

Chamber slates year's first Business After Hours for today

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

The first Business After Hours function of 1997 is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. today at Security State Bank.

to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors. According to Sorley, the idea is to get local business people together.

Business After Hours was revived by the chamber in 1996 and enjoyed great success with programs at Norwest Bank, Big Spring Mall, Best Western Mid-Continent Inn and at John Wesley's Pick-Pocket Billiards.

The survey results were approved by the chamber's board of directors in December and mailed out to the entire chamber membership.

only stay open until about 6 p.m. The 1996 survey was completed last summer and shows that progress has been made, Yater said.

JAIL SCHOOL



Law officers from the area direct their attention to instructors at the "jail school" sponsored by the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Counts, Junell visit to discuss latest concerns

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer



COUNTS JUNELL

Local residents will get their second chance within a month to ask questions of one of their elected officials tonight when State Rep. David Counts, along with State Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo, will be in Big Spring for a Town Hall Meeting at Howard College.

Howard county residents was released by Counts' office last Thursday — creation of the Texas Home Improvement Loan Program (THILP).

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The program is a partnership between the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Housing Administration, Fannie Mae and HOME Inc.

Worksheets will be available for residents and business owners to calculate how a proposed business activity tax will affect them.

According to Beauchamp, through this public/private partnership, the THILP will leverage public dollars with private sector capital and expertise to create a fund of more than \$13.3 million for FHA-insured Title I home improvement loans.

Counts, also chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, will discuss legislation on the agenda will be a discussion of the governor's tax reform proposal and how it will affect Howard County residents and businesses.

Beauchamp said the program is being made available to rural communities with populations of less than 50,000 residents.

Both Counts and Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and co-sponsor of the tax reform legislation currently being debated in Austin, will give brief opening remarks about other legislative issues being discussed in Austin before they open the floor up for questions from the audience.

HOME Inc. will originate and service the loans, which will be insured up to a maximum of \$25,000 by the FHA. Loans will be available on terms of up to 20 years at a 6.99 percent per annum rate.

Area residents may also want to take advantage of another of Junell's committee positions — school funding. Junell is a member of the Select Committee on Revenues and School Funding. School funding will be directly affected if the governor's current property tax legislation passes.

To qualify for the program, a prospective borrower's income must be 80 percent or less of the area median family income.

"We have had great response from the district as we've traveled to town meetings," Beauchamp said. "It's not as hectic as we had thought trying to squeeze trips like this in during the legislative session, and with tax reform out there being debated, this is an opportunity for us to get some input from the people we represent."

Interested residents can discuss the program with Counts at tonight's Town Hall meeting or contact HOME Inc. at (800) 486-9192 or the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs at (800) 792-1119.

Another piece of information that will be of interest to

Seasonal factors blamed for rise in jobless rate

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

January unemployment figures for Howard County show a rate of 4.3 percent, a 0.9 percent increase compared to December's rate of 3.4 percent.

reported 170,275 people from a labor force of 180,960 were employed in January for an unemployment rate of 5.9 percent.

January include: Abilene, 4.3 percent; Amarillo, 4.4 percent; Austin-San Marcos, 3.4 percent; Beaumont-Port Arthur, 8.7 percent; Brazoria, 8.0 percent; Brownsville-Harlingen, 12.0 percent; Bryan-College Station, 2.5 percent; Corpus Christi, 8.8 percent; Dallas, 3.9 percent; El Paso, 11.8 percent; Fort Worth-Arlington, 4.0 percent; Galveston-Texas City, 8.8 percent; Houston, 5.5 percent; Killeen-Temple, 5.2 percent; Laredo, 12.2 percent; Longview-Marshall, 7.9 percent; Lubbock, 3.8 percent; McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, 20.9 percent; San Antonio, 4.2 percent; Sherman-Denison, 4.7 percent; Tyler, 6.4 percent; Victoria, 5.8 percent; Waco, 4.4 percent; and Wichita Falls 4.4 percent.

Surrounding counties reported the following unemployment rates for January: Andrews, 5.2 percent; Borden, 3.6 percent; Dawson, 6.9 percent (up from 5.7 percent in December); Ector 7.2 percent (up from 5.6 percent in December); Glasscock, 2.8 percent; Martin, 5.3 percent; and Midland, 4.4 percent.

Overall, the Permian Basin reported 170,275 people from a labor force of 180,960 were employed in January for an unemployment rate of 5.9 percent.

Compared to a year ago, the Permian Basin's unemployment rate is slightly better than the overall rates for Texas and the nation.

Panel eyes 50-cent rate; no homestead exemptions

AUSTIN (AP) — Texan homeowners would trade in their homestead property tax exemptions for a 50-cent local school property tax rate under a plan being discussed by a House committee.

The plan was not voted on and has not been formally adopted.

tioned whether voters, who would have to approve the plan, would go along with it.

The House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding, which is considering Gov. George W. Bush's proposal to cut property taxes, on Wednesday moved toward a plan to lower school property tax rates from a statewide average of about \$1.40 per \$100 valuation to 50-cents per \$100.

All homeowners currently get a \$5,000 homestead exemption, senior citizens get a rate freeze at age 65 and retired veterans also get a break.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said opponents would focus on the elimination of the exemptions and would "scare (voters) to death."

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Local Salvation Army personnel joining in disaster relief

By JOHN A. MOSELEY News Editor

Storms that wreaked havoc from Texas to Ohio last week have Salvation Army disaster teams from a large portion of the country fanning out to provide assistance to victims.

Canteens have been set up to serve residents in Mabank, Gunbarrel City and Kerens by Salvation Army units from Corsicana and Tyler.

Tolcher said of the Arkansas effort. "The Salvation Army has also distributed supplies to a temporary shelter, provided 250 blankets to victims and more than \$600 worth of new clothing to injured persons in Little Rock emergency rooms."

relief personnel. A warehouse which receives and distributes donated clothing and supplies has been established near Little Rock, and donations from around the country are being transported there.

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# Report says UT's PAC a powerhouse

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## Parents of drowning victim sue grandparents

**McKINNEY** — A man and his wife have filed a \$49 million lawsuit against his parents, alleging that their negligence caused the drowning death of the couple's 14-year-old son last summer.

Collin Vahedian drowned June 9, 1996, in a swimming pool at the home of his grandparents, Ali and Mina Vahedianonaparast, in Plano.

The mishap occurred during a Father's Day barbecue. According to the lawsuit filed by the boy's parents, Raymond and Pamela Vahedian, Mrs. Vahedian and her mother-in-law were swimming in the backyard pool with the 14-year-old boy, and all three got out of the pool when the women went to prepare the evening meal.

The women asked the boy's grandfather to watch the child, the lawsuit says.

## Arbitrated sessions end, American pilots await decision

**DALLAS** — American Airlines and its pilots may continue contract negotiations as they await a presidential panel's recommendation on their 21/2-year-long contract dispute.

Both airline management and the Allied Pilots Association on Wednesday expressed a willingness to meet with one another even though they are in the arbitration stage of their contract disagreement.

Presidential Emergency Board chairman Robert Harris said when Wednesday's final session adjourned that he wants negotiations to continue while the board deliberates. There have been no announcements yet that sessions have been scheduled.

Harris said neither side changed their position substantially during the five days of meetings, but some progress was made. "At this point, there is a greater willingness to try and solve the problems than there was a couple of weeks ago," Harris said, adding that the problems can basically be described as job-security issues.

## Ex-Mexican president's brother may have arranged payoff

**HOUSTON** — An FBI informant claims the brother of ex-Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari arranged a payoff to a former high-ranking prosecutor, the Houston Chronicle has reported.

At the direction of Raul Salinas de Gortari, the unidentified informant delivered protection money to Mexico's then-deputy attorney general, Mario Ruiz Massieu, a court affidavit says.

The informant claims he saw Raul Salinas give another payoff to Ruiz Massieu, the Chronicle reported Wednesday.

On Monday, U.S. prosecutors will try to prove that a \$9 million bank account kept by Ruiz Massieu contained money Mexico drug traffickers paid him to avoid prosecution. If successful, Ruiz Massieu would have to forfeit the money to the U.S. government.

Ruiz Massieu attorney Tony Canales wants to prove his client legally earned the money contained in his bank account and counter allegations that the cash was part of an elaborate payoff scheme to keep drug traffickers out of court in Mexico.

## Senate passes bill allowing women direct access to OB-GYNs

**AUSTIN** — Women with health benefit plans would be ensured direct access to their gynecologists or obstetricians under a bill passed by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, passed Wednesday and goes to the House for consideration.

It was prompted by concerns from Texas women who have been required to get a referral from their primary care physicians to see their obstetricians or gynecologists, Shapiro said.

"Today's system is unacceptable," she said. "Many of the health benefit plans in place today do not recognize what we consider to be a very unique relationship between a patient and a physician in the area of women's health."

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — A fund-raising committee linked to the University of Texas System chancellor has become a political force with some of the deepest pockets in Texas, the San Antonio Express-News has reported.

The Friends of the University Political Action Committee was formed two months after William Cunningham became UT System chancellor in 1992.

In ranks 52nd of 1,059 active general-purpose political action committees in Texas, according to an analysis by the Express-News of contributions and expenditures from July 1993 to December 1996.

The Texas Democratic Party ranked first, followed by the Republican National State Elections Committee and the Texas Republican Campaign Committee.

The Express-News reported its findings in a copyright story Wednesday.

The Friends of the University committee raised \$432,396, mostly from UT alumni and employees, from 1992 through 1996. That was more than was raised by such power brokers as Texaco and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers.

The committee contributed slightly more than \$334,983 to 203 politicians.

Although the fund-raising arm is independent of the UT System, it has close ties to the chancellor's office and consults with Cunningham to decide which politicians to support, the Express-News reported.

"In discussion with university officials and others, we felt we needed some legislative support," said Austin lawyer John Fainter, the committee treasurer.

Police also found a loaded 9mm handgun in Nixon's car.

In a 1993 Dallas incident also involving prostitutes, Nixon pleaded no contest to illegally carrying a handgun.

Nixon was in a meeting Wednesday afternoon.

"He's made his statement, he's made his apologies — he feels he has already responded to that," said Peggy Hubble, a spokeswoman. "He's not resigning."

The Conroe newspaper stated Nixon should step down if he is convicted or pleads guilty or no contest in the latest charges.

"Today, this type of behavior appears to be more of a pattern

er. "Higher education had not been receiving as much funding and support as it needed."

The committee has no specific agenda other than to reward legislators who have been friendly to higher education, and particularly to the University of Texas, often with sizable contributions, Fainter said.

Critics say this flow of money from university campuses into the campaigns of politicians who control the state budget creates the impression that university officials, in conjunction with the political action committee, were trying to buy influence.

"You've got to wonder why a land-grant university needs to go shake down people when they've got the second-highest endowment in the world," said John Umphress, an Austin ana-

lyst with the government watchdog group Public Citizen.

With an endowment of \$5.3 billion, the University of Texas is second only to Harvard University in wealth.

In 1992, high-ranking UT officials also began a coordinated effort to make political contributions to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

The money arrived in Bullock's campaign office on the same days each year as did donations from the political action committee. Over four years, more than 120 high-ranking university system administrators gave an additional \$170,000 directly to Bullock's campaign.

UT officials involved in the collection of contributions say the solicitation sometimes occurred at the office, in apparent violation of state law and university guidelines.

# Newspapers: Embattled senator should step down

**DALLAS (AP)** — Texas newspapers have offered little sympathy to state Sen. Drew Nixon, with many urging the lawmaker to resign following his arrest in a prostitution sting.

"Nixon the person deserves our prayers and compassion, for he and his wife face difficult days ahead," wrote the Conroe Courier. "Nixon the politician deserves neither."

Nixon, a Carthage Republican, faces misdemeanor charges of prostitution and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Austin police arrested Nixon on Feb. 18 after he reportedly was videotaped soliciting an undercover officer for sex.

# Whitmire files bill allocating money for Houston stadiums

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A new bill before the Legislature could finance an Astrodome renovation and construction of a downtown baseball stadium approved by voters last November.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, is sponsoring a bill supported by five of six Harris County senators that would create a Sports Venue Authority and provide methods of financing an approved venue site.

The bill could make a reality the downtown baseball stadium approved by Houston voters last year. The referendum approved

the building of a \$265 million stadium as well as financing renovations of the Astrodome.

"This legislation is honoring the vote that was taken last November," Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Galena Park, said.

"It's not a vote for baseball, but of economic redevelopment of the inner city."

Sen. Michael Galloway, R-The Woodlands, generally has concerns with the funding mechanism, said Galloway spokesman Dean McWilliams.

Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Kennedale, filed legislation that would allow every Texas city and county to use special taxes to build sports facilities.

Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, introduced a bill similar to Whitmire's that would be specific for South Texas cities.

Whitmire said he would support Brimer's legislation, but said he wanted a bill that would meet Houston's needs.

"We want to do the whole state's business," Whitmire said. "But we've got to make sure we get our business done."

Whitmire's bill specifically aids Houston and Harris county by qualifying sports venue projects for a city with a population of more than 1.2 million or a county with more than 2.2 million residents.

It also qualifies facilities used for rodeo, agricultural or livestock events, a direct link to the profitable and popular Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The bill, which Whitmire estimated to bring in \$40 million for Houston, would raise funds by allowing cities or counties to sanction a rental car tax, a ticket tax, a parking tax and a hotel occupancy tax.

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Quote of the Day

"Education has in America's whole history been the major hope for improving the individual and society."  
-Gunnar Myrdal

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OTHER VIEWS

Hopefully, spelling's making a comeback

A few years ago, the question on most academicians', the media and millions of parents' minds was, "Why can't Johnny read?" Today, we also often wonder, "Why can't Johnny spell?"

Spelling seems to be a lost art — something most depend on the spellchecker in their personal computer or word processor to handle.

It sometimes seems that children are no longer subjected to spelling lists in a textbook that generated tests that an older generation knew came each Friday.

In fact, they aren't ... at least not in the state of Texas. "We haven't had a state-approved spelling textbook and curriculum in several years," Big Spring Independent School District Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy noted. "The idea was to integrate spelling into the overall curriculum ... that you could teach spelling in English, social studies and science."

Of course, what educators have discovered, Murphy said, is that without a dedicated text and approved curriculum, some teachers don't teach spelling to their students.

As a result, a state approved text and spelling curriculum may soon be in the offing.

"Spelling is coming back," he explained. "It's probably a result of a lack of spelling skills children are showing, but we expect it will be making its way back in the very near future."

With that in mind, it seems almost a miracle that the participants in Tuesday's Howard County Spelling Bee were able to spell enough words to force the contest into 16 rounds before Runnels Junior High School eighth grader Sarah Shanghavi won the event by spelling "turbulence" and "parachute."

Murphy noted that the BISID stresses that teachers develop spelling lists and drill students in spelling, but he admits "it's not the same as what many of us were taught."

However, the Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma school districts should be commended that their elementary, middle and junior high schools conduct spelling bees to determine champions that represent them at the county bee.

And those 15 youngsters which participated in Tuesday's county bee — 13 representing various campuses, as well as two home schoolers — should be congratulated in not only reaching the event, but for handling words that made even much of the audience cringe when announced.

It convinces us the county spelling bee is important, and we'll continue to be its sponsor.



Finding that 'great big beautiful doll'

Hope McAlister and I sat Indian-style in the middle of the living room floor, a dusty cardboard box between us.

"I'll take this one," Hope said, eagerly pulling from the box an old bunting doll with a porcelain face and a round, rag body.

"I definitely want this one," I said, grabbing the head of a baby doll with no eyes.

We had paid the old woman at the junk store \$10 for the box of dolls and assorted parts, and now we were dividing the precious loot. Like a couple of vultures hovering over fresh roadkill, we dove at the box until it was empty.

"Look," I said, upending the box and shaking it. "Here are the missing eyeballs."

The eyeballs and their

mechanical roots rolled onto the carpet next to assorted limbs.

My best claim was Charlie McCarthy.

"Just imagine what he'd be worth if he had his mouth," Hope said wistfully.

It was true, there was a gaping hole where the dummy's smart mouth used to be. But I figured to cover the crater with a bandanna, the kind cowboy bandits used when robbing a stagecoach.

I also loved my 1930s, stylish woman doll, missing both arms. She was a proud Venus in her birthday suit, with practical, painted-on pumps.

Unlike today's Barbies, this doll had a reasonable, realistic figure. One of her legs would make two of any modern Barbie's, her hips were ample and her breasts on the small side. Now that was an anatomically correct doll.

All the way home from the Carrollton, Ga., junk store we had congratulated ourselves on the find. The proprietor had been watching television in a building cold as a meat cooler.

Pots situated to catch rain held blocks of ice. The woman hugged herself to stay warm.

When we asked about the dolls, she shrugged and said "How 'bout \$10?" Then she went back to her show.

We resisted a whoop of joy. I think perhaps we could have offered \$25 for the entire store and hauled it away.

Hope is the best junker I have ever met. Her little white house is like a county museum, its walls and floors covered with tools and tobacco leaves and plowshares and beehives. Most of her stuff comes with a story and sentimental value; to decorate she uses lots of imagination, not lots of money.

Hers is not a Southern Living kind of house, all linen perfection and prissy window treatments. It is more of an American primitive than a French antique.

Hope lives right next door to a cemetery in Pine Level, Ala. She bought the fixer-upper not long ago. While her perfect neighbors slept, she painted and patched and scrubbed until

the old house became a charming country cottage.

No doubt Hope has doctored her dolls by now, and I'm sure they look better than new.

Where there was a rip, there are neat stitches. Where there was a dirt smudge, there is now a winsome smile.

I dread reporting to her about my own progress. I soaked Venus in mild Clorox water, anxiously checking to make sure her blue eyes weren't disappearing. She seemed to be coming clean without losing her war paint.

Then I forgot all about her. Hours later, I remembered. The bathing beauty was bloated and pruned. Her sturdy but shapely legs were the size of telephone poles. The wood composite inside her had expanded, causing big cracks.

It was far better than a doll that cries and wets, I decided. I had one that grows old.

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Gore on fund raising echoes Bush on Iran-Contra

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice presidents often have an awkward time distancing themselves from unpopular policies or practices of the presidents they serve. Al Gore's maneuvering on campaign fund raising in some ways resembles George Bush's squirming a decade ago on Iran-Contra.

Both vice presidents protested that they didn't do anything wrong. In both cases, skeptics suggested they might be protesting too much.

Gore may find there's a steep political price to pay as he readies his own expected presidential bid, his golden-boy image tarnished.

Bush's denial — as he prepared for his 1988 presidential campaign — of any knowledge of the Reagan administration's arms-for-hostages was viewed as a bit of a reach by many political observers, especially for a man who once ran the CIA.

Similarly, Gore's insistence that he did nothing wrong by making fund-raising phone calls from the White House seemed a little far-fetched, to many critics, for one who had been in Congress for 16 years — where warnings are abundant on prohibiting fund raising in or from government buildings.

"Bush and Gore have both tried to put at arm's length their president's main scandal and it's not possible to do so," said Larry Sabato, a political science professor at the University of Virginia. "Bush never really convinced anybody he was out of the loop and Gore will never be able to convince people that he was not involved in the shenanigans of the campaign."

Bush's argument was that he was a passive figure as others diverted funds from Iran arms sales to help illegally finance Contra rebels fighting in Nicaragua. The slap on Gore is that he was anything but passive.

Clinton — criticized himself for coffees and Lincoln Bedroom sleepovers for big-money donors — defended Gore, suggesting, "We were fighting a battle not simply for our re-election but over the entire direction of the country for years to come."

Democrats tried hard to tie Bush to Iran-Contra (they never could make it quite stick).

This time, Republicans have happily seized on Gore's fund-raising activities to further their call for a special prosecutor to look into Democratic fund raising.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has his own problems when it comes to ethical misdeeds, suggested the whole fund-raising matter was "much bigger I think than Watergate."

Sometimes, vice presidents wind up in a trap not entirely of their own making, especially those in the second term of a two-term president.

"You have loads of delegated authority, but you have to take great care not to make it too obvious and not to embarrass your boss," said Sabato.

"Generally, you end up doing some of the jobs that the president just doesn't want to do. This (Gore's predicament) is the perfect case of it."

William Kristol, who was chief of staff to former Vice President Dan Quayle and now is editor of the conservative journal the Standard, said he sees some similarity between the situations faced by Bush and Gore.

But, he said, "Bush claimed he was out of the loop, where Gore is proud of being at the center of the loop."

Kristol suggested a different analogy, saying he prefers to compare Gore with another Reagan administration figure from the Iran-Contra era.

"Gore is kind of like Ollie North: the over-eager subordinate who tried too hard to make his boss happy."

Gore may find some of the most uncomfortable criticism coming from his own party, just as Bush did.

In a December 1987 debate, GOP hopeful Alexander M. Haig drew laughter from the audience when he ridiculed Bush's previous claim to be President Reagan's "co-pilot."

Where were you, Haig asked, when Reagan and his administration decided to "engage in paying blackmail to terrorists? Were you in the cockpit, or were you on an economy ride in the back of the plane?"

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# Yeltsin vows shakeup, new economic efforts in Parliament address

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin, moving to reassert his authority after months of illness, pledged a government shakeup today and promised wide-ranging reforms to pull Russia out of its economic morass.

Yeltsin, addressing both houses of parliament in a nationally televised speech, acknowledged that "most of the promises given to people, especially on social issues, have not been fulfilled."

"We are still struggling in a flood of problems," Yeltsin said. "We haven't been able to reach the far bank."

Yeltsin, looking healthy and speaking clearly and strongly in a 25-minute speech, said he would focus on measures to boost Russia's economy, which has shrunk for six straight years.

However, Yeltsin has never shown much inclination for the nuts-and-bolts work of running the government and provide no specific solutions today for pressing problems, including months of back pay owed state workers and pensioners across Russia.

"People are suffering from delays of wages and pensions and government efforts have produced no noticeable results," Yeltsin said. "I must say that I'm ashamed that millions of people of the older generation are not receiving pensions."

Labor groups are planning a nationwide strike on March 27, and Yeltsin said the protest was "largely justified," calling it an "alarm signal that peo-

ple's patience is at its limits."

Many economists say the faltering Russian economy has stalled between the old Soviet system and a market economy, with the government failing to provide leadership. Yeltsin acknowledged the government needed to push ahead with additional economic reforms and crack down on corruption, considered a pervasive problem.

"The government interferes with the economy where it shouldn't, and is motionless where it should be active," the president said.

Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, runner-up to Yeltsin in last July's presidential election, called the president's performance today "miserable, helpless, buffoonery without any real content behind it."

"I would like to hear from (Yeltsin) why there is no economic growth. And why pensions, social payments and wages are not being paid," Zyuganov said.

Yeltsin did not announce any changes in his administration.

But he promised a shakeup within days, and there was widespread speculation that Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin would announce changes later today.

Since returning to the Kremlin in recent weeks, Yeltsin has spoken out harshly on a number of issues and delivered a series of tongue-lashings to top officials. However, he has not yet undertaken any major new initiatives.

# GOP priorities in House list 12 points that include tax relief, balanced budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months after the opening gavel fell on the congressional session, majority Republicans in the House are unveiling a list of legislative priorities that ranges from tax relief and a balanced budget to improved education.

The 12-point list, being unveiled today at a news conference, is a "non-inclusive list of the things we want to do over the next two years," House Republican Whip Tom DeLay said Wednesday.

Speaker Newt Gingrich was expected to attend, after weeks of generally shunning the spotlight so the controversy from his ethics case could diminish.

The list of priorities, a draft of which was made available in advance, includes improved access to health care; fighting gang violence and drugs; and reduced government regulation of business.

Topping the list was balancing the federal budget, including enactment of the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, a measure that is currently stalled in committee

in the House and was defeated in the Senate on Tuesday by a single vote.

The development of legislative priorities comes at a time when some GOP lawmakers are grumbling that their own leadership has failed to produce an agenda for the Congress that convened in January.

By contrast, Republicans marched through their "Contract With America" campaign manifesto in 100 days two years ago. In a letter to the rank and file last week, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, conceded that some House members were "frustrated at the slow start" of the current session, although he said the pace was more typical of a new Congress that convenes after a presidential election.

In any event, Armey said, the leadership will "soon step up the pace and act."

Republican aides said the list of priorities had been assembled by surveying the membership and in consultation with the committee chairmen. It provided no timetable for action.

# FBI lab work criticized in mail-bomb case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI crime lab's procedures were flawed and a lab supervisor overstated test results during a trial for the mail-bomb killings of a federal judge and a civil rights lawyer, the Justice Department's inspector general says in a draft report.

A leading forensic scientist and law professor, James E. Starrs of George Washington University, said the Justice findings show that an FBI lab supervisor's testimony was "a misrepresentation as far as I'm concerned."

The Associated Press obtained access Wednesday to a portion of the inspector general's secret, 500-page draft report on a year-long lab investigation which probed allegations by suspended FBI scientist-agent Frederic Whitehurst and other federal officers that the lab was mismanaged and contaminated and showed a pro-prosecution bias in a series of cases, including the Oklahoma City and World

Trade Center bombings. This portion dealt with one of FBI Director Louis J. Freeh's major accomplishments: the 1991 conviction of Walter Leroy Moody for the murder of U.S. Circuit Judge Robert S. Vance and Georgia civil rights lawyer Robert E. Robinson.

Freeh was not mentioned in this section. But a senior FBI official, requesting anonymity, said other portions of the report clear Freeh of any misconduct in the case, which the bureau code-named VANPAC.

In addition to overstated testimony, the report found that in VANPAC the lab lacked databases to support its conclusions, used tests that had not been validated, lacked written test procedures, inadequately documented why it discounted test results that undercut its conclusions and lacked any record of some tests.

The senior official said the bureau has urged the inspector general to revise the prelimi-

nary conclusions, arguing they are "unjustified and based on an incomplete review of the facts."

Prosecutors contended that Moody built the bombs sent in 1989 to Vance in Birmingham, Ala., and to Robinson in Savannah, Ga., and unexploded bombs sent to the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta and to the NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla.

Lab supervisor James Thurman testified that all four bombs "were made by one individual ... using essentially the same type of materials," citing similar packaging and wiring.

Thurman testified the lab determined that two-inch-wide tan plastic tape on all four bombs "was from the same manufacturer" and that black latex paint on them "is from the same source ... is the same chemical composition."

But after examining the actual lab tests, the inspector general said the results "appear to

preclude the firm conclusion that the samples came from the same source or manufacturer."

The inspector general said the lab work would allow an examiner only "to conclude that samples could have come from the same source or manufacturer, but not to opine that they necessarily did."

Starrs said it shows "the lab testimony is much too conclusive, much too definitive and prejudicial to the defendant. The possibility of the same source is very different from the certainty."

Inspector General Michael Bromwich found that Thurman accurately reflected conclusions of lab examiner Robert Webb, who actually did the tests. But Bromwich found fault with Webb's conclusions.

For all four bombs, Webb decided that the tape came from the same manufacturer, even the same batch or lot, and that the black paint came from the same manufacturer.

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## Our Many Intelligences

# Kinds of Minds



**Howard Gardner** is an expert on how children learn. He is famous for his ideas about our many intelligences, or kinds of minds. He is a professor of education and of psychology\* at Harvard and a professor of neurology\*\* at Boston University. He wrote this especially for our readers.

\*Psychology is the study of the mind.  
\*\*Neurology is the study of the nervous system.

**by Howard Gardner**

"Look around you. We all look different from one another. And this makes life interesting. It would be dull if we all looked and acted the same."

"We also have different kinds of minds. Some individuals are very good with language — they can talk and write easily, create poetry. "Some are very good with finding their way around and reading maps. "Some of us are artistic — we love to create songs, make paintings, make up dances.

"Others are scientists or inventors — we like to solve problems or do experiments."

"And some of us are especially good at understanding and influencing other people."

"I call this the theory of multiple 'intelligences.' Each of us has many different intelligences, but we differ from one another in which intelligences we favor and which ones we excel in. And, once again, this makes life more interesting."

**Our eight intelligences**

Here are some of Dr. Gardner's ideas that we adapted for our Mini Page readers. Which intelligences are you strongest in?

You might be ...

**Word strong** — Do you like to read and write and talk? Do you find word games fun?

**Math or reasoning strong** — Do you like to figure out answers to problems and puzzles? Are you good with numbers?

**Space strong** — Do you like to build, draw and design? Can you read maps?

**Body strong** — Are you good at sports or dance? Are you well-coordinated?


**Music strong** — Do you understand and appreciate music, or can you make music?

**People strong** — Are you sensitive to other people's needs and moods? Do you get along with others? Are you a team player or a leader?

**Self strong** — Can you act on your own? Do you enjoy your own company?

**Nature strong** — Are you interested in plants, animals, clouds, rocks and other natural things?

### Meet Mr. Rogers



Fred McFeely Rogers is best known to kids around the country as Mr. Rogers, the host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." He was born in Latrobe, Pa., in 1928 and studied music composition at Rollins College. His first job after graduating was working on TV shows in New York. He then moved to Pittsburgh to work on a children's TV program. During that time he went back to school and became a minister in 1962. He created "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" in 1966. Mr. Rogers is married and has two sons and two grandsons. His wife is a pianist. He likes swimming, playing the piano and reading.

### MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A KARATE FIGHTER AND A PIG?  
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Q: What sickness is a runner likely to get?  
A: Athlete's foot!  
(sent in by Tameka L. DePrest)

Q: Who is the the biggest in the Bigger family — Mommy Bigger, Daddy Bigger or Baby Bigger?  
A: The baby, because he is a little Bigger!  
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- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup grapes
- 1 banana, thinly sliced
- 1 cantaloupe, cut in half and seeded

What to do:

1. In a medium bowl, combine yogurt and nutmeg. Mix well.
2. Add grapes and bananas. Mix well.
3. Place equal amounts of yogurt mixture in each melon half.

Serves 2.

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The week of March 3 through 7 is Newspaper in Education Week, a special week set aside to call attention to how valuable your local newspaper can be.

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Everyone has all eight intelligences and can develop each intelligence so it is useful. We probably use more than one intelligence to do any task.

**To build word strength:**

- Write a fictional story about a news event.
- Find a job in the classifieds you might like. Write a letter applying for that job.

**To build body strength:**

- Act out what's happening in a photograph. Then act out the actions that would come next.
- Act out one of the stories. Ask the class to guess which story you are re-enacting.
- Create a dance that expresses your feelings about one of the stories.

**To build math and reasoning strength:**

- Look at the weather report for a week. Make a chart of the temperatures. Make a separate chart of the rain or snowfall. Is there a relationship between the temperature and the rain or snow?
- Look in the classified ads. Find three things you would like to have. Figure out how much money you would need to buy all three.

**To build space strength:**

- Find a house-for-sale ad in the classified section. Draw a picture of how it might look. Draw the house plans.
- Cut apart the front page. Come up with a new layout.

**To build self strength:**

- Find a story that might help you make a decision about something.
- Find something in a classified ad you would like to buy or do. Draw a picture or write a story about it.

**To build music strength:**

- Write a song about a picture you see.

**To build nature strength:**

- Find stories about the environment. Develop a plan to help.
- Look for ads about plants and gardening. Choose some plants to grow in your classroom. Keep a journal about which ones grow best indoors.

The Mini Page thanks Sherry Dee Garrett, NIE coordinator, Lancaster (Pa.) Newspapers Inc.

Next week, The Mini Page takes an A to Z tour of Ireland.

### TRY 'N FIND NEWSPAPERS

Words about newspapers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: NEWSPAPER, READ, LEARN, COLUMN, PICTURES, ARTICLE, ADS, WEATHER, EDITORIAL, WRITER, WRITE, WORLD, SALES, SPORTS, HEADLINE, ART, LETTER, CAPTION, INDEX

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are having fun reading newspapers. See if you can find:

- caterpillar
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- horse head
- bell
- letter A
- fudge pop
- letter E
- letter B
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- safety pin
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game," Corkery said.

Both Sherlock and Spencer had blocks that were converted into baskets as Howard led by as much as 16 points in the first half and 14 in the second as the Lady Hawks headed toward tonight's championship game.

But all was not smooth sailing.

South Plains took advantage of a series of Howard miscues to mount a 9-0 run and pull within five, 59-54, with 7:07 left in the game.

At that point, Corkery called a time out.

"I called the time out more just to maintain our composure," Corkery said. "We needed to talk about what to key on defensively ... I thought we lost our focus a little during that stretch, but the key was the fact that our kids were able to come back from the time out and do what they had to do."

Corkery's strategy worked.

Cosby hit a pair of quick baskets, one on a drive through the lane and the other on a jumper, to stake the Lady Hawks to a 63-54 lead and the Lady Texans never seriously threatened again.

Part of the stemming of the South Plains tide came from the play of Jenny Bland-Hodnett, who had seven points.

"Jenny stepped up and played extremely well," Corkery said. "She played smart and had some key assists ... She had some good playing time."

Johnson led all scorers for Howard with 22 points, while Cosby added 19 and Spencer had 14. Brazil and Aleah Johnson led South Plains with 18 points.

Howard carries a 29-4 record and a No. 7 national ranking into tonight's championship game with No. 20 Weatherford.

In the opener, Weatherford again relied on its international connection to advance to the title game with an 83-74 win over McLennan.

Weatherford led 61-45 with 10 minutes to play before McLennan went on a 15-3 run to pull within four — 64-60 — before the Lady Coyotes pulled away.

As they did in the first game, Weatherford's four international players accounted for 62 of the Lady Coyotes 84 points with Reda Kakerenaite leading the way with 20.

Andy Holubova added 17, Patty Cantella 13, Olga Firsova 12 and Traci Bosley 11.

HOWARD (80) — Bland-Hodnett 2 1 0 0 7; Johnson 9 0 4 7 22; Kindle 1 1 1 2 6; Cosby 4 0 11 14 19; Horton 1 2 0 0 8; Gamble 1 0 0 0 2; Spencer 5 0 4 4 14; Sherlock 1 0 0 0 2; totals 24 4 20 27 80.

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Halftime — Howard 40, South Plains 27; Rebounds — Howard 39, South Plains 36; Turnovers — Howard 28, South Plains 30; Total fouls — Howard 18, South Plains 20; Fouled out — Thomas; Records — Howard 29-4, South Plains 26-5.

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Anyone born after Sept. 2, 1971 is required to successfully complete this course before legally hunting in Texas.

Cost of the course is \$10 and covers a lifetime certification.

For more information, call 267-6957 or preregister at Dibrell's Gun Shop at 1307 Gregg St.

**Hawks lose another player**

The Howard College Hawks will be without their second-leading scorer when they open Region V tournament play Friday in Waco.

Howard College officials announced today that Clifton Cook, a freshman guard, has been declared academically ineligible.

"He's ineligible because he was not in the classes he was supposed to be in," college special assistant Linda Conway said.

Cook is the fifth player to be dismissed from the team this season. The other four players were dismissed for violating undisclosed team or athletic

department rules.

**Coahoma splits with C-City**

The Coahoma Bulldogs split a Tuesday doubleheader with Colorado City, winning the nightcap 3-1 after dropping an 11-6 decision in the opener.

Seven errors and 10 walks doomed the Bulldogs in the opener and handed a loss to Marshall Wright in his first decision of the year.

Mike McMillan was 3-for-4 with 2 RBI and a homer, while Rodney Gressett went 2-for-3 with a home run and pair of RBI.

McMillan took the mound for Coahoma in the nightcap, and came away with his third victory of the year against one loss.

The Bulldogs (3-3) return to action Friday when they play Odessa High's junior varsity in Odessa. Game time is 4 p.m.

**Bowe wants another shot at Marine life**

NEW YORK — Two weeks after his aborted stint as a Marine recruit, former heavy-weight champion Riddick Bowe said he wants another chance.

"All I think about is becoming a Marine," Bowe told the Daily News for today's editions. "I really would like to be a Marine and make the Marine Corps proud."

HALL

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Go Go Sox to their first pennant in 40 seasons, the last Chicago team to make the World Series.

Fox still holds the record for playing 798 straight games at second base, and he struck out only 216 times in 9,232 at-bats, the third-best percentage (.23) in modern history.

Joanne Fox and her two daughters were at the family's home along with friends and reporters when they received the call from Don Marr, president of the Hall of Fame. They gathered in a den full of mementos from Fox's playing career, including his 1959 AL

MVP award. They snacked on a baseball menu of popcorn, peanuts and cracker jacks.

"I told my daughter to go down to the store and get your daddy's favorite little cheddar fishes and his favorite Crown Royal," Mrs. Fox said. "There hasn't been any of that in the house in 15-20 years. ... Nellie's here too."

The veterans committee — made up of former players, executives and media members — reviewed candidates in four areas: former major leaguers; a composite ballot of Negro Leaguers, umpires, executives and managers; 19th century players and personnel; and

Negro Leaguers.

Among the other players getting considerable consideration were Larry Doby, the first black to play in the American League, and Dom DiMaggio of Boston. From the executive-managers category, former commissioner Bowie Kuhn and former AL president Lee MacPhail were also considered.

Wells, who died in 1989 at age 80, played for nine teams during his 20 years in the Negro Leagues. He ranks first in leagues history in doubles and finished his career with a .331 average. He also managed the Newark Eagles and played seasons in Mexico, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

WOMEN

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Nebraska (19-9) cut the lead to 70-68 when LaToya Doage hit an acrobatic layup with 27 seconds left. But Viglione and Angela Jackson each hit two free throws to secure the victory.

Anna DeForge led Nebraska with 22 points.

COLORADO 56, IOWA STATE 39

Colorado took Iowa State (17-

11) out of the game early with its trapping man-to-man defense and probably killed the Cyclones' NCAA tournament hopes. Iowa State turned the ball over eight times in its first 11 possessions, fell behind 18-2 and never recovered.

"Surprised? No, I felt like we were capable of that kind of defense," Colorado coach Ceal Barry said. "I think through the course of our 16-week season you catch your breath. In

the tournament, there's a sense of do it now."

Colorado held Jayme Olson, Iowa State's leading scorer with a 17.4 average, scoreless in the first half and limited outside shooting specialist Tara Gunderson to three shots. Olson finished with eight points and Gunderson three.

Kim Martin led Iowa State with 13 points. LaShena Graham's 13 led Colorado.

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### Random act of kindness warms this soldier's heart

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to add to your collection of random acts of kindness with the story of something that happened to me about 53 years ago: In June of 1943, I graduated from high school and, along with most of my classmates, immediately joined the military service.



Abigail Van Buren  
Columnist

We were given the key to their apartment and informed that we would find soap, towels, a razor, shaving cream and a comb in their bathroom, and that we should go "freshen up." When we returned to the lobby, they presented us with a bag of sandwiches and wished us Godspeed.

You can understand why I have never forgotten those two wonderful ladies. If only I had gotten their names and addresses. If only... — WILLIAM J. MYERS JR., CARLISLE, PA.

**DEAR MR. MYERS:** What a delightful story, and beautifully told. The degree of patriotism, generosity and commitment to the war effort during World War II remains unequaled.

However, I am reminded of it every year at Christmastime during Operation Dear Abby. Last year's effort on the part of Americans of every age brought FIVE TONS of mail to our servicemen and women overseas.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a man of 65 years -- almost 66. In November 1994, I went into a local supermarket. There was an organ in the store for the holiday season and featured a drawing for music lessons. I observed an attractive lady filling out a slip for the drawing, and being a friendly person, I walked over to her and started a conversation. On learning that she was a widow (I was a widower), I said, "You probably have a boyfriend." She replied, "No, I don't." I asked for her name and telephone number and she gave them to me.

That night I called and invited her to dinner.

To make a long story short, I fell in love with her and we were married the next June. We're still in love and still on our honeymoon. I never tire of telling people how lovely she is and how much I love her. — ROBERT ROSS, LARGO, FLA.

**DEAR ROBERT:** Lucky you -- and lucky Mrs. Ross. It's always inspiring to hear a love story, especially one that blossoms in the autumn of one's life. May you and your bride have many wonderful years together.

### HOROSCOPE

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 7:

This can be an excellent year for you, if you stay centered. You need time alone to stabilize. You will alternate between periods of withdrawal and mania. Your personality blooms this year, adding to your desirability. Others are drawn to you. However, power plays are likely with a boss, who could be somewhat envious of your magic.

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Know when to head for the hills. If you sense that need today, do so. You have been active. There is always a time to pull back and get a different point of view. Follow your strong intuition, especially with a change in plans. Tonight: Vanish while you can.\*\*\*

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This day gets better, as long as you can handle a partner's uproar. Take the lead, and get your work done as soon as possible. There will be an opportunity to go out and socialize early. Network as well. Tonight: Let the weekend begin!\*\*\*\*

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You get the full message, whether or not another intends you to. Staying level and open-minded makes you a natural leader. Others seek you out for ideas and solutions. You want to take the lead with an important project. Tonight: It could be a late night!\*\*\*\*

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Think about a professional change you need to make. Be honest with a partner about your limitations. You are amazed by how this person pitches in and makes a difference. Accept an offer that could take you away or add a new spark to your life. Tonight: Take off!\*\*\*\*

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You feel pushed. Another is manipulative, trying to get what he wants. You know how to say no. Social interactions are highlighted. You connect on a deep level with others. Make time for an important discussion. Tonight: Get together with a favorite person.\*\*\*

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Work is demanding; you will find a lot to clear up. You will find

time for a special meeting. Count on your drive and efficiency. Your understanding of limits and others' needs makes you a central focus. Popularity is high. Tonight: It's time for the weekend.\*\*\*

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Let ideas happen; just flow with the moment. Another is clearly impressed with your ability to be a concept person. Charge some of this ingenuity into work. You can gain the respect of co-workers and further a cause. Tonight: Work late.\*\*\*\*

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Handle family and a property matter before you get too relaxed. Security is tied up in the decision you make. Seek out other answers if you don't feel comfortable with your own. Remember your objective. Tonight: Romp into the weekend.\*\*\*

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Hold up the mirror, if trouble starts. You might be the root of your problems. Instead of blaming others, or fleeing to your cocoon, try to understand your role. Talks could be uncomfortable yet extremely helpful. Do some solid thinking. Tonight: Be homework bound.\*\*\*

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Put out more than you want, be it emotionally, professionally or financially. Stop this pattern. You might be uncomfortable with your realizations. A trusted friend seeks you out. Don't get hurt feelings when there is no need. Tonight: Hang out.\*\*\*

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You feel great, and you let everyone know. A friend may be possessive. There is nothing you can do but let this person have space. Not everyone has to agree with you. Use caution with finances. Remain poised and self-confident. Tonight: Go for what you want.\*\*\*\*

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You mull over a decision. Take a more powerful role. However, carefully think through what is going on. You will be in better shape to take a stand in the later part of the day. You don't have to please everybody. Tonight: Change plans to suit your needs.\*\*\*

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Applicant, MARATHON OIL CO., P.O. BOX 652, MIDLAND, TX 79708, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Rule 37 (16 Tex. Adm. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exemption to the lease line and distance between well requirements to drill Well No. 26, Housing Lease, 480 Acres, Sec. 07, Bk. 28, N. & W. RR CO. Survey, A-460, Howard Glasscock, Howard Glasscock (Bluffton) and Howard Glasscock (Clearfork, MI) Fields, Howard County, being 8 miles in a east direction from the well location. The location of this well is as follows:  
272' from the south line and 843' from the east line of lease.  
272' from the south line and 843' from the east line of survey.  
Field rules for the Howard Glasscock (Clearfork, MI) field are 429'x200', 40 acres. Field rules for the Howard Glasscock (Bluffton) fields are 300'x800', 20'10 acres. Field rules for the Howard Glasscock field are 300'x800', 10 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6000-feet. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(b) (2) (A), the application may be granted administratively if no protest is filed by the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To the unknown heirs and devisees of Maurice Collier, Deceased, the unknown heirs of Shelby Laverne Collier, Deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert Lacey Collier, Deceased, all Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered proceeding.  
You are commanded to appear by filing written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the issuance of this citation, that date being the 7th day of March, 1997, in the County Court of Howard County, Texas at the county courthouse in such county in Big Spring, Texas. The case is No. 11,096 and is styled: Estate of Maurice Collier, Deceased. The particular action is an action filed in the probate proceeding in the Estate of Maurice Collier, Deceased, and the Plaintiff in such action is Darlene Delaney, Independent Executor of the Estate of Maurice Collier, Deceased, Independent Executor of the Estate of Maurice Collier, Deceased, Independent Executor of the Estate of Maxine Lois Collier, Deceased, and Trustee of the Trust Created by the Will of Maurice Collier, Deceased. The Defendants are Helen Monette Kummero, Paul W. Collier, Josephine Collier, Lucille V. Collier, the unknown heirs and devisees of Maurice Collier, Deceased, the unknown heirs of Shelby Laverne Collier, Deceased

and the unknown heirs of Robert Lacey Collier, Deceased. The attorney for the Plaintiff is John T. Ferguson, P.O. Drawer 1750, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1750. The nature of the suit is briefly stated as follows:  
The suit is an action filed in the probate proceeding in the County Court of Howard County, Texas for the construction of the Will of Maurice Collier, Deceased, for instructions to the Independent Executors of the Estate of Maurice Collier, Deceased regarding the manner of distribution of such estate, for instruction regarding the manner of distribution of the property held in the testamentary trust created under the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased, and, by the Independent Executors of the Estate of Maxine Lois Collier, Deceased, for instruction regarding the property which is included in such estate. The court is requested to construe the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased, except only for the property, which was disposed of by the actual will by Maxine Lois Collier, Deceased of a general power of appointment given to her in the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased over such property, and that all property except the house and the car, over which the power of attorney was in fact exercised, therefore passed

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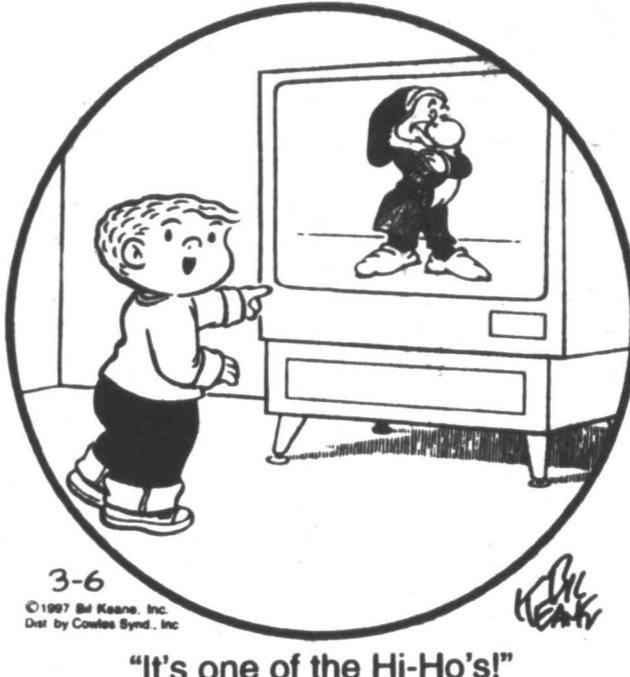
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, March 6,

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Today's Highlight in History: On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

On this date: In 1806, poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning was born in Durham,

England. In 1834, the city of York in upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

In 1857, in its Dred Scott decision, the Supreme Court held that Scott, a slave, could not sue for his freedom in a federal court.

In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Roosevelt went into effect.

In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first American raid on Berlin during World War II. (A second raid took place two days later.)

In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. Embassy in India and announced her intention to defect to the West.

In 1991, following Iraq's capitulation in the Persian Gulf conflict, President Bush told a cheering joint session of Congress that "aggression is defeated. The war is over."

Ten years ago: 189 people died when water rushed through the open bow doors of the Herald of Free Enterprise, causing the British ferry to capsize off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

Five years ago: Personal computer users braced for a virus known as Michelangelo, set to trigger on March 6, but only scattered cases of lost files were reported.

One year ago: A federal appeals court struck down Washington state's ban on doctor-assisted suicide. Lamar Alexander and Dick Lugar announced they were dropping out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination.

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