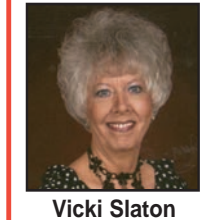




The Law Offices Of
R. Shane Seaton, PLLC
 Personal Injury and Vehicle Accidents,
 Divorce,
 Criminal Defense. 16803
1301 S. Gregg St. • (432) 264-1800

Your Hometown
COLORTYME
 RENT-TO-OWN
 Lowest Prices Guaranteed!
 501 Birdwell Lane • Big Spring, Tx 79720 • 432.263.0076

- APPLIANCES
- ELECTRONICS
- FURNITURE
- COMPUTERS

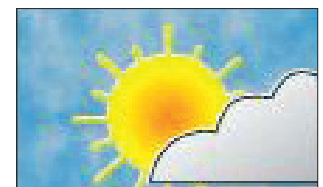


FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP
 205 W. 15th
Slaton Insurance Agency
 267-2398
 Call For A Quote Today!

H BIG SPRING HERALD

MONDAY

MARCH 22, 2010



VOLUME 105, NUMBER 90

COPYRIGHT 2009

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

National champions!

By **JOE ZIGTEMA**

Sports Editor

The excitement of winning a national championship hit Jae Crowder when the Howard Hawks team bus pulled into town early Sunday evening.

Led by a police escort, Crowder and the Hawks exited the bus to a crowd of more than 100 Hawk supporters who welcomed home the 2010 NJCAA national champions, the first Howard team to take home the title.

"It just hit us," Crowder said as the team filed into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "It just hit a lot of us."

On the heels of a baseball national championship last season, coach Mark Adams and the Hawks brought home another to Howard.

"We talked about winning a national championship here in the fall, and quite frankly, it's overwhelming," he said. "It's unbelievable."

It was unbelievable the way the Hawks staged a miracle comeback from 16 points in the last four minutes to win in Friday's semifinal, and over-



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton
The Howard College Hawks celebrate their first ever NJCAA national basketball championship on Saturday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. Howard capped off a 35-2 season with an 85-80 overtime win over Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College. See related story and photos, Page 6.

City finds another error in tax values that hurts

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Officials with the city of Big Spring say they have found a second error in the certified values issued last year by the Howard County Appraisal District, a mistake that will cost the municipality an additional \$68,400 from its general fund.

The Big Spring City Council will consider a budget amendment Tuesday night to correct the error,

removing approximately \$6.6 million from certified values and slightly more than \$68,000 from the city's coffers, according to City Finance Director Peggy Walker.

"We found the mistake when we were preparing to issue the certificates of obligation for the water park project," said Walker, referring to the recent issuing of \$4.2 million in COs to fund a new aquatic center for the city. "One of the requirements is a

list of the top 10 taxpayers in the area, and I noticed Aquilla Drilling was listed at No. 8, which was a bit odd because I had never heard of them.

"At that point we began sifting through the information and found \$6.6 million of the certified values was attributed to them. Apparently, the Abilene tax management company that handles their tax information had rendered some of their property in Howard County. However, Aquilla,

which is based out of Wichita Falls, doesn't pay those taxes based on where their property is located at the time, they pay it to Wichita Falls."

If approved, the budget amendment will mark the second time the city has had to adjust its 2009-2010 budget because of a problem with its certified values, as a similar situation involving Western Container and

See **CITY**, Page 3

INDEX

Comics	10
Classified	8-9
Features	5
Obituaries	2
Opinion	4
Sports	6-7

Find us online at:
www.bigspringherald.com

To reach us:
 Please call 263-7331.
 Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you miss your paper, please call (432) 263-7335 before 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. Sunday.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Ricky Davis checks on the progress of the catfish he's frying during the American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry, held Saturday afternoon at the organization's lodge on West Highway 80.

Officials get ready for runoff races

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

County officials are preparing for the next round of elections. Whether voters will show up is another matter.

County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom said preparations are under way for the April 13 Republican runoff election which features only two races — and only one of local interest.

Early voting for the April 13 runoff will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 5-9 on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

See **RACES**, Page 3



OPEN HOUSE

March 24th

FREE Amplified Phone
 for those who qualify offer expires 03-31-2010

Free Hearing Aid Demonstrations
 Call Today to Schedule an Appointment! 432-267-3806

\$500 off Hearing Devices
 offer expires 03-31-2010

ALL ABOUT HEARING, INC.

Every Wednesday • 9am - 5pm • Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center • 306 W. 3rd Street



EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Ron Midkiff
Publisher

John A. Moseley
Managing Editor

Bill McClellan
News Editor

OTHER VIEWS

Judge's critics really not arguing right facts

Since State District Judge Kevin Fine of Houston declared the death penalty unconstitutional, critics have pointed out that he: A. Is a Democrat. B. Is a recovering alcoholic. C. Is a former cocaine user. D. Has a lot of tattoos.

They have not provided a coherent defense of the death penalty as it is administered in Texas.

If you want to read some really brutal criticism of Texas' death penalty, forget about Judge Fine for a minute. Take a look at the justices on the U.S. Supreme Court, most of whom were appointed by conservative presidents. For the past decade, they've had a lot to say about Texas.

The court threw out one conviction, not because it doubted the guilt of the convicted murderer, Thomas Miller-El, but because it found that, for decades, prosecutors in Dallas County "had followed a specific policy of systematically excluding blacks from juries." That's a decadeslong problem of procedure that poisoned countless cases. It's not something that can be covered by an excuse.

When the Supreme Court began questioning the practice of executing people for crimes they committed before the age of 18, they looked at Texas, which had 26 such people on death row.

When the Supreme Court expressed qualms about executing people who are mentally retarded, it looked at Texas.

The U.S. Supreme Court is not obsessed with Texas. The justices were just looking at the most obvious problems.

Here are just three: The possibility of error is great. The problems Texas has had with some of its crime labs are notorious. You'd have to be dense not to wonder about the evidence that has been presented to juries. The state has released people who have spent years in prison after DNA confirmed their innocence.

There are still too many questions about racial bias.

Too often the question of who lives or dies has more to do with money than with justice. Those who can afford to pay for a near miraculous defense often get one. Meanwhile, poor defendants often get poor representation.

For the past decade, The Daily News has asked the governor to declare a moratorium on the death penalty and to ask the Legislature to study the problems and address them.

We think real leaders would find that an interesting, challenging proposal — a more challenging topic than Judge Fine's tattoos.

THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS
GALVESTON

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
- By telephone at 263-7331
- By fax at 264-7205
- By e-mail Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or News Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com.
- By mail at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721

LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
- Sign your letter.
- Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification purposes.
- We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.
- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
- Letters that are unsigned or do not include a telephone number or address will not be considered.
- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank You, Lord, for our family.

Amen

Catholic wars over health care

The nuns are right. The bishops are wrong. I know what you're thinking: Who am I, a nice Jewish girl from Lynn, to be telling bishops and nuns who is right?

If this were a theological question, I'd agree; I wouldn't go near it. But the current war raging inside the Catholic establishment has nothing to do with theology and everything to do with law. On the latter topic, I have a few decades of experience under my belt.

The nuns who run the Catholic Health Association and Catholic hospitals across the country have come out in favor of the president's health bill based on their view that the Senate bill, like the House bill, prohibits the use of federal funds to finance abortions. The Conference of Bishops, on the other hand, is pushing hard to defeat the bill, not because they oppose national health insurance (they don't), but because they read the Senate bill to allow federal funding of abortions.

Does it? Law professors everywhere are weighing in. Best as I can tell, they're saying what I'm saying: Neither bill allows federal funding of abortion. Both bills say that. The Senate bill, which is the one the bishops are attacking, repeatedly references the Hyde Amendment, a decades-old law that prohibits

federal funding even of "medically necessary" abortions for poor women.

A very good case can be made (and we tried) that if a woman has a constitutional right to choose (and she still does), then the government has no business trying to influence that decision by funding pregnancy and childbirth but not abortion. Sure, you have a right to choose. But if you pick vanilla, I'll buy you the cone; chocolate, you're on your own. Even a child would throw up their hands if you called that their "choice."

When it comes to other fundamental rights, like speech or religion, the government is required to be neutral. The easiest way to win those cases is to even suggest that the government is in the business of content regulation.

So why the content of this choice?

From a strictly economic point of view, funding abortion is a lot less expensive than paying for prenatal care and childbirth, not to mention the question of who provides for the unwanted child once born.

It was Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who once chided opponents of abortion funding, claiming their concern with life began at conception and ended at birth.

But we lost — Barney and me and all my friends in the pro-choice movement. We lost then, when the Hyde amendment was enacted and upheld and repeatedly reaffirmed. And we lost again last fall, when anti-abortion members of both the

House and the Senate insisted on anti-abortion language in both the House and the Senate bills — and got it.

So what's the problem? The Senate bill provides for additional funding for community health centers. Community health centers don't perform abortions. Longstanding regulations, which could be changed only with great difficulty, and which no one is trying to change, prohibit it. The new money, like the old money, is governed by those regulations.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, along with the president, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Harry Reid, have all affirmed that those regulations bar abortion funding. But, the bishops ask, what if someday, somehow, someone tried to change those regulations? Then the new money included in the Senate bill might be used for abortions. On that logic, community health clinics should all be de-funded right now, because someday the regulations might change, even though no one is trying to change them.

I understand why Republicans are against the bill. I understand why insurance companies are against the bill. But the bishops? They won the abortion funding fight. Maybe they have another agenda here, one that even the nuns don't see. But as best as I can tell, what they're really doing is trying to grasp defeat from the jaws of victory.

COPYRIGHT 2010 CREATORS SYNDICATE

BTW San Diego Union Tribune 03/11/10
03/03/2010



Sweatshops won't save Haiti

The United Nations will host a Haiti donors' conference at the end of March. This conference will be quite different from last year's event, of course, coming as it does on the heels of the worst earthquake to strike Haiti in two centuries.

An agenda has already begun to take shape: It's already clear that a future Haiti must be populated with environmentally sustainable, earthquake-resistant buildings, for example, and it's also clear that the international community must do something to ease Haiti's massive debt burden.

Former President Bill Clinton, currently serving as the UN's envoy to Haiti, and economist Paul Collier have another idea that could prove disastrous. They think Haiti needs to leverage its "cheap labor."

In other words, they think Haiti will solve its problems by opening up more sweatshops.

Of course Clinton and Collier don't call them sweatshops. They talk about "garment factories" or "manufacturing centers" or simply "workshops," but they are sweatshops and nothing more.

For Haiti to join the ranks of developed nations, they argue, Haitians must first work as many hours as possible for paltry wages so that their economy can grow.

Congress seems to agree. It has passed several bills that provide Haitian garment-makers

preferential access to American consumers. According to conventional knowledge, Haiti was on the road to economic success — as a result of these legislative reforms — before the earthquake. Now, the logic goes, Haitians must rebuild their collapsed "workshops" and produce as many cheap T-shirts as possible.

All this ignores the most important point: sweatshop labor's inherent inhumanity. Sweatshop labor proponents have never worked in the conditions they so enthusiastically endorse for others. When advocating such solutions, they often offer compelling numbers as proof of their effectiveness.

But what about the human costs: the extra hours workers spend away from their families, the risk of injury that accompanies repetitive movements, and the loss of morale as some boss demands that you produce even more?

In Haiti, there are a few plausible alternatives to sweatshop labor. In the lead-up to last year's donors' conference, progressive Haitian civil society organizations suggested a development program that focuses on local production and agriculture.

They argued, convincingly, that the benefits from sweatshop labor often end up somewhere else, since the clothes are constructed on-site, the material for the clothes are shipped in and the clothes are shipped out upon completion.

A focus on locally produced goods, however, would have the opposite effect. Haitian entrepreneurs would produce according to Haitian needs, and every part of the manufacturing process — from the development of materi-

als to the production of goods — would take place in Haiti and benefit Haitians.

In addition, building up the capacity of Haitian farmers is crucial in the coming months and years.

Haiti has been dependent on food aid for many years now, and a national program that focused on sustainable agriculture would not only have the effect of providing a livelihood and locally produced food for countless Haitians, it would also allow Haiti to address the environmental degradation that has crippled its economy for generations.

The link between these two suggestions is infrastructure development. Better roads and better transportation generally mean a much more stable and efficient economy.

All three of these proposals would require funding from the international community and expertise from abroad as well. All three proposals, if enacted, would benefit Haitians enormously.

The upcoming donors' conference is an incredibly important forum. We have an opportunity to help Haitians rebuild in a manner that simultaneously respects their humanity and enables them to become more productive.

We have an opportunity to heed the voices of concerned and knowledgeable Haitians. Now isn't the time to subsidize foreign investors' sweatshops.

Tope Folarin is the 2010 Carol Jean and Edward F. Newman Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, a community of public scholars and organizers linking peace, justice and the environment in the U.S. and globally.

BILL

Continued from Page 3

companion bill through the Senate and selling the health care overhaul's benefits on behalf of House lawmakers who cast risky votes. It is most likely that he will

sign the bill on Tuesday, but the plans are not yet final, said a senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss as-yet unannounced strategy.

Obama's young presidency received a much needed boost from passage of the legislation, which would touch the

lives of nearly every American. The battle for the future of the health insurance system — affecting one-sixth of the economy — galvanized Republicans and conservative activists looking ahead to November's mid-term elections.

A companion package making a series of changes sought

by House Democrats to the larger bill, which already passed the Senate, was approved 220-211.

The fix-it bill will now go to the Senate, where debate is expected to begin as early as Tuesday. Senate Democrats hope to approve it unchanged and send it directly to Obama, though Republicans intend to

attempt parliamentary objections that could change the bill and require it to go back to the House.

Sen. John McCain said Monday morning that Democrats have not heard the last of the health care debate, and said he was repulsed by "all this euphoria going on."

Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My husband and I have a 22-year-old daughter who still lives at home. "Ashley" has been dating the same guy for five years, but we can count on one hand the number of times he has come to our house. We go out of our way to make him feel comfortable and have tried to get to know him, but nothing helps. He seems to have a serious social disorder.

We are a close family, and Ashley loves our gatherings. Many times she will celebrate with us and then go see her boyfriend later. It seems she is living two separate lives, and they seldom intersect.

This young man cannot look us straight in the eye, which makes us worry he has something to hide. At first we thought it was shyness, but after five years, it's a little tiresome, and it's becoming more and more difficult to like him. A few times, I've brought up the subject with Ashley, being careful not to push the wrong buttons. We thought she would tire of his

relationship in those terms, letting her know you think she's a terrific person and want her to be truly happy. Ask her to tell you what she likes about this young man because you want to appreciate his positive attributes, too. Still, Ashley is an adult now, and you have to let her make her own choices, even if you disagree.

Dear Annie: I will be turning 21 in a few months. My friends are pressuring me to do 21 shots and bong 21 beers.

I do plan on going to the bars for my birthday, and I do want to drink, but I'm afraid I'll become sick from that much alcohol. I want to have fun, but don't want to drink so much that I will never want to drink again. Is there a correct amount to imbibe on your 21st birthday? How do I avoid getting sick? — **Almost 21**

Dear Almost: Unfortunately, binge drinking at age 21 has become more common and can lead to serious consequences -- includ-

ing alcohol poisoning, coma and death. Worse, these so-called friends are encouraging you to drink double the usual amount, which doubles your risk, and there is a strong likelihood that you will end up in the emergency room (or morgue).

What is the worst thing that could happen if you refused to drink so much? They would make fun of you? Big deal. And you'd be surprised how many others would admire you for taking a stand. Please put a limit on the booze, and if you are going to drink, take precautions. Pace yourself. Eat a big meal beforehand, and continue to nibble throughout the evening. Be sure to have the bartender or server bring you lots of water, and hydrate regularly. Have a trustworthy friend monitor your condition, ensure you drink enough water and help you form the word "no" sooner rather than later.

Dear Annie: The letter from "Just for Argument's Sake" brought back a flood of memories. My late husband

would rather argue than eat. He would pick the opposite side of any subject, whether or not he knew anything about it. My family called him The Great Contrarian. When I saw how many lawyers there were in his family, I decided it was genetic. I learned that the way to cut him off was a resigned "yes, dear" that told him I would not debate, even if I did not agree. It worked great.

At his memorial service, the only thing I heard was how he argued about everything. I had to remind them of his loving and gentle nature. — **I Had One, Too**

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, Calif. 90045.

COPYRIGHT 2010
CREATORS SYNDICATE

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Just because you can run five miles without stopping doesn't mean you should — at least not until you've conditioned yourself to do so. These types of dilemmas will be featured for the next couple of days as the effects of a tug-of-war game between the sun and Saturn are felt. It's a case of youthful vigor versus the wisdom of age.



HOLIDAY
MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're less than satisfied with a situation, don't "eat it." Speak up. Your body language is giving you away, anyhow. The other party knows something's up and may even be relieved when you articulate it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be working with a small group for a big cause. Your ability to get along with others will be more important than the talent, knowledge, money or connections you bring to the project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are always darning in your fantasies, but when it comes to real life, you usually exercise more caution. Today is different. You are a vivacious adventurer in every sense —

mind, body and spirit.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You intend to solve problems. You are out to make a positive contribution, not to devalue anyone or prove someone wrong. Choose your focus very carefully, and you will succeed in fixing things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The meetings that seem to be about money are actually about something else. The figures and decimal points actually mean very little. What matters is the energy that's being exchanged and the feeling that comes with that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Cooperation isn't the same thing as compromise — at least not always. It doesn't have to mean that each person settles for something other than what he or she wants. Look for ways to operate jointly and still be yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A group you are involved with is facing a common problem. But instead of coming together to conquer the issue, there may be fighting among the members. Your diplomacy will help to unite and focus everyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a way of making people open up and reveal more to you than they would normally. That's how you get the inside news. Be careful not to spread

it, though, or the communication will be broken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People like you, and they're not only willing, but eager to take care of your needs and desires. If they only knew what those needs and desires were! Get clear on them yourself, and then start telling people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be serving someone with the ego of a dictator. It's a reminder to keep yourself in check and purge your own selfish tendencies. "That man who lives for self alone, lives for the meanest mortal known." — Joaquin Miller

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's hard to see who you are without the reality check of a close relationship. It takes another human being to reflect back to you your personality so that you can know yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to give in a collaborative way. But the person you are dealing with may be stuck for some reason and unable to give you anything but a good fight. Take the high road. Your manner will be inspirational.

T O D A Y ' S BIRTHDAY (March

22). Your delicious sense of mischief will land you in the most interesting places this year. And you'll be arm in arm with a fellow instigator of impulsive whimsy. Your laughter rings out through April and May, attracting merrymakers to you. A job pays handsomely in June. A risk in September pays off in October. Aquarius and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 19, 33, 20 and 11.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have had a pretty difficult life lately due to circumstances way beyond my control. I believe in positive thinking. But some of the things that have happened to me are nothing short of bad

luck. Could it have something to do with having Saturn in my sixth house? Someone told me that."

The sixth house is in charge of your health and daily schedule, those mundane tasks we must perform in order to keep our lives afloat. Saturn is all about life's lessons and the kind of wisdom one can only learn with adversity and experience. Is there something that impedes your ability to go about your daily business? For instance, an unhelpful thought process, low self-esteem, economic hardship or an illness? Is there an oppressive person who has hindered you from living a so-called "normal" life? These kinds of circumstances can be life's big-

gest blessings. Indeed, history has taught us that the greatest leaders, thinkers and doers often have something major to overcome in life. Therefore, I believe Saturn in the sixth house to be a call to greatness and an indicator of magnificence for those who are willing to take control and overcome life's obstacles, particularly the ones that seem obviously unfair.

If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail.

© 2010 CREATORS SYNDICATE

The Big Spring Herald is offering Fax & Copy Services

Fax \$2.00 to send 1st page
Additional Pages \$1.00 per page
Incoming Faxes \$1.00 per page
Color Copies .50 per copy
Black and White .25 per copy

For More Information
CALL 432-263-7331

Howard County Awarded Federal Funds Through FEMA

HOWARD COUNTY HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM. Howard County has been chosen to receive \$14,776.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local Board, made up of the County, City, United Way and other local charitable organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Howard County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Howard County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Emergency Services Chaplain Corps participating. These agencies were responsible for providing over 8,000 meals, 8,000 pounds of food and over 300 nights of lodging.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact **Jeanie Coor at the United Way of Big Spring at (432) 267-5201** or come by **215 W. 3rd Street** for an application. The deadline for the submission of applications is **March 26, 2010**.

ARE YOUR ENERGY COSTS OUT OF CONTROL?
Join over 1 million people who have made the switch to Just Energy!
Get a Fixed Rate Plan from just energy
Plus! Green Energy Solutions
CALL NOW to Lock in your Rate
877-540-3806
PUCT Cert. No. 10052

PAID CDL TRAINING!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
Stevens Transport, the premier refrigerated carrier in the US, sponsors the cost of your CDL training! In 17 short days you will earn your CDL and begin your paid on-the-job training! Potential to earn up to \$40K first year! Excellent benefits and 401K!
For more information, call 800-333-8595
www.becomeadrivers.com

Harden knocked around vs. Padres

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Jerry Hairston Jr. hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run rally against Rich Harden and the San Diego Padres beat the Texas Rangers 14-5 Sunday.

After pitching three scoreless innings, Harden couldn't escape the fourth, leaving with two outs after giving up a double, triple, home run and walked in a run. Harden allowed six runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 2-3 innings.

Harden, who signed a one-year, \$6.5 million contract with a \$1 million buyout if his 2011 option isn't picked up, allowed six runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 2-3 innings. Harden has an 11.75 ERA this spring but he said his only issue was changeup command — something he hopes to clean up over his final two starts this spring.

"It's kind of been my spring training so far," Harden said. "My changeup just wasn't there. It kind of comes and goes and I was just leaving it up in the zone. I wanted to stick with it even though it wasn't a little."

Hairston and Adrian Gonzalez each had two hits for the Padres.

Competing for one of two spots in the Padres' rotation, starter Sean Gallagher gave up five runs in the third inning. Pitching on three days' rest in place of Jon Garland, Gallagher didn't walk a batter but allowed five hits over four innings, including a three-run homer to Nelson Cruz. He said his fastball command wasn't as sharp as he would have liked it to be.

"I'm still working on my fastball quite a bit," Gallagher said. "I have been happy with it so far but I've just gotta get over the hump in my mind."

Michael Young also had two hits for Texas.

HOW SWEET IT IS



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Dante Menter (Clockwise from top), Shaad O'Garro, Damion McGee and Virgin Cissoko celebrate moments after Howard College completed its first ever NJCAA National Championship on Saturday at the Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kan. The Hawks defeated Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College 85-80 in overtime as they finish the season 35-2.

Hawks win first ever NJCAA hoops title

BY JOE ZIGTEMA
Sports Editor

As the clock wound down in overtime of Saturday night's NJCAA championship in Hutchinson, Kan., Hawk sophomore Jae Crowder stepped to the free-throw line needing two free throws to ice the title.

"Big players make big plays," Crowder said he thought to himself. "Which am I going to be?"

Crowder and the Hawks answered that question Saturday with Howard's first ever hoops title in an 85-80 overtime win over Three Rivers (Mo.) Community College.

"I can't believe it," said Crowder, who scored 27 points and was named to the all-tournament team. "I think it's a dream, and

I'm waiting for someone to pinch me and I'll wake up."

The Hawks trailed for nearly the entire game, and things were getting desperate as time was winding down in the second half. But just like Friday's semifinal, Howard battled back to tie it with two minutes left, eventually forcing overtime. In the extra frame, sophomore Josh Watkins took control as he scored six unanswered points to give Howard a lead it never gave up.

"Coach just said, 'Do what you do. Go,'" said Watkins, who had 26 points and was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament. "I knew I had to attack, and once we got their big men in foul trouble, they only had two to put in the game, so we really worked on

them." Marquise Carter scored 35 points to lead Three Rivers (30-7), which is a two-time NJCAA champion in its own right.

A night after Howard (35-2) got to the championship game with a miracle 14-point comeback, the Hawks pulled it off again Saturday.

"We've just really shown that this team has character to go ahead and find ways to get the job done," said head coach Mark Adams, who has piloted the Hawks to two national tournament appearances — a feat that had not been accomplished in 36 years before he took the helm five seasons ago.

"I think it's just extremely competitive players," added Adams. "Whether it be a game of horse or one-



HERALD PHOTO/Tony Claxton

Tournament MVP Josh Watkins holds up the net after Saturday's game in Hutchinson, Kan.

on-one or tiddly winks, they do not like to lose and they take a lot of pride in what they do and winning."

The Hawks set a championship game record most most free

throws attempted — 51 — and most free throws made — 27.

"I told our players, 'I don't care how many free throws we miss,

See **HAWKS**, Page 7

Purdue downs Texas A&M in overtime with last-second layup

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Chris Kramer ignored his coach's final play call and demanded the ball with Purdue's season on the line.

The two-time Big Ten defensive player of the year, the rugged soul of Boilermakers basketball with do-it-all leader

Robbie Hummel out for the season, forgot he is just 6-foot-3. Or, he didn't care.

The bull in a basketball uniform poked past one defender 4 inches taller than him and flipped in a layup over Texas A&M big man Bryan Davis, who is 6 inches taller, with 4.2 seconds remaining in

overtime Sunday. That sent the fourth-seeded Boilermakers into the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament with a 63-61 victory over the devastated Aggies.

"I had the ball and went right and crossed over to the left, and it parted like the Red Sea," Kramer said of A&M's defense.

The bruising, second-round game just about left dents in the arena's floor.

The ending left Kramer pounding his massive chest. Then, delirious teammates pummeled him from front and back near midcourt.

Kramer's kind of day. "Bodies were clashing, both teams refused

to lose," he said. "And it came down to one play."

B.J. Holmes got a final chance to win it for fifth-seeded Texas A&M with a frantic 3-point try from in front of his bench at the buzzer, but it hit short on the rim to ensure a sixth regional appearance in 12 NCAA tournaments dating to

1994 for Purdue (29-5).

The Boilermakers rallied from 11 points down in the second half and will face top-seeded Duke in Houston on Friday. Hummel has already promised he will be there.

This all seemed like a pipe dream a month

See **AGGIES**, Page 7

Sports in brief

Howard baseball takes four from NMMI

The No. 4 Howard Hawks are 8-0 in conference play after a home sweep of New Mexico Military Institute this weekend.

The Hawks beat NMMI 18-0 and 15-1 Friday, followed by two 11-1 wins Sunday.

The Hawks will travel to El Paso for four games this weekend.

Check Tuesday's *Herald* for a recap of the series.

Big Spring district schedule gets underway Tuesday

The Big Spring baseball and softball teams get the district portion of their schedules going Tuesday with a pair of home contests against Plainview.

The Lady Steers dropped their district opener to Frenship on Friday and will try to rebound against the Lady Bulldogs.

The Steers will face off against the Bulldogs with a nondistrict record of 8-10.

Big Spring Country Club to hold United Way fund-raiser

Big Spring Country Club and the United Way invite the public to participate in a 3-person scramble March 27-28 at the Country Club.

Entrance fee is \$60 per player plus a cart. Private carts are welcome.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry includes barbecue on the course Saturday at noon and a 19th hole party on the patio.

BUSINESSES & SERVICES

\$55.60 Per Month
Call 263-7331 to place your ad today!!



<p>AC & HEATING</p> <p>Johnson Air Conditioning Heating & Sheet Metal • Servicing All Air Conditioning Units • All Sheet Metal Work Including Duct Work • Registers & Grills TACLBO6982E</p> <p>We Carry All Air Conditioning Units Parts And Filters</p> <p>1408 E. 4th • 263-2980</p>	<p>AUTO PARTS</p> <p>A Modern Auto Dismantler WESTEX Since 1947</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Acres of dismantled vehicles • 20,000 sq ft. of Warehouse storage • Specialize in late model quality auto parts • Foreign and domestic parts for cars, trucks, mini-vans, 4x4 and sports utility vehicles <p>Hrs. 8 a.m.-5:30 Wk/day 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Sat. 1511 Hwy 350 • (432) 263-5000</p>	<p>BED LINERS</p> <p>C & D Truck Accessories 2706 N. HWY 87 432-263-3600</p> <p>Rhino Linings THE SPRAYED-ON LINER</p>	<p>CONCRETE</p> <p>J. T. Builders All Kinds Of Remodeling • Drywall Ceramic Tile • Electrical Plumbing • Roofing Brick & Concrete Work Swimming Pool Decks</p> <p>JOHNNY TALAMANTEZ (432) 213-0882 Cell (432) 935-6310 Res.</p>	<p>CONCRETE</p> <p>MARQUEZ FENCE CO. All types of fences, tile fence & repairs. Concrete work, carports, stucco work All work guaranteed Free Estimates Benny Marquez-Owner 267-5714</p>	<p>DEER CORN</p> <p>Lyssy Eskel 50pd. Bag-\$6.75</p> <p>Helena Chemical 3104 N. Hwy. 87 Big Spring (432) 263-9963</p>
--	--	---	--	--	--

<p>CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>KIAN LLC Demolition, Construction Residential & Commercial Bonded State Licensed Call (432) 213-0253</p>	<p>ELECTRICAL</p> <p>C A ELECTRICAL & CONSTRUCTION CHRIS ALEXANDER - OWNER caelectric74@yahoo.com (432) 466-1245 Taking care of all of your electrical needs TECL#25950 24 hour service Residential, Commercial, Oilfield</p>	<p>FENCES</p> <p>Quality Fence Co. Jimmy Marquez-Owner</p> <p>Finest In Fencing Wood & Chainlink</p> <p>Free Estimates 432-267-3349</p>	<p>FENCE</p> <p>J.T. West Texas Fence & Welding Garden City, Texas</p> <p>Wood Fence • Metal Fence Pipe Fence • Pipe Corrals Barbed Wire Fence • Net Wire Fence Free Estimates</p> <p>Home (432) 354-2513 Cell:(432) 466-1715 Big Spring (423) 263-4858 Sterling City (325) 378-3077</p>	<p>FENCES</p> <p>B & M Fence Co. VOTED BEST IN BIG SPRING</p> <p>• Residential • Commercial • Chain Link • Metal • Cedar • Dog Kennels</p> <p>Now Accepting VISA MasterCard Discover Now</p> <p>You Choose Your Payment Plan!! Free Estimates Get Our Price & Compare Robert Marquez - Owner 263-1613 1-800-525-1389 101 NW 2nd St. Big Spring, TX</p>	<p>FURNITURE MOVERS</p> <p>- Furniture - MOVERS "City Delivery" Local - Statewide The Coates Family Since 1956 263-2225</p>
---	---	--	--	---	---

<p>CONCRETE</p> <p>STUCCO DRIVEWAYS SIDEWALKS BLOCK FENCES Chico and Sons Concrete (432) 816-6561 Insured & Bonded For Your Protection 621 Sgt. Paredes Fred Rubio Big Spring, TX 79720</p>	<p>ELECTRICAL</p> <p>CROSS ROADS ELECTRIC Richard Moren Master Electrician License #173630 Texas Electrical Contractor License #25496 Phone: (432) 264-6261</p>	<p>FIBERGLASS</p> <p>Gilgon Fiberglass Repair Big Spring, Texas 79720</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleepers • RV • Shower • Campers • Auto • Stalls • Gel-Coating • Marine • Hoods <p>Gilbert Gonzales (432) 222-6875</p>	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>COSCO COMPLETE HOME REMODEL & MAINTENANCE NEW BATHROOMS, KITCHENS, PATIO & DECKS, ADDITIONS! TILE, SHEETROCK, PAINT, INSTALL APPLIANCES, GARAGE DOORS, FROM ROOF TO FLOOR AND EVERYTHING BETWEEN FREE ESTIMATES REFERENCES AVAILABLE 432-816-6282</p>	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>RS HOME REPAIR Remodeling - Kitchen and Baths. Interior & Exterior Painting Our Specialty Add On's Garage Door Repair FREE ESTIMATES Randy Smith-Owner (432) 816-3030</p>
---	---	---	--	---

<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>Ric Smith Over 25 years Experience Big Spring, Texas Remodeling & Home Repair FREE ESTIMATES Remodeling-Room Additions Custom Cabinets-Custom Decks Doors-Windows-Tile-Metal Roofing Minor Electrical and Plumbing Custom Flooring (Wood/Tile) Kitchen and Bath Specialist 432-517-2004</p>	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENTS</p> <p>FULLMOON, INC. Complete Home Care & Repair Sheetrock, Painting, Tile, Countertops, Floors, Additions. Low Cost Metal Roofing INSURED • BONDED FREE ESTIMATES 432-267-5478 432-213-6943</p>	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>Gibbs Remodeling Room Additions, Drywall Hanging & Finishing, Bath & Kitchen Remodels, Ceramic Tile, Insallation & Repair. Free Estimates All Remodel Needs Of Any Room In Your Home. Call 263-8285 or 270-3282</p>	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>Speedy Construction Sr. Disc. We Do It All! Residential & Commercial Ceramic Tiles, Cabinets, Drywall, Textures, Plumbing, Electrical AC, Roofs, New Additions Fire Restoration And Chimney Sweep Phone: 432-816-3832 Cell: 432-816-3832</p>	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>ENTRY DOORS/ GARAGE DOORS/OPENERS Remodeling • Contractor Repaired/Remodeled Refinishing Kitchen & Bath Specialist BOB'S CUSTOM WOODWORK 409 E. 3RD 267-5811</p>
--	---	---	--	--

<p>LAWN SERVICE</p> <p>Mowing • Weedeating Hauling • Tilling • Hedging • Trees Trimmed • Odd Jobs Scoggin Lawn Service Call 267-5460 Cell 816-6150</p>	<p>HOME IMPROVEMENT</p> <p>RADD Quality • Professional • Service Tile • Stone • Add-ons General Carpentry • Drywall FREE ESTIMATES Contact: Robert Lemming @ 432-270-3094 E-mail: rlemming@peoplepc.com</p>	<p>LAWN SERVICE</p> <p>H & L LAWN SERVICE Mowing, Hauling, Estate, Garage Sale, Other Cleaning Out, Rent Houses, Storage Shed, Small Shed and Teardowns. 268-3065</p>	<p>LAWN SERVICE</p> <p>Dependable Lawn Care Mowing, Edging, Weedeating, Tree Trimming, Free Estimates, Call any time: (432) 213-2695 Trey Terrazas</p>	<p>LANDSCAPING</p> <p>Top Notch Landscaping Landscape design • Swimming pools Ponds • Irrigation • Rockscaping Landscape lighting • Complete lawn care Pavers • Brick & stone • Patios & walkways Complete tree service • Retaining walls Commercial & Residential (432) 213-0031 Free Estimates</p>
--	--	--	---	---

<p>INTERNET SERVICES</p> <p>Westex Telecom High Speed DSL OR Dial-Up Internet Access Local Customer Service 268-8800</p>	<p>ROOFING</p> <p>Timmy D's Roofing Specializing in Patch Jobs/ Whole Roof Metal, Shingle, Tile & Flat, Remodeling FREE ESTIMATE Satisfaction Guaranteed Call (432) 935-1835</p>	<p>ROOFING</p> <p>FULLMOON, INC. ROOFING Commercial, Residential, Industrial Low Cost Metal Roofing Insured • Bonded \$500,000 General Liability FREE ESTIMATES (432) 267-5478 Big Spring, Texas</p>	<p>ROOFING</p> <p>Palacios Roofing Home Improvement All Types of Roof Work, Home Repairs, Ceramic Tile, Painting, Drywall, Concrete Work, Fences, Wood Floors. You Need it — We Do It... Since 1996 (Licensed & Bonded) Free Estimates Alvaro Palacios - Owner Call 213-0363 or 263-5430</p>
---	---	--	--

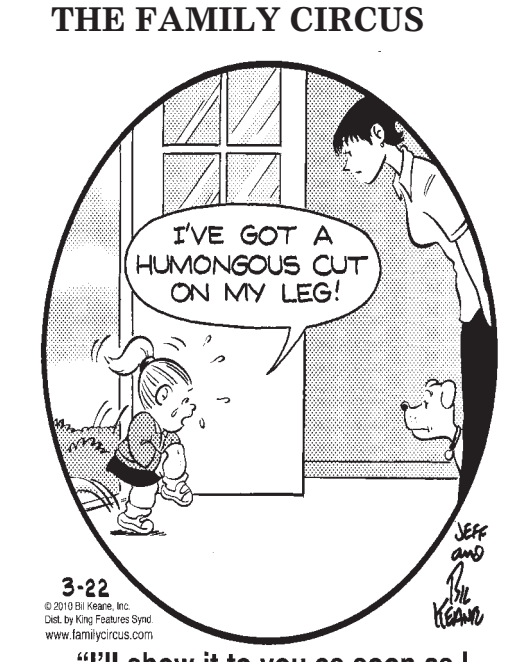
<p>PEST CONTROL</p> <p>SOUTHWESTERN Southwestern A-1 Pest Control 432.263.0441 Max F. Moore 2008 Birdwell Lane www.swa1pc.com</p>	<p>ROOFING</p> <p>JOHNNY FLORES ROOFING Shingles, Hot Tar & Gravel. All type of repairs! Work Guaranteed. Specializing in Hot Tar Roofs and Doctor of Repairs! Free Estimates!! Big Spring & Surrounding Areas. 267-1110</p>	<p>ROOFING</p> <p>Johnson Fence and Construction Roofs • Remodels All Types Of Construction Free Estimates (432) 631-3913</p>	<p>TAX SERVICES</p> <p>FAST CASH On Income Tax Refund TAX ASSOCIATES 406 Rannels (Across from Bargain Mart) CALL (432) 264-6134 "Se Habla Espanol"</p>	<p>PAINTING</p> <p>AFFORDABLE PAINTING COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR • EXTERIOR Looking for a professional job at a good price! 25 yrs. experience in: Stains • Enamels • Epoxy • Special Coatings Stain and Sealed Concrete • Water Proofing Call: Robert Hall, Jr. (432) 213-8595 Free Estimates</p>	<p>SEWING</p> <p>Kids Can Sew Uniquely Yours Custom Embroidery And Sewing Girls and Boy's (Ages 6 and Up) Licensed Kids Can Sew Instructor Bobbi King (432) 267-1296</p>
--	--	---	--	---	--

<p>SIDING</p> <p>Four Seasons Insulation & Siding Specializing In Wall Insulation Thermal Replacement Windows & Siding Call 264-8610</p>	<p>TREE TRIMMING</p> <p>LUPE'S TREE TRIMMING More than 20 years of experience. Stump grinder available. For Tree Trimming and removal. CALL Lupe Villalpando 432-268-6406 432-213-1451</p>	<p>TREE SERVICE</p> <p>Larry's TREE SERVICE Complete Tree Removal, Tree Trimming and Pruning For FREE Estimates Call: 432-270-2256</p>	<p>WATER WELLS</p> <p>Choate Well Service For all your water well needs. All major credit cards accepted Call (432) 393-5231 Family Owned Business For 51 Yrs.</p>	<p>WEB DESIGNS</p> <p>Bond Web Designs web designing and hosting www.bondwebs.com Lane Bond 2605 Ann Drive Big Spring, TX 79720 (432) 263-4033 (432) 213-0391 cell lane@bondwebs.com</p>	<p>WINDOW TINT</p> <p>C & D Truck Accessories 2706 N. HWY 87 432-263-3600 Solar Gaurd Window Tint 5 year limited warranty</p>
---	--	---	--	---	--

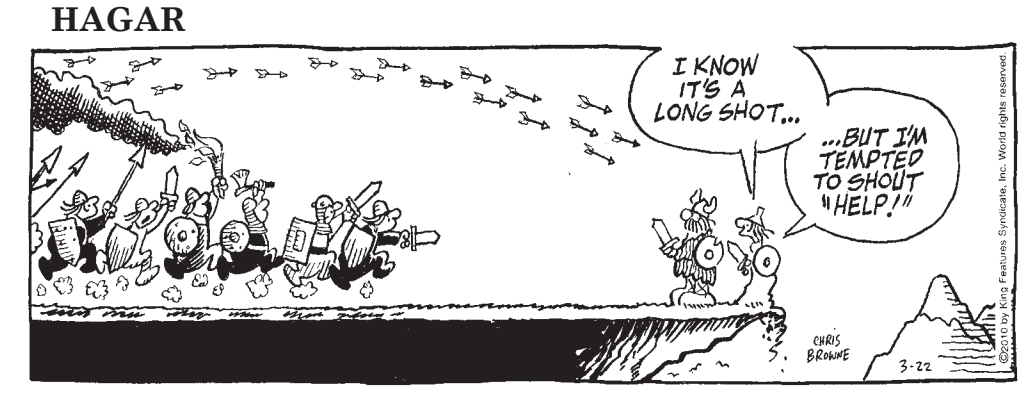
	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28) Sports	ESPN (29) Sports
5:PM	News ABC	News ABC	Locura	Lopez	News CBS	Noticias NBC	News NBC	Friends	Chumney	World Business	Cash Cab	Bone Collector, Queen Latifah	CSI: Crime Scn	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Phineas	Interrupt	SportsCenter
6:PM	News ABC	Jeopardy!	Mi Pecado (SS)	Two Men	News CBS	12 Coronas	News NBC	Seinfeld	Granger	PBS News-Hour	Nature's Deadliest	UFC's Ultimate Fight Night	Bones	Bones	Wizards of Waverly Place	Wizards of Waverly Place	Women's College Basketball	College Basketball
7:PM	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	Hasta que el Dinero	House	How I Met My Rules	El Clon	Chuck	Fam. Guy	Holmes	Antiques Roadshow	I Was Bitten	Movie: Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life	Bones	Bones	Movie: Steppin' The Movie	Wizards of Waverly Place	Women's College Basketball	College Basketball
8:PM	News ABC	News ABC	Corazón Salvaje	24	Two Men	Perro Amor	Trauma	Fam. Guy	Hansen	American Exp.	Yellowstone: Battle For Life	Movie: Enter the Dragon, Jim Kelly	Bones	The Closer	Crews	Phineas	College Basketball	College Basketball
9:PM	(:02) Castle	(:02) Castle	Cristina (SS)	Simpsons	CSI: Miami	¿Dónde Está Elisa?	Law & Order	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	American Masters	I Was Bitten	(:45) Movie: Enter the Dragon, Jim Kelly	Police Chases	Law & Order	The Mo'Nique	Wizards of Waverly Place	College Basketball	SportsCenter
10:PM	News ABC	News ABC	Impacto	Raymond	News CBS	Noticias	News NBC	Lopez Tonight	House	Charlie Rose	I Was Bitten	Yellowstone: Battle For Life	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	Wendy Williams	Suite Life	College Basketball	NFL Live
11:PM	Insider	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Gancho	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisiones	Late Night	Name	Uri Harel	World	Yellowstone: Battle For Life	(12:15) Movie: Kelly's Heroes, Don Rickles	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: NY	Movie: Steppin' The Movie	Kim	SportsNation	SportsCenter
12:AM	News ABC	News ABC	Extra	Paid King-Hill	Insider	Pagado	News	Sex & Cortes	Israel	(Off Air)	Overhaul	Unsolved Mysteries	Leverage	Leverage	Replace Emperor	NASCAR	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
1:AM	News ABC	News ABC	Mujer... Cero	RENO 911	Paid	Pelicula	Poker After Dark	Lopez Tonight	Light of the Southwest									



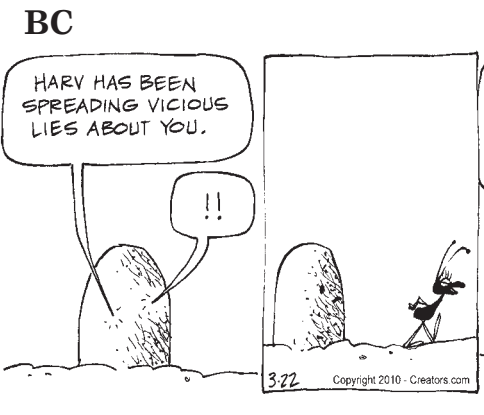
DENNIS THE MENACE
"HE IS SO CUTE...AND INNOCENT."
"PRESUMED INNOCENT."



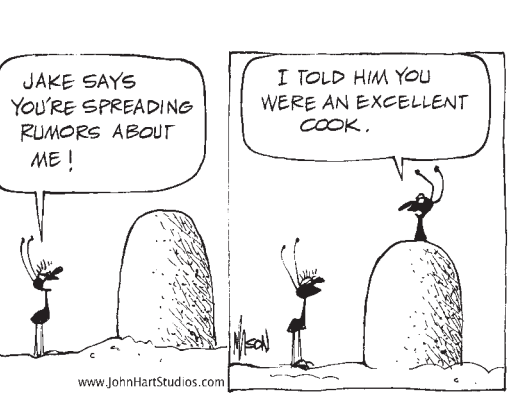
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
"I'VE GOT A HUMONGOUS CUT ON MY LEG!"
"I'll show it to you as soon as I find it again."



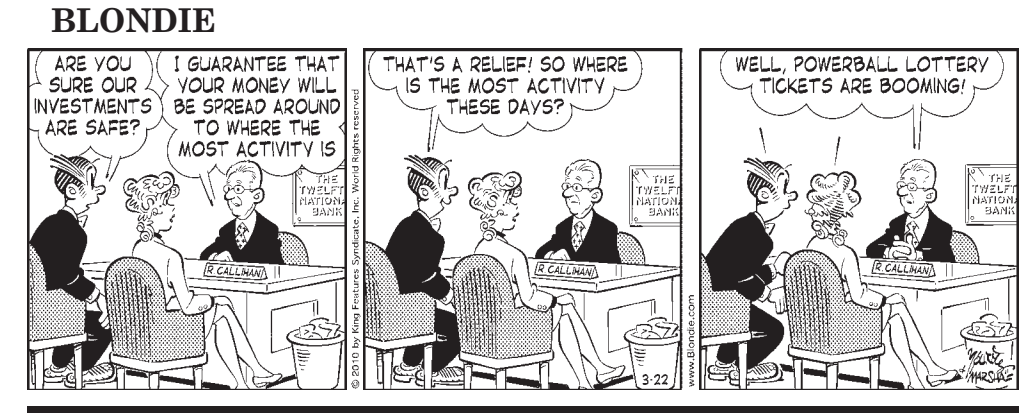
HAGAR
"I KNOW IT'S A LONG SHOT...
...BUT I'M TEMPTED TO SHOUT 'HELP!'"



BC
"HARV HAS BEEN SPREADING VICIOUS LIES ABOUT YOU."
"!!"
"JAKE SAYS YOU'RE SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT ME!"
"I TOLD HIM YOU WERE AN EXCELLENT COOK."



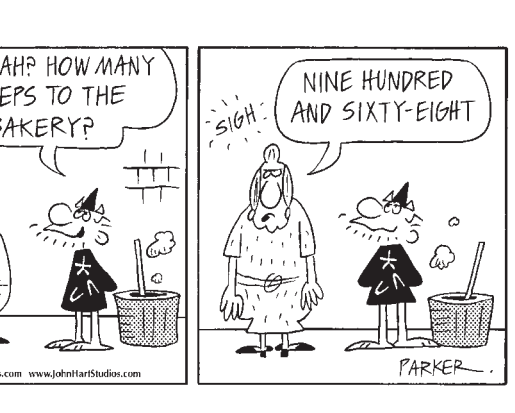
BLONDIE
"ARE YOU SURE OUR INVESTMENTS ARE SAFE?"
"I GUARANTEE THAT YOUR MONEY WILL BE SPREAD AROUND TO WHERE THE MOST ACTIVITY IS."
"THAT'S A RELIEF! SO WHERE IS THE MOST ACTIVITY THESE DAYS?"
"WELL, POWERBALL LOTTERY TICKETS ARE BOOMING!"



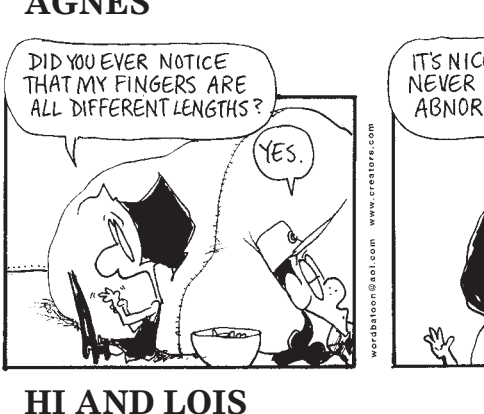
This Date In History
Today is Monday, March 22, the 81st day of 2010. There are 284 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act of 1765 to raise money from the American colonies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)
On this date:
In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for defying Puritan orthodoxy.
In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.
In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed a measure outlawing polygamy.
In 1929, a U.S. Coast Guard vessel sank a Canadian-registered schooner, the I'm Alone, in the Gulf of Mexico. (The schooner was suspected of carrying bootleg liquor.)



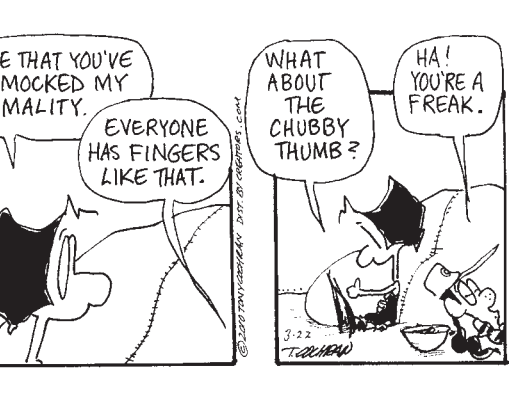
WIZARD OF ID
"LOOK, I BOUGHT A STEP-COUNTER! IT TELLS ME EXACTLY HOW MANY STEPS I TAKE IN A DAY!"
"OH, YEAH? HOW MANY STEPS TO THE BAKERY?"
"NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT."



AGNES
"DID YOU EVER NOTICE THAT MY FINGERS ARE ALL DIFFERENT LENGTHS?"
"YES."
"IT'S NICE THAT YOU'VE NEVER MOCKED MY ABNORMALITY."
"EVERYONE HAS FINGERS LIKE THAT."
"WHAT ABOUT THE CHUBBY THUMB?"
"HA! YOU'RE A FREAK."



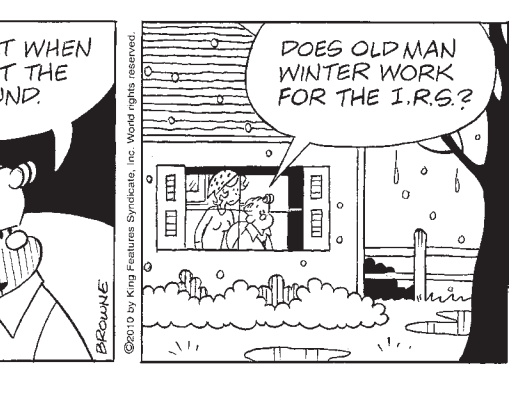
HI AND LOIS
"THOSE SNOWFLAKES ARE LIKE THE MONEY I EARN..."
"THEY MELT WHEN THEY HIT THE GROUND."
"DOES OLD MAN WINTER WORK FOR THE I.R.S.?"



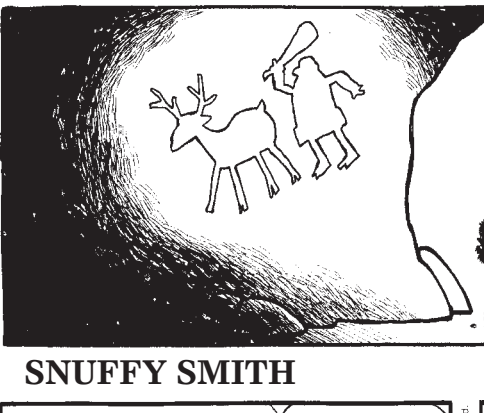
THE OTHER COAST
"PERSONALLY, I PREFER HIS 'BISON AND SPEAR' PERIOD."



SNUFFY SMITH
"PENNY AIN'T HERSELF, DOC!! SHE'S LOST HER ZEST FER LIFE!!"
"HOW CAN YA TELL, LOWEEZY?"
"TH' POOR OL' GIRL AIN'T CROSSED TH' ROAD IN OVER A MONTH!!"



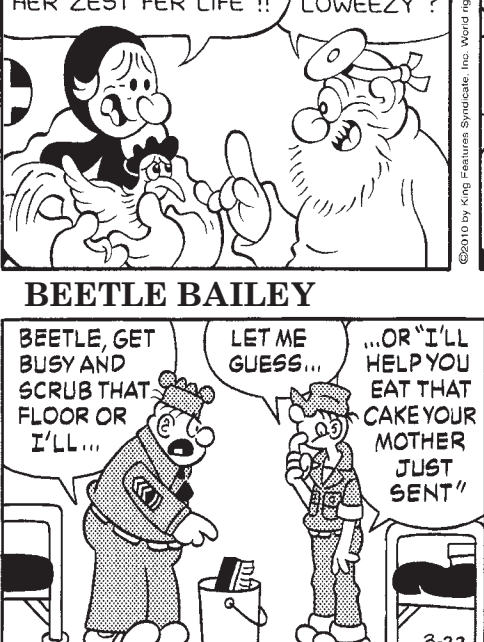
BEEBLE BAILEY
"BEEBLE, GET BUSY AND SCRUB THAT FLOOR OR I'LL..."
"LET ME GUESS..."
"...OR I'LL HELP YOU EAT THAT CAKE YOUR MOTHER JUST SENT!"
"YOU'RE A GOOD GUESSER"



Newsday Crossword



SIGNS OF SPRING by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com



CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2010 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM 3/22/10



CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2010 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM 3/22/10

Answer to previous puzzle

T	I	M	B	U	K	T	I	T	C	H	E	D
A	V	I	A	T	I	O	N	C	H	O	A	T
P	E	N	N	A	N	T	S	K	A	P	L	A
S	K	I	G	A	O	L	N	I	F	T		
S	H	E	L	L	A	C	K	E	D			
F	A	S	T	E	D	V	O	A	S	O	P	S
I	M	P	E	I	S	E	T	T	O	Z	A	P
S	W	O	R	D	A	N	D	S	O	R	C	E
T	A	O	I	C	A	M	E	T	A	N	T	O
S	Y	N	C	D	R	I	E	T	O	S	S	I
B	L	A	C	K	S	T	O	N	E			
S	L	I	E	R	S	T	E	P	B	U	D	
W	A	L	R	U	S	E	P	I	S	O	D	E
A	D	L	I	B	S	R	E	C	R	E	O	M
G	A	S	C	A	N	Y	E	S	I	K	N	O

Today's Birthdays: USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth is 86. Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 80. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 80. Actor William Shatner is 79. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) is 76. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 75. Actor-singer Jeremy Clyde is 69. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 67. Writer James Patterson is 63. CNN newscaster Wolf Blitzer is 62. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 62. Actress Fanny Ardant is 61. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 58. Country singer James House is 55. Actress Lena Olin is 55. Singer-actress Stephanie Mills is 53. Actor Matthew Modine is 51. Country musician Tim Beeler (Flynnville Train) is 42. Actress Anne Dudek is 35. Actor Cole Hauser is 35. Actress Kellie Williams is 34. Actress Reese Witherspoon is 34. Rock musician John Otto (Limp Bizkit) is 33. Rapper Mims is 29.

ACROSS

- 1 Gets rid of
- 6 Under the weather
- 10 Boutique
- 14 Sir ___ Newton
- 15 Soft-drink choice
- 16 Bit of plumbing
- 17 Audacity
- 18 ___ end (finished)
- 19 Crafts' partner
- 20 Sign of spring
- 22 Take it easy
- 23 Knight's title
- 24 Possess
- 26 Corn on the ___
- 29 Fuel for an old furnace
- 32 Sunday speech
- 36 Newspaper essay
- 38 Neighborhood
- 40 Princess' crown
- 41 Sign of spring
- 44 Plain writing
- 45 "Zip-___-Doo-Dah"
- 46 Piggy-bank opening
- 47 Seasonal mall employees
- 49 No-guarantee sale condition
- 51 Pig's digs
- 52 Trudge
- 54 Tax expert, briefly
- 56 "Hey, you!"
- 59 Sign of spring
- 65 Cave sound
- 66 Milky gem
- 67 Runs in neutral
- 68 Low-quality
- 69 A Great Lake

DOWN

- 1 Small dent
- 2 Computer owner
- 3 Foal's mother
- 4 Covers with blacktop
- 5 Like picture-postcard views
- 6 Lasting impression
- 7 Tiny bit
- 8 Lock horns (with)
- 9 Topeka's state
- 10 Barbecue specialties
- 11 Employ
- 12 Makes a choice
- 13 Nuisance
- 21 Response to a bad pun
- 25 Presidential "thumbs down"
- 26 Military team
- 27 Gig for a soprano
- 28 Support, as in a horse race
- 30 27 Down song
- 31 ___ hand (assist)
- 33 Sends out
- 34 "To be ___ to be..."
- 35 Mean-spirited
- 37 Whirlwind in the desert
- 39 A long time
- 42 Authentic
- 43 Apply more frosting to
- 48 Sang alone
- 50 Parsley bits
- 53 Leave the amateur ranks
- 55 Confuse
- 56 Energizes, with "up"
- 57 Glasgow native
- 58 Loafer or sneaker
- 60 Manicurist's target
- 61 Merriment
- 62 Skin softener
- 63 Twelve months
- 64 Former fast fliers: Abbr.