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# BSISD reports enrollment increase; staff contracts renewed

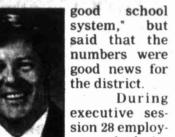
### By KATHY GILBERT

Staff Writer

**Big Spring Independent** School Board's enrollment is up, Superintendent Bill McQueary said at the regularly scheduled. board meeting Thursday.

During the week of Feb. 12, 1998, 4,341 students attended classes in the district – 31 more than last year.

McQueary, joking in part, attributed the increase to "a



ees and administrators' con-MCQUEARY tracts for next

year were approved. Included were principals for

all district schools; Dwight

Butler, Athletic Director; Ron Logback, Assistant Business Manager; Murray Murphy, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Instruction and Ron Plumlee, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

A completion schedule has still not been provided for the new junior high by Monterey **Construction Company** 

"We've been waiting for some time," McQueary said. The scheduled was promised to arrive within two weeks.

In other business, the following items were approved:

Trustee election dates were set. A new cumulative voting procedure will make the tabulation

process a challenge. Next year's calendar has 187 days, compared to last year's 186 days.

The board agreed with district administrators' recommendation of 178 days of instruction and nine days of staff development.

• A one-ton crew pickup truck will be purchased from Pollard-Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac of Big Spring, the lowest bidder, for \$21,072.00.

• An additional \$5,155 in vocational education funds was received.

• A service contact with IBM was renewed for one year.

• Due to recalculation, the special education department received its largest entitlement ever. Budget line items were adjusted to reflect the unexpected increase.

• Results of the Jan. 1998 auction of what the district presenter called "junk" stored in BSISD warehouses were reported.

Revenue of \$1,357.40 was reported for the sale of "some old broken record players, antiquated computers," furniture and other miscellaneous items.

· Colors and materials for the interior of the new junior high school were reviewed by the board. Officials said construction progresses well.

## Alton to help P&W mark anniversary By KATHY GILBERT

Staff Writer

Big Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton has been discovered.

The innovative leader, who has worked tirelessly to promote the park since its closure was threatened in 1992, has been drafted to help the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife celebrate its 75th anniversary.

"It's unbelievable what's going on," Alton said, explaining that the state's park system was created in 1923. There are 125 state now parks. Celebrations are being planned across the state.

Alton's expertise in managing special events was sought by the state, an honor not usually bestowed on managers of the smaller parks.

"When you look at the inner



Big Spring State Park Manager Ron Alton surveys the city from one of the park's many vantage points Friday.

experience that starting an event from scratch is beyond the time and budgets of most state parks.

lor existing events to the 75th " sponsors will provide food and anniversary event," Alton said.

4, 1863) will take place Sat. May 2 and after church services on Sun. May 3. Confederate and federal camps will open for "Parks should be asked to tai- setup at noon on Fri. Corporate drink.

Big Spring State Park has made an exemplary effort at creating fundraising events since the park was placed on a list of parks to be closed due to lack of funds and attendance

five years ago. At that time, the Big Spring Today first day to file for city races

### By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Today, despite being a federal holiday, is the first official day interested persons may, file for a position on the May 2 ballot for city office.

Voters will also go to the polls on May 2 to elect three members to the Big Spring Independent School District school board as well as members to the Howard College Board of Trustees.

Voters in the city election will be voting for the office of mayor and council representative for District 5, a seat currently held by Jimmy Campbell.

Campbell, who is employed with Big Spring's Federal hopes people will not be afraid to run for office and offer their services to the community.

"People need to get out and participate," Campbell said.

The final day candidates may file an application for the office of mayor or city council representative for District 5 is March

Early voting for the city elections begins at 8 a.m. April 15 and will continue until 5 p.m. each day through April 28. Early voting will be done in person at city hall.

While residents wait and see what the line up will be for the May 2 city election, early voting begins in one week for residents registered to cast ballots in the March 10 primary for county and state races Early voting for the primary runs from Feb. 23 through March 6. During the early voting period ballots will be cast in County **Clerk Margaret Ray's office, but** state law allows the county clerk's office to begin early voting to begin on Feb. 21 or Feb. 22 since the 17th day before the election falls on a Saturday.

workings of the park system, it's a bureaucracy like any other," Alton said. "We're so far out here in West Texas that sometimes we don't get to give as much input as we like into the system - particularly in something this high profile."

Alton is recommending to the 15-plus person committee that regularly scheduled events at local parks be used as springboards for anniversary celebrations.

He knows from first-hand

Big Spring State Park plans to turn the second annual reenactment of the Civil War battle at Chancellorsville into a major anniversary special. The Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is helping with the project, providing \$1,550.

"The reenactment will be the biggest ever in Big Spring's history," Alton said.

Battles commemorating the 135th anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. (May 1-

A 75th Anniversary Open House held May 1 at 4:30 p.m. at the park has also been scheduled.

A statewide celebration is also planned. Professional actors will re-enact the passing of legislation that created the State Park system inside the State Capitol. Gov. George Bush has been asked to make a proclamation. Participants will also partake of an 8x8-foot anniversary cake in the shape of Texas. No date for the event was available at press time.

Area Chamber of Commerce began a petition drive and the Herald wrote editorials encouraging persons to contact then-Gov. Ann Richards, along with members of the state's park board, to keep the park open.

More than 20,000 signatures were collected on petitions in less than 20 days, and the park was dropped from the closure

Alton said fundraisers are

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list

Correctional Institute, is considering accepting a transfer to Arizona and may not be on the ballot May 2.

Sources indicate that former District 6 Councilman John Paul Anderson may decide to run for the District 5 seat. No other names have surfaced so far as possible candidates for the council nor has anyone surfaced as a possible challenge for Tim Blackshear in the mayoral race

Campbell says that, whether he's on the ballot in May, he

The old state law allowed early voting to begin on the 20th

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Ailing Cowboy fan receives surprise gift from Aikman Carroll said. Carroll specializes 8 x 10 picture of himself, a trad

### **By KATHY GILBERT**

Staff Writer

Mr. Willie Arnold has been a little depressed lately.

Twice a victim of cancer, he found himself homebound and despondent this past year. His only source of light and inspiration?: The Dallas Cowboys.

"He's been through quite a bit," his wife Mary said. "But it seems like he keeps up with sports better than anything else. He's always been a Cowboy fan.'

So imagine Arnold's joy when a letter he sent to Cowboys Quarterback Troy Aikman in January resulted in receiving a large package of Cowboys goodies, and an autographed photograph of Aikman himself.

"It just made Mr. Arnold's day," social worker Orand

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in tending to the non-medical of his homebound needs patients.

"He loves watching the Cowboys on TV," Carroll said. "So I said: let's write old Troy a letter."

The letter, mailed in early January, told Aikman about Arnold's long-term illness. He spoke of his frustration with staying home all day, and that his only interest was watching the Cowboys on television.

Within a month, a package arrived from Aikman.

"Yesterday, here comes this big ol' brown package from the Cowboys," Carroll said.

Carroll delivered the package to Arnold Friday. Aikman sent a photograph of the Dallas Cowboys team, an autographed

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ing card, and information about the Cowboys' football camp, Carroll said.

"I don't think I've ever seen him smile until today," Carroll said. "I said, 'Mr. Arnold, that smile right there is exactly what we were after all along.' It really cheered him up.

Carroll, who has been in social work more than 30 years, explained how difficult it can be to cope with a lengthy illness.

"When you've got a long-term medical problem it just wears you down," he said. "People feel a combination of dread, fear, anger and hopelessness. Anu they become quite frightened about the future."

Arnold in particular has

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**HERALD Staff Photo/Linda Choate** Master mechanic William Arnold examines a photograph he received from Dallas Cowboy Troy Aikman as Orand Carroll, social worker visits Arnold's home Friday.

# Lottery commission follows AG's lead on 'eight-liners'

### By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

First it was simply operators of "eight-liners" and other casino-style gaming machines that seemed to be the target of Attorney General Dan Morales' opinion that such machines are illegal. Now it's lottery merchants as well.

The Texas Lottery recently ordered security officials to begin forcing lottery ticket sellers to get rid of their casino style machines.

The three-member Texas

Lottery Commission is in support of Morales' opinion that the machines are illegal.

This means the 2.200 sellers of the state's 16,000 lottery retailers, which operated about 4,000 of the so-called eight-liner machines are being targeted. State lottery officials are blaming the recent decline in overall lottery sales on eight-liner

machines. Lottery retailers are in jeopardy of losing their lottery business once officers begin reporting ownership of the machines to local law enforce-

ment officials.

Since Morales' original ruling in late January, many Texas communities, including those in Howard County, have taken notice and are putting all operators of such machines on alert that the AG's opinion will be enforced.

Since owning an eight-liner machine is a Class A misdemeanor, the case falls under the jurisdiction of County Attorney Mike Thomas who is still maintaining a wait-and-see attitude as far as what action will be taken against owners of eight-

liners in Howard County.

In either case, owners of such machines and many local officials around the state are approaching the issue with caution because Morales' decision is considered an opinion and is not a law, and with many lawsuits challenging the opinion, don't want to act until the issue is decided one way or the other. After meetings with lottery attorneys on Thursday, all three commission members agreed that Morales' opinion should be

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### OBITUARIES

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### **Melba Maxine** Osburn

Melba Maxine Osburn, 80. Big Spring, died on Sunday, Feb. 15, 1998, at Scenic Mountain

Medical Center, after a long illness. Service will 4 p.m. be Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle Welch & Rosewood

Chapel with OSBURN Rev Herb McPherson,

pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1917, in Big Spring, and married T.G. "Curly" Osburn on Sept. 16, 1939, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 1994

In the 1960s, she worked as a nurse in the local hospitals. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sharon Osburn of the home; and one brother, Earl Shank, Jr., of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Georgia and Earl Shank, Sr., and by a sister, Frances Shank.

Pallbearers will be Wilson Money, Charlie Voight, Robert Thomas, Larry Torres, Mark Rangel and Bill Hipp.

After four months of suffering, she is home with the Lord, where she is made pure and whole again and is in no pain.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

### **Glenda Bowles**

Service for Glenda Bowles, 54, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

She died Sunday, Feb. 15, 1998, at her residence.

### **Opal Gaskins**

Service for Opal Gaskins, 71, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with

1975, in Plainview. She had worked as a L.V.N. at Scenic **Mountain Medical Center for 16** years before retiring in 1992. She enjoyed crocheting, working in her garden and her pets. She is survived by: her husband, Junior W. (Giggs) Gaskins, Big Spring; a step-son, Bobby Gaskins, Plainview; five sisters, Dorothy Gee of Carlsbad, N.M., Roberta Williams of Lubbock, Izetta. Marriott of Bronte, Telitha Henslee of Wills Point, and Fay Lock of San Angelo; a brother, J.L. Williams of Midwest City, Okla.; two step-grandchildren;

and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the

direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

### Vernon Herring

Service for Vernon Herring, 78, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. He died Sunday, Feb. 15, 1998, in a local hospital.

### LOTTERY

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considered law until proven otherwise in court.

Operators of eight-liner machines, such as Big Spring's Jimmy Bailey, owner of JB's Amusement, are under the impression that the machines are legal under the state's "Fuzzy Animal Act," of 1995. The law states such machines are exempt from the state's antigambling law as long as prizes awarded are worth no more than \$5 or 10 times the cost of a single play

Bailey said until the opinion does become law, he will operate his machines under the guideline set forth in his license.

Bailey also contends that eight-liners have been at truck stops for many years and all he did was come up with a better idea of putting the machines in a controlled environment. Thomas is waiting to act in

Howard County because he is looking at how other communities will handle the situation.

In addressing the issue a week ago, Thomas saidy "If I determine that we will enforce the opinion, I will inform the media and operators by letter. Before I prosecute anyone, I will give them 30 days notice to get rid of the machines because they began operating them with the idea that they were in compliance with state law." Action taken by officials in places like Lubbock, Abilene and San Angelo is what Thomas is looking at and studying before making his decision. Officials in Tom Green County (San Angelo) have given owners of eight-liner machines until Feb. 16 to remove their machines. Many operators of these machines have voluntarily shut down, but others are maintaining the wait-and-see approach in case pending the outcome of litigation. People owning a gambling device are committing a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4.000 fine. Cindy Rugeley, a spokesperson for Amusement and Music Operators of Texas, says taking action against lottery retailers is selective enforcement of Morales' opinion and that Morales has exceeded his constitutional authority to rule the Fuzzy Animal Act unconstitutional

an application to Ray's office before the end of the business day on March 3.

The county clerk's office began mailing out ballots to residents who requested them on Jan. 24 and those ballots must be received at the county clerk's office by 7 p.m. March 10.

### FAN

Continued from page 1 taken it hard, because he had always lived an active and creative life, Carroll said.

"He was probably one of the greatest mechanics in the United States," he explained.

Arnold, who was a master mechanic in Big Spring for decades, once worked on the Enola Gay, the airplane that launched the first atomic bomb, destroying Hiroshima in 1945. "They took the Enola Gay to

Guam and loaded up the Abomb." Carroll said. "The plane had carburetor problems and landed in Big Spring. While 800 soldiers surrounded the plane, Mr. Arnold fixed it. You have to have a lot on the ball to get near a thing like that."

Carroll said that contacting sports figures has lifted the spirits of other clients of his in past years. One bedridden patient revealed that he'd gone to school with Tom Landry.

Carroll arranged for Landry to call him. The two old schoolmates talked several times, and exchanged Christmas cards. Another patient also received a package from Aikman in the mail.

"We were elated," Mary Arnold said. "We'll frame the big one and put it where he wants it. He was just tickled to death. We never dreamed of having anything like that."

## ALTON

Continued from page 1 key to keeping the park open. In 1996, for instance, it cost about \$32 million per year to operate the state parks, but they earned only \$21 million. Tax dollars are not available to make up the difference.



BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Windsor. For more information

•O'Neal-Kunkle Unit 47

DAVA meeting, 6:30 p.m.,

The Howard County Sheriff's

Office reported the following

incidents between 8 a.m.

JERRY NEWBERRY, 33,

• BETTY NEWBERRY, 30,

The Big Spring Police

Department reported the follow-

ing incidents between 2 p.m.

• LEONARDO RIOS, 46, was

• THOMAS SCOTT, 18, was

• HELEN WILLIAMS, 36,

• JAIME MUNOZ, 32, was

arrested for public intoxication.

• ROBERT OVERTURF, 25,

was arrested for altered motor

• JOHNNY DUPRE, 28, was

arrested for driving while

• JOE LUZ, 23, was arrested

• ERNEST CLARK, 37, was

arrested for criminal trespass

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park has hosted arts and crafts showst nature walks and storytelling events, the Comanche Warrior Triathlon and 10K run, an annual Fun Run and Health Fair, and the Harvest Saturday festival each October.

Families that like to hunt, fish and visit state parks can take advantage of the Gold Passport, a pass for entrance to all parks in Texas.

Entrance to the park costs \$2. A priority for the park this year is upgrading playground equipment. A \$2,500 matching grant was received from the Permian Basin Area Foundation in January.

The money will be used to help fund People For The Park's \$12,000 vision to upgrade the children's playground to meet federal guidelines and provide shade shelters and benches for caretakers to closely supervise their children.

# SPRINGBOARD

### TODAY

arrested for public intoxication. •Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. was arrested for disorderly con-Call Al Valdes, 263-6810. duct-language. •Project Freedom, Christian

support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 •TOPS Clubs (Take Off

Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. vehicle insurance. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor

•Big Spring-Howard County **Retired Teachers Association**, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room. •Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers), 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels In the past several years the (enter through north door.)

> sauce, black-eyed peas, salad, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, garlic bread, milk. fresh fruit, milk.

> > SANDS SCHOOLS

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS** MONDAY-NO SCHOOL **TUESDAY-Steak** fingers (pizza pocket), whipped potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, hot roll, milk. WEDNESDAY-Oriental stir fry w/vegetables,(Chef salad, crackers), rice, egg roll, grapes, pink apple jello, milk. **THURSDAY-Italian spaghetti** (Grilled chicken sandwich, french fries), carrot sticks, peaches, spiced apples, hot roll, milk. **FRIDAY-Hamburger** (green enchiladas, cornbread), salad, french fries, pinto beans, lemon pie, milk.

Bring a covered dish and enjoy Creighton. a book review by Margie

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 THEFT reported in the 2300 block of Wasson; the 300 block of Gregg; the 200 block of W. Marcy; the 2500 block of Wasson and the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell and the 400 block of Runnels.

 RUNAWAY reported in the 900 block of E. 12th.

 BURGLARY OF COIN-OP MACHINE reported in the 1600 block of Wood.

 CLASS C ASSAULT/FAMI-LY VIOLENCE reported in the 300 block of NW 11th.

## FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Department/EMS reports: Friday

11:54 a.m. - 1200 block Main, grass fire, extinguished by responding units. Saturday

2:09 a.m. - 500 block North Birdwell, trauma call, service refused.

4:47 a.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:13 p.m. Virginia, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:33 p.m. – 2000 block Nolan, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

10:11 p.m. – 4200 block Hamilton, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

10:14 p.m. – 1900 block North 87, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. Sunday

12:59 p.m. - 1800 block Main, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

4:38 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

6:58 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transferred SMMC.

Fire - 2000 block

11:19 p.m. – 500 block Nolan,

Rev. Spence Kirpatrick officiating, and assisted by Rev. Doug Shelly. Burial will follow at **Trinity Memorial Park** 

Mrs. Gaskins died Saturday, Feb. 14, in a local nursing home following a long illness. She was born on March 15. 1926, in Wynart. She married Junior Gaskins on June 11,

### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Alfred Leos, 24, died Thursday. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Opal Gaskins, 71, died Saturday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

Vernon Herring, 78, died Sunday. Services are pending.

### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home** Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St.

(915) 267-6331 Melba Maxine Osburn, 80, died Sunday. Services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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According to Rugeley, honest eight-liner operators are trying to tighten the law to prevent abuses of such machines.

Bailey took similar steps when he began operating the machines last fall by voluntarily increasing the state's age requirement of 18 to 21

### FILE

Continued from page 1 days before the election. Early voting will be each day from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ray said her office will also be open Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for early voting.

The first day for residents to submit an application for a ballot by mail was Jan. 9, according to Ray.

Residents who wish to receive a ballot in the mail must make

Scenic Mountain **Medical Center** 601 w. 11th Place **263**-1211

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER MONDAY-CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Chicken, noodles, brussel sprouts, salad, milk/roll, cake. WEDNESDAY-Steak, pota-

toes, broccoli, pea salad, milk/rolls, fruit. THURSDAY-Beef tips, rice,

green beans, waldorf salad, milk/rolls, pie. FRIDAY-Enchiladas, rice,

beans, salad, milk/cornbread,

fruit. GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Beef pattie fritter/gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, wacky cake, rolls, milk. TUESDAY-Taco salad/cheese, lettuce, tomato, taco sauce, refried beans, taco shell, cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef tips w/rice, broccoli, fruit cocktail cake, rolls, milk.

THURSDAY-Turkey ham. potato wedges, green beans, rolls, applesauce, cranberry sauce, milk. FRIDAY-Hot dogs w/chili,

french fries, ranch style beans, bun, fresh fruit, milk...

**ELBOW SCHOOL** MONDAY-NO SCHOOL TUESDAY-Steak fingers, scalloped potatoes, salad, peaches, hot roll, milk. WEDNESDAY-Bean chalupas. corn. salad, fruit, milk. THURSDAY-Hamburger. fries, pickle, salad, milk. FRIDAY-Spaghetti/meat

### BRIEFS

THERE WILL BE A hospitalwide Black History observance Friday, Feb. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. at the VA Medical Center.

Activities include a staff pot luck, fashion hat show, and speakers and entertainers. For more information please call Kim Butler at extension

4815 at the VAMC. JUNLAPS 111 E. Marcy 267-8283

Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m

MONDAY-NO SCHOOL **TUESDAY-Burritos**, salad, sliced potatoes, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY-Chili & beans,

salad, crackers, sopapillas w/honey & butter, milk. THURSDAY-Fried chicken

w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, hot tolls, milk

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, cookies, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS MONDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, tater tots, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, pudding, milk, punch. TUESDAY-Spaghetti or

chicken fajita, buttered corn, lettuce/tomato, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk, punch. WEDNESDAY-Pizza or chicken & dumplins, green beans,

vegetable sticks, peach cup, cornbread, milk, punch. THURSDAY-Baked fish or

corndog, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, mixed fruit, cornmeal roll, milk, punch.

FRIDAY-Sloppy joes or ham & cheese sandwich, tater tots, vegetable soup, apple wedge, milk, punch.

COAHOMA SCHOOL **MONDAY-NO SCHOOL** TUESDAY-Pizza, fries, salad, peach shortcake,milk. Teachers only, Baked potato, salad.

WEDNESDAY-Beef fajitas (sub sandwiches), salad, pinto beans, spanish rice, milk.

**THURSDAY-Chicken** & spaghetti (burritos/fries), peas, finger rolls, carrot sticks, milk, chilled apples.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, chips,

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WESTBROOK SCHOOLS MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, green beans, creamed potatoes,

salad, peaches, milk. stroganoff, english peas, carrots, sliced bread, jello, milk. meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato,

pinto beans, cornbread, brownies, milk. FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY-Chicken & noodles, blackeyed peas, salad, crispy bars/applesauce, milk.

salad, graham crackers/peanut butter, fruit, milk. THURSDAY-Hot dogs, french

ies/fruit, milk. FRIDAY-Steak fingers/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

Monday-Friday 9 AM-8 PM

Saturday 9 AM-5 PM

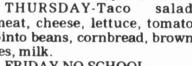
**CLOSED SUNDAY** 

**MEDICAL CARE PLAZA** 

1300 GREGG

biscuits, syrup, honey, milk. TUESDAY-Pizza, corn, tossed

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FORSAN SCHOOLS MONDAY-NO SCHOOL crackers, rice

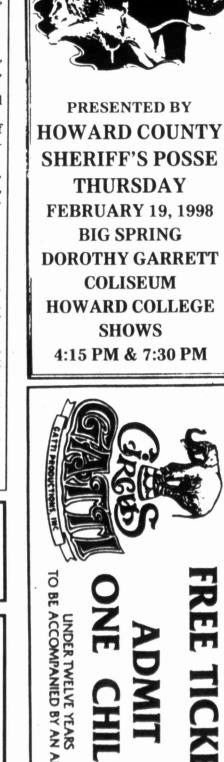
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# Can Quebec secede? Canada's high court faces its biggest case

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OTTAWA (AP) - In what the chief justice calls Canada's most important legal case ever, the Supreme Court is opening a hearing on whether Quebec has the right to secede unilaterally and declare independence.

"It's obviously the most important case ... because it goes to the very existence of the composition of our country," said Chief Justice Antonio Lamer.

Oral arguments before Lamer's court begin today and. are expected to last through this week. A ruling is expected within six months.

If the court rules that Quebec cannot secede without the rest of Cánada's consent, there could be a backlash in the mostly

French-speaking province that would intensify the already strong drive for independence. "It will plunge us into a kind of political crisis," Quebec's separatist premier,- Lucien Bouchard, said of a ruling restricting the province's

options. The case was initiated by the federal government of Prime Minister Jean Chretien, a Quebecker who opposes secession. Ever since the separatists' near-victory in a 1995 referendum on independence, Chretien has been struggling to thwart their ambitions.

Last year, hoping to persuade Quebeckers that secession could not be quick and painless, Chretien's government asked the Supreme Court to rule on tiations, or on the basis of a narthree questions: -Can Quebec unilaterally

secede under Canada's **Constitution?** -Does international law give

the province the right to secede? -If international and domestic law conflict, which takes precedence?

Chretien says he would not oppose independence for Quebec under certain circumstances - if a decisive majority of Quebeckers voted for secession, if other provinces consented, and if Quebec negotiated in good faith on the details of a breakaway.

What the federal government opposes is the prospect of Quebec seceding without nego-

row victory in a referendum involving an ambiguously worded question.

Quebec's separatist government refuses to participate in the court case, and some separatists planned a protest at the Supreme Court today to air their view that only Quebeckers can decide their own future.

"The last word belongs to Quebec democracy, the Quebec people," Bouchard said last week. "And what's this word? It's the word 'Yes,' pronounced in the next referendum.'

Bouchard was alluding to his plans to hold another vote on secession, probably next year if, as expected, his Parti Quebecois wins a second term in power in grounds that these are matters

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Bouchard's disdain of the court case is widely shared in Quebec. Even Quebec federalists who oppose secession say the issue should be settled by voters, not judges.

Three of the nine Supreme Court justices are from Quebec, but all were appointed by federalist prime ministers.

Though Bouchard's government is boycotting the hearings, it will be represented by a court-appointed lawyer, separatist Andre Joli-Coeur. He intends to suggest that the Supreme Court should refuse to answer the federal government's questions on the

a yet-to-be-scheduled provincial for politicians to resolve.

Chretien has been annoyed by separatist arguments that the court hearings somehow circumvent democracy, noting that Quebeckers voted on secession in 1980 and 1995.

An intriguing subplot in the court case involves Quebec's aboriginals, who claim jurisdiction over the northern twothirds of the province. Cree and Inuit leaders have intervened to argue that they would be entitled to remain part of Canada if the province declared independence.

About 83 percent of Quebec's 7 million people are Frenchspeaking; the rest include longestablished English-speaking Canadians.

# Zamora trial goes to jury

FORT WORTH (AP) - A former Naval Academy midshipman accused of killing a romantic rival has portrayed herself as a helpless girl who took the blame for a domineer-

ing, manipulative fiance. Diane Zamora's attorneys were set to make that case again today during closing arguments in her two-week-old

trial. But prosecutors have painted Ms. Zamora as a ruthless, vin-dictive woman who coldly ordered her then-fiance David Graham to kill her rival and

then helped him do it. "In the end, it may come down to who the jury believes - Diane Zamora or five witnesses, all of whom are somewhat credible," said Fort Worth defense attorney Bill Lane, who

has watched the trial. Ms. Zamora and Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, are accused of killing 16year-old Adrianne Jones of Mansfield in 1995 because of a one-time fling he had with Miss Jones. They are both 20. victed of capital mur-

# American love affair with pickups shows no sign of waning

DETROIT (AP) - As they continue to get bigger, faster and more luxurious, pickup trucks have become a reassuring constant for the American auto industry and are as likely to be hauling children as bales of hay these days.

Sport utility vehicle sales have surged and car sales have fallen, but pickup sales have remained a steady 2.7 million or more for four straight years. About one of every five new vehicles sold in the United States is a pickup.

"The pickup truck has been a constant," said Michael Marsden, arts and sciences dean at Northern Michigan University who has studied automotive culture. "It's the blue jeans of automotive culture."

The Ford F-Series truck was the best-selling vehicle in America in 1997 for the 16th straight year with 746,111. F-Series sales nearly doubled those of the top-selling car, the Toyota Camry, and top-selling sport utility vehicle, the Ford Explorer.

"What is the most American vehicle? I'm almost embarrassed that it's a pickup truck," said Jim Hall, an analyst with AutoPacific Inc.

But automakers are trying to make sure pickups get proper respect. Ford has held a series of celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the venerable F-Series, including one with a mock 50-foot birthday cake last fall at the Texas State Fair.

Among the devotees at the Texas event was Donna Giebler, a rancher from Gatesville near Waco, who has an F-Series truck named LeRoy. "In Texas when you have a truck you like, you name it," she said.

Reginald Pope has an F Series, too. But the computer consultant lives in Ypsilanti, a Michigan industrial city far removed from cattle country, and rarely leaves city or suburban roads.

"When we drove that thing it was just like driving a car," said Pope, who has driven sports cars for years. "I just think it's a very classy truck. Paul Morel, Ford's truck brand manager, said the F-Series is most popular with rural males, but it has drawn support from every niche. It wasn't supposed to be that way. Ford launched the F-Series with farmers and laborers in mind. But since the 1960s, the pickup has caught on with campers, hunters and families.

# Texas senators want commitment to removing Saddam from power

FORT WORTH (AP) – Texas' two U.S. senators urge a greater commitment toward toppling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power, saying such a step is the only way to meet Iraq's biochemical weapons threat.

"There is not any other head of government in the world who has used chemical weapons on his own people," Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said. "It's clear that we are dealing with someone who is outside of the bounds of fair game in a warlike situation."

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said the Iraqi president's refutal to allow United Nations inspectors full access to all of his weapons facilities calls for military action.

"If you can't reason with someone, it's best to draw the first blood," he said. "We not only need to try to destroy (Iraq's biochemical) weapons, we need to ... drive (Saddam) from power."

The senators' statements came during a Sunday news conference at the Fort Worth Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base as a U.N. team began mapping the Iraqi presidential com- Both senators suggested sup- fied yet to serve in that role,

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pound to identify areas as legit- porting a "government in exile" imate targets for inspection efforts.

Iraq has said that the presidential compound is off limits to the U.N. teams, but praised the mapping effort as a positive first step to ending the current

standoff. Though both senators said they support the Clinton administration's apparent plan to launch air strikes against Iraq, Gramm and Mrs. Hutchison said U.S. intervention must go beyond bombing runs.

'We are very concerned that we have a plan, and not a fourday bombing effort," Mrs. Hutchison said. "If we are going to go after Saddam Hussein, if we are going to put our troops in harm's way, it is incumbent on members of Congress to know exactly what the long-

term commitment is.' Mrs. Hutchison suggested jamming Saddam's telecommunication networks and setting up a "Radio Free Iraq" to broadcast anti-Saddam propaganda to Iraq. Hutchison also proposed increasing the existing no-fly zone over parts of Iraq to cover the entire nation.

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and outfitting that government with Iraqi weaponry seized in the 1991 Persian Gulf war.

The Sunday conference came in the wake of a published report in U.S. News and World Report that claims Iraq has built chemical weapons plants in Sudan, transferred nuclear materials to Algeria and sent scientists to Libya to work in a biological warfare complex.

The story, which quotes a study by a U.S. House of Representatives task force on terrorism, has neither been confirmed nor denied by top U.S. officials.

Gramm said that possibility, plus the difficulty of tracking biochemical weapons, means that the U.S. must take a different approach to ending the threat.

'We cannot destroy his entire capacity to deliver chemical and biological weapons, so we've got to remove him from power," Gramm said.

Though Gramm repeated his desire to support an exile government to supplant Saddam, he admitted that no adequate political group has been identi-



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FREE TICK der, Ms. Zamora will automatically receive a life sentence and be eligible for parole in 40 years. Prosecutors have opted not to seek the death penalty.

The two were seniors at separate high schools when they got caught up in a whirlwind love The relationship affair. changed that November when Graham told Ms. Zamora he had had sex with Miss Jones.

Prosecutors say Ms. Zamora, angered by the fling, ordered Graham to kill Miss Jones and then helped in the murder. She allegedly hid in the back seat of her parents' car while Graham drove Miss Jones to an isolated lake. Ms. Zamora hit Miss Jones over the head with a dumbbell weight and Graham shot her when she fled, prosecutors said.

Ms. Zamora initially confessed to police but now says the confession was false and she was only trying to protect her controlling and abusive fiance

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### **A Demilitarized Palestinian State** Should Israel, should the world, rely on it?

Even those most sanguine about the Oslo Accord, the understanding between Israel and the Palestinians, are agreed that the Palestinian entity to be formed will have to be demilitarized. A demilitarized Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and Gaza Strip, it is believed, would obviate any military threat to the state of Israel.

### What are the facts?

Israel threatened by enemies. Israel is a very small country. Including the Golan and the "West Bank," it is only one-half the size of San Bernardino County in California. Israel has been in a "cold peace" with Egypt since 1978 and has now concluded a peace treaty with Jordan.

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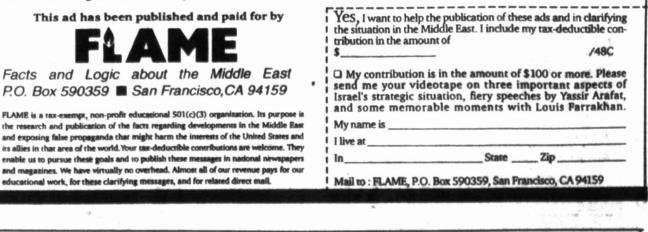
Western TV cameras, in which they re-assert their old goal of destroying Israel in "stages"-first by creating a Palestinian state to foment an allied all-out assault against the critically vulnerable Jewish state. The myth of demilitarization. The assumption that "Palestine" would be demilitarized is not tenable. The

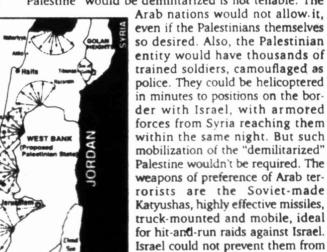
Other Arab states are still in a declared or undeclared state of war with Israel. Iran, Moslem though not Arab, is the most determined and deadly of them all. It lurks in the background, its foremost military and political objective being the destruction of the state of Israel.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), with which the previous government of Israel has signed a "peace agreement," is a terror organization that has only one purpose: to kill Jews and to destroy the state of Israel. While the latter objective is beyond its reach, it has been most successful in the former. It seems almost incomprehensible that a group as supposedly level-headed as the previous government of Israel would have entered into a "peace agreement" with such an organization. Unfortunately, though not

"handshake" confirm such skepticism. Despite statements to the contrary, the PLO has still not complied with Israel's main requirement, namely that it forswear the clauses in its "covenant" that call for the destruction of Israel. Arafat and his lieutenants continue to make blood-curdling speeches to the Arab public, beyond

The Arabs living in Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") danced on the roofs of their homes when Iraqi Scud missiles fell on Tel Aviv during the Gulf War. Since the signing of the "peace agreement" they have continued to engage in terror and murder against the Jews. Only incurable optimists can believe that an "autonomous" Palestine would become a peaceful neighbor of Israel. If Israel ceded the Gaza Strip-the invasion route since before biblical times-and Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") to its sworn enemies it would make the country indefensible and Israel would have laid the groundwork for its own destruction. Tanks, warplanes, and missiles would only be needed for the final mopping-up process. In the meantime, mortars and Katyushas located on the Judean ridges-Israel's proposed new borders-would suffice to paralyze life and industrial and military activity in Israel. But one can expect that the new leaders of Israel clearly understand this danger and that they will not make concessions that will endanger the security of their country.





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ders-to be increased from less than 40 miles in length to over 200 miles-these Katyushah rockets would rain destruction over most of Israel. They would cover in their entirety Israel's narrow waist that holds 70% of the Jewish population of the country, 80% of its industrial base, its only international airport, and its most important military installations.

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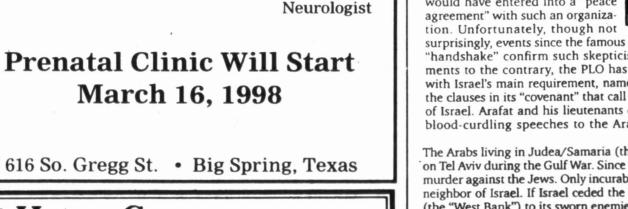
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## **OTHER VIEWS**

In 1996 President Clinton became the first world leader to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, which prohibits all nuclear weapon tests and other nuclear explosions. But the long-sought pact, which has since been signed by 147 other countries, still awaits U.S. Senate consideration. Responsibility for the holdup falls on Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who has yet to schedule hearings on the treaty. His inaction threatens to prevent the United States from having a seat at the table next year when a special conference of nations that have ratified the treaty meets to consider how the accord can be more quickly put into force. The possibility that the world's leading nuclear power will be without a voice at that important meeting is as embarrassing as it is absurd. A few weeks ago four former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who together have served Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton, endorsed Senate ratification of the test ban treaty

### Los Angeles Times

As the AIDS epidemic ages, so do its victims. That's true in two ways. New drugs have allowed people infected with HIV to live longer after their initial diagnosis. And more older Americans are being infected with the virus. In fact, new AIDS diagnoses are increasing fastest in Americans over 50. About 6,400 AIDS cases were diagnosed in people age 50 and over in 1996, a 22 percent rise since 1991. Older adults make up only 10 to 12 percent of all new AIDS cases, but their accelerating infection rate requires that prevention efforts be expanded to include them. AIDS is a Hydra. Attack it in one population, and it re-emerges somewhere else. Many Americans still view AIDS as a disease that affects only marginalized groups.... But public health workers have stressed that HIV is opportunistic. It finds new hosts. Now baby boomers and their older siblings must practice the same precau tions as AIDS' previous targets.

# OPINION Lawmakers leery of backing Clinton on Iraq

### By DONALD M. ROTHBERG

**AP Writer** 

**WASHINGTON** – Legitimate questions, bad memories and a dose of politics combined to put the brakes on what once looked like a sure thing: a congressional resolution backing U.S. military action against Iraq.

There seemed little doubt on Capitol Hill two weeks ago that Congress would vote overwhelmingly to urge President Clinton to, as the resolution said, "take all necessary and appropriate actions to respond to the threat posed by Iraq's refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs." Yet, Congress left town

Friday for a week-plus recess without going on record in sup port of military action. Some members, including the **Republican and Democratic** leaders, rose to express their backing for U.S. action. But there was no vote because too many lawmakers had too many questions.

It remains a good bet that Congress will adopt a resolution on Iraq. But it is less like ly Clinton will receive unequivocal support to take "all necessary and appropriate

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The original resolution was offered by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. With remarkable swiftness, doubts set in.

**Republicans and Democrats** remembered the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution that President Johnson used as congressional authorization for an open-ended commitment of U.S.

forces in Vietnam. When Congress returns next week, any Iraq resolution is certain to include a reference to any action being done within the context of U.S. laws. That language, which might appear self-evident, would be a clear reference to the War Powers Act, a Vietnam-era law that requires congressional authorization for any long-term commitment of U.S. troops.

Equally vivid, particularly for Republicans, was the memory of how reluctant many congressional Democrats were to endorse President Bush's decision to have the United States

take the lead in driving Saddam Hussein's Iraqi army out of Kuwait. "It was five months after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, five months before Congress passed a resolution

authorizing the use of force to expel him," Lott reminded the Senate last week. That was a Democratic-run Congress and a Republican president and, as Lott pointed out, "the speaker and the majority-leader were working to defeat the administration's policy."

This time, the Republican leader said, there is bipartisan cooperation to make sure "that the language is right and that the actions are right.'

The question asked most often on Capitol Hill is, "What would air strikes on Iraq accomplish?'

"After a round of briefings with administration officials, the only thing that is clear is what the U.S. air strikes are not going to accomplish," said Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn. "They will not eliminate Iraq's stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons; they will not eliminate Iraq's capability to produce weapons of mass destruction; and they will not remove Iraq's rulers.'

The need to remove Saddam from power was a theme echoed by members of both . parties in the House and Senate. Another persistent theme was the question of the aftermath of a U.S. attack. As is so often the case when Congress gets involved in foreign policy, lawmakers offer their own views of the proper diplomatic and military strate-

gy, "The president's got to set a deadline, and Saddam Hussein has to understand It," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said on "Fox News Sunday."

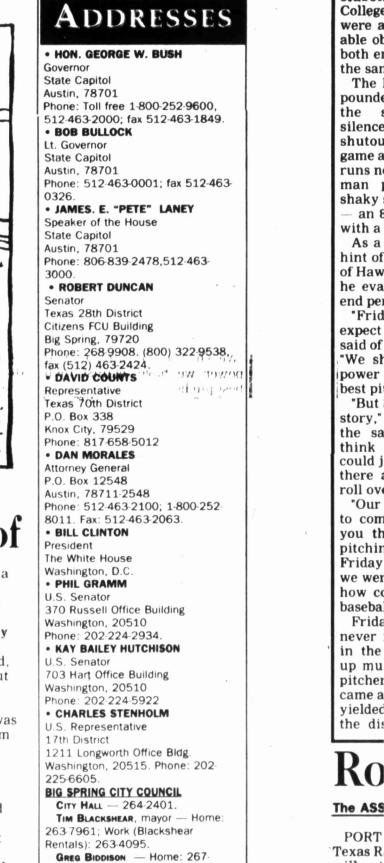
**But Defense Secretary** William Cohen, a former senator, rejected that advice. Clinton "will decide if and when diplomacy has failed," he said on ABC's "This Week."

Several lawmakers said any military action against Iraq should wait until Congress returns next week and can yote on the issue.

"An attack would be an act of war," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on Fox. "And only the Congress has the authority to authorize that."

"I agree completely," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "The American people have to be in on this decision.'

EDITOR'S NOTE: Donald M. Rothberg is chief of The Associated Press' congressional staff and has covered national and international affairs in Washington since 1966.



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**The Dallas Morning News** 

It's tragic enough that a low-flying U.S. Marine jet apparently was **responsible** for slicing through a suspension cable and sending 20 skiers to sudden and horrible deaths on an Italian mountainside. The damage will be worse, however, if the Defense Department so mishandles the investigation of this incident that the Italian people get the idea that Americans protect their own...no matter what. Such an outcome would have dire consequences, not just moral but also strategic. The U.S. depends on its allies all over the globe to provide advance bases from which to project military force.... Secretary of Defense William Cohen needs to demonstrate, in as emphatic and visible a manner as possible, that the Aviano case will be thoroughly and impartially investigated (and if) any or all of the four Marine officers on board were guilty of reckless misconduct, they should be punished. One would have hoped this goes without saying. Yet already it appears the "black box" mission recorder was removed...in a manner that may have compromised its contents....

### **Chicago Tribune**

Saddam Hussein's is not the only rogue regime to threaten neighbors and pursue weapons of mass destruction. The rulers of North Korea may lack the rich natural resources of Iraq, but for sheer belligerence they cede nothing to Baghdad. Yet Washington is immersed in delicate, four-way negotiations to achieve a formal peace treaty on the Korean Peninsula, and U.S., Japanese and South Korean funds are paying for light-water nuclear reactors in North Korea, a face-saving way of bribing Pyongyang to abjure nuclear weapons. The North Korean case suggests that not all rogue regimes must be confronted militarily.... Nearly four years ago, when the State Department broached with Beijing U.S. plans for sanctions or surgical strikes to thwart North Korea's nuclear weapons program, the Chinese warned both options would create new difficulties without resolving the nuclear problem. The Chinese proposed a third way: patience and negotiation. Today Pyongyang is opening new economic zones, undertaking peace talks with Seoul, Washington and Beijing, and freezing its nuclear weapons program. Some rogues can be disarmed best with bribes and patience.

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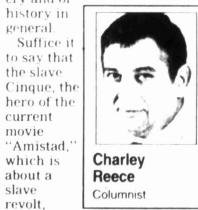
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# A president we can always be proud of

Feb. 22 is the birthday of one of the greatest human beings ever to walk the Earth George Washington

It's amusing that some people do not want schools named after Washington because he owned slaves. Such folks just reveal their ignorance of slav ery and of



went back to Africa and became a slave trader himself (see "The Oxford History of the American People"). I suppose, therefore, that he is irrelevant and that no black person should go see the movie.

Washington owned slaves for the same reason he owned wigs and rode horses. It was part of the world into which he was born. He disapproved of the institution, urged its legal abolition and, upon his death, freed his own slaves in his will. No man could have done more in his day But the ranting speeches of

postmodern ignoramuses aside, Americans owe their liberty (at least what's left of it) to Washington, and not because he was a good general, though

he was. Most revolutions go bad and end up in dictatorships after they are militarily successful. The Puritan Revolution in England, the French Revolution and the communist

revolutions of this century all ended up in dictatorships to one degree or another. Ours could have, too, but it didn't because of Washington. The narcotic effect of power, fame and adulation had no effect on him.

It's hard to grasp today how popular Washington was. Some people wanted to make him king. Certainly, he could have led the American people in any direction he chose

**Opponents of the 1787** Constitution all agreed that its ratification was due to Washington's support of it. It was Washington who set the precedent that a president would only be called Mr. President, that he would serve only two terms and that the Constitution must be strictly obeyed.

What distinguished Washington, aside from his courage and competence, was his integrity. A British historian said of him, "In

Washington, America found a leader who could be induced by no earthy motive to tell a falsehood, or to break an engagement or to commit any dishonorable act.'

Thomas Jefferson once said. "He errs as other men do, but errs with integrity.

An artist, Gilbert Stuart, remarked that Washington was even physically different from other men.

Few if any humans can be said to be indispensable, but Washington probably was. There were others who could have handled the political chores of the Revolution, but they could not have held together the ragged army and ultimately defeated the British. No one else could have welded the federalists and the republicans into one administration. No one else could have assured ratification of the Constitution simply by endorsing it.

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There are several good biographies of Washington; people ought to read them. Might as well. There are few people today worth reading about, though it is commonplace for two-bit entertainers and other nonentities to write autobiographies and memoirs.

As Daniel Webster said, if nothing else, America can always be proud of Washington.

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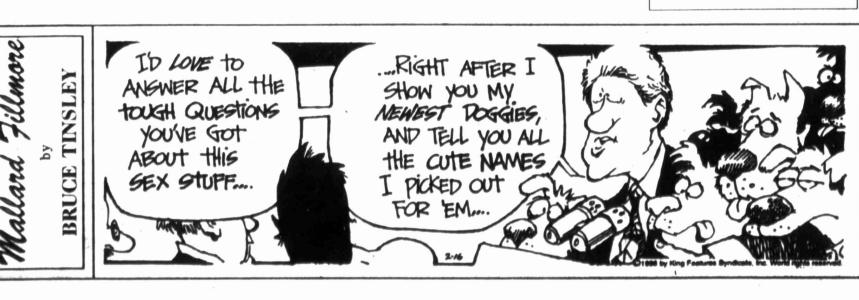
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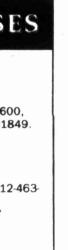
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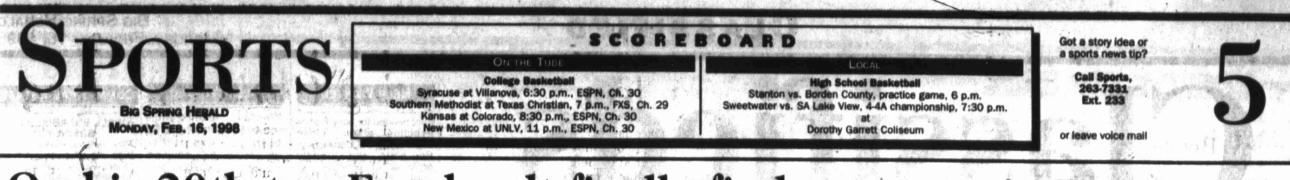
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# his 20th try, Earnhardt finally finds way to win Daytona 500 many wondered if he would ever find unprecedented eighth series title.

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - No longer will Dale Earnhardt have to hear that dreaded question: "Will you ever win the Daytona 500?'

In the twilight of a magnificent career, Earnhardt completed his resume Sunday by winning the only coveted stock car prize to previously elude him. On the day NASCAR began celebrating its 50th anniversary with the 40th running of The Great American Race, Earnhardt won on his

20th try. This time, the man selected in a NASCAR survey as its greatest driver

ever wasn't smoked off on the final lap. He didn't flip his car, and there were no blown tires.

"Every which way you can, I've lost it," Earnhardt said. "Now I've won it."

Then he reached into his uniform, pulled out a stuffed monkey and threw it on the floor.

"I don't ever have to answer that question again," Earnhardt said.

Although his record 31 victories in all forms of racing at Daytona International Speedway probably will stand forever, Earnhardt had lost the big race in so many ways. At 46, and with Jeff Gordon and other younger

drivers now far more productive,

his way to Victory Lane in the sport's biggest event.

Fellow driver Kyle Petty was not among them.

"It was never an if," Petty said. "It was a when.'

As desirable as the Daytona 500 might have been, Earnhardt had reached the point where any victory would be a godsend. He was mired in a career-worst 59-race winless streak that spanned 23 months, so his 71st Winston Cup victory was reason to celebrate, regardless of the venue.

Now, Earnhardt is free to pursue something he wants even more – an

"Hell, no," Earnhardt said when asked if his career goals had been met. "Another championship is going to (make it complete."

That won't be easy, but might seem so compared to his run of bad luck that ended in this Daytona 500. Despite dominating the race on so many occasions, Earnhardt had known nothing but heartbreak on the third Sunday of each February.

In 1990, he controlled the race for 499 miles, but ran over a broken part and blew a tire two turns from the end. In 1993, he led 105 laps, only to be

passed by Dale Jarrett on the final one.

In 1997, he overcame horrendous pit stops to stay among the leaders until a brush with eventual race winner Gordon put him on his roof.

To say Earnhardt had dominated so often is not sufficient. The hard numbers reveal just how good he has been. From 1987 to 1996, he completed 1,999 of a possible 2,000 laps - 4,997 of 5,000 miles.

"It was our time," he said. "All week long everybody's been saying, 'This is your week, this is your week.' It was.' - This time, he led 107 laps in his Chevrolet. But for the first time, that included the only one he'd never led the last one.

# Twinbill loss muffles Hawk explosion | Lady Steers face

### Vernon rebounds from 23-6 defeat to take 10-0, 8-4 wins over Howard HERALD Staff Report

What a difference a day can make Howard College's Hawks, an

irresistible force in their 23-6 clubbing of Vernon Junior College on Friday afternoon, were anything but an immovable object Saturday, dropping both ends of a doubleheader to the same team.

The Hawks' bats, which had pounded Vernon pitching in the series opener, were silenced in a 10-0 six-inning shutout in Saturday's first game and unable to provide the runs needed to overcome freshman pitcher Rip Fleming's shaky start in the second game

- an 8-4 loss that left Howard with a 4-6-1 record. As a result, there was just a hint of frustration in the voice

of Hawks coach Brian Roper as he evaluated his team's weekend performance. "Friday we played like I expect our team to play," Roper

said of the Hawks' 20-hit attack. "We showed the kind of firepower we have against, their best pitcher. "But Saturday was a different story," he added. "It wasn't even the same team out there. I think our guys thought they could just throw their hats out there and Vernon would just roll over and die.

hits while striking out seven and walking just one. The win improved his record to 1-1 on the year.

Vernon's lead was shortlived, however, as the Hawks took control in their half of the inning with four runs, then exploded for eight more in each of the next two frames.

Dane Rau provided some hint of what was to come when he led off the Howard first with a solo home run, the start of a 3for-5 showing on the day.

Trey Ryan Mathews, Terrazas, Rhett Wells, Kelley Pettit and Bryan Phillips would join him in the Hawks' hit parade.

Mathews would finish 2-for-4 with a triple; Wells would go 3for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs; and the other three would make the most of the long ball.

Terrazas finished the day 2for-3 with a double and a grand slam home run that gave him seven RBIs, while Pettit was 2for-4 with a pair of homers and Phillips, who was 2-for-4, added the Hawks fifth homer of the game.



# No. 8 Levelland in area playoffs

### By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

Now they head "north." Big Spring's Lady Steers, having chalked up only the second girls' basketball playoff win in school history, have a chance to stand alone in the history books Tuesday when they face District 2-4A champion Levelland's Loboettes in an area showdown.

It's not that the Lady Steers are unfamiliar to the area playoff round, but they've never walked away winners - always finding 2-4A's representative an impossible hurdle to clear.

As a result, Ron Taylor makes it clear he believes his 17-11 Lady Steers will have to play their very best if they plan to continue their playoff run with a win over the 22-6 and No. 8ranked Loboettes.

At the same time, Taylor clearly anticipates the 7;30 p.m. showdown in the Lamesa High Matadors into a free-lancing style that proved ineffective at

While the Loboettes don't figure to fold under pressure in the same manner Parkland did, Taylor says the Lady Steers will need to play the game style of game Tuesday.

... not let Levelland set the pace," he explained. "We'll have to execute our press and make them play a 90-foot game. I don't think they really want to do that.

necessary to get the high-percentage shot they want.

"It's not that we're expecting want to play.

"If we can make them work

crunch time.

"We need to control the tempo

The Loboettes' game, Taylor noted, is based on patient ball control, taking whatever time is

to create a bunch of turnovers with pressure, because they're really fundamentally sound." he continued. "But we don't want them to be able to get comfortable and play at the pace they

"Our pitchers weren't ready to compete and I'll guarantee you they didn't throw better pitching at us than they did on Friday," he continued. "I think we were more concerned about how cold it was than playing baseball."

Friday's series opener was never in doubt, as six players in the Hawks lineup chalked up multiple hits in support of pitcher Josh Jones, who overcame a shaky start in which he yielded three Vernon runs to go the distance, giving up eight

In Saturday's first game, how ever, the Hawks managed just two hits and committed three errors, providing little support for pitcher Brandon Claussen, who suffered his second loss of the season.

There series finale was little better.

Eleming, after giving up four runs in the first, would settle down and pitch five strong innings, striking out eight and walking just one batter.

But the Hawks were only able to manage one run in their half of the first as Rau contributed his second lead-off home run in as many days. They added two more in the third and notched their final tally in the sixth.

William Hawkins had the biggest day at the plate for

HERATO photo/Jim Flerro

Howard pitcher Josh Jones follows throw after delivering a pitch to a Vernon hitter during the Hawks' 23-6 win in Friday's opener of a three-game series. Vernon retaliated Saturday by sweeping the Hawks.

Howard, finishing 2-for-3 with a than offset those statistics. double and his fourth home run of the season.

players batting .450 or better, are hitting a collective .305, have scored 101 runs in 11 games and hammered 19 homers; they enter Friday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener at El Paso with pitching and defensive statistics that more

The pitching staff has a team ERA of 6.35 and has allowed 56

While the Hawks, with four bases on balls in those 11 games and the team has com mitted 26 errors behind them.

"We better do some soul searching before we start con ference Friday," Roper said "I'm really disappointed in our mental approach to the game right now. It's time for us to get things turned around.

# Rodriguez unrepentant about winter play

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PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. --Texas Rangers officials say they will put off until the end of the coming season the issue of Ivan Rodriguez's winter-ball play.

Rodriguez, who annoyed team officials by playing winter ball despite verbal assurances that he wouldn't, says he intends to continue playing baseball in Puerto Rico every off-season.

Rodriguez reported to the Rangers' camp Sunday to begin preparing for the first season of his new five year, \$42 million guaranteed contract. Pitchers and catchers were to report Friday and had their first workout Saturday, but Rodriguez had team permission to report

But before he left Venezuela, where his Puerto Rican League team was competing in the annual Caribbean Series, he said he intends to play winter ball every year and urged other major-leaguers to follow his example.

Sunday.

"So long as I stay healthy, I would like to participate in winter baseball again," Rodriguez said Sunday. "I know the Rangers don't want me to play, but ... I'don't want to sit down in my house and do nothing."

Team officials said they would discuss Rodriguez' offseason plans when the upcoming season is over.

"It's something we'll talk about at the end," general man-

ager Doug Melvin said. "We do have off-season planning here, and our planning is based on the fact that Pudge Rodriguez is healthy all year. That's our main reason for (wanting) him not to play.

Rodriguez played with a Puerto Rican team, including the recent Caribbean World Series in Venezuela. He mostly played designated hitter and first base, although he did play .catcher several times late in the Caribbean season.

Manager Johnny Oates has said there will be no punishment for Rodriguez's off-season play. However, Oates said he thinks that playing year-round could affect the longevity of Rodriguez' career.

"My personal opinion is, I don't think he can catch that much all year, every year, and last until he's 35," Oates said Sunday.

The Rangers worries grew when Juan Gonzalez, their slugging right fielder, missed last spring training and the first month of last season because of a hand injury he got in Caribbean play.

Since he is healthy and ready to play, Rodriguez said his only concern now is to focus on the upcoming season.

"Now that winter ball is over. I didn't get hurt and I'm ready to go," Rodriguez said. "Now is the time to concentrate on the Rangers and make a good year for the Rangers."

School gymnasium.

In Levelland, the Lady Steers draw one of the state's most storied girls' basketball programs coached by the almost legendary Dean Weese.

It's an opponent that even Taylor, who chalked up his 400th career coaching victory Friday with the Lady Steers' 62-56 bi-district playoff win over El Paso Parkland, speaks of in reverent tones.

"You're not going to outcoach a guy like Dean Weese," Taylor acknowledged. "He's won five or six state championships at Levelland ... seems like he's been there forever. That tells you they have a tremendous system in place. So, you have to hope your kids can execute and play the game they're capable of playing.

While Taylor stresses that neither he nor his players were looking ahead to this game in last week's preparations for their bi-district playoff, he admits the prospect of facing an opponent like Levelland was the reason for focusing their efforts on honing their own "game" rather than concentrating on Parkland's tendencies.

"We're back on a schedule that has you playing every Tuesday and Friday again," the Lady Steers boss explained. "You have to have confidence in your own system ... concentrate on what you do best, and if that's not what you've been working on all season, you're in trouble."

All that work on the Lady Steers' pressing, trapping defense and up tempo offensive style proved beneficial in the win over Parkland, as they continually forced the Lady

hard to get the ball down court, then get back and play god half court defense, we'll be playing our game and not the one they're used to playing," Taylor added.

The Loboettes will apply plenty of defensive pressure, as well. "There's going to be a lot of pressure on our guards, too," Taylor said. "The key is for us to take care of the ball and not throw it away

"They don't make a lot of mistakes," he added. "Instead, they wait for you to make mistakes and then capitalize on them."

The Lady Steers' guard play was impressive in Friday's win over Parkland, as seniors Marlena Light and Kara Hughes paced the Big Spring attack with 16 and 12 points, respectively.

In addition, guard/forward Maggie Haddad added 10 points. More importantly, the Lady Steers front court made life difficult on Parkland's guards, repeatedly making it difficult for the Lady Matadors to inbound the ball and get it down court.

Taylor believes the Lady Steers are capable of meeting the challenge Levelland poses.

"I'm looking forward to the game," Taylor said. "They're such a great ball club ... have such a great tradition ... if you can't play a good game against a great team, you don't belong here.

"But I really do believe we're going to play well," he concluded. "We've shown we're capable of playing at the level it takes to win. It's a matter playing great basketball when you need to."

# Barkley puts 'nightcap' jumper on Lakers in Rockets' 90-88 win

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INGLEWOOD, Calif. - Charles Barkley revealed his newfound sobriety, then left Los Angeles with a whole different kind of nightcap.

Barkley, who revealed during NBC's pregame show that he has quit drinking, hit a 20-foot jumper with 3.6 seconds left to lift the Houston Rockets to a 90-88 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

"I've got to stop drinking. I drink way too much and it has been affecting my game," Barkley reiterated after scoring 26 points to lead the Rockets. "I haven't played as well as I would have liked to this season, and obviously drinking has something to do with it."

# NBA ROUNDUP

Elsewhere in the NBA, Miami beat Toronto 116-95, Minnesota beat Dallas 105-99 in overtime, Chicago beat Detroit 99-90, Golden State beat Boston 101-87, New York beat Cleveland 102-91, Sacramento edged Washington 88-86, and Portland beat Denver 117-82.

In elaborating on his drinking problem after Sunday's game, Barkley said he decided to stop about a month ago after talking to a couple of friends and concluding he was wearing his body down and not being consistent. He said he was not pressured by teammates or coaches, and that now when he goes out to bars, he drinks soda.

"I owe the people I work for an honest effort," Barkley said.

He gave them one Sunday. And so did a sick Matt Bullard and a persistent Clyde Drexler.

After a dreadful shooting performance. Drexler made a critical threepoint play in the final four minutes and Bullard scored nine of his 11 points from behind the 3-point arc.

Hakeem Olajuwon added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, who won for the fourth time in their last six visits to the Forum and avoided a fourgame season sweep by the Lakers.

Shaquille O'Neal, Rick Fox and Kobe Bryant each scored 18 points for the Lakers, who fell three games behind

division rival Seattle in the race for in try failed at the buzzer. the NBA's best record. The loss was their first in 18 games this season against Midwest Division teams.

Drexler, who missed his first nine shots from the field and finished 2-for-16. put the Rockets ahead 84-82 when he drove the left baseline for a layup and was fouled for his three-point play with three minutes left.

O'Neal tied it at 88 when he lost Olajuwon under the basket and slammed it home with 25.8 seconds to play. Barkley calmly hit his game-winner over Elden Campbell.

Nick Van Exel had the ball in his hands after an inbound pass from Eddie Jones. But his 18-footer from straight-away missed and Bryant's tip-

"Nick came down and shot it, maybe he got fouled and maybe he didn't. But whenever we have a game like this, our guys have to hit shots," O'Neal said. "In order for us to be successful. we need to have an inside-outside game.

### T-wolves 105, Mavericks 99

Stephon Marbury scored nine of his 23 points in overtime.

**Reserves Sam Mitchell and Terry** Porter led a charge that saw Minnesota's bench players outscore the Dallas reserves 48-23. Mitchell had a season high 25 points, while Porter had 17 points, eight rebounds and nine assists.



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DEAR CAN'T TRUST: Doug was a cad. However, just because you got a bad egg once doesn't mean you should give up on finding a man you can trust. Not all men are alike. The one you're dating now sounds like a keeper to me.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and her husband and children have completely severed their relationship with our brother because of his new wife's gift-

On my teen-age niece's last two birthdays, our brother's wife has given her a "gift" of used clothing still reeking of our sister-in-law's perfume. My sister and her daughter were very hurt by these tacky gifts.

Our brother and his wife shop for themselves in thrift shops. They don't have to shop there, but they choose to. However, neither my sister's family nor myself is comfort-

Abby, I'm usually the family peacekeeper, but I'm open to any suggestions. Should I say something, or should I keep my mouth shut and let them resolve this? - IN THE MID-

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: It's unfair for your sister to cut your brother out of her life without explaining why. Encourage her to explain politely, but truthfully, why they have stopped speaking but after that, you should stay

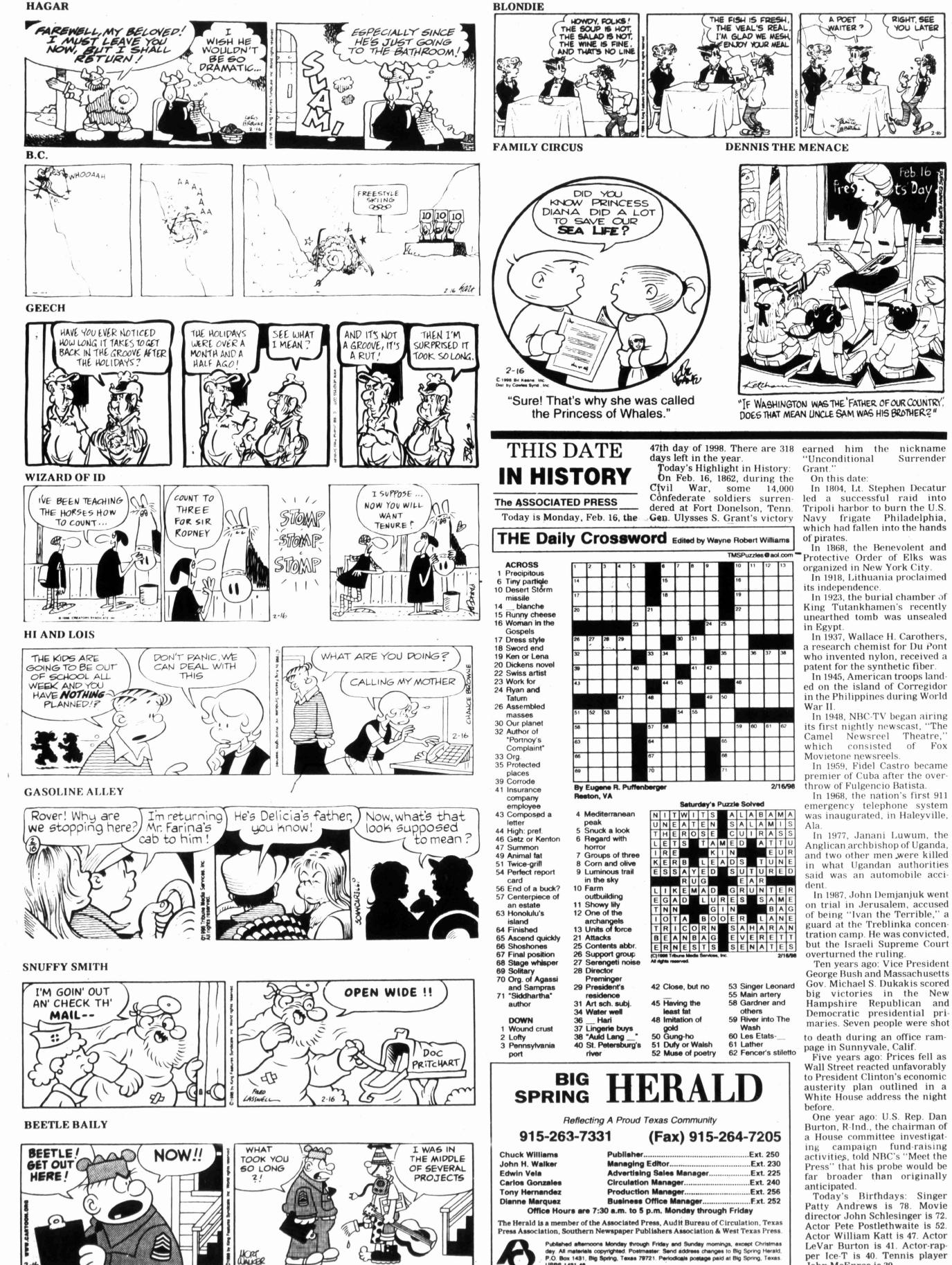
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