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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
 Stan Parker, the Republican nominee for Howard County Sheriff, and his wife, Shelley, look over ballot totals from Tuesday's Republican Party primaries at the county courthouse. Parker won the party's nomination with 54.04 percent of the vote.

**Parker wins GOP bid for county sheriff**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Regardless of the results of the November election, Howard County will have a new sheriff, as Republican candidate Stan Parker took the party's nomination Tuesday night with more than 50 percent of the vote.



Walker

Parker finished the night with 1,680 ballots — 54.04 percent of the vote — passing incumbent Dale Walker, who finished the race with 1,118 ballots, nearly 36 percent.

"I'm going to take a few days off and regroup. I'm tired," said Parker. "I'm really excited. This is a very emotional time for me. This is something I've worked hard to get back to, so this is very emotional to me to win

this and not have to have a runoff election.

"I wish there was a way I could really express my appreciation to everyone who supported me through this and has helped me through all this. Even the people who didn't support me, I'm glad they got out and voted. This process is very important and that's what I told some people when they told me they just couldn't vote for me. I understand that, but I told them the main thing is to go vote."

Parker said he and his supporters had expected to come away from Tuesday night's contest faced with a runoff election, a bullet he dodged by garnering more than 50 percent of the vote.

"We got out and worked hard on this campaign. My family has been working hard and I've had a

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**HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER RACES**

**Long, Odom in runoff; Brown wins by 17 votes**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

The political party primaries may be finished, but for at least two local hopefuls it's time to kick their campaigns into high gear.

Jimmie Long, Republican candidate for the Precinct 3 seat on the Howard County Commissioners Court, finished ahead of the pack for the party's nomination with 310 ballots — 39.64 percent of the vote — but will have to wait until April to finish his race with second-place nominee Winston



Long



Odom

Paschal Odom, who finished the night with 197 ballots, accounting for 25.19 percent of the vote.

"I'd just like to thank the people who got out and voted and my family for their support," said Long. "I appreciate all the voters who got out,

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**Clinton hints at shared ticket, with her at the top, of course**

By **CALVIN WOODWARD**  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton, fresh off big primary victories, hinted Wednesday at the possibility of sharing the Democratic presidential ticket with Barack Obama — with her at the top. Obama played down his losses, stressing that he still holds the lead in number of delegates.

In a night that failed to clarify the Democratic race, John McCain clinched the Republican nomination. Clinton won primaries in Texas, Ohio

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MCT photo/Regina H. Boone/Detroit Free Press  
 Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton celebrates with supporters after winning the Ohio Primary.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Jonathan Hull at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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## IN BRIEF

### Brackets set for Howard College at Region V Tourney

The Region V Tournament brackets for Howard College's men's and women's basketball teams were officially released today.

Howard College's men open with Temple College at 7 p.m. Thursday, while the women face McLennan Community College at 12:30 p.m. Friday.

#### THURSDAY

##### Men's 1st Round

Game 1, 12:30 p.m., Midland College vs. Collin County Comm. College

Game 2, 2:30 p.m., Weatherford College vs. South Plains College

Game 3, 5:00 p.m., Odessa College vs. McLennan Comm. College

Game 4, 7:00 p.m., Temple College vs. Howard College

#### FRIDAY

##### Women's 1st Round

Game 1, 12:30 p.m., McLennan Community College vs. Howard College

Game 2, 2:30 p.m., South Plains College vs. Collin County Comm. College

Game 3, 5:00 p.m., Midland College vs. Temple College

Game 4, 7:00 p.m., Weatherford College vs. Western Texas College

### Big Spring High's Hughey sets school mark at state

Big Spring High School's Cameron Hughey recently advanced to the state swim meet in Austin, placing 12th in the 50 meters with a time of 22.60.

Hughey, a senior, broke a Big Spring record with the performance that has stood for more than 20 years.

### Crossroads high school varsity sports calendar

#### THURS. - SAT.

Big Spring baseball at Snyder Tournament.

Coahoma baseball at Llano Tournament.

Coahoma softball at Clyde-Eula Tournament.

#### FRIDAY

Big Spring softball at Andrews, 5 p.m.

Big Spring boys golf at San Anelo.

Big Spring girls golf at Andrews.

Big Spring girls track at Snyder for Tiger Relays.

Big Spring boys track at Midland for Tall City Relays.

#### TUESDAY

Big Spring softball at Greenwood, TBA.

Big Spring baseball at Fort Stockton, 6 p.m.

Forsan baseball at McCamey, 5 p.m.

Forsan softball at Sonora, 6 p.m.

Coahoma baseball at Haskell, 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma softball at Haskell, 7 p.m.

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# Midland shells Steers' pitching

## Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Going into Tuesday's baseball game against Midland High, Big Spring Head Coach Burt Otto knew the Steers had to be ready for tougher competition than they had previously faced.

What Big Spring saw was a Bulldogs' squad that hit everything the Steers' pitching staff threw at them in a 20-2 loss.

"I knew the game was going to be tough, but this was like playing the Yankees," Otto said. "We made a couple of fielding errors, but they hit bloopers that fell in

and hit the ball in the alleys. Whatever we threw at them they smacked. They were locked in. They adjusted from hard to soft pitchers and back from soft to hard. It's very frustrating to lose, but it's not like it's anything we did to hurt ourselves."

Big Spring (5-4) used four pitchers in five innings with John Benavides getting the start. Coby Landis, Lance Gross and Cade Hollandsworth also saw time on the mound.

Big Spring's two runs came in the top of the fifth inning. Jordan Herrod scored the Steers' first

run on a wild pitch and Kaegan Hunt knocked in John Ontiveros on a fielder's choice.

Despite suffering their worst loss of the season, Otto says some positive can come from the game.

"I'm not saying what happened tonight is a good thing, but we need to face a little adversity," he explained. "Let's see what happens when we show up in Snyder at 9 a.m. Thursday. Do we act like we want to be on the field? Personally, I think we will. We're going to want to get this bad taste out of our mouths."

"There's going to be games against some tough teams down the road," Otto continued. "Especially in district, when we come up on Frenship and other teams."

Big Spring plays at a tournament in Snyder, beginning Thursday at 9 a.m. That's just the first of the Steers' competition as they'll play the host Snyder Tigers at 7 p.m. that night. The game serves as a bit of a homecoming for Otto, who is a Snyder graduate and was a part of a Tigers' squad that advanced to state.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma's Aricka Hart slides safely into home in the Bulldogettes District 5-2A opener against rival Colorado City Tuesday. Coahoma beat Colorado City in five innings, 13-0.

# Bulldogettes shut out C-City, 13-0

## By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes had to wait an extra day to begin their District 5-2A title defense against long-time rival Colorado City's Lady Wolves. The game was moved back 24 hours because of the snow storm that blew through the area Monday.

However, once the

Bulldogettes were finally able to hit the field, they made a loud and emphatic statement that they intend to keep things the way it has always been with Coahoma holding the district trophy at the end of the regular season.

Unfortunately for a young Lady Wolves team, they found themselves the target for Coahoma's declaration as the Bulldogettes pounded out 17 hits on their way

to a 13-0 win in a game cut short by the 10-run mercy rule.

"It's always good to open the district with a win," Bulldogettes Head Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "We are finally starting to come around and get into the swing of things."

Swinging is something the Bulldogettes (8-6) did early and often, batting around in their

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# Spurs pound Nets, win streak hits 10

## By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs shot poorly and didn't think they defended well, either. None of that could halt the defending champions' longest winning streak of the season.

Tim Duncan had 29 points and 12 rebounds for his 37th double-double of the season, and the Spurs overcame their offensive struggles to beat the New Jersey Nets 81-70 on Tuesday night for their 10th straight victory.

"Think about this. They won the game shooting 33 percent," New Jersey coach Lawrence Frank said. "That just shows you how good they are. Those guys are the gold standard. They make you grind it out."

Manu Ginobili added 12 points for the Spurs, who sit percentage points ahead of the Lakers atop a competitive Western Conference, where just a handful of games separates them from the eighth-place Golden State Warriors.

Vince Carter led New Jersey with 19 points and reserve Marcus Williams scored 16. New addition Devin Harris added 13 points.

The Nets have lost two in a row and are hanging on to eighth place in the East.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich called the game "not a very memorable performance by any stretch at either end of the court," and his players echoed his assessment.

"Defensively we weren't very good. Our focus was a little down," Duncan said. "We got over the hump. We didn't shoot the ball well. We did well enough to win the game."

But the Nets figured the Spurs did something right if they could win going just 26-of-77 from the field.

"They can win games shooting a low percentage because they play great defense," said Nets center Josh Boone. "And we just didn't have any flow. We threw the ball all over the place."

The Spurs dispatched the Nets with ease for the second time in three days, winning the season series 2-0. San Antonio won 93-83 on Sunday night in New Jersey.

"It's not pretty the way they play, but they get it done," Harris said.

On Tuesday, the Spurs took the lead for good with 2:19 left in the first half when Ime Udoka's basket broke a 37-all tie.

The Spurs surged ahead late in the second quarter off an 18-1 run

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# Lady Steers falter late

## Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Through five innings Tuesday, pitcher Kelly Sage and the Big Spring Lady Steers were able to overcome four fielding errors to shut out Lubbock High for a 2-0 lead.

Unfortunately, the miscues in the field finally caught up to the Lady Steers.

Big Spring committed three errors in the bottom of the sixth inning and Lubbock High got four timely hits, allowing the Lady Westerners to score three runs.

Big Spring couldn't muster any runs in the top of the seventh, giving Lubbock the 3-2 victory.

"We're got to learn how to finish a game," Lady Steers Assistant Coach John Sparks said. "Kelli battled hard and did well, but the defense didn't back her up enough."

Big Spring got on the board early after Desiree Yanez scored on a RBI single from Sage. Yanez accounted for the Lady Steers other run as well, smacking a solo home run in the sixth.

Sage surrendered three runs — all unearned — on five hits while recording five strikeouts.

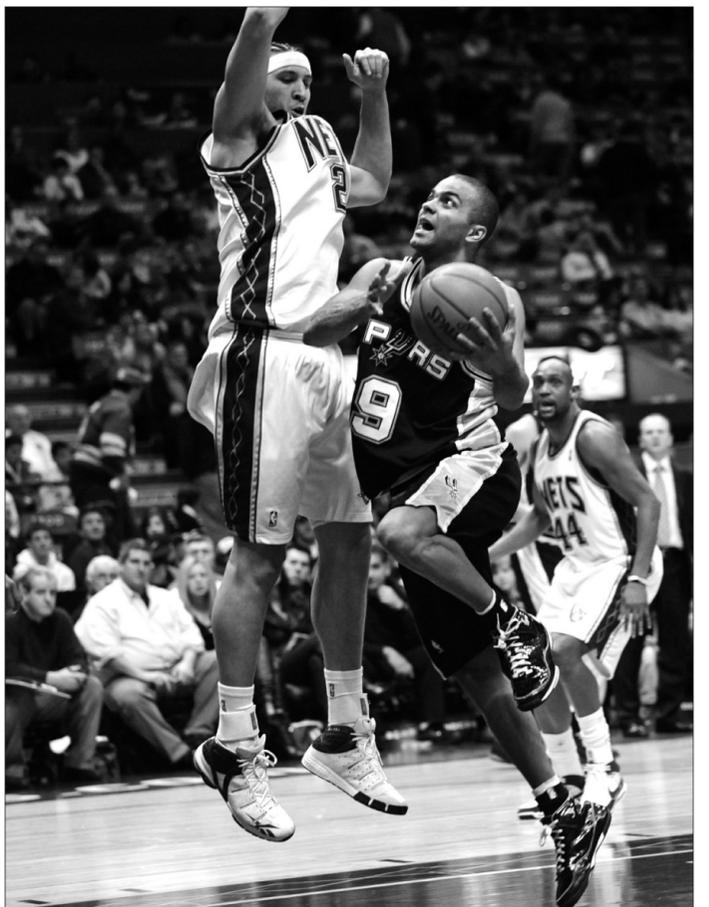
The Lady Steers (4-14) visit long-time rival Andrews Friday, starting at 5 p.m. They'll travel to play Midland Greenwood Tuesday.

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W - Trevino. L - Kelly Sage.

HR: BSHS - Desiree Yanez. RBI: BSHS - Yanes, Sage.



AP photo/Bill Kostroun

San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker (9) drives to the basket past the New Jersey Nets' Josh Boone during the fourth quarter of a NBA basketball Sunday night, March 2, 2008 in East Rutherford, N.J. Parker led all scorers with 25 points as the Spurs beat the Nets 93-83 Sunday and blasted them again Tuesday, 81-70.

## Obituaries

### William 'Bill' Davis

William "Bill" Davis, 72, of Midland, a former resident of Big Spring, died on Monday, March 3, 2008. No services will be held in Midland.

Mr. Davis was born Dec. 24, 1935, in McCreary, Ky., to Marie and John Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Alice of Midland.

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

### Allen Clinton James

Allen Clinton James, 90, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Take Note

- A fund has been established to help pay expenses for Sean Bailey, 25, who was injured in an oilfield accident Jan. 28. He and his wife are Tressa are currently in Lubbock, where Sean is hospitalized. Donations can be made at Citizens Federal Credit Union to account 930442 to help with expenses. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Cross stitchers are needed to complete one or more blocks of this year's Howard County Fair quilt. All supplies are provided. Blocks may be picked up from Posey Cotton Office, 601 Scurry, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call 263-1267 or 263-4980. This year's quilt theme is "Wildflowers of Texas." All proceeds from the sale of tickets for the quilt are used to defray the expenses of the Fair. The quilt will be awarded the last night of the fair.

- Pediatric flu vaccinations for children ages 6 months to 35 months are now available at the Texas Department of State Health Services clinic in College Park Shopping Center. Cost is \$10, although no one will be turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 263-9775.

- St. Mary's and friends of St. Mary's are holding a lap blanket drive to place approximately 400 lap blankets in the hands of every nursing home patient in Big Spring. Blankets can be taken to the church office, 1001 Goliad, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Connie Fowler at 267-2713.

A beginning crochet class is being held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the church's Parish Hall.

- Bring joy and kindness to others by becoming a Compass Hospice volunteer. Help those at the end of life's journey. Make a difference in someone's life. Call 263-5999 to begin your journey.

- All creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

- Christ Community Fellowship is collecting infant car seats and carriers. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

- The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- **BRYSON VANDERBILT**, 23, of 1605 Oriole, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ESHA WARD**, 23, of 1605 Oriole, was arrested Monday on two local warrants.
- **CHASE WARD**, 24, of 19 Chapman Road, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to identify.
- **QUENTIN LITTLE**, 19, of 1710 S. Young, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant.
- **STEPHANIE BANKS**, 21, of 120 Hoosier, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants, two local capias warrants and a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **DANA DENISE REID**, 37, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **JUSTIN G. NIETO**, 33, of 123 Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 500 block of Union.
- **GRAFFITI** was reported in the 900 block of Main Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 1200 block of FM 700.
- **DEADLY CONDUCT - DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of Wyoming.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of 12th Street.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 500 block of Union.
- **ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported:
  - in the 500 block of Union.
  - in the 700 block of 11th Place.

## Sheriff's report

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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 40 inmates at the time of this report.
- **CHASE THOMAS WARD**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify - giving false information.
  - **JIMMY RAY WILLIS JR.**, 38, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
  - **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 48, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
  - **JESSE VILLALOBOS**, 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for aggravated assault of a police officer.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Union. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Tubb Loop Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Union. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Weather

Tonight — Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds 15 to 25 mph.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow. Much colder. Highs in the lower 40s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night — Decreasing clouds. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday — Mostly sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

Saturday — Mostly sunny. Not as cool. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

## Bulletin Board

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

### TODAY

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

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. 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 at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 263-1758 213-3598.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 213-1342 for more information. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.; meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7 p.m. at TravelCenters of America truck stop.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Dorothy Lamb meeting room in the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 1300 Gregg. Call 213-1599 for more information.

## Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$37 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$26 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 7, 15, 30, 33 and 56. The Mega Ball number was 22.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 17-25-31-33-37

Number matching five of five: None.

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The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order:

3-6-0-6. Sum It Up: 15.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order:

7-1-4. Sum It Up: 12.

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# No. 9 Longhorns hold off Nebraska, 70-66

**The Associated Press**

AUSTIN — A.J. Abrams spent the last week trying to work out of a shooting slump.

On Tuesday night, it took him 39 minutes and 19 seconds.

Abrams, who was 1-for-5 from the field in the first half, hit a clutch 3-pointer with 41 seconds left to lead No. 9 Texas to a 70-66 victory over Nebraska.

"Yesterday (in practice) he was worrying about shooting it," Texas coach Rick Barnes said of Abrams. "In that possession, we felt like he was due, and they did a really good job on him. That last possession they'll think, 'We let him go that last second' and that's all it took."

D.J. Augustin scored 22 points for the Longhorns (25-5, 12-3), who moved into a tie for first place in the Big 12 with No. 5 Kansas.

Aleks Maric had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Cornhuskers (17-11, 6-9).

Abrams' deep 3-pointer broke a 61-61 tie. He was fouled on the inbounds pass and hit two free throws with 23 seconds left. Sek Henry hit a 3 to bring the Cornhuskers within two.

Abrams added his second set of free throws with 17 seconds left to give Texas a 68-64 lead.

Henry's layup with 10 seconds to go had Nebraska within two points again.

On the ensuing inbounds, Connor Atchley's pass was almost intercepted by Maric but it was knocked away by Texas' Justin Mason who was fouled with 6 seconds to go.

"If I picked a player of the game, I'd pick Justin Mason," Barnes said. "The play of the game, it was huge. It was a bad call for Connor to throw it, and Justin made a great save right there."

Abrams was wide open right in front of Atchley and the guard made sure to let the forward know that.

"I just told him to give me the ball," Abrams said. "It was a little more

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that crossed over into the third quarter.

Duncan's second highlight dunk of the game, this time over New Jersey forward Richard Jefferson, capped the burst to put San Antonio up 53-38 with 7:16 to go in the period.

During the run, New Jersey didn't score a point for 6:42. The Spurs outscored the Nets 27-13 in what turned out to be the decisive second quarter.

The Nets managed to close within eight points in the third, but Ginobili stole the ball from Jefferson, then barely stayed in bounds on his way to a breakaway dunk.

He followed with a 3 on the Spurs' next possession to put San Antonio back up by 12 points, 63-51, heading into the fourth quarter.

The Nets couldn't get within single digits in the fourth quarter, and San Antonio led by as many as 17.

The Spurs went to the line 31 times, sinking 25, while New Jersey got 16 foul shots, hitting 10. Heading into the final quarter, Duncan had gone to the line seven times, one more than the entire Nets team.

"It's tough to complain because they've earned that respect, but at the same point in time it does make it difficult to play at times," Jefferson said of the free-throw disparity.

Jefferson added 10

points for the Nets and Nenad Krstic grabbed 10 rebounds.

Tony Parker scored 11 points for the Spurs, Bruce Bowen added 10 points and Udoka had 11 rebounds.

Notes: Harris, acquired by the Nets in a trade last month that sent Jason Kidd to Dallas, got his first start with New Jersey. Harris scored 21 points in each of his first two games with the Nets. ... Tuesday's victory was the Spurs' 11th straight over New Jersey. ... Frank got a technical foul with 7:25 to go in the third quarter. ... The Spurs have lost just five games at home this season. ... Nets F Bostjan Nachbar was out with a strained left hip flexor.

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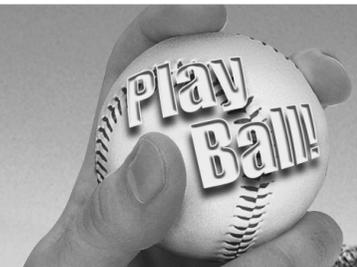
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**Jimmie Long, who came out ahead in the Republican nomination for the Precinct 3 seat on the Howard County Commissioners Court, looks over ballot tallies Tuesday night with his wife, Kimberly at the courthouse. Long will face off against fellow candidate Winston Paschal Odom in a run off election in April.**

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even for the other guys. It just shows how great democracy and how our country works is. I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of the voters I haven't seen. We had quite a voter turnout, even over those in the last primary. Almost double, so it's going to be quite challenging. We've gotten round one over and round two is coming up."

According to County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, early voting in the runoff will begin March 31 and go through April 4, with the final vote set for April 8. Odom said the nature of the primaries simplifies campaigning for the runoff election.

"The only people who will be allowed to vote in the runoff election are those that voted in the Republican primary, so it's not going to do any good to go out and try to solicit new voters," said Odom. "I'm just going to

have to concentrate on the voters who cast their ballots for the other candidates and do my best."

Odom said the need for a run off didn't surprise him at all.

"We expected it. Jimmie (Long) worked really hard and ran a good race," said Odom. "I think everyone involved ran a good race. The voters have spoken, now we just have to get them to look our way."

Also seeking the Republican nomination for the seat were Fred Green, who drew 166 ballots — accounting for 21.23 percent of the vote — and Steve Gray, who came away with 109 ballots, a 13.94 percent share of the vote.

Either Long or Odom will have to face Democratic candidate Dick Dubose, who won his party's nomination unopposed, in the November election.

And while most of the local races had area voters concentrating on the Republican primary, the Dems had a close contest of their own as long time Precinct 1 County

Commissioner Emma Brown edged out a 17-ballot win against challenger Yolanda Mendoza.

Brown finished the night with 248 ballots, accounting for 51.77 percent of the vote, with Mendoza drawing 231 ballots for 48.23 percent.

Brown could not be reached for comment following the election.

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**McCain seeks Bush's endorsement**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presumptive Republican presidential nominee John McCain has an appointment Wednesday with President Bush at the White House for lunch — and a Bush endorsement.

Once McCain's bitter primary rival himself, the president is rolling out the red carpet. There'll be

a formal welcome at the North Portico, followed by lunch in Bush's private dining room and a formal endorsement in the Rose Garden.

Bush will be giving his stamp of approval to a GOP maverick who's crossed swords with him on things like campaign finance, tax cuts and waterboarding. But the

White House insists that Bush's endorsement will be heartfelt.

"The president has said he looks forward to vigorously campaigning for the GOP and tonight it has become clear that the GOP nominee will be Sen. John McCain," White House press secretary Dana Perino said Tuesday night.

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lot of people helping," said Parker. "Honestly, I came in prepared for there to be a runoff, so we were already gearing up for that, getting supplies ready and getting prepared. And now... I don't know how to put it into words. It's just a very emotional time for me."

Walker said he's already made peace with the voter's decision.

"I believe, without a doubt, God will provide a way for me to make a living and I'm relying on that," said Walker. "I'm totally at peace with it. I have been through this whole deal."

Walker said recent illnesses could have played a role in his loss, having cut severely into his campaigning.

"Unfortunately, I've had a lot of illness during this campaign and that may have hurt me," said

Walker. "But you have to take care of yourself. Through all of this pneumonia and flu and everything else the community has dealt with, I've had it too. It held me down for about three weeks and that could have possibly hurt me. But I wouldn't have done anything differently. The voters have voted, they have made a choice, now they get to see what comes."

Gary Morgan, the third candidate vying for the Republican nomination for sheriff, finished the night with 311 ballots, approximately 10 percent of the vote.

Parker will have to get by Democratic nominee Pat Carter in November, however, before he can claim the office of sheriff. Carter was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Voters cast a total of 5,498 ballots in this year's political party primaries, substantially topping totals reported four years ago. The Republican

party collected 3,190 ballots — 58.02 percent of the vote — while the Democratic party drew 2,308 ballots, accounting for 41.98 percent of the vote.

In the Republican presidential race, John McCain drew 1,641 ballots in Howard County, accounting for 52.48 percent of the vote, while Mike Huckabee managed to bring in 1,209 ballots, or 38.66 percent of the vote.

Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton was clearly the favorite in Howard County Tuesday night, as the former first lady drew 1,459 local ballots — a convincing 63.99 percent of the vote — while fellow Democrat Barack Obama drew 751 ballots, accounting for 32.94 percent of the vote.

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and Rhode Island, halting Obama's winning streak. Obama won in Vermont.

Both Democrats insisted on Wednesday they had the best credentials to go head to head — or as Clinton put it "toe to toe" — against McCain.

Asked on CBS's "The Early Show" whether she

and Obama should be on the same ticket, Clinton said:

"That may be where this is headed, but of course we have to decide who is on the top of ticket. I think the people of Ohio very clearly said that it should be me."

Obama, who had hoped to knock Clinton out on Tuesday, said he would prevail against a tenacious candidate who "just keeps on ticking." Clinton

acknowledged the race was close and said it would come down to her credentials on national security and the economy.

The two presidential contenders made the rounds of the morning network television news shows.

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# Webb in groove as D-backs rip Rangers

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

**SURPRISE, Ariz.** — Brandon Webb is finding his groove for the Arizona Diamondbacks, even while giving up a couple of runs.

Webb got eight of his nine outs on groundballs and had a strikeout in his second spring start, the Diamondbacks' 9-3 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday.

"Yeah, that's kind of where I want to be," Webb said. "Basically just trying to get ahead and get some early groundball outs."

Conor Jackson hit a grand slam and a two-run triple for the Diamondbacks.

Justin Upton's two-run homer followed Jackson's triple in a four-run first off Kason Gabbard. Chris Snyder greeted reliever Kameron Loe with a solo homer in the third, and Jackson hit his slam an inning later.

There was a frightening moment in the second when Gabbard hit Arizona second baseman Emilio Bonifacio with a pitch on the back of the hel-

met.

Bonifacio remained on his back on the ground for several minutes before sitting up and then walking with help to the clubhouse.

"Yeah, that was scary. He was woozy," manager Bob Melvin said.

Bonifacio was treated by trainers, and was seen in the clubhouse during the middle of the game leaning back with his head on an ice bag.

"Everything is all right," Bonifacio said after the game, when he still had a large visible welt behind his left ear. "I hope it's the last time."

Webb allowed two runs. The 2006 NL Cy Young Award winner threw two scoreless innings in his spring debut Friday.

"I didn't feel like the ball was coming out of my hand as good as it was the first time," Webb said. "I just got a little work in, threw some curveballs in there. I didn't get a chance to throw any the first game."

After Webb retired the first two batters he faced on groundouts, Michael Young singled and came home on Marlon Byrd's two-out infield single.

Young also hit his first homer of the spring, a solo shot with two outs in the third.

"Young to a couple of good swings on me," Webb said of the All-Star shortstop who has had five straight 200-hit seasons. "He's a tough act, so he was all over it."

Gabbard, penciled in to be the Rangers' fifth starter, allowed four runs and five hits while pitching into the third inning. The left-hander has allowed five runs in four innings in his two spring starts.

"Gabbard threw the ball over the plate. They just hit it," manager Ron Washington said. "I'd rather see that that putting a bunch of guys on. He threw strikes. Those guys hit it."

**Notes:** SS Stephen Drew was scratched from Arizona's starting lineup because of flu-like symptoms. ... Rangers RHP Brandon McCarthy (right elbow soreness) had another successful bullpen session Tuesday and likely will pitch in his first spring training game Friday.

**Padres 9,**

**Giants 6**

Greg Maddux threw 16 of his

18 pitches for strikes Tuesday — and then said his pinpoint control was off.

Maddux pitched two hitless innings as San Diego beat the Giants 9-6.

"I was a little wild, obviously," Maddux said. "I know it don't look like it, but I'm trying to go down and away and going up and in. I was kind of wild in the strike zone. I'm glad it was in spring training rather than in the season because the hitters aren't quite right yet."

**Yankees 2,**  
**Blue Jays 0,**  
**5 innings**

At Dunedin, Fla., Phil Hughes and three New York relievers combined on a perfect game called after five innings because of rain. Kei Igawa, Scott Patterson and Billy Traber also pitched for the Yankees.

**Red Sox 5,**  
**Pirates 3**

At Fort Myers, Fla., Daisuke Matsuzaka worked three effective innings for the Red Sox. Dice-K hopes to pitch in Boston's season-opening series

in Japan, but his wife is due to give birth on the day the team leaves for Tokyo.

**Astros 11,**  
**Tigers 10**

At Kissimmee, Fla., Nate Robertson pitched three scoreless innings and struck out four for Detroit.

The Tigers lefty signed a three-year, \$21.25 million contact extension this offseason and became a father for the first time on Feb. 28.

**Braves 10,**  
**Phillies 1**

At Kissimmee, Fla., Tim Hudson kept experimenting during three innings for Atlanta. Hudson is working on a backdoor slider to throw to lefties.

**Athletics 9,**  
**Mariners 6**

At Phoenix, Seattle starter Miguel Batista pitched three innings and left with a sore back. He felt it stiffen up in the second inning, and said it's been bothering him for a few days.

## LONGHORNS

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explicit, but not to throw that deep ball at that moment."

Mason hit both free throws.

Nebraska got the ball to

Maric but he missed a layup that was rebounded by Atchley to end the game.

Nebraska opened a 10-3 lead as Texas went 1-for-6 from the field in the first 5 minutes.

Atchley and Abrams combined to go 1-for-8 in the first half.

"I don't think I lose my confidence," Abrams said. "My teammates do a good job of telling me to keep shooting it, and I'm not going to let them down."

Augustin and Damion James teamed up to run Texas' transition offense that took advantage of

Nebraska's seven first-half turnovers to take a 38-25 lead.

Ryan Anderson had 14 points on 5-for-9 shooting for Nebraska, while Paul Velandar scored his nine points on 3-pointers.

"They made shots, and we had careless turnovers that allowed them to go

down and hit shots," Barnes said.

Augustin, who had four 3-pointers, was 9-for-16 from the field.

"(Nebraska's defense) was as good as it can get and we still lost,"

Cornhuskers coach Doc Sadler said. "He got 10 points from mid-range

and was usually inside or on the perimeter.

"I don't know that their team is an inside-oriented team," Sadler said. "Atchley can come out and hit the big shot and their offense is so spread out. That's their game: pick and pop."

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## OUR VIEWS

### Filing deadline nears for city, school races

The filing deadline for those interested in serving as a public school trustee, council member or mayor is fast approaching. That doesn't mean there isn't still plenty of time to think it over, but anyone considering a candidacy needs to do so no later than Monday.

There are plenty of positions up for election, including seats on the Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma city councils and the Forsan mayor's seat; all of the area's school boards, save for Grady and Garden City which elect trustees in November; and the Howard College Board of Trustees.

However, as we have noted in this space before, our purpose is not to encourage involvement simply for the sake of having contested races.

No, the decision to seek one of these positions is one that should only be made after considerable thought.

It was somewhat troubling though to learn late last week that with little more than a week left to file nobody had filed for the three open seats on the Coahoma ISD school board and the same was true in Forsan.

The men and women who serve on these boards help shape the future of our schools and our communities. Their decisions affect each one of us in some way, whether it is the amount of taxes we pay, the services we receive or the quality of education that our children and grandchildren get in the classroom.

They don't teach, coach or put in water lines or fill potholes, but their decisions determine priorities and how funds should be allocated to accomplish those tasks.

We've also mentioned before — and won't hesitate to add again — that these individuals serve as role models for our communities and schools, representing us not only on the boards they serve, but many times on a broader scale, such as regional service centers and councils of governments.

And finally, before deciding to seek office, a potential representative of the school district or city must decide to work for the good of the entire community. They must be willing to study all sides of an issue and not rush to judgment.

Because of these weighty responsibilities, the decision to seek office as a school board trustee, councilperson or mayor is one that should be made carefully.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we look at what is going on behind the scenes, Lord, and live in Your heavenly love.

Amen

# War knocking on our back door

At first, you get the impression that the Colombians overplayed their hand. You don't send armed troops across a border with a neighboring country — not even if you are chasing wanted criminals — unless you have permission from your neighbor.



MIGUEL PEREZ

But what should you do if you suspect the leftist terrorists/guerrillas who have bloodied your country for 50 years are able to elude justice because they constantly are taking refuge on the other side of the border? And what if you suspect they are given safe haven by two of your neighboring governments? Does there come a time when you say, "No mas," and you attack the guerrilla camps on the other side of your national borders?

Well, that is what Colombia finally did last week. In a cross-border raid into Ecuador, the Colombian army bombed a rebel camp of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and killed 17 FARC rebels, including Raul Reyes, one of the terrorist group's most prominent leaders. It happened about a mile from the Ecuadorian border, where Colombian commandos later retrieved the bodies of Reyes and one other rebel.

Of course, the raid played right into the hands of Venezuelan dictator-elect Hugo Chavez, who has been itching for a fight with Colombia and has enlisted Ecuador's president, Rafael Correa, in his leftist movement to take over Latin America.

Although Colombia immediately apologized for the incursion into Ecuador, both Chavez and Correa ordered thousands of troops to their borders with Colombia. Chavez ordered the closing of the Venezuelan embassy in Bogota. Correa expelled Colombia's top diplomat and withdrew Ecuador's ambassador from Colombia.

The Colombian government explained that its troops chased the rebels across the border and overran the guerrilla camp. But Correa said Colombia carried out a deliberate attack beyond its bor-

ders and that the guerrillas were "bombed and massacred as they slept, using precision technology."

Of course, Chavez, who openly has come out in support of the FARC and already was engaged in a war of insults against the Colombian government, took his rhetoric a lot further. Chavez said Colombia is a "terrorist state." Mind you, Colombia has a democratically elected government that has, in fact, made great progress (with U.S. support) against the real terrorists. And Chavez had the gall to call the raid "cowardly murder, all of it coldly calculated," when he knows that's exactly how the FARC has murdered not only soldiers but also thousands of innocent civilians.

He even sent condolences to other rebels and to the families of those who were killed. One can only imagine how that was received by the families of FARC victims.

During his weekly TV and radio program, acting like a parody character from a Mel Brooks movie, Chavez sat before an audience of his followers — all dressed in red — and warned, "This could be the start of a war in South America."

In a surreal scene, as he spoke on the radio and before TV cameras, Chavez issued his orders like a caricature dictator: "Mr. Defense Minister, move 10 battalions to the border with Colombia for me immediately — tank battalions. Deploy the air force," Chavez said. "We don't want war, but we aren't going to permit the U.S. empire, which is the master (of Colombia) to come divide us."

After going through his usual long list of personal attacks against Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, Chavez issued a warning: "If it occurs to you to do this in Venezuela, President Uribe, I'll send some Sukhois," referring to the Russian warplanes recently acquired by Venezuela.

He sounds like a playground bully daring other children to take the chip off his shoulder. But nevertheless, he is driving South America to the brink of war. If he gets his way, Colombia would have to fight not only the rebel army within its borders but also Venezuela on its northern front and Ecuador on its southern bor-

der. Unfortunately, that is a scenario we have seen coming and have chosen to ignore in the United States. Our government is so obsessed with fighting terrorists in the Middle East that we forget about the terrorists — and sponsors of terrorism — in our own hemisphere.

Perhaps now the Bush administration and the U.S. presidential candidates will have to take Latin America much more seriously.

For a while, it was hard for many Americans to understand why Chavez kept suggesting that Colombia intended to invade Venezuela with the support of the United States. In fact, now we see that Chavez was anticipating a raid into Venezuela just like the one that went into Ecuador. Why? Because both Venezuela and Ecuador are giving refuge to the rebels, and as the Colombian army drives the rebels out of its borders, it becomes a border war.

This is the dilemma faced by Colombia and the United States from now on. How do we totally extinguish the drug-trafficking Colombian terrorists if they can find safe haven — and take time to rest and train — in Venezuela and Ecuador?

In an official statement, the Colombian government said FARC terrorists "have had the custom of killing in Colombia and taking refuge in the territory of neighboring countries."

Now it turns out that Colombian commandos not only retrieved the bodies of two rebels after the raid in Ecuador but also a computer with documents that reportedly incriminate both Chavez and Correa as clear supporters of the FARC. One document reportedly shows that the Correa government is willing to transfer its own police and army commanders from its border with Colombia if they are strongly opposed to the FARC. Another document reportedly shows that Chavez recently made a \$300 million donation to the FARC.

War is on the horizon in our hemisphere. It's practically knocking on our back door. Let's not be taken by surprise!

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# Senate turning green economy down

It seems there's little to get excited about when it comes to good economic news these days—that's why it's so troubling that the Senate was recently unable to include the renewal of soon-to-expire tax incentives for renewable energy in the economic stimulus package.

In 2005 Congress passed incentives for clean energy to help these new industries begin to meet the growing demand for power that consumers can feel better about. And when investors knew that the government was doing its share to get such technologies off the ground, they were more likely to invest as well, thus helping these companies really take off, often thereby requiring them to hire more workers here at home.

And so renewing such incentives would not only have saved jobs but would make the environment cleaner and help curb global warming.

A bipartisan majority in the Senate did show that it understands that a strong economy and a clean environment go hand in hand. Unfortunately, a determined and short-sighted minority decided to block progress with a filibuster of the amendment that would have added clean energy tax incentives to the economic stimulus package. An attempt to end the filibuster and pass the bill was defeated by

one vote.

Despite being in Washington, John McCain was the only Senator who missed the vote, thus insuring its defeat. This latest move against more clean energy comes at a time when McCain's speeches are full of pledges to increase America's use of clean energy to fight global warming.

Those voting against the measure apparently decided that partisan politics are more important than enacting the policies that we urgently need — policies supported by the vast majority of the American people.

Failing to quickly renew these clean energy incentives will snuff out one of the few bright spots in our troubled economy. Without these incentives for industry, investors are likely to put their money elsewhere, and as many as 75,000 hardworking Americans stand to be thrown out of work in the wind industry alone unless Congress acts. Instead of lifting the economy up, some Senators have apparently decided to kick it while it's down.

But there is hope. The House will likely bring a clean energy tax package up for a vote soon. The House passed variations on this legislation twice before — in August 2007 and again in December as part of a comprehensive energy bill. If the House can raise the profile of these important tax incentives which are set to expire they can put the heat back on the Senate to do something.

A similar bill failed to pass the

Senate by one vote in December during the Senate energy bill debate (with the one vote again being John McCain).

The House version would pay for these tax incentives with money from the biggest oil companies who are still experiencing record high profits. Now is a perfect time to be directing more money to clean renewable energy sources and cutting back on the generous subsidies historically enjoyed by the oil companies.

Citizens should urge their Representatives to support a stand-alone tax package, called the "Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008" which extends crucial incentives for emerging renewable energy industries such as wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass. And people should urge Senator McCain and all their Senators to support the measure the next time it comes up as well.

Extending these important tax incentives early this year would create and retain thousands of jobs, provide investment security for renewable energy technologies, and put America on the path toward a clean energy future. When it's a win for the economy and a win for the environment it just seems like common sense.

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half of the first inning and scoring six runs in the process. It was a shock that the Lady Wolves were unable to ever overcome.

Heather Newton got things rolling for Coahoma, driving the first pitch she saw from Colorado City pitcher Emily Hicks into right field for a single. After Newton moved to second on a pass ball, Janice Gonzales put the Bulldogettes on the scoreboard, slapping a ball past the infield to drive in Newton.

Christie Rich followed suit on the next pitch, scorching the third baseline for a single and scoring courtesy runner Aricka Hart.

After an error put runners on second and third, Joanna Gonzales did her big sister one better, driving in both runs with a

single of her own.

Berkley Iden finished the scoring barrage two batters later, knocking in Alex Moore and making it 6-0 after one inning of play.

With the score 7-0, thanks to a Krista Kerby single that drove home the younger Gonzales in the third, Laci Sterling lit the Coahoma powder keg for the final time as the junior infielder launched a Hicks offering well past the left-center wall, setting off a 6-run barrage to put the game away.

For her part on the mound, Newton made more than sure that the Lady Wolves never posed a threat as the Bulldogettes' hurler gave up only one hit while striking out nine with no walks and never allowing a Lady Wolves' base runner to advance to scoring position.

Joanna Gonzales did most of the damage for Coahoma as the freshman outfielder went 3-for-3 from the plate, driving in

four while also scoring three while older sister Janice going 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

Kerby also had an outstanding day with two RBIs on three hits.

"I am really glad that we were able to get the bats going," Tadlock said of the Bulldogettes' offensive explosion. "We have been a little behind because of everything that has been going on, but we played some real good teams in last week-end's tourney and I think that helped us."

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W - Heather Newton (6-5). L - Emily Hicks.

2B: CHS - Krista Kerby, Janice Gonzales. HR: CHS - Laci Sterling. RBI: CHS - Kerby 4, Joanna Gonzales 3, Sterling, Christie Rich, Shelbi Paige, Ja. Gonzales.

Bulldogs 19,  
Colorado City 4

The Coahoma Bulldogs exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the first and seven more in the third, courtesy of the Colorado City Wolves' inability to

find the strike zone, on their way to the 19-4 win.

Corey Roberts did the majority of the damage for the Bulldogs, collecting three hits including a 3-run homer in the fifth that put the final touches on the Coahoma win.

P.J. Daylong also homered for Coahoma leading off the fourth with a solo blast while Adrian Amaro was 3-of-4 with a double and two singles and Ray Gutierrez had two hits.

"Right now it's our hitting that is carrying us," Bulldogs Head Coach Brad Harman stated. "I mean our pitching and defense is doing alright, but we really haven't been able to practice. We have played three times as much as we have been able to practice and we just haven't been able to work on the little things as much as we would like to."

The Bulldogs (10-1) travel to Llano for a tournament while the Bulldogettes play in the Clyde-Eula Tournament.



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Coahoma's P.J. Daylong hits a home run in the Bulldogs 17-4 win over Colorado City Tuesday in Coahoma.

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**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**

It's all about the energy of Aquarius now with the moon, Mercury, Venus and Neptune occupying this innovative sign. Change is a constant as we careen into the future — oh, yes, and create it, too. Share your vision of the future, and then watch as it cross pollinates with others and blossoms in our collective imaginations.



**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). An industrious attitude attracts more work. This is only positive if you're enjoying what you do and charging enough money for what you do. And if you're energized

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

by what you do! If you're out of work, new offers come today.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can search high and low, but you'll find that there is absolutely nothing worth agonizing over. Furthermore, most of what you will fret about can be done over later if it doesn't turn out right this time.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Celebrating is an art form, and you're a master. Your job is to inspire others to revel in life as well as you do now. Let your joy rise to new levels — you set the tone for everyone around you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You are talented. Forget about what's expected of you and listen to the voice of that talent. If you listen closely, it will tell you "study this!" or "experiment with that."

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The receipts in your wallet tell a story. Do you agree with the person your receipts say you are? Your stars inspire a slight change in your spending style — and your personality, too. Be and live as the real YOU.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 5). The one thing you lose this year is your fear of losing. Without that, you're free to take risks you never could before and succeed in ways you only dreamed of. Get prepared for a business boom later this month. Reinvest in yourself. Developments in your love life make June a blast. Family travels together in August. Scorpio and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 15, 43 and 19.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Messages have a way

of getting lost now. If it's left on the board, scribbled by the phone or stuck on a sticky note, it's in danger of being completely forgotten. If it's really important, write it on your heart.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's romantic to have to overcome huge obstacles — unless, of course, those obstacles are self-erected. Then, overcoming them seems more like a duty, which it is. That's the kind of duty you're probably doing today.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People do not have to love each other with equal intensity for the relationship to work. You lose a few emotional expectations and gain a real sense of satisfaction with the way a relationship is right now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have stringent standards and expectations for yourself that you wouldn't dare impose on others. Ease up. Bottom line: Other people's lives are made better by your contribution.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Control issues arise. Sometimes, the wisest thing to do is agree to be wrong — better than right and so annoying no one can stand you. Tonight brings a loving exchange with a fellow earth sign (Virgo or Taurus).

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a chance to get to know someone who knows everyone — smart move. Tonight, stay sensitive and you'll bear witness to something prophetic that happens — a harbinger of what is soon to come.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are becoming the person

you've always wanted to be, but this doesn't happen without changing old thought patterns. One persistent idea is particularly hard to lose now, but keep trying to let it go. Eventually it will.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Born April 7, 1958, I am between jobs and feel like I'm in transition — looking for the new arena that will allow my talent to shine. I'm also between relationships. Any thoughts on how I can focus on these two important areas of work passion and romantic passion?"

Passion and passion, I love it. You have my admiration. Being in-between anything isn't easy for Aries, who wants to be mastering the next work project or love conquest, once and for all. My advice? For work, focus on what grabs your attention and then run with it. If you're at a loss about what to do next, cultivate your burgeoning talent; try apprenticing under someone you emulate or taking a temp job at a company you lust over. Channel your passion for conquering into action, as no Aries has ever gotten ahead by just sitting there. On that note, regarding romance, if you're feeling loser-ish about your career prospects, your love targets will scatter like frat boys at last call. Confidence is your pheromone. Confidence is attained by trying something new. And for you, Aries, there are so many new things to try and people to meet while trying them.

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**G**loria Hopkins and her "posse" are still preparing tax returns here at the library. It is every Monday, 8 a.m. until noon. To get to the basement, you enter at the glass door to the right of the main entrance. There is an elevator for those who need to take it down to the basement.



**HOLLIS McCRIGHT**

I am now climbing upon my soapbox. Mark Sheedy, in his inimitable way, read a story on KBST about a woman being arrested for having past due library books (I think that was the story). Tim then asked if I would pump my arm and say "Yes!" Well, I do in a way. Howard County Library is here for the whole community to use. When a person checks out a book, video, book on tape, and it is not returned, it affects how well the library can serve the public. So yes, I kind of do get a little smug about it. And so, Mark Sheedy is the inspiration for this particular column.

Let me explain how we get people to return books that are overdue. A report is printed of those people who have materials that are seven to 13 days late. A postcard is sent that tells the person that they have

books overdue and may owe a fine. More often than not, the books will then show up in the book drop or brought in and the fine is paid on the spot. Staff has the discretion to waive fines if necessary. As an example, the other day, an audio book was returned three or four days late. It was explained that the audio-book had been in his truck at the Alon Refinery during the explosion and it was only now being retrieved and returned. That fine was waived.

A second report is generated for items that are 14 to 20 days late. On this occasion, a red postcard is sent. This reminder will also encourage the return of material. Fines top out at \$10 per item. Our fine rate is 25 cents a day and a fine of \$10 will mean that it is 40 days overdue.

A certified letter is sent when an item is 21 to 28 days late. In that letter, we detail what books are overdue, the cost of the book, processing fee and amount of fine that is owed. We also say that if materials are not brought back with fees, then it can go to the local justice of the peace court with court costs added in. Again, this serves as an incentive to return materials, which is all the library really wants. As a final step, a civil action is filed in the local justice of the peace court. This is our last resort to get either the materials back or payment for materials. When books are not

returned, the library sustains a loss, as does the community. A lost item is one that is not available for use and in the event the library must replace the book, it decreases the amount used to purchase new materials. Acquisition staff is always on the lookout for items to add to the collection that will serve the community.

Now on that cheerful note, please be aware that the library is adding new books each week. Please check the New Book shelf for current bestsellers. Other new materials may be found on the display case and do look at the New Book Binder.

The library is still utilizing volunteers from RSVP and I cannot say enough good words for Dannie, Deanna, Rita, Gloria and Nancy. The Children's Story time held Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. is being ably handled by Eunice. I have listened in on occasion and she is a hoot with the little ones. Plans are being made for the Summer Reading Program, so be looking for news in May.

The library also has an active Book Club that meets the first Monday of each month. For April, we are reading "Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's" by John Elder Robison. The Genealogy Society of the Big Spring meets the first Thursday of each month here at 7 p.m. This week, Darrell Ryan will be speaking. Other organizations that meet

at the library are the Concerned Citizen's Council, Big Spring Art Society and the Howard County Quilting Group. A scrap-booking club also meets periodically at the library. The County Extension agent, Kandy McWhorter, will have a food handling course in March at the Library — check with her at 264-2236. Amanda Toerck with the local 4-H organization also meets at the library on occasion.

One organization that provides an immense service to the library is Friends of Howard County. They meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at noon. Benches, books, speakers, SRP supplies and puppets are just a few of the items they have provided for the library. Be on the lookout for a new book drop that will accept DVDs, videos, BOT and BOC and, of course, books.

Howard County Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The Internet/Video room is closed from noon until 2 Monday to Friday and it will close 12 hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. The Web site is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us).

*Hollis McCright is director of the Howard County Library.*

## "Diary of Anne Frank" set for Hall Center for the Arts Performances begin Friday

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Tickets will be available at each performance.

## CRIMESTOPPERS

### Police seek help in criminal mischief case

Special to the Herald

Crimestoppers of Big Spring is seeking information about a case of criminal mischief.

Sometime between 5 p.m. Feb. 29 and 10 a.m. March 4, unknown suspects spray painted several words on the north side of a business in the 900 block of S. Main.

The words were in several different colors. Authorities say it will cost more than \$1,000 to clean up the graffiti.

Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of the suspect or suspects responsible is asked to call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS.

If you are the first caller with information leading to the arrest of the suspect or suspects, you may receive a cash reward.

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# Martin County sheriff race set

*Burnett wins nod in Glasscock race*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Voters in Martin and Glasscock counties weighed in during Tuesday's political party primaries, backing several candidates that will run unopposed in November.

John Woodward II took the Republican nomination for Martin County sheriff, drawing 69.44 percent of the vote, while challenger Teddy Smith accounted for only 30.56 percent of the ballots.

Woodward will face off against Democratic nominee Jerry Heflin — who won his nomination unopposed — in the November election. Incumbent Randy Cozart opted not to run for re-election.

The race for the Precinct 1 seat on the Martin County Commissioners Court went to Democratic nominee Jesus "Sonny" Garza, who drew a whopping 72 percent of the vote Tuesday, while challenger Bruce Jeffcoat brought in only 28 percent of the ballots.

The race failed to draw a Republican candidate, meaning Garza could go unopposed in November.

The Precinct 3 seat on the commissioners court managed to draw a trio of candidates, as Democratic candidates Morgan Cox and Jim Smith battled for their party's nomination. Cox came out ahead with 61.18 percent of the vote, while Smith was able to draw 38.82 percent of the ballots.

Cox will face Republican candidate Bobby Holland — who went unopposed in his party's primary — in the November election.

Voters in Glasscock County were asked to elect a new sheriff, as Royce "Booger" Pruitt announced he would not be running for re-election after nearly 50 years of service.

With no Democratic candidate running for the office, Keith Burnett and Kenneth W. Zunker went head-to-head Tuesday for the Republican nomination. Burnett came out in front with 373 ballots, while Zunker was only able to draw 107 ballots.

If Burnett fails to draw an opponent in the November election, he will automatically take the office.

The Glasscock County Commissioner Precinct 3 seat was also up for grabs Tuesday — once again with no Democratic candidate — as Dalem Schwartz and Gary W. Jones battled for the nomination.

Jones managed a narrow victory, bringing in 51 ballots to Schwartz's 48 ballots.

Both counties made it out of the primaries without the need for a run off election.

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# Hispanic vote gives Clinton decisive edge

sBy **KELLEY SHANNON**

AP Political Writer  
AUSTIN — Hillary Rodham Clinton banked on support from Latino voters in her Texas Democratic primary bid, and it paid off.

It didn't seem to hurt that she had a few positive days heading into Tuesday's election against Barack Obama, capped by appearances poking fun at herself on "Saturday Night Live" and Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show."

"She has had a very good five days, perhaps even going to a week. She's had a lot of publicity off of the Saturday Night Live shot. Everybody agrees when they let Hillary be Hillary she becomes very personable," said Jerry Polinard, a political science professor at

University of Texas-Pan American in the Rio Grande Valley.

The former first lady had a 20-point margin over Obama among those who made up their minds in the last three days. Clinton also ran a television ad in that period asserting that she would be best suited to handling an international crisis in the middle of the night.

With nearly all precincts reporting, Clinton had 50.85 percent of the vote compared with Obama's 47.4 percent.

"I am thrilled at this vote of confidence from the people of the great state of Texas, a state that I know and love," said Clinton, who, with her husband, former President Bill Clinton, often reminded voters of her days registering Hispanic voters in the 1970s.

She also won primaries in Ohio and Rhode Island on Tuesday, while Obama won in Vermont.

In the Republican race, John McCain wrapped up the GOP nomination with a Texas victory and Mike Huckabee quit the race.

McCain had the backing of Gov. Rick Perry, the state's two U.S. senators and other elected officials. Huckabee had hoped Texas' social conservatives would give his candidacy a boost, but there was diminished interest in the Republican race because of McCain's big lead in the delegate count. Far more voters opted to take part in the Democratic primary.

After voting in the primary, Democrats could take part in party caucus

es that would award more delegates to the presidential candidates in a complex system nicknamed the "Texas Two-Step." With long voter lines in the heavy turnout election that didn't subside in some places until after midnight, many caucuses didn't begin until late night or even early morning. The party gave up counting caucus results at about 1 a.m.

Obama was the preferred candidate of 55 percent of caucus-goers in the one-third of caucuses initially reporting. The caucus count was to continue Wednesday.

The two candidates carried parts of Texas where they spent the most time campaigning — Clinton in predominantly

Hispanic South Texas and Obama in major metropolitan areas. Obama also won in the college towns of Austin, the state's most liberal city where the University of Texas is based, and in Brazos County, home to Texas A&M University.

Clinton won two-thirds of the Hispanic vote, according to exit polling conducted for The Associated Press and television networks.

Lydia Camarillo, vice president of the San Antonio-based Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, said she believes so many turned out to vote in the Democratic primary because Texans were glad to have a say in the presidential race.

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# News in brief

## Economy, health care worries Texans voting in state primary

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans voting in the record-turnout primary went in to the booths carrying their worries about making financial ends meet.

"I'm blessed but I'm just making it," Beatrice Ballard, a Houston city worker, said Tuesday outside a polling place where she voted for Barack Obama in the Texas Democratic presidential primary. "I hate to say I'm working payday to payday. I don't want to live like that."

In dozens of conversations with The Associated Press around the state on primary day, Texas voters said they were anxious about prices rising faster than incomes, concerned about the availability of health insurance and tired of the war in Iraq.

"It's not a surprise," Ken Collier, a political scientist at Stephen F. Austin University, said. "Especially with the shape of the economic problem we're having."

## Noriega tops Democratic field to challenge Cornyn this fall

HOUSTON (AP) — Democratic State Rep. Rick Noriega defeated three primary competitors to earn the right to challenge U.S. Sen. John Cornyn in the general election campaign.

Noriega, a lieutenant colonel in the Texas Army National Guard who spent 14 months in Afghanistan, avoided a runoff by winning about 51 percent of the vote with almost all precincts report-

ing. Cornyn easily defeated consultant Larry Kilgore in the Republican primary.

Perennial candidate Gene Kelly garnered 27 percent of the vote without campaigning at all, capitalizing instead on the name he shares with the song-and-dance star of the 1940s and '50s. Kelly forced political newcomer Barbara Radnofsky into a runoff in the 2006 Democratic primary race for U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's seat.

Noriega said the record turnout in Tuesday's primary showed Texans are ready for a change — in the White House and the Senate.

Noriega was hoping to coast to victory after wealthy trial lawyer Mikal Watts left the race.

Corpus Christi high school teacher Ray McMurrey ran a spunky outsider campaign, even getting Noriega to agree to a debate, but he earned only 12 percent of the vote. Rhett Smith, another perennial candidate, won 10 percent of the vote.

## GOP takes aim at Democrat in seat once held by DeLay

DALLAS (AP) — The woman who served as Tom DeLay's temporary replacement could get another shot at a seat in Congress after surviving a 10-way primary in a Houston-area district.

Shelley Sekula Gibbs, who briefly replaced U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, and Pete Olson, a former aide to Sen. John Cornyn, are scheduled for an April 8 runoff for the coveted District 22 seat.

Sekula Gibbs had 30 percent of the vote to Olson's 21 percent with nearly all precincts reporting.

"Our campaign team is really eager to go forward to continue the hard work and sacrifice and begin the process of healing and bringing all Republicans together so we can have a unified, conservative voice so we can win this seat back in November," Sekula Gibbs said.

Republicans have made incumbent Democrat Nick Lampson of Stafford their No. 1 target in this year's elections. Sekula Gibbs failed to beat Lampson as a write-in candidate in 2006. But she won a special election as a temporary replacement for DeLay in Congress and served for two months after investigations forced DeLay to resign.

## Jack Ruby's gun to go up for auction

DALLAS (AP) — The man who owns the .38-caliber Colt Cobra revolver Jack Ruby used to kill accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald says the piece is going up for auction this month in Las Vegas.

Anthony Pugliese III, who paid \$200,000 for the gun at an auction in 1991, won't divulge his minimum price but will say it is more than \$1 million.

The Pugliese Pop Culture Collection

will go on the auction block March 15-16 at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas. About 150 of the items are associated with President John F. Kennedy or his assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Florida real estate developer said he was selling the gun because he has a new passion: To build a 64-square-mile bio-sustainable city in central Florida.

His old passion was assembling a grouping of 900 historical and celebrity collectibles.

Ruby, a Dallas nightclub owner, purchased the gun in 1960 for \$62.50. He used it three years later to kill Oswald.

Among the collectibles Pugliese has assembled are the hat worn by the Wicked Witch of the West in the 1939 MGM film "The Wizard of Oz" and the white jacket worn by John Lennon on the cover of The Beatles' album "Abbey Road."

Arlan Ettinger, president of the New York-based auction house Guernsey's that is handling the sale, said he is unsure how much the gun will sell for.

Others items in Pugliese's collection range from a wooden humidior from Kennedy's desk to the toe tag attached to Oswald's body.

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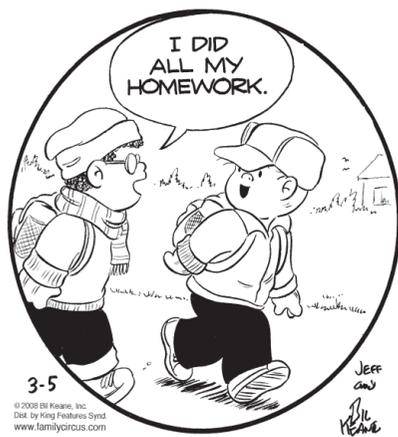
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11:30	The Insider Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Letterman Late Late	Decisiones	Late Night-	10 Items-Less Movie: The Update Israel Dell Sanchez	CCM Ministries Charles Scott	Tavis Smiley Tavis Smiley	Futureweapons	Face of Death (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Cold Case (CC)	Jamie Foxx Jamie Foxx	Replacements Kim Possible	NASCAR Now 2007 World		Destination Truth (CC)
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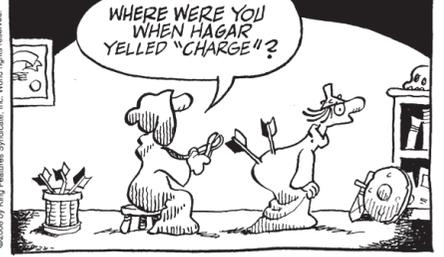
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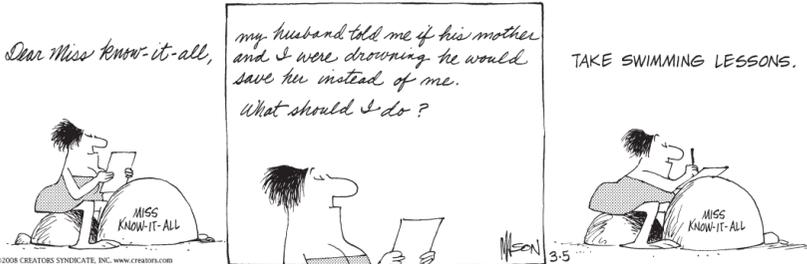
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This Date In History

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Today's Highlight in History: On March 5, 1770, the Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

On this date: In 1849, Zachary Taylor took the oath of office at his presidential inauguration. In 1868, the Senate was organized into a Court of Impeachment to decide charges against President Andrew Johnson, who was later acquitted.

In 1933, in German parliamentary elections, the Nazi Party won 44 percent of the vote; the Nazis joined with a conservative nationalist party to gain a slender majority in the Reichstag.

In 1946, Winston Churchill

delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

In 1953, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin died after three decades in power.

In 1963, country music performers Patsy Cline, "Cowboy" Copas and "Hawkshaw" Hawkins died in a plane crash near Camden, Tenn., that also claimed the life of pilot Randy Hughes (Cline's manager).

In 1970, a nuclear nonproliferation treaty went into effect after 43 nations ratified it.

In 1977, President Carter took questions from 42 telephone callers in 26 states on a network radio call-in program moderated by Walter Cronkite.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Noble is 86. Actor James B. Sikking is 74. Actor Dean Stockwell is 72. Actor Fred Williamson is 70. Actor Michael Warren is 62. Actor Eddie Hodges is 61. Singer Eddy Grant is 60. Violinist Eugene Fodor is 58. Rock musician Alan Clark (Dire Straits) is 56.

Actress-comedian Marsha Warfield is 54. Magician Penn Jillette is 53. Actress Adriana Barraza is 52. Pop singer Teena Marie is 52. Rock singer Craig Reid is 46. Rock singer Charlie Reid is 46. Rock musician John Frusciante (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 38. Actress Jill Ritchie is 34. Actress Jolene Blalock is 33. Model Niki Taylor is 33. Actor Jake Lloyd is 19.

Thought for Today: "Exhilaration is that feeling you get just after a great idea hits you, and just before you realize what's wrong with it." — Sir Rex Harrison, British actor (1908-1990).

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                        | 58 Tom's pal            | 9 Arthur's wizard         | 39 Poolside                 |
| 1 "Beat it!"                         | 59 Penguins tune of '54 | 10 Presidential transport | 42 Walter Mitty             |
| 6 False front                        | 62 Raison d'            | 11 Rotten kids            | 46 Breakfast food           |
| 10 Kindergarten stuff                | 63 All the time         | 12 Be jealous of          | 48 Relaxed                  |
| 14 Martini garnish                   | 64 Bit of pollen        | 13 Caustic, as words      | 49 Fireplace residue        |
| 15 Hand over                         | 65 Crystal-ball user    | 18 Syndicate              | 50 Fry, in a way            |
| 16 Club selection                    | 66 Fancy wheels         | 23 Wall St. debuts        | 51 Bolivian capital         |
| 17 Artist's medium                   | 67 Wasn't right         | 24 Holiday noisemaker     | 52 Inspirational phrase     |
| 19 Sitarist Shankar                  |                         | 25 Fit for a king         | 54 Gym event                |
| 20 Health resort                     |                         | 26 Picture card           | 55 Composer Stravinsky      |
| 21 The World According to            |                         | 27 Atop                   | 56 Unimportant              |
| 22 Hoisted                           |                         | 28 No-pay takeaway        | 57 Beseched                 |
| 24 Office plant                      |                         | 29 Titled women           | 60 Former heavyweight champ |
| 25 Witty comeback                    |                         | 32 Howled                 | 61 Fresh Air network        |
| 26 Legal official                    |                         | 34 Author Ambler          |                             |
| 29 Generous one                      |                         | 35 World's longest river  |                             |
| 30 Copycat                           |                         | 36 Check for quality      |                             |
| 31 On-line auction site              |                         |                           |                             |
| 33 Air-freshener output              |                         |                           |                             |
| 37 Deal (with)                       |                         |                           |                             |
| 38 Tibetan clerics                   |                         |                           |                             |
| 40 Huron's neighbor                  |                         |                           |                             |
| 41 Rapper's introduction             |                         |                           |                             |
| 43 Kennel cry                        |                         |                           |                             |
| 44 Stops a squeak                    |                         |                           |                             |
| 45 Tests of speed                    |                         |                           |                             |
| 47 British medical journal, with The |                         |                           |                             |
| 49 Checked for purity                |                         |                           |                             |
| 52 Partner                           |                         |                           |                             |
| 53 Cup partner                       |                         |                           |                             |
| 54 False front                       |                         |                           |                             |
| 55 Mischievous one                   |                         |                           |                             |

