that sailed over the outstretched arms of a

> in the end zone. Hall was held to just 57 yards passing through three quarters. He finished 15-of-30 for 134 yards and two interceptions.

wide-open Beau Davidson

The USM offense produced a pair of early touchdowns and moved

advantage in vardage.

Southern Miss running back Anthony Harris had 104 yards on 14 carries.

North Texas remained in the game with crucial third-down tackles in their own territory, forcing Southern Miss to settle for four field-goal attempts.

Boley, whose first-half sack led to a failed 50-yard North Texas field goal attempt, broke the game open when he jumped to intercept Hall's screen pass and returned it for a score, giving Southern the ball well throughout, Miss a 24-3 lead with 12:52 remaining.

Mavericks fail to win in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) - The Golden State Warriors figured out how to win in Dallas. Now the Mayericks need to do the same.

Robinson Clifford scored a season-high 25 points, Jason Richardson had a key dunk in the final minute, and the Warriors snapped a 12game losing streak in Dallas with a 111-107 victory over the Mavericks on Tuesday night.

Dallas, a franchiserecord 36-5 at home last season, fell to 7-6 at American Airlines Center season. Mavericks are 8-3 on the

Mickael Pietrus added a career-high 20 points and Speedy Claxton 18 points and 10 assists to help the Warriors win in Dallas for the first time since April 10, 1999. Troy Murphy also had 20 points for Golden State.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 23 of his 27 points in the second half, and Finley

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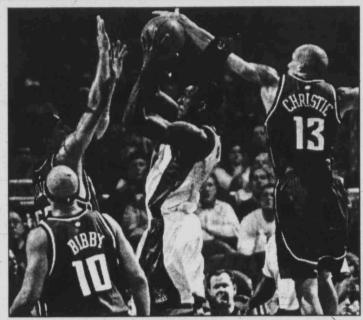
Big Spring against

Brownfield with a team-

added six points and a

team-high eight rebounds.

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KRT photo/Dave Guldan, Milwaukee Journal Sentine Bucks' forward Joe Smith goes up for two between Kings' defenders Brad Miller and Mike Bibby, both left, and Doug Christie in the first quarter at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee, Wis., Tuesday.

added 24 for the Mavericks.

from the field with six points at halftime, fin- Shawn Bradley to grab ished with 13 points on 3of-13 shooting, more than 14 under his average. Nowitzki started the night with a league-high 27.1 average.

The Mavericks, who assists trailed by as many as 17 points in the third quarter, pulled within 105-103 on Darrell Armstrong's drive with 1:28 left.

Lamesa in the seventh-

away with a 30-21 victory.

Claxton led the Lady

Steers with nine points

and seven rebounds.

Stewart added three

points and six rebounds,

while Worthan and

Swinney added six and

four points, respectively.

The seventh-grade team

began its portion of the

tournament Thursday

points.

sion. Robinson missed a Dirk Nowitzki, 1-for-7 jumper, but Richardson soared over 7-foot-6 center the rebound and threw down a dunk with 23.9 seconds left to give Golden State a 107-103 edge. Richardson finished with 14 points, eight and seven rebounds.

On the ensuing posses-

"(Richardson) came flying in and just sat on (Bradley's) head," said Murphy.

Andrews. Keonna Ward The team took on led Big Spring with 12 points, while Macy

place game and came Graves added four. Big Spring followed up the win with back-to-back losses Saturday to Lamesa and Monahans. The seventh-graders lost to Lamesa, 38-17, and were led by Ward's eight points. Linzee Yarbar added four points.

The Lady Steers then lost to Monahans by one point, 20-19, despite 17 Andrea Claxton added six with a 22-8 victory against points from Ward.

Coahoma JH girls remain undefeated

· Gee's 16 points leads Coahoma eighth-grade team to victory over rival Colorado City

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Coahoma girls seventh- and eighth-grade 'A' teams kept their winning streaks alive Monday with two wins over district rival Colorado City.

The seventh-grade team jumped out to a 31-8 halftime lead before pulling out a 44-18 victory.

Kylie Gee led Coahoma with 16 points, while Ashley Buske and

Heather Newton added nine and seven points, respectively.

"The girls did a great job and played well from the beginning of the game," said Coahoma coach Jennifer Roemisch. "All the girls saw the floor and played well."

The eighth-grade team started fast, as well. The Bulldogettes scored 20 points in the first quarter and then was held to 20 points in the final three periods, but the early effort was good enough to capture a 40-15 win. Colorado City was held to five points or less in all four quarters.

Laci Sterling and Hilari White led Coahoma with nine and seven points, respectively.

"We played a great first four minutes," said Roemisch. "The subs saw more time tonight and

they played well. "It is great to have both teams 5-0 going into the holiday break. The girls have worked hard and it has paid off."

The seventh-grade 'B' team defeated Colorado City, 23-16. Elisha Carroll scored eight points to lead the Bulldogettes, while Monica Cevallos and Amber Batterton finished with four points each.



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shift. Instead going deep into relationships, we'd rather go wide. Romance now

means travel, variety and ARIES (March 21-April 19). The favor (sale, referral or perk) goes to the one who asks for it. You're probably pushing your luck, but how else are you going to know

exactly how far your luck extends? If you don't, someone else will. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A single event has a happy outcome for several people, including you. Even if you have to rearrange your schedule, spend time with your

main squeeze. Stolen

moments bind you bliss-

fully together. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The attention you get when you apply your talent to otherwise menial tasks is enough to puff up your ego slightly! It's challenging to avoid gossip and yet still be informed as to what your people are up to.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sure, your involvement in a noble venture is its own reward. Though you're not looking for praise, it would be nice if

the people you relate to were as responsible as you are. Be a giver looking for other givers, not takers. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have an unencum-

bered channel of expression — the ideas are flowing. It's part of the reason someone thinks you're foxy! Before making a move, this shy person will wait for a sign from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll dream of making your living at something new! Talk about your aims with a Libra or Cancer. The more fiscal responsibility you accept, the more money you'll make! Turn in that rebate before it's too late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your understanding of complexities is impressive. If someone doesn't "get" you, it's nothing to take personally. Being interested in what others might consider mundane is a sign of intelligence!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Streamline your life by refusing to add extra work and unnecessary possessions. Simplifying things helps you unleash your creative powers, and it's full steam ahead! Your satisfaction comes from doing, not dreaming.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a superseductive glow about you. Many people want to part-

ner with you, and you'll have to make a choice. Keep your social options open, as one could drop off at the last minute.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Scholarly pursuits bring fabulous opportunities. Take a professional gamble, or go with a whim. Spend time with pals who have more money, clout or ambition their gains rub off on

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are at a romantic crossroads. Choose the path carefully and with your heart. Make conscious choices so you don't have to repeat mistakes made unconsciously. Loved ones live up to your definition of their roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're capable, and everyone can see this, so you receive requests. Be specific about what you are willing or not willing to give. Nothing relieves stress more than spending time with someone who adores you!

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a single, successful professional woman in my 40s. I've never had a boyfriend because I'm always focusing on my work. Last year, I met "Scott" while returning from a business trip. He sat next to me on the plane.

three years.

Scott was traveling with his son, a college student. I was impressed by his warm heart toward his son and invited them to join me for lunch at a restaurant. Ever since, Scott and I have exchanged letters and little presents. This year, I visited his home and got to know his son and

gentleman, but there is a month. The one who wins problem. His children appear to be "forever" students and have no plans to graduate. I'm not chance to vent, without even sure they have goals. Scott's love for his children is so deep that he doesn't mind their behavior. I am not comfortable with Scott's unlimited tolerance and generosity toward his children. I doubt they ever can be

financially independent. I find it ironic that the same warm relationship that impressed me so much at the beginning is now an obstacle. Scott is in his late 50s and will soon retire. I am not young either, but as a never-married woman, my dream is to have a prince, not an old widower. I don't want to lose him, but I am — Confused in NYC

Dear Confused: If you think of Scott as an "old widower," please do him a favor and cut him loose. Scott may be a great guy, but he comes with children. As their sole parent, he undoubtedly feels exceptionally protective and responsible for them. If you cannot understand and accept this aspect of his character, you will come to resent him. Searching for a "prince" is inevitably disappointing. You might consider some additional dating experiences to make your dreams more realistic.

Dear Annie: I read with interest the dilemma of "Grosse Pointe," who asked if there was a support group for the wives of retired husbands.

During the past several years, we have developed a loosely organized group of friends and relatives who refer to themselves as WORMs or Wives of Retired Men. We find potential members every time we go to the supermarket and see a woman being "organized" by her retired husband. One woman confided that she is glad he wants to be



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with her, but it drives her crazy that each morning he asks, "What are we going to do today?" We email one another, and Scott has all the quali- each of us tells our best ties that I expect from a retired story for the gets to be president the next month.

The group gives us a harming our partners or relationships, and we get a good laugh and know we are not alone. "Grosse. Point" should find some friends in the same boat and have lunch once a month. Another Annie in Idaho

Dear Idaho: A good suggestion. Here are two more:

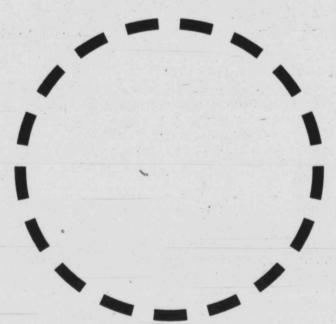
Dear Annie: After my husband retired from upper management two years ago, he drove me bananas. My boss and I came up with an excellent idea: force him back to school. After he took a few classes at the local university, he was offered a graduate research assistantship, and he now goes to college full time. It keeps his mind active. keeps him out of my way. and our marriage is better for it. At the age of 67, he is seeking his Ph.D.

College Student's Wife Dear Annie: I can recommend a different group called the Red Hat Society. It is for women over 50 to have fun, get together and just be outrageous. - Jacksonville,

Fla. Jacksonville: Dear We've heard of the Red Hat Society (they recently had a parade in Chicago). It has more than 400,000 members in every state. plus Canada, Europe and Australia. Those who are interested can write to The Red Hat Society Inc. (www.redhatsociety.com), 431 S. Acacia Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831.

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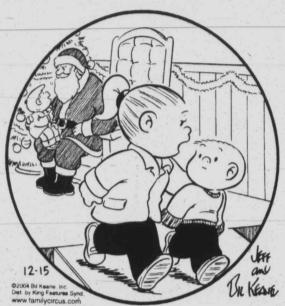
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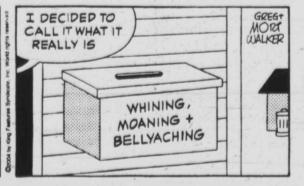
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Today is Wednesday, Dec. 15, the 350th day of 2004. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 15, 1944, a singleengine plane carrying bandleader Glenn Miller disappeared over the English Channel while en route to

On this date: In 1791, the Bill of Rights went into effect following

ratification by Virginia. In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of

Verdun. In 1938, groundbreaking

for ceremonies Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington, D.C.

In 1944, American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines.

In 1944, the Senate approved the promotions of Henry H. Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur and George C. Marshall to the five-star rank of General of the Army and the nominations of William D. Leahy, Ernest J. King and Chester W. Nimitz as Admirals of the Fleet.

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court. In 1964, Canada's House of

Commons approved dropping the "Red Ensign" flag in favor of a new design. In 1965, two U.S. manned

spacecraft, Gemini 6 and Gemini 7, maneuvered to within 10 feet of each other while in orbit.

In 1979, the deposed Shah of Iran left the United States for Panama, the same day the International Court of Justice in The Hague ruled

that Iran should release all its American hostages.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ernest Ashworth is 76. Actor-comedian Tim Conway is 71. Singer Cindy Birdsong (The Supremes) is 65. Rock musician Dave Clark (The Dave Clark Five) is 62. Rock musician Carmine Appice (Vanilla Fudge) is 58. Actor Don Johnson is 55. Movie director Alex Cox is 50. Actor Justin Ross is 50. Rock musician Simonon (The Clash) is 49. Country singer Doug Phelps (Brother Phelps; Kentucky Headhunters) is 44. Movie director Reginald Hudlin is 43.



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