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## Bond election's early voting slow

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

According to Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray, Saturday's early voter turnout for Saturday's bond election can be classified as slow as only 26 people made the trip to the county clerk's office last Saturday to cast their ballots.

Since early voting began

March 20, Ray said 699 registered voters had cast early ballots in the two proposition bond election. Ray added she had also mailed out 18 ballots to voters who have requested them. Early voting for the April 8 election will continue until 5 p.m. Tuesday.

When voters go to the polls Saturday to decide the fate of the proposed building of a new

Howard County Detention Center and proposed renovations to the Howard County Courthouse, ballots are simple and will ask voters if they are "For" or "Against" each proposition.

Proposition 1 will read, "The issuance of not to exceed \$3,220,000 General Obligation Bonds to pay for the construction and equipping of a county jail, including Sheriff's office."

Proposition 2 will read, "The issuance of not to exceed \$1,660,000 General Obligation Bonds to pay for the renovation and equipping of the county courthouse."

Talking to people the final weekend before the election, the impression is many people are still undecided as to how they will vote.

County Commissioner Sonny

Choate said, "I think both issues will pass. There's a lot of opposition to the issues, but there are also those people who see a real need for something to be done."

He added the majority of personal contacts he's made following the public hearing on the bond election have been positive.

Choate said, "The more people

I talk to the more they seem to be in favor of the bond issues, but as I learned in my first ever run for public office, you can never tell how people are going to vote.

"We're talking about the taxpayers' money here and I think some officials tend to forget that's whose money is being

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## Man slightly wounded in shooting incident

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Early this morning officers of the Big Spring Police Department were dispatched to the 1500 block of E. Sixth Street in reference to a report of a disturbance and shots being fired.

When officers arrived, the ini-

tial investigation revealed an altercation had taken place and shots had been discharged.

Upon further investigation, officers found Ernesto Morales Jr. at another location suffering from a minor gunshot wound to the chest. He was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance for treatment.

The suspect in the shooting,

Christopher Andrew Chavez, 22 of 1503 E. Sixth Street, was taken into custody and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to a police department spokesperson, a handgun was recovered at the scene. As of the time of this report, Chavez was still in county jail awaiting arraignment.



Herald photo by Kellie Jones

Howard County Farm Bureau President Mike Moates, front left, hands Goliad Middle School Principal Jean Broughton a book about the history of the Texas Farm Bureau. Board members donated the book to seven libraries in the area. Other bureau board members include: first row: Chris Hirt and Larry Shaw. Second row: Delbert Stanley, Paul Allen, Edward Bednar, Ryan Walker, Steve Blagrove, Mike Batla, Donald McKinney, John Wayne Metcalf and Tommy Wegner. Not pictured are: Horace Tubbs, Hollis Kennemeyer, Pat Pezels, Robert Nichols, Gene Perry, Stan Blagrove and Craig Ingram.

## Farm Bureau history making it's way into school libraries

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Area students will have a chance to learn more about the history of the Texas Farm Bureau thanks to a donation by the local bureau's board of directors.

"A Grassroots Heritage - Texas Farm Bureau's Six Decades of Service" by Steve Kelton was recently donated to seven libraries in Howard County including Big Spring High School, Garden City High School, Coahoma High School, Sands High School, Goliad Mid-

dle School, Forsan High School and the Howard County Library.

"More than 60 years ago, farmers from Texas traveled to Washington, D.C. to stress the importance of agriculture to senators and congressmen. They said the farmers needed to get organized, so when they returned home they formed the farm bureau," explained Howard County Farm Bureau President Mike Moates.

"This book traces the history of the farm bureau back to its roots 60 years ago. The local bureau sponsors a program called 'Ag in the Classroom' to

teach the children the importance of farming. We take the fifth graders on tours at the Howard County Fair and we provide four tapes on Texas history to seventh graders," said Moates.

The board bought Kelton's books and decided they should be donated to area libraries for the benefit of students and residents.

The donation to Goliad Middle School was conducted at the recent West Texas Ag Expo with Principal Jean Broughton accepting the book.

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Herald photo by Tim Appa

Selena fan Mary Hernandez stands solemnly during a candlelight memorial for the slain singer in front of the KBYG radio station Saturday evening. Related stories page 4.

## Slain singer's father harbored suspicions about suspect

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The father of slain Tejano singing star Selena said he was suspicious in recent months about

the woman accused of shooting his daughter and he had warned her of his feelings.

Abraham Quintanilla said

Yolanda Saldivar, who handled Selena's fan club and ran a San

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**U.S. Trivia**  
Which amendment prohibited alcohol consumption and sale and was later repealed?  
38th Amendment, repealed by the 21st amendment on Dec. 6, 1933

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**WORLD/NATION**

**Would:** Islamic extremists preparing a bomb set off a blast Sunday that ripped through their hideout, killing six people, including a militant leader who was high on Israel's most-wanted list. See page 5.

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**Room and board**  
Authorities in two Texas counties want to begin charging jail inmates for some room and board costs, but they'll need legislative approval to install the plan. See page 3.

**Weevil eradication wanted**  
Boll weevils nibbled \$6.7 million in damage last year to the world's largest Cotton Patch. See page 3.

**Surprise, surprise!**  
No, the fans say, shaking their heads one after another. There won't be another Selena. The singer's violent death Friday left a sudden emptiness in the Tejano world. See page 3.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Tonight **62** ▲ Highs **42**  
Lows ▼

**Cloudy**  
Today, cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, low mid 40s, east to northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

**Permian Basin Forecast**  
**Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, high lower 60s, northeast winds 10 to 20 mph, gusty; partly cloudy night, low lower 40s.  
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OBITUARIES

Annie Shank

Services for Annie Lorena Shank, 81, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, minister of Christ, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



Mrs. Shank died Sunday, April 2, in a local nursing home. She was born on Jan. 8, 1914, in Hico, and married William Earl Shank, Jr. on May 15, 1938, in Big Spring. Mrs. Shank had been a resident of Big Spring since 1933 and was a homemaker. She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband: William Earl Shank, Jr., Big Spring; one sister: Sonora Honey, Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

J.B. Shockley Jr.

Services for J.B. Shockley, Jr., 79, Knott, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall, minister of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.



Mr. Shockley died Saturday, April 1, in a Stanton nursing home. He was born on June 24, 1915, in the Moore Community in Howard County, and married Hazel Roberts on Jan. 6, 1939, in Stanton. He farmed at Knott for over 50 years and managed the Planter's Gin in Knott for 12 years. He was a longtime member of Knott Church of Christ. He was a charter member of the Knott Co-op Gin, was President of the Board of the Knott Independent School District and served on the Equalization Board and FHA.

Survivors include his wife: Hazel Shockley, Knott; one daughter: Beverly Ann Shockley, Plano; three sisters: Ruth Crawford, Corpus Christi, Berdie Dutcher of San Antonio and Irene Harrison, Florida; one brother: Bill Shockley, Sun-

down; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents J.B., Sr. and Ethel Cox Shockley; one sister, Zelma Carr; two brothers, Cecil Shockley and Clarence Shockley.

Thearl Creech

Services for Thearl Creech, 64, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 1995, in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Duane McClure officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Mr. Creech died Sunday, April 2, in the home of his son in St. Lawrence after a lengthy illness.

He was born May 7, 1930, in Stanton and was a longtime resident of Martin County. He married Kathleen Harwell on Nov. 28, 1953, in Midland. She preceded him in death on Jan. 14, 1995. He was a contract pumper for MWJ Producing Co. in Midland.

Survivors include three sons: Steve Creech, Stanton, Larry Creech, Fort Worth, and Jeff Creech, St. Lawrence; three sisters: Beth Shoemaker, Stanton, Brenda Favor and Linda Creech, both of Lubbock; three brothers: Earl Creech, Stanton, Bob Creech, Odessa, and Carl Creech, Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Samuel Clay Creech and a brother, Howard Creech. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Southwest, P.O. Box 14710, Odessa, Texas 79768.

Lamiza Brock

Funeral services for Lamiza Pearl Brock, 91, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at the First Baptist Church of Haskell, of which she was a member. Burial will follow in the Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

She died April 2, 1995, in Lubbock.

Mrs. Brock was born July 14, 1903, in Pottersville, Tenn. She came to Texas in 1909. She married R.L. (Bob) Brock on June 11, 1921, in Haskell. She was employed by the Haskell County Hospital for 27 years. Mrs. Brock moved to Lubbock in 1983 where she was a resident of Lakeside Care Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1957, and one son, Dr. Ben Brock, in 1986.

Mrs. Brock in survived by four sons: Lonnie Brock, Lubbock, Robert W. (Bob) Brock, Big Spring, Mabry J. Brock, Austin, and Jimmy Don (Jim) Brock, Amarillo; two daughters: Lela Ruth Pettit, Anson, and June Bowen, Lubbock; two sisters: Ruth McKennon, Lubbock, and Oma Lee Howard, Brownfield. She is also survived by 14

grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons serving as pallbearers; Ronnie Brock, Mike Brock, Steve Brock, Jim Harris, Don Harris, Rondel Brock, Mark Brock, Lane Brock and Craig Brock.

James W. Hoard

Funeral services for James W. (Jim) Hoard, 43, of Big Spring will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Rick Foster, Chaplain of the Big Spring State Hospital, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



HOARD  
Center.

He was born on July 11, 1951, in Big Spring. He grew up in Big Spring and had lived in Oklahoma for 10 years and Kansas for 10 years before returning to Howard County in 1979.

Hoard was head electrician for the Big Spring State Hospital and was a member of the Amateur Radio Club of Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife: Helen Hoard, Big Spring; one daughter: Carla Sue Hoard; one son: James Robert Hoard; a step-daughter: Monica Marie Rushin; his father and step-mother: Bill and Bonnie Hoard, Teague, Texas; his mother and step-father: Christine and Conn James, Big Spring; one brother: Cecil Douglas Hoard, Big Spring; one half brother: Rory Heaton, Big Spring, one half sister: Chris Armstrong, Big Spring; one step-brother: Jim Stricklan, Waskom; one adopted brother: Randy James; and one grandson: Casey Lee Rushin, Big Spring.

Pallbearers will be Cecil Hoard, Jim Stricklan, Rory Heaton, Ray Mayo, Cody Carol and Nathan Reeves. Honorary Pallbearers will be the maintenance staff of the Big Spring State Hospital.

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

Family and friends will gather at the Big Spring State Hospital Chapel following services.

*Paid obituary*

Jerry McMahan

Services for Jerry McMahan will be 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 5, 1995, in Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery under the direction of Mission Park North Funeral Home, San Antonio.

He died April 1, in San Antonio.

Bond

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spent when they get into office. I'll respect the voters decision either way."

Many Howard County residents have expressed support for a new jail, but question what needs to be done to the courthouse.

Choate said, "We have to take care of our mechanical portion of the courthouse because if we don't we're going to damage the physical structure of the building and it will end up looking like the Permian Building."

"I'd like to do the rest of the renovations to the courthouse, but we have to do the mechanical first or we're not taking care of the county's property, which is what we were hired to do."

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Singer

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Antonio boutique and salon owned by the singer, was obsessed with Selena.

He accuses Ms. Saldivar, who remained in the Nueces County Jail Sunday on \$100,000 bond, of embezzling money from the fan club and possibly the store as well. Formal murder charges were expected Monday, police said.

"We started getting a lot of mail, a lot of phone calls from people who would like to join the fan club that were sending in their checks and money orders and never received the items that were supposed to be shipped to them, like T-shirts and cassettes. Yet they had run them through the bank with Yolanda's signature on them," Quintanilla said.

Selena was gunned down Friday in her home town after she went to a budget motel to collect documents from Ms. Saldivar that Quintanilla says would prove his allegations of embezzlement.

Quintanilla said that a few months ago he had requested fan club paperwork from Ms. Saldivar, a 34-year-old registered nurse from San Antonio who became a part of the singer's entourage.

"I recouped a file cabinet but it was empty with the exception of a few checks that she had missed — they had fallen in the back of the file cabinet. When I found this and started going through, there was definitely embezzlement and forgery," he said.

Police have not charged Ms. Saldivar with either crime.

Quintanilla said he did not go to the police. He said he told Selena so she could determine if discrepancies surfaced at the boutique as well.

"We had a meeting with (Saldivar) about three weeks ago and brought these accusations to her. I guess this triggered this woman off."

However, during the meeting, Ms. Saldivar was "cool as a cucumber," he said.

He said he suspects she had been embezzling from the fan club from 1991 to 1994 and that the thefts possibly totaled thousands of dollars.

Selena's music and retailing enterprises were worth at least \$5 million, according to Hispanic Business magazine.

But his daughter was afraid to fire Ms. Saldivar because she had a contract and Selena did not want to get sued, he said.

On Thursday, the night before her murder, Selena went to the Days Inn to pick up documents from Ms. Saldivar. She then realized that bank statements from October to December still were missing.

She was to be at the recording studio the next morning but decided to first stop by the motel, where Ms. Saldivar was staying, to pick up the rest of the papers, Quintanilla said.

According to police, Selena went to the second meeting intending to fire Ms. Saldivar. Selena was shot in the back as she left Room 158.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 3 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

-CHRISTOPHER ANDREW CHAVEZ, 22, of 1503 E. 6th was arrested for AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON.

-JOAQUIM CRUZ DUENES, 55, of P.O. Box 569 Moss Lake Road was arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

-DANIEL GLEN BARBER, 33, of 400 Dallas was arrested for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED.

-JUAN RETERIA, 45, of 3621 Connally was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION.

-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 3900 block of Hamilton.

-ASSAULT in the 100 block of Carey.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of W. 3rd.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1500 block of E. 17th.

-THEFT in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

-THEFT in 3600 block of Connally.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1800 block of Main.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 3800 block of W. 80.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 700 block of E. 17th.

RECORDS

Sunday's temp.	74
Sunday's low	55
Average high	78
Average low	46
Record high	94 in 1928
Record low	26 in 1975
Rainfall Sunday	0.02
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.05
Year to date	1.47
Normal for year	2.14

\*\*Statistics not available.

IN BRIEF

Free HIV testing being offered

Planned Parenthood of West Texas will offer HIV testing and counseling on April 11 and 25. There is no charge for testing. Call 263-8351 for an appointment.

Variety show set for tonight

The Coahoma High School senior variety show will be tonight at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. The show will be at the high school auditorium. Come early for the Coahoma Lions Club Pancake Supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Book

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Among the bureau's board members at the donation were: Chris Hurt, Larry Shaw, Moates, Delbert Stanley, Paul Allen, Edward Bednar, Ryan Walker, Steve Blagrove, Mike Batla, Donald McKinney, John Wayne Metcalf and Tommy Wegner.

**RUN YOUR AD WITH US**

Official registration for new students at Bauer Magnet School, Grades 1-5, will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 1995 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the principal's office.

April month to sign up at gin

The Co-op Gin of Big Spring board of directors has set the sign-in/sign-out period for the PCCA marketing pool for April 1 through April 30, 1995. Members who want to participate and deliver their 1995 crop cotton to the PCCA pool need to sign an agreement.

A new agreement does not have to be signed if there is one currently on file. Members who decide to take existing pool farms out of the pool must sign a notice of termination of PCCA marketing pool agreement. New agreements are required if any changes take place on pool farms.

The sign-in/sign-out period for the 1995-96 PCCA Mill Option Program has been set for April 1 to June 30. Members who want to participate in the denim mill earnings need to sign the agreement authorizing the \$5 per bale retain.

Tuesday, there will be a question and answer session at the Co-op Gin of Big Spring for anyone who is interested in the marketing pool or denim mill. It will start at 9 a.m.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 98.60 cents a pound, up 45 points; May crude oil 19.01 down 16 points; cash hog steady at 38 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 50 cents higher at 67 cents even; April live hog futures 38.07, up 60 points; April live cattle futures 68.45, up 110 points; according to Delta

Commodities.	Delta
Index 4157.34	
Volume 77,825,790	
ATT	51 1/2
Amoco	63 1/2 nc
Atlantic Richfield	115 nc
Atmos	18 1/2
Boston Chicken	16 1/2
Cabot	36 1/2 nc
Chevron	47 1/2
Chrysler	42 1/2
Coca-Cola	56 1/2
De Beers	25 1/2
DuPont	62 1/2
Exxon	66 1/2
Fina Inc.	82 1/2
Ford Motors	27 1/2
Halliburton	36 1/2 nc
IBM	82 1/2
JC Penney	44 1/2
Laser Indus LTD	5 1/2
Mesa Ltd. Prt	6 1/2 nc
Mobile	91 1/2
NOV	10 nc
Pepsi Cola	39 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	36 1/2
Sears	53 1/2
Southwestern Bell	42 1/2
Sun	28 1/2
Texaco	66 1/2
Texas Instruments	87 1/2
Texas Utilities	31 1/2
Unocal Corp.	29 1/2
Wal Mart	25 1/2
Amcap	12.44-13.20
Euro Pacific	20.89-22.16
I.C.A.	18.77-19.92
New Economy	14.20-15.07
New Perspective	14.98-15.89
Van Kampen	14.19-14.90

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
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**Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel**  
906 GREGG 267-6331  
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393-5617.

TUESDAY

- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
- Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.
- Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.
- Howard County Youth Horsemen, 7 p.m., Howard County Youth Horsemen Arena Clubhouse. Call Paula Perry.

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NEWS IN  
BRIEF

Founder of El Chico  
dies at age 91

DALLAS (AP) — Frank X. Cuellar Sr., who helped turned a tamale stand at a county fair into the El Chico restaurant chain with 98 restaurants in nine states, has died. He was 91. "By any standards, Frank was a trailblazer," said Adelfa Callejo, a Dallas attorney and long-time friend of the Cuellar family. "He and his brothers envisioned having a chain of restaurants, which was unheard of for Mexican food establishments." Along with his brothers — Gilbert, Mack Jr., Alfred and Willie Jack — Frank Cuellar Sr. opened Dallas' first El Chico after the family moved to the city from Kaufman in 1940. They became known as El Chico's "Mama's Boys" — a title they carried long after their mother's death in 1969 at the age of 97.

Trial begins in  
murder of two women

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two gang members accused in the shooting deaths of two college women in a drug robbery had no respect for human life, police say. Jury selection in the trial of one of the men charged in the 1993 slayings was set to begin today. Deshone "Taz" Curl, 23, is charged with capital murder in the shooting deaths of Channing Freelove, 19, and Melanie Golchert, 18. Also charged in connection with the killings is Melvin "Boot" White, who will be tried later. "I'd characterize them (Curl and White) as gang members who don't have any respect for human life," police Sgt. Paul Kratz told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Bill could take  
away teacher protection

HOUSTON (AP) — State lawmakers say a proposed education reform measure would make it easier for school districts to fire bad apples. Teacher unions, however, warn that good apples might suffer in the process. Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, was overwhelmingly approved last week and sent to the House for consideration. The bill, which overhauls the state education code, includes a measure allowing school administrators to refuse to rehire teachers who get consecutive unsatisfactory job reviews and fire them for "good cause."

Farmers to vote  
on proposal  
ending threat  
of pesky nibbler

LUBBOCK (AP) — Boll weevils nibbled \$6.7 million in damage last year to the world's largest Cotton Patch. That could be just an appetizer: One estimate shows the long-suspected pest will cost Lubbock-area farmers more than \$160 million annually by 1998. "Most of the producers I've visited with seem to be extremely concerned," said Lubbock County agriculture agent Mark Brown, who wields the alarming statistics. A proposal to wipe out the boll weevil goes before High Plains farmers this month. The proposal would create a state-sanctioned Boll Weevil Eradication Zone in a 30-county area stretching from Odessa to Amarillo. Cotton farmers would pay up to \$7.09 an acre in a coordinated blitz of chemical spraying.



Associated Press photo  
A projected image looms behind Lubbock County Extension agent Mark Brown as he explains how the boll weevil threatens Texas cotton crops.

Organizers of the referendum will begin mailing 24,000 ballots Monday. Farmers must return the ballots by April 15; results should be tallied by May 1. "Nobody likes to do something like this," said Shawn Wade of Plains Cotton Growers Inc. in Lubbock. "But they understand if they don't do it now it could be more expensive later. In a way they don't have much choice." The High Plains would become the fifth region of Texas to create a zone geared to eradicating the boll weevil. The program aims to clear the High Plains' 3.1 million cotton acres of boll weevils by 2000 or 2001. Texas farmers already have approved similar efforts around Abilene, San Angelo, the Rio Grande Valley and coastal bend. Supporters of the eradication effort say the program can knock out the pest that has migrated north during recent mild winters. Everyone would have to participate if the referendum passes by a two-thirds margin. But not everyone likes the idea. "Farmers are an independent lot and they don't want some quasi-government agency telling them what to do," said Frank Myers, executive director of the state's boll weevil eradication foundation in Abilene. "That's the biggest objection we've heard to it." Cost is also a concern. Farmers north of Lubbock would be assessed \$1.25 an acre. Farmers who live near the Permian Basin, where infestations are worse, would pay up to \$7.09 per acre. A typical 1,000-acre farm in Tahoka, for instance, would see a \$3,600 assessment bill. And organic cotton farmers fear how their fields would fare under mandatory spraying. But supporters of eradication see the boll weevil as an imminent threat. Once the critter is gone, they say, farmers will use less pesticides and reap bigger and better yields. "You either get with the program or you're going to be lost," Myers said.

Plan to have prisoners pay for  
incarceration costs needs approval

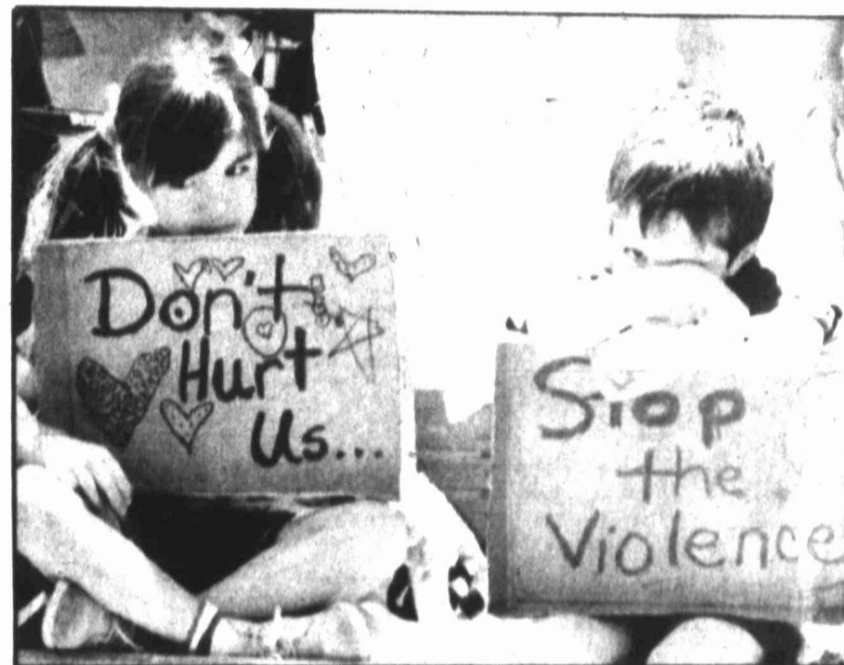
HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities in two Texas counties want to begin charging jail inmates for some room and board costs, but they'll need legislative approval to install the plan. Waller County, near Houston, and Collin County, near Dallas, have joined several other counties around the nation considering the idea. Waller County Commissioner Frank Jackson proposed his cell-and-board idea to fellow commissioners last month as a way to avert the growing need for a tax increase to cover, among other things, rising jail costs. Sheriff Randy Smith estimates those costs at \$50 per prisoner, per day for the county's 64-bed jail. But Jackson suspects the estimate is on the low side. "I think a reasonable prisoner contribution would be \$10 a day, which the court judge could set as part of the fine at the time of sentencing," Jackson told the Houston Chronicle for its Sunday editions.

Waller County commissioners appointed a committee to investigate the idea, then report back April 10. In Collin County, Sheriff Terry Box said commissioners recently approved charging jail inmates for certain medical services. "The thinking was, 'Why should the average taxpayer who's strapped to the hilt have to pay to support these prisoners? They often have money of their own and could contribute,'" he said. Box said Collin County would want to recoup just some of its prisoner lodging costs, but he wasn't sure what a reasonable figure would be. "We haven't done any research yet," he said. County jails near Detroit and Reading, Pa., have adopted the practice. In Mount Clemens, Mich., the room-and-board program has a sliding-scale setup that charges inmates from \$6 to \$56 a day, said jail official Lori Nyovich. Last year, the 1,266-bed jail got

\$684,000 from prisoners — an average of about \$33.50 per day per bed. Many jails, including several in Texas, charge for inmate services such as health care — an accepted practice across the country, said Jo Gustafson, spokeswoman for the Colorado-based National Institute of Corrections. But taxpayers currently are the sole support for county jail inmates. When state prisoners are held at the county level because of a lack of prison space, the state pays \$20 to \$40 per prisoner, per day to help defray local costs. In Texas, county governments would need legislative approval to move from service fee levies to specific room-and-board charges, said Bob Dearing, deputy director of the Texas Jail Standards Commission. But Jackson said he would favor legislation to allow counties to saddle inmates with the burden of their own keep.

Anti-violence rally  
draws about 5,000

AUSTIN (AP) — Outraged by the murders of eight gay men last year, gay rights activists are beseeching lawmakers to revise the state's hate crimes laws to protect homosexuals. About 5,000 people marched to the Capitol Sunday in support of a bill strengthening hate crimes law. "We are here because we are angry, we are sad, we are hurt that some of our fellow Texans, and a growing number of them, are choosing to act on their hatred and fear of us," Letitia Gomez, of the National Latino Lesbian and Gay Organization. Lawmakers passed a hate crimes law that enhances penalties for crimes committed due to "bias or prejudice."



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Alexis Royal, 6, and her brother Mason, 4, show their support for legislation aimed at stopping violence and hate crimes in Texas at a rally organized by gay activists at the state capitol Sunday.

Sea World whale Kotar dies at 20

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kotar, a 20-year-old killer whale that had entertained visitors at Sea World of Texas almost since the park opened, died unexpectedly Saturday, park officials said. "We're saddened over the death of any animal, but the death of Kotar touches us very deeply," General Curator Glenn Young said. "He was among the first to arrive in San Antonio when Sea World of Texas opened back in 1988." Sea World spokesman Bob McCullough said park veteri-

narians "noticed a change in the whale's behavior and food intake several weeks ago and immediately instituted antibiotic treatment, but unfortunately Kotar did not respond." Kotar measured 21 feet in length and weighed about 9,000 pounds, officials said. McCullough said a post-mortem examination, called a necropsy, was being performed by both Sea World and independent pathologists. Kotar was the fourth whale to die at the park.

Bald eagle could come endangered list in Southwest

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering taking the bald eagle off of the endangered species list in the Southwest. Federal officials last year said the bird was no longer endangered in most of the lower 48 states, but said the eagles of far West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona still were facing trouble. Now, the government says it might change its opinion.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the bald eagle faced extinction because of a degraded environment. The eagle population began dwindling after World War II because of the use of the pesticide DDT, which contaminates the bird's prey, thins its eggshells and prevents reproduction. The government later cracked down on the use of DDT and eagle populations bounced back

because of habitat and nest protection programs. "I think it's a continent-wide recovery," said Sandy Williams, bald eagle coordinator for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. In the region, there were 11 pairs of eagles in 1979. The number reached 17 in 1984 and 30 last year. In the lower 48 states, there was a total of 1,757 nesting pairs of bald eagles in 1984, compared with 4,449 pairs last year.

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# EDITORIAL

**Quote of the Day**  
 "Freedom breeds freedom. Nothing else does."  
 Anne Roe, psychologist, 1952

## They will be missed

A tragedy occurred last Friday afternoon at the Big Spring State Hospital when a steam rupture took the lives of two well-liked men who had worked there for about 11 years.

The loss of Jerry Pike and Jim Hoard is being mourned by their families, friends and co-workers.

Also today, a rising Tejano music star is being mourned after being gunned down by her "biggest fan." More than 20,000 people from all over the state have paid their respects to Selena in Corpus Christi. Here in Big Spring, a candlelight ceremony marked her passing.

But, despite the tragedy, the hospital should be commended for its quick response in moving clients out of the

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adolescent unit, when the rupture occurred, saving more lives.

Preparation is key to making accidents less tragic. Accidents occur when least expected. That is why preparing for emergencies you hope will never happen is important.

Simply put, preparation saves lives.

Pike and Hoard will be missed, not only by their co-workers but also by the community in which they made their home. As will Selena for her positive contributions to the Hispanic culture.

## Musician's death leaves huge void

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — No, the fans say, shaking their heads one after another. There won't be another Selena.

The beautiful singer's violent death Friday left a sudden emptiness in the Tejano world — one of the nation's fastest growing musical genres.

It's happened so many times since the electronic age began creating megastar musicians whose work and image give a voice to bigger cultural forces in society.

The list is long: Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, Patsy Cline, Jimi Hendrix, soul legend Sam Cooke, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Jim Croce, Harry Chapin, punk rocker Sid Vicious, R&B great Marvin Gaye, Texas bluesman Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Nirvana lead singer Kurt Cobain's suicide last year shook up young white grunge rockers much like Selena's killing has upset the Mexican-Americans who adored her.

And then there's Elvis and John Lennon — whose influence lingers far beyond their own generations.

"Something bigger than the individual dies — an era, a style of music," said Joseph Kotarba, a University of Houston sociology professor specializing in pop culture.

"In Selena's case, I'm sure that's true. And very often you just don't replace that person because everybody knows that the replacement is a fake," he said.

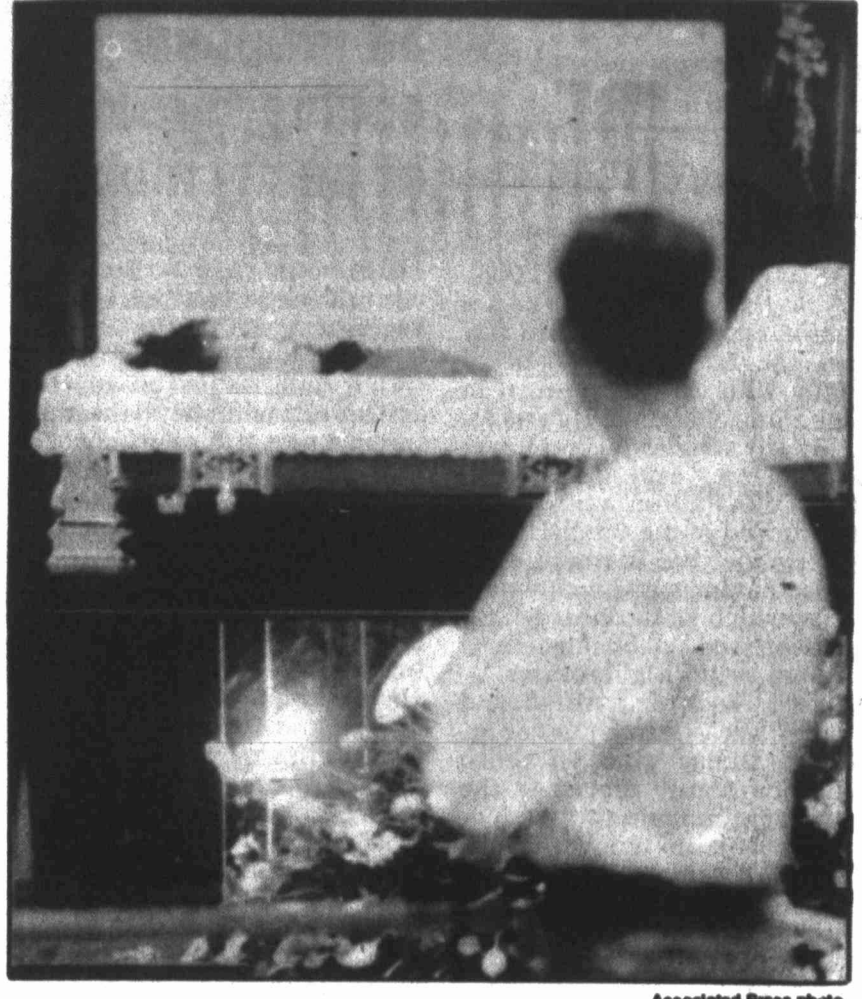
Music goes on. Other stars rise. But Kotarba believes that certain acts just aren't followed in the spirit of someone like the Doors' Morrison. "The shock hits especially hard when musicians die just as their careers are hitting the big time, such as Holly, Valens and Vaughan."

"When Stevie Ray died, it was the end of Texas blues as it would be known nationally," he said.

Although rooted in Tejano — the bouncy mixture of traditional Mexican music with German polka — Selena drew together many Latino musical styles that earned her legions of fans not only in the United States but Mexico and other countries, Kotarba said.

Selena Quintanilla Perez, who was 23, was shot to death Friday at a budget motel, allegedly by a personal assistant she was about to fire for embezzling

### OUT FRONT



Mourners pass by the coffin of slain Tejano music star Selena during a public visitation Sunday in Corpus Christi. More than 20,000 people filed by the casket of the slain star who was fatally shot Friday in a Corpus Christi motel.

## Fans make pilgrimage to honor Selena's memory

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The thousands of people streaming somberly past Selena's casket showed more than their love for the slain idol — they signaled a show of force for a surging culture.

"She did a lot for the Hispanic community. She did a lot for our culture," said 33-year-old Lilia Pinon-Ortiz of Houston, one of thousands of people who journeyed to this coastal city to pay their respects.

More than 20,000 people, many with children in tow, converged Sunday at a convention center for an all-day visitation of Selena's casket, which was closed for most of the day but opened late in the evening, reportedly to quell

false rumors that her body was elsewhere.

The visitation offered a public prelude to a private funeral planned this morning for family and friends of Selena, the 23-year-old Tejano music singer who captured the hearts of Mexican-Americans and was emerging into the mainstream.

"I think that Selena was a good-hearted person and people could read that through her — from little kids to middle age to senior citizens," said her father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr.

Indeed, the mourners at Bayfront Plaza Convention Center ranged from young children to the elderly. Many wept.

money from the Selena Fan Club.

Selena was one of the hottest-selling Tejano singers and expected by many to cross over into mainstream pop with the release of her first CD in English. Only four songs on the English release were finished when she died, her father said.

"We lost someone who was to become a Gloria Estefan of Tejano music," said Tony Zavaleta, a University of Texas-Brownsville anthropology professor and often-quoted observer of Tex-Mex culture.

"That's a void that has to be filled, but it's not going to be



## Risking public's wrath and elections

By JILL LAWRENCE  
 Associated Press Writer

### WASHINGTON TODAY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats voted in droves against term-limit and balanced-budget amendments to the Constitution, the two most popular items on the Republican agenda. They have proven they're capable of thwarting the GOP majority, but at what price?

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole vow that it will be a high one. Both have made raw political threats aimed at Democrats they blame for the two failures. Gingrich, R-Ga., has even suggested Democrats have a political death wish.

At first glance it's hard to fathom a political rationale for lining up en masse against constitutional amendments that have 70 percent-plus support in public opinion polls.

But Republicans were rewarded rather than penalized in the last election after killing off legislation. They blocked health care reform and several other major initiatives late last fall. And Democrats are banking on the same kind of success.

"They're saying no, no, no," said Republican pollster Bill McInturf. "They are systematically imitating what they perceive to be the Republican behavior of 1994."

The objective is to suggest that Republicans are incapable of delivering the changes they promised. The risk is that Democrats could be viewed as the reason why.

That didn't stop 80 percent of

them from voting against limiting their own terms. Gingrich chalked up the massive Democratic opposition to cynical self-interest while insisting that dozens of GOP opponents acted on high principle. In fact both parties made the same arguments against the proposition: essentially that it was anti-democratic and unnecessary.

"If they (voters) want to get rid of any of us, they can. And I might add, they are doing a pretty good job of it," quipped House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. Until this year, he was the majority leader.

Gephardt contends term limits won't be nearly as important to voters as jobs, wages, education, health care and crime. "He should quit meeting with Democratic consultants," Gingrich retorted on hearing this.

One of those consultants, pollster Mark Mellman, said term limits don't even rate an asterisk when people are asked to name the most important problems facing the country. "I'm not convinced they're going to be decisive" in the next election, he said.

The balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution got its requisite two-thirds majority in the House, only to be stopped dead in the Senate by a one-vote margin. Opponents included a sole Republican — Mark Hatfield of Oregon — and six Democrats who had previously supported the amendment.

Few Democrats argued against it on constitutional grounds. Instead many with-

held their votes after Republicans refused to put the Social Security trust fund explicitly off-limits to budget-cutters.

"There is satisfaction in the realization that we're protecting something that the American people feel very strongly about," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "I think Republicans are just as vulnerable politically as any Democrat who may have voted against it, as long as they're unwilling to take Social Security out of the calculation."

Public support for a balanced-budget amendment drops sharply when people are asked if Social Security, Medicare and other entitlements should be cut in order to erase the federal deficit. The findings lead even some Republican strategists to conclude that Democrats may fend off campaign attacks on the issue.

A nonpartisan researcher, polling director Andy Kohut of the Times Mirror Center for the People and the Press, agreed with Democrats that people generally are more concerned about issues like crime and wages than political reforms such as term limits and a balanced budget amendment.

On the other hand, Kohut said, those reforms are extremely important to the independent-minded voters who supported Ross Perot in the last presidential election. And, as he pointed out, "both parties need them."

Jill Lawrence covers Congress for The Associated Press.

### Letters to the Editor

**Hunter safety workshop success**

Editor:  
 The Hunters Education Section of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department held a workshop at the Dora Roberts Community Center of March 25 and 26, 1995.

Conducting the workshop was Scotty Oliver from the Austin office. Covered were Standards of Live Firing (Rifles

& Shotguns) and Hunters Skill Trail which included actual field trials.

Fourteen instructors from as far away as Alpine, Tahoka, San Angelo and Ozona attended. Many of these instructors commented that Big Spring had the best facilities that had seen. Scotty Oliver remarked that of all the places in Texas where he had conducted workshops Big Spring had the best facilities.

All this was made possible by

the Tourist & Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and the efforts of Marae Brooks and Debbye Valverde.

In addition, the outdoor training area was made available by Chris Christopher. So many thanks to these people who made the workshop an unequalled success.

H. Boyce Hale  
 Area Chief, Hunters Education of Texas.  
 Parks & Wildlife

## Doomsday cult denies involvement

TOKYO (AP) — As Japanese lawmakers tried to calm a jittery public, a leading member of a doomsday cult denied that his group had the means to make the gas that spread death and terror on Tokyo's subways.

In his first public comment since the attack, Hideo Mural said Aum Shinri Kyo had neither the ingredients nor the equipment to make sarin, the nerve gas that killed 11 people and sickened 5,500 on March 20.

"I assure you that it could not have been produced with the chemicals available at the Aum facility, which I designed and built," Mural, a trained astrophysicist, said in a televised interview today.

Mural was referring to a maze-like building at the cult's main commune that contained what appeared to be a chemistry laboratory hidden behind a giant relief of Shiva, the Hindu god of creation and destruction.

Police uncovered tons of chemicals and sophisticated equipment that they claim could be used to produce sarin. News reports say police also found traces of sarin.

Mural's interview came as Police investigating the attack were reportedly seeking the cult's founder, Shoko Asahara, and some 30 members of its "Science Ministry" for questioning. Mural was head of the ministry.

**Assure you that**  
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**Hideo Mural**

NHK, the public television network that broadcast the interview, refused to say where or when it took place. It was unclear whether police know where Mural is.

Japan's Parliament, meanwhile, opened a special session aimed at easing fears that have gripped Japan since the attack on the subways and the near-fatal shooting last week of Japan's top police official.

"We were proud of the fact that wherever in the world one went there was no country as safe," Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama told the lawmakers.

"In order to restore our honor we must bring the criminals in these cases to justice and absolutely prevent a recurrence."

Police believe both attacks were carefully planned, and have called them a brazen challenge to the government's authority. Anonymous threats

warning of more violence have been made to Japanese media.

Although no arrests have been made in either crime and no one has claimed responsibility, police have mobilized thousands of officers in their investigation of Aum Shinri Kyo, which means Supreme Truth. The cult has denied involvement in either attack.

On Sunday night, however, an anonymous caller claiming to be an Aum Shinri Kyo member threatened a farmer who lives near the cult's main commune, a town official said today.

Farmer Seichi Takeuchi, who is vice chairman of a local group opposing the cult, was told, "Watch out. We'll kill you."

The cult has disavowed responsibility for similar previous calls.

Police, meanwhile, appeared to have finished the bulk of their searches at the cult's commune, 65 miles southwest of Tokyo at the foot of Mount Fuji. In addition to chemicals, they have reported finding evidence linking the cult to production of biological weapons, and on Sunday a Japanese newspaper said documents about uranium enrichment were found in the car of one cult member.

Police were interrogating the follower, who was arrested after a car chase three days after the subway attack.

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# Gingrich: Tax cuts will pass

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican dissenters will fall in line and help this week in passing the GOP "Contract With America" tax cut, House Speaker Newt Gingrich predicts.

The Georgia Republican acknowledged Sunday that the bill, aimed at cutting taxes by \$189 billion over five years, faces numerous obstacles — no compromise has been reached with Republicans seeking to scale back its benefits, the Senate is lukewarm to tax cuts and President Clinton may veto it.

But in the House, Gingrich said Sunday on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," "I think there will be a surprising number of folks who decide voting yes is a good idea."

The House is expected to take

up the tax cut bill at the end of the week as the last item in the 100-day agenda of the Contract. Lawmakers are scheduled to leave Washington at the end of the week for their spring recess.

But like the term limits bill that went down to defeat last week, the GOP leadership faces division in its ranks, with more than 100 lawmakers having signed a letter urging that the income ceiling for those families eligible for a \$500-per-child tax credit be reduced from \$200,000 annually to \$95,000.

The Republicans, in part, have responded to Democratic charges that the GOP plan mainly benefits the rich and is foolhardy at a time when Congress needs to concentrate on reducing the deficit.

"The argument there is

almost entirely symbolism," Gingrich said. "They buy into the Washington, you know, mentality that suddenly screams you can't really let these people keep their own money. And we're having an argument. I don't know what the outcome will be."

He said no compromise has been reached and "We may just bring the bill up and see what happens."

Two GOP freshmen who signed the letter, Reps. Sonny Bono of California and Roger Wicker of Mississippi, indicated on NBC's "Meet the Press" that, while unhappy with the \$200,000 ceiling, they would vote for the bill.

"I thought the 95 certainly would sit with the public better

than the 200, although I will say this: The other side, I don't think they clearly understand the middle class. Two hundred isn't really that much," Bono said.

Gingrich said that Clinton would veto the bill at his own political risk. "In this city, tax cuts are never popular. In the country, tax cuts are always popular," he said, recalling that President Reagan carried 49 states in 1984 "by representing exactly what this city said was a problem."

Moderate Republicans and conservative Democrats have also argued that tax cuts should not take place without concrete progress toward reducing the deficit.



Associated Press photo  
Palestinian police officers carry a man wounded by an explosion in an apartment building in Gaza City Sunday. The explosion killed at least six Palestinians. Police said they suspected the blast was caused by a bomb being prepared by Islamic militants.

## Explosion takes out Islamic extremists

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Islamic extremists preparing a bomb set off a blast Sunday that ripped through their hide-out, killing six people, including a militant leader who was high on Israel's most-wanted list.

Police found seven unexploded bombs, an automatic rifle, grenades and a plastic bag with 55 pounds of poisonous powder in the second-floor apartment in a crowded residential neighborhood, said Brig. Gen. Ghazi Jabali, head of PLO police in Gaza City.

A police bomb expert walked from the apartment clutching three canisters studded with nails, used to enhance a blast's killing power.

"They were preparing an explosive when one bomb blew up," Jabali said. "This shows that those in the apartment had a total disregard for the lives of those living around them."

The Hamas fundamentalist group's military wing, Izzedine al-Qassam, denied its members had been preparing explosives and, in a leaflet, accused Israel and the PLO of being behind the bombing.

The underground group acknowledged that one of its leaders, Kamal Ismail Hafez Kahlil, was killed in the blast. He was wanted by both Israel and the Palestinian self-rule government; Israeli media said he had been near the top of Israel's most-wanted list.

Kahlil, 32, was a suspect in the 1993 killing of Lt. Col. Meir Mintz, the highest-ranking Israeli killed during Israel's occupation of Gaza, which ended last year under an Israeli-PLO treaty.

Hamas opposes the peace treaty and has carried out recent suicide bomb attacks in Israel trying to derail it.

## Unexploded German bomb evacuates English town

PORTLAND, England (AP) — An army bomb squad worked Sunday to defuse a half-ton German bomb dating to World War II as some of the nearly 4,000 evacuees were treated to music from the war years.

British media reports called the operation in Portland, on England's southwest coast, the country's largest planned evacuation since the war.

The 1,100-pound bomb, believed to have been dropped by a German bomber during a July 1941 raid, was buried beneath a soccer field. Diggers surveying for mineral deposits found the bomb two weeks ago.

Unexploded leftovers from the Luftwaffe's blitz are regularly found in England, but they usually are smaller bombs or anti-aircraft shells.

Maj. Nick Clark, directing an eight-man bomb squad from the army's Royal Engineers, said Sunday the work was expected to take another day.

The team used a remote-controlled robot Saturday to drill into the bomb shell. Capt. Mike Lobb removed the fuse cap and injected the fuse with a saline solution to prevent electricity from passing through the wire.

On Sunday, Lobb bored holes into various parts of the shell to "steam out" the 54-year-old explosives inside.

Meanwhile, many of the evacuees were staying with friends or relatives while several hundred more camped out at a mobile home park, where Saturday's live entertainment including singers of 1940s nostalgia.

## Foster mother on the lam returns with child

MIAMI (AP) — A woman who fled with her 2 1/2-year-old foster daughter rather than turn her over to biological relatives surrendered to authorities after nearly a month on the run, pledging to legally win her daughter back.

"You can't fight the system if you're not here, and I've got to

fight the system and I've got to win," said 37-year-old Kathryn Reiter at a news conference Sunday afternoon before she surrendered to police. "I'll fight until I run out of money."

Reiter spoke with reporters after relinquishing her foster daughter, identified in court documents only as Baby J., to a

state Health and Rehabilitative Services worker. She would not say where she had been hiding.

Reiter fled with Baby J on March 9 after the court awarded custody of the child to cousins of her biological mother, a crack cocaine addict. Reiter also took her 7-year-old adopted son, Tommy, who was returned

home Sunday to Reiter's husband, 74-year-old Sidney Reiter.

Kathryn Reiter was charged with fleeing to disobey a court order and was being held on \$100,000 bond.

The Reiters have raised Baby J since she was 6 months old. They wanted to adopt her — as they had Tommy four years ago.

## Americans have a month to appeal

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two Americans jailed for illegally entering Iraq have been given up to one month to appeal their eight-year prison sentences, instead of the usual two weeks, sources reported Sunday.

But there was no indication of an early release and Secretary of State Warren Christopher said that Washington believes the two Americans will only be freed when Saddam Hussein personally approves it.

Christopher stressed on the CBS-TV's "Face The Nation" that Saddam "isn't going to get any concessions from the United States for releasing them, but it would be a good thing for the international reputation of Iraq... It would be an adverse thing if he continues to hold them."

U.S. officials say David Daliberti, 41, of Jacksonville, Fla., and William Barloon, 39, of New Hampton, Iowa, strayed across Iraq's border with Kuwait on March 13 while on their way to visit friends at a U.N. border post. They were tried and sentenced March 25.

Some Iraqi officials have made vaguely hopeful remarks about the Americans, while government-run newspapers have taken tougher lines, making it difficult to discern what the official line is.

Hassab al-Oubaidi of parliament's foreign relations department suggested Saturday that the pair could be released "in the coming few days." He did not elaborate.

The Defense Ministry's newspaper, Al-Qadissiyah, said Sunday the American prisoners are no different from Mexicans caught trying to enter the United States illegally.

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# Run and gun with UCLA, Arkansas

## No. 1 Bruins take on champion Razorbacks

SEATTLE (AP) — After three weeks of one of the greatest tournaments in NCAA history, tonight's title game between defending champion Arkansas and all-time champion UCLA has a classic quality about it. Arkansas started the season as No. 1, UCLA finished in that

spot, and each is playing with the speed, intelligence and intensity of a team a notch above everyone else.

Arkansas has future NBA star prospects in Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman, Clint McDaniel and Corey Beck. UCLA has Ed and Charles O'Bannon, Tyus Edney, Toby Bailey and Cameron Dollar.

"It'll be a great basketball game, absolutely great," Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson said. "I'd rather be, right now, the defending national champion than the No. 1

team. We're still undefeated in NCAA play in the last two years, and they've got to dethrone us."

As different as Richardson and UCLA coach Jim Harrick are in style and temperament, they share a similarity in the way they get the most out of their players and the kinds of programs they run. And both have drawn on the legacy of UCLA coaching legend John Wooden, who at 84 will be in attendance tonight.

"I don't personally know Coach Wooden, but I copied a

lot of things that Coach Wooden did," Richardson said. "I thought the greatest gift that Coach Wooden had — I knew some of his players back in my day — is that he was a master at solving problems. I always considered Coach Wooden as a coach that got the maximum without strings attached to his players."

Wooden also taught his players the value of the fullcourt press and fastbreak offense, which Richardson adopted and turned into his "40 minutes of hell" theory of winning games.

Richardson gave some of the credit for that to another former coaching great, football's Vince Lombardi.

"He said, 'Fatigue will make cowards of us all,'" Richardson said, quoting Lombardi. "That's a true statement. So we talked about 40 minutes of hell, and a lot of times we don't get that many minutes. Sometimes 10 minutes of hell is enough."

"I am hoping in our game plan that we are going to work you and work you. Now my bench is going to work: Can you have your bench play against us

now a little bit and see what happens? That is exactly what our philosophy is."

That idea of throwing fresh bodies out onto the court to wreak havoc on offense and defense is why Richardson cares less about specific matchups than the overall intensity of his team.

Harrick's Bruins can run with any team in the country, as they proved in their West Regionals final victory over Connecticut. But they also can beat teams in a half-court game, such as Oklahoma State on Saturday.

# Hawks cruise to four-game sweep

By DAVE HARGRAVE  
Sports Editor

Howard College had no trouble sweeping one New Mexico baseball team over the weekend.

If it can only do it again two weekends from now.

Howard (22-12, 11-9 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference) trounced New Mexico Military Institute 8-0 and 14-3 to sweep a Sunday doubleheader at Jack Barber Field, but NMMI (14-21, 0-16) is the WJCAC's last-place team. April 14, first-place New Mexico Junior College (32-3, 18-2) will come to town, and that's when Howard will be pushing for a playoff spot.

"I don't want to put any pressure on by saying we have to sweep New Mexico," said Howard first baseman Tyson Lindekugel, "but to be honest with you, I personally think we do need to sweep them."

Howard must finish in the WJCAC's top two to reach post-season play, and it trails second-place Odessa (27-6, 12-3) by 3 1/2 games. The Hawks face an uphill battle, but they couldn't go terribly wrong if they play like they did in a four-game series sweep of NMMI.

Lindekugel did his part — the freshman smacked another homer, his sixth of the season, over the right-field wall in the second game and drove in six runs for the series. Catcher Kent Holland continued his hot hitting — the sophomore was 8 for 11 in the four-game set to raise his team-leading average to .448.

Despite the offense, the brightest spot for Howard Sunday was pitching, particularly that of freshman Scott Mackenzie (3-3). Mackenzie riddled NMMI in the first game, going the distance while striking out nine Broncos. He did not walk a batter.

"I had good defense behind me, and I got a lot of run support. That gets me into a better rhythm," Mackenzie said. "I basically just tried to keep them

off balance."

Howard's four-run outburst in the second inning was all the offense Mackenzie needed. Wes Davis doubled home Holland with the first run, and Dustin Bratlien followed with a two-run double. NMMI's Brian Brewer pitched a complete game and took the loss — just four of the eight runs Howard scored were earned.

Howard freshman left-hander Caleb Brown ran his record to 5-0 in the second game; he also avoided the base on balls. Brown allowed nine hits in 5 1/3 innings, and Skip Ames retired the final two NMMI hitters in what turned out to be a six-inning game.

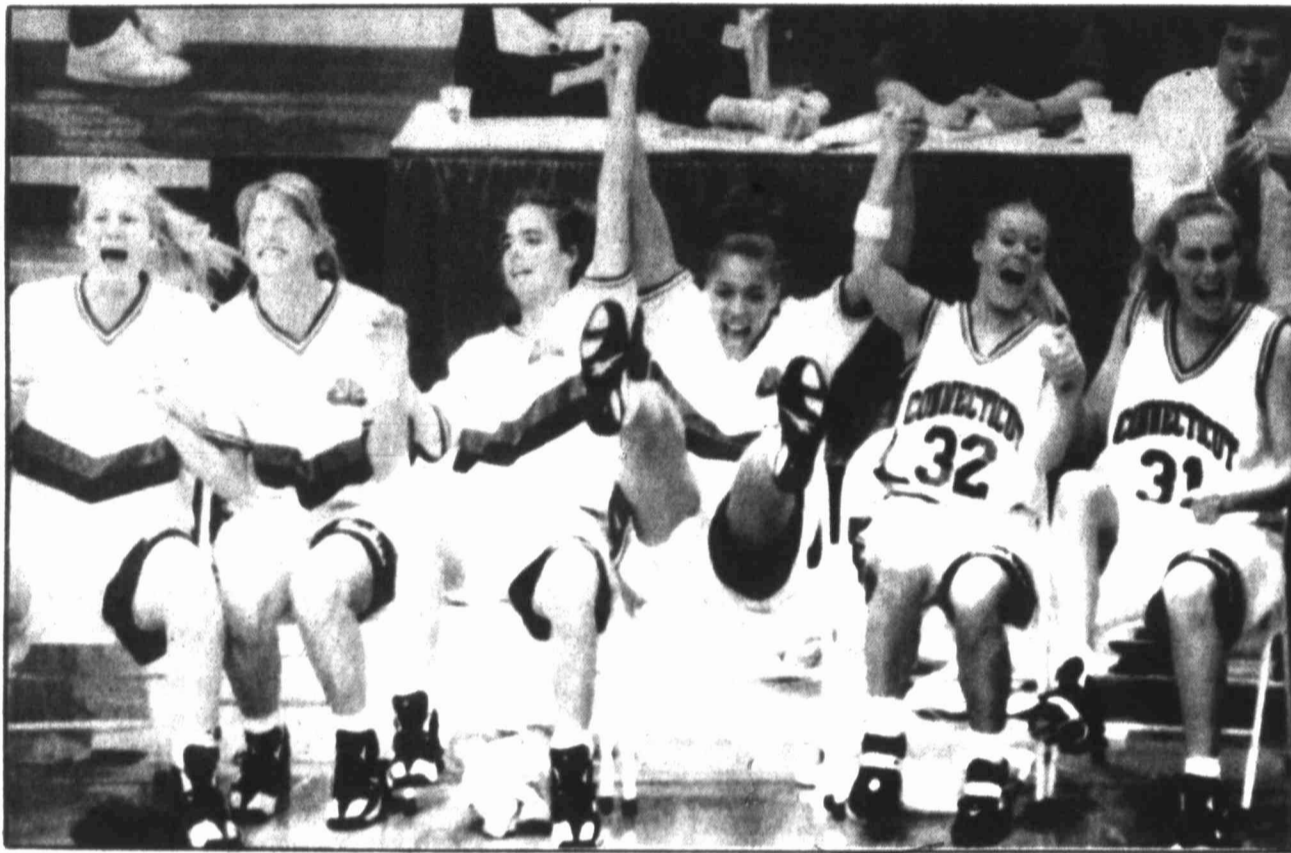
Howard's Brady Mills, running for Matt Schuldt, put the Hawks up 1-0 when he scored on a wild pitch, and Howard scored three in the third on Lindekugel's no-doubt homer. Howard scored four runs in the fifth on just one hit — NMMI starter Tim Johnson walked three hitters and hit another — then ended the game in style when Davis smashed a three-run homer over the left-field wall in the sixth, putting the 10-run rule into effect.

The sweep of NMMI provided plenty of encouraging signs. For the first time this season, Howard is getting consistent defensive play from the left side of the infield, namely third baseman Mitch Ries and shortstop Bratlien. For icing on the cake, Ries went 3 for 3 in the second game from the bottom of the order. Howard's pitching was excellent, allowing just four earned runs in the series.

However, that was against NMMI. When NMJC comes to town, the Hawks will have to play even better.

"We have to take it one game at a time," said Roper. "You can step back and say we have to win every game, or 15 out of 16, but you can't look at it that way. We just have to take care of our end of it and not worry about what everyone else does."

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Brewer and Chavez, Mackenzie and Holland	
W - Mackenzie (3-3), L - Brewer, 2B - Howard, Davis.	
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Howard	
Johnson, Westenburg (5) and Chavez, Brown, Ames (6) and Schuldt, W - Brown (5-0), L - Johnson, 2B - Howard, Bratlien, Ries, HR - Howard; Lindekugel (6), Davis (4).	



Members of the University of Connecticut's women's basketball team celebrate their NCAA championship Sunday. UConn beat Tennessee 70-64.

# UConn reaches perfection

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Now there is nothing left to prove, no one else to beat.

Through 34 games and 34 victories, Connecticut had to listen to critics say it wasn't as perfect as its perfect record. Nothing, it seemed, was ever good enough. Nothing short of win No. 35.

And if that isn't good enough, the Huskies really don't care. They are the unbeaten national champions. They have the best record in the history of NCAA Division I basketball — for men or women: They were the team who got a call from President Clinton on Sunday.

At last, with their 70-64 victory over No. 3 Tennessee, the top-ranked Huskies finally have their answer for anyone who doubts they are one of the best teams in the history of the women's game.

"They can put the excuses away," player of the year Rebecca Lobo said. "We're 35-0, we've beaten the second-best team in the country, and there's not a single person who can take that away from us."

Tennessee (34-3) sure couldn't. Playing its first championship game against one of the most storied programs in women's basketball, Connecticut won despite potentially paralyzing foul problems in the first half.

Lobo watched the final 11:58 of the half with three fouls. Point guard Jennifer Rizzotti, a second-team All-American, also had three fouls by halftime. Kara Wolters, the 6-foot-7 center who scored 31 points in Saturday's semifinal win over Stanford, spent time on the

bench with two fouls.

Still, Tennessee led just 38-32 at halftime. Lobo, the Huskies' versatile 6-4 forward, finally got untracked. She scored 11 of her 17 points in the second half, including eight in an 11-6 run that pulled Connecticut to 58-57 with 7:12 left.

The lead changed hands twice before Rizzotti, the smallest player on the court at 5-5, grabbed a long rebound and raced out on a full-court dash with only guard Michelle Marciniak to beat. Rizzotti got by her at the foul line with a nifty cross-over and hit a layup that gave the Huskies a 63-61 lead they never relinquished.

Latina Davis led Tennessee with 11 points, while Lobo led five Huskies with at least 10 points.

# Gordon zooms past pack at Food City 500

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Now that Jeff Gordon has proven he can win on short tracks as well as superspeedways, he's starting to think big. Really big.

"I hope we can keep doing this for several years so we can win a championship," Gordon said after he overpowered the field Sunday to win the Food City 500.

It was the third victory this season for the 23-year-old

Gordon and the fifth of his brief Winston Cup career. But it was his first on a short track.

"This is just a great day for us," said Gordon, whose triumph on Bristol's 0.533-mile oval moved him from eighth to fourth in the 1995 driver standings. Gordon took the lead for good by passing polesitter Mark Martin with 99 laps left, and he went on to give Chevrolet's new Monte Carlo its sixth victory in

as many races this year.

Gordon finished 5.74 seconds — nearly a half-lap — ahead of Rusty Wallace. Also finishing on the lead lap but well off the winning pace were Darrell Waltrip, Bobby Hamilton, Ricky Rudd and Dale Jarrett. Gordon hadn't finished better than 17th in his previous four races at Bristol. This time, he started second and wound up leading for a race-high 205 laps.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Big Spring wins at Sandhills Relays

The Big Spring track teams swept the Sandhills Relays Saturday in Monahans.

The Lady Steers won the Class 3A-4A girls' division with 151 points — better than runner-up Lake View's 126.

The Steers won the boys' division with 208 points, well ahead of Monahans' 75.

Complete results are in SportsExtra, page 7A.

### Lady Steer golfers sit in third place

Saturday at Pecos, the Big Spring girls' golf team finished third at the first of three district championship meets.

Andrews won at 329 strokes, Fort Stockton was second at 340 and Big Spring was third at 357.

The next district meet is Saturday at Andrews.

Scorers for Big Spring included Vanessa Billalba, 84; Kelly Hollar, 86; Jennifer Broadrick, 90; Alicia Wood, 90; Kristie Hale, 91; Jessica Sanchez, 98.

### HC cowgirls take third at West Texas A&M

The Howard College rodeo team, which hosts its own rodeo this week, had some strong showings over the weekend at the West Texas A&M rodeo in Canyon.

Tina Sherrod finished second in break-away roping, and that led her team to a third-place finish. Howard scored 130 points, third behind Western Texas College (285) and Vernon Regional Junior College (140).

Stephanie Miller was first in the first go-round for break-away roping.

On the men's side, Ross Lowry had a fine performance in steer wrestling — first in the first go-round, third in the short go and second overall.

Doug Pharr was first in the short go and second in the average for team roping. Bobby Joe Yeater was fourth overall in calf roping.

The HC cowboys scored 90 points, sixth overall.

The Howard College NIRA Rodeo starts Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Rodeo Bowl.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

### SHOT OF THE DAY



**That winning feeling**  
Jeff Gordon savors his victory Sunday in the Food City 500 at the Bristol International Speedway.

### TEXAS SPORTS

#### Stars defeat Blackhawks

CHICAGO (AP) — The Dallas Stars beat the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1 Sunday — included were Mike Torchia's grand goaltending debut and Mike Donnelly's tiebreaking goal with 10:52 to play.

Torchia, a 1991 fourth-round draft pick who was just recalled from the minors Saturday, made 29 saves for the Stars, who were without injured goalies Andy Moog and Darcy Wakaluk.

#### Mavs lose at Boston Garden

BOSTON (AP) — Boston beat Dallas 94-87 Sunday in NBA action. With Sherman Douglas scoring 14 of his team-high 27 points in the first half, the Celtics jumped to a 58-41 halftime lead.

### NATION/WORLD

#### Boston U. wins NCAA title

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Boston University beat Maine 6-2 to win the NCAA college hockey title for the first time in 17 years. Boston U. won its fourth NCAA hockey title and first since 1978, when it beat Boston College in the last all-New England championship game.

#### Herschel headed to NY Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Heisman Trophy-winning running back Herschel Walker is returning to the Meadowlands as a member of the New York Giants. Walker and the Giants reached a tentative agreement on a contract, and is expected to take over the third-down and return specialist job that opened when Dave Meggett left for the Patriots.

### ON THE AIR

#### Basketball

NCAA  
Men's championship,  
UCLA vs. Arkansas,  
7 p.m., CBS (ch. 7).

#### Hockey

NHL  
Chicago at Detroit,  
6:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).









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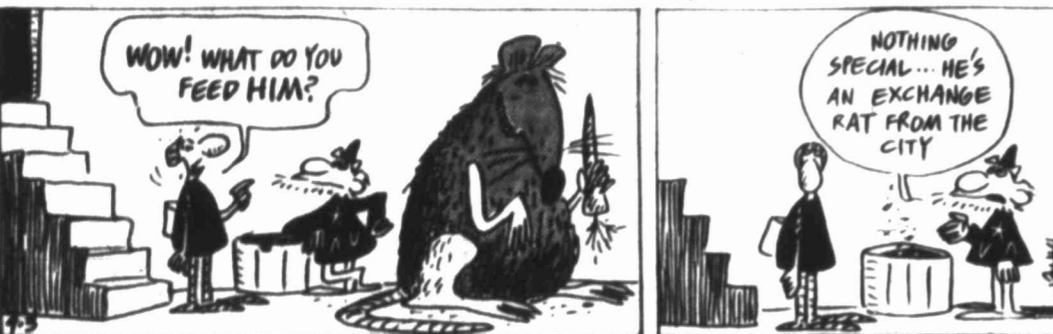
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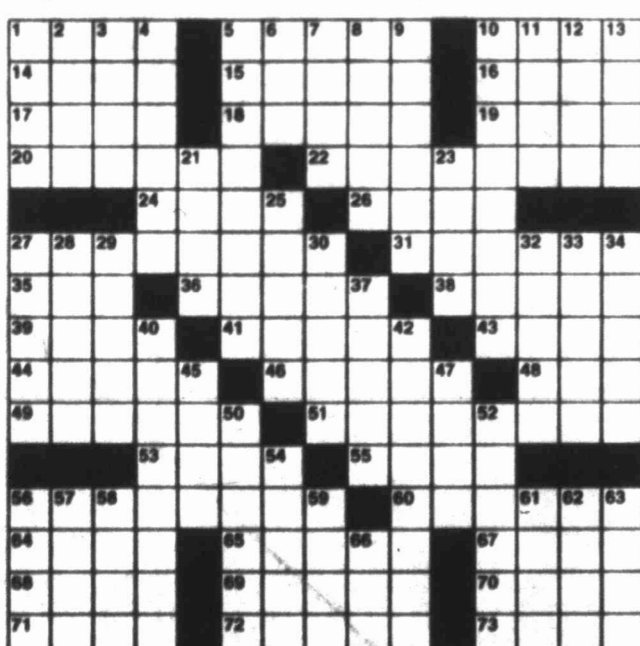


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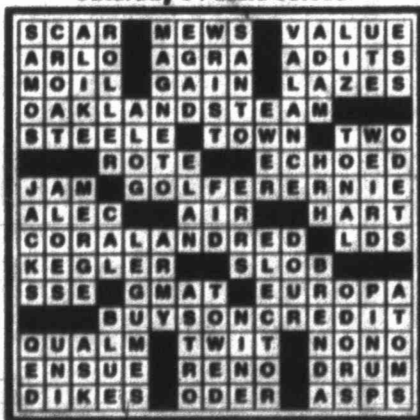
THE Daily Crossword by Mary E. Brindamour

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10 State of unconsciousness
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18 Be angry
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69 Excite joy in
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Saturday's Puzzle solved:



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This date in history

Today is Monday, April 3, the 93rd day of 1995. There are 272 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On April 3, 1860, the legendary Pony Express began service between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. The service lasted only a 1 1/2 years before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph. On this date: In 1776, George Washington received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Harvard College. In 1783, author Washington

Irving was born in New York City. In 1865, Union forces occupied the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va. during the Civil War. In 1882, the notorious outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Mo., by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang. In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant. In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese officer responsible for the Bataan Death March during World War II, was executed. In 1948, President Truman signed the Marshall Plan, which allocated more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 European countries. In 1968, North Vietnam

agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks. In 1979, Jane M. Byrne became the first woman to be elected mayor of Chicago, as she defeated Republican Wallace D. Johnson. In 1982, Britain dispatched a naval task force to the south Atlantic to reclaim the disputed Falkland Islands, which had been seized by Argentina. Ten years ago: The landmark Brown Derby restaurant in Hollywood closed its doors after 56 years in business.

Five years ago: A delegation from the rebellious republic of Lithuania met with an adviser to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly approved comprehensive clean-air legislation. Jazz singer Sarah Vaughan died in suburban Los Angeles at age 66.

Thought for Today: "The difference between gossip and news depends on whether you hear it or tell it." — Anonymous. The Associated Press

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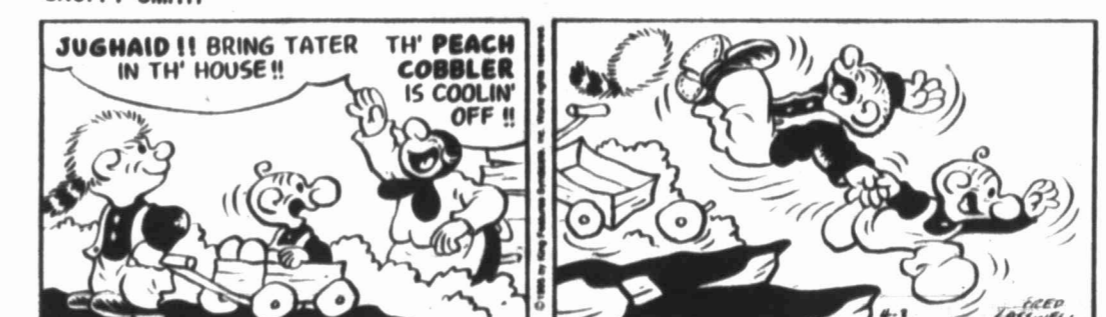
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Chris Farley and David Spade TOMMY BOY PG-13 4:10-7:10 Jonathan Taylor Thomas MAN OF THE HOUSE PG 4:20-7:30

THE QUIGMANS by Buddy Hickerson



"Try and calm down, ma'am. Now just exactly how was the steak smothered?"

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