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Phony bomb threat Sunday results in post office closure

Herald Staff Report

A phony bomb threat Sunday morning caused law enforcement officials and officials of the U.S. Post Office in Big Spring to rope off the area surrounding the federal building for most of Sunday morning.

Big Spring Postmaster Richard Saxton said once the bomb threat was proven to be phony, everything was cleared and it was back to business as usual.

But while the investigation was under way, everything associated with the facility, including the remote drop boxes located behind it, were cordoned off.

The post office lobby area was reopened around noon Sunday after a number of people tried unsuccessfully to get in.

Sterling City-to-Big Spring to become local phone call

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Sometime around June 30, residents in Sterling City and Big Spring will be able to call one another without paying long distance charges.

That's because on that date, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) effects Expanded Local Calling (ELC) between the two communities.

The Big Spring-Sterling City ELC zone is one of 64 approved in the state by the FCC and has been under consideration since

1996.

Customers receiving ELC privileges will pay a monthly flat-rate fee of up to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line for up to five exchanges.

"It's gratifying to see the needs of rural communities met," Linda Hymans, ELC coordinator for the Texas Public Utility Commission, said. "We're pleased that these phone customers will have better access to essential services."

In addition to Big Spring, Sterling City callers will also

have ELC access to Colorado City once the plan is implemented.

Other West Texas communities, which have until March 31 to file ELC implementation plans include Cross Plains to Abilene; Moran to Breckenridge and Cisco; Bronte to Abilene; Dodson to Childress; and Seagraves to Seminole.

Scheduled implementation dates include:

- April 9 — Hamlin to Aspermont, Rule and Haskell; Haskell to Abilene.

- May 31 — Tulia to Canyon and Amarillo; Weimar to Columbus.

FCC approval was needed because the 64 rural exchanges wanting ELC asked for calling scopes that would cross invisible telephone boundaries called local access and transport areas.

The issue was further complicated because each calling exchange involved calls between an area served by Southwestern Bell and an area served by a different service provider.

Air Force pilot reunited with F-4E No. 368

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By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

From a dusty little town in Southern California to a dusty little city in West Texas, retired Air Force Maj. Guy Griffith traveled the same path as F-4E "Phantom" No. 368 being prepared for installation at the Big Spring Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



GRIFITH

The two were reunited this winter when the plane was moved from Wichita Falls to Big Spring.

"I read in the paper about the plane being moved to town (last December)," Griffith, a former instructor pilot explained. "And I noticed that it came from George Air Force Base (in Victorville, Calif.) where I was stationed."

"I looked at my flight records and there it was," he said.

Griffith, who entered the Air Cadet training program in 1952 and served as an instructor pilot until his retirement in 1973.

He flew planes such as the F-80 "Shooting Star," the F-84-G "Thunderjet," the F100 "Super Sabre," and the F-101 "Voodoo."

Of all the planes he's flown, the F-4 is his favorite, he said. "It was a nice flying airplane, a safe airplane. It's very powerful, very maneuverable and fun to fly."

Another local pilot who flew RF-4s (reconnaissance planes) during the Vietnam War — retired Air Force Col. Jerry Grimes — explained the key to the F-4's worldwide popularity.

"It's so versatile," he said. "If you configured it right it was a tremendous air-to-air fighter. If you reconfigured it again, it was the best tactical bomber, and if you reconfigured it yet again, it was the best recon-

Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Guy Griffith, once again sits in the cockpit of F-4E "Phantom" jet No. 368, the plane he used to train combat pilots during the Vietnam War. Griffith was reunited with the jet when it was brought to Big Spring for installation at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial last December.

HERALD Photo/Kathy Gilbert

naissance plane. "One airframe could do all of the above. It really simplified the maintenance. Maintenance people loved it."

The plane could carry twice its weight of about 30,000 pounds in armaments, fuel tanks and supplies, retired Air Force Col. Jim Little, who located the plane at Sheppard

Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

"That's unbelievable for a plane that size," he said.

Other planes have weak spots somewhere in their frame, Griffith said. "With this plane there are no weak spots. It's very well-designed — the pilots never worried about it."

The F-4 was remarkable

because it took battle damage better than any other plane, Grimes said. Two engines were useful in case one engine failed or was hit, Griffith added.

"It had so many capabilities," he said. "Good air-to-ground and good delivery of weapons to targets on the ground; good air-

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Welfare

Number of participants in Howard County down for fifth consecutive year

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

From welfare to work is a familiar theme in the state of Texas when it comes to reforming the overcrowded welfare system, but has the theme worked is the question many people are asking.

More than 60,000 Texans were affected by the welfare reform (food stamps) measures that took effect in November 1996, including 11 percent (152 cases) of the then 1,394 cases in Howard County.

Welfare reform work requirements measure cases and not total recipients because there may be more than one food stamp recipient per household, according to Barbara Evans, community services director for the Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) Regional Office in Abilene.

Evans says several cases were affected (impacted) across the state, meaning people between the ages of 18 and 50 faced have a limited amount of time to meet new requirements or lose their eligibility for food stamps.

Recipients may still receive food stamps after finding at least 20 hours of employment per week, according to Evans, but at a reduced level.

The new work requirement also applies to immigrants, documented or undocumented, according to Evans.

"Anyone who falls between the ages of 18 and 50 falls under the work requirement," Evans said, "unless they have an exemption, which includes pregnancy; being a parent or having guardianship of a child under 18 who lives in the home

with the parent or guardian; or the person is already a part of some type of work training program."

Other local areas effected a year and a half ago included Martin County, 10 cases out of 168 cases impacted; Mitchell County, 35 cases out of 367 cases impacted; and 358 cases out of 4,873 cases in Abilene will be impacted. Borden and Glasscock counties were not impacted by the new work requirement.

According to Evans, state officials began notifying recipients that they had three months to find at least 20 hours of employment per week or face losing food stamp assistance.

Where food stamps are concerned in Howard County, the most recent DHS annual report and review of expenditures and services provided for fiscal year 1996-97 showed that the state spent more than \$8.5 million for food stamps and other major welfare programs in Howard County.

Of the \$8,584,537 spent, \$2,994,905 was spent on 3,665 food stamp clients; Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) reached 1,098 recipients totaling \$718,774; long-term care totaling \$3,480,606 reached 187 clients; and Community Care for Aged and Disabled (CCAD) assisted 210 Howard County clients totaling \$1,390,252.

In each of the last five years, the number of participants and the amount of benefits (food stamps) has decreased in Howard County.

Beginning in 1993, Howard County had 5,044 food stamp recipients and a benefit of

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2nd Line Dance Festival expected to draw more than 100 West Texas dancers

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

More than 100 high-stepping dancers from all over West Texas are expected at Wednesday's Second Annual Line Dance Festival at Spring City Senior Citizen's Center.

"The response has been great," said Dorothy Kennemur, an organizer and leader of Spring City Stompers, a line dance group which originated out of the local center.

"We're going to pack that senior center Wednesday for sure."

Line dancers from San Angelo, Abilene, Midland, Seminole, Snyder, Brownwood, Sweetwater and other area towns have reserved dance time for the event. They will join about 50 local dancers and close to 200 spectators.

Among the groups registered are "Dancing Queens," "The Twisters" and "Recycled Teenagers."

"We don't compete," Kennemur said. "We do it all for fun. We're just having a good time."

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with refreshments. Lunch will be served at

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

WHAT — 2nd annual Line Dance Festival

WHEN — 9 a.m. Wednesday

WHERE — Spring City Senior Center

ADMISSION — Free, although lunch is \$2.50 for persons 60 and over and \$5 for those under 60

NEED MORE INFO? — Call the Senior Center at 267-1828

noon, and then dancing begins. Each group will perform three dances, and

other line-dancing activities are planned.

Kennemur said group leaders will gather to exchange ideas and share information about how to form a line dance group.

Anyone is invited to come out, see the performances and meet the dancers. For lunch, cost is \$2.50 for those 60 and over, and \$5 for those under 60.

"It's so exciting at the senior center during the festival," Kennemur said. "Everybody's having such a good time. You look out over the audience and see

all the smiles."

Last year's festival was such a success, Kennemur said the senior center hopes to continue it for years to come. Line dancing, she said, is growing in popularity locally.

"We started out with one class, now we have three going," she said. "I'm about to start a fourth, for working people who want to meet in the evenings."

For more information about the line dance festival, call Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Spring City Senior Center at 267-1828.

WEATHER

Tonight:	Tues:	Wed:	Thur:

Tonight, fair. Lows around 25. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs 50-55. Tuesday night, fair. Lows around 30. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, dry with gradual warming each day. Lows in the 30s. Highs near 60 Wednesday to the mid 70s Friday.

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Census statistics show women are gaining on men

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Look out guys, women are gaining on you.

Women outnumber men in the United States ... younger women are more likely than men to hold high school degrees and they are earning more college degrees and opening more businesses than ever before.

Women, even married women, are earning more money (though not as much as men) and raising fewer children.

In honor of Women's History Month, the Census Bureau has issued a special report describing women's changing role in the world.

Some of the findings include:

- On December 1, 1997, there were 137.2 million women and 131.6 million men in the United States. At older ages, women outnumber men by large margins: 20.1 million to 14.1 million at ages 65 years and over; 2.8 million to 1.1 million at ages 85 and over.

- Among 25- to 29-year-olds in 1996, women (88 percent) were slightly more likely than men (87 percent) to be at least high school graduates. Women in this age group were more likely to hold at least a bachelor's degree (28 percent) than men (26 percent).

- Women comprise an increasing share of people being awarded college degrees. They constituted 55 percent of people awarded

bachelor's degrees, 55 percent of those receiving masters' and 39 percent of the doctorates in 1994. In 1971, the respective figures were 43 percent, 40 percent and 14 percent.

- In 1996, 70 percent of women who were married with children were in the labor force, up from 40 percent in 1970.

- The female-to-male earnings ratio reached a new high in 1996 for persons working full-time and year-round. The real median earnings for women rose 7.4 percent between 1995 and 1996 to \$23,710, which is about 74 percent of the median for men (\$32,144, down 0.9 percent from 1995).

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OBITUARIES

Daniel Anthony Hirt

Daniel Anthony Hirt, 67, St. Lawrence, died on Saturday, March 8, 1998, at Columbia Medical Center in San Angelo after a lengthy illness.



HIRT

Rosary was 5 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 1998, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 9, 1998, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, St. Lawrence. Fr. Charles Greenwell will celebrate the Mass. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Daniel was born on June 11, 1930, in Olfen, to Frank and Alma Hirt. He married Elsie Kadlacek on Jan. 12, 1954, in St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Wall. Daniel and Elsie have made their home in St. Lawrence for the last 40 years, where Daniel was engaged in farming. He retired from farming in 1980.

Daniel was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He was a charter member of Knights of Columbus at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall, and also the Knights of Columbus in St. Lawrence. He was a charter member of St. Lawrence Dance Club and Gun Club. Daniel was appointed and served on the Cotton Board. He also served on Cotton Incorporated and was president of St. Lawrence Cotton Growers. He held offices within numerous organizations within the community.

Survivors include: his wife, Elsie Hirt of St. Lawrence; four sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Lana Hirt, Wayne and Susan Hirt and Kevin and Linda Hirt, all of St. Lawrence, and Barry and Linda Hirt of San Antonio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dinell and Gary Jacob of Winters, and Jan and Joe Bryson of Bandera; 17 grandchildren, Chad, Deidra, Ashley, Amanda, Eric, Brian, Julie, Melissa and Rachel Hirt of St. Lawrence, Brent, Angela and Craig Jacob of Winters, Kendra and Kyle Bryson of Bandera, and Jonathan, Krystle and Dustin Hirt of San Antonio. His mother, Alma Hirt of Wall; three brothers, Sidney and Eugene Hirt, both of St. Lawrence, and Bernard Hirt of Wall; three sisters, Marcie Batla of St. Lawrence, Annette Frerich of Garden City and Dorothy deHaas of Dallas.

Daniel was preceded in death by his father, Frank Hirt and his sister, Jeanette Kohutek.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Chad Hirt and Brent Jacob, and

nephews, Duane Hirt, Steven Hirt, Mitchell Hirt, Mike Batla, Brian Frerich, Billy deHaas and Robbie Kohutek.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers throughout Daniel's illness.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

(Paid obituary)

William S. Talbott

Longtime Big Spring home builder, William S. Talbott, 77, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 7, 1998, in a local hospital. Services will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



TALBOTT

He was born on Nov. 18, 1920, in Hebron, Neb., and married Harriett Hettinger on Nov. 14, 1942, in Tempe, Ariz.

He came to Big Spring as a teenager and attended Big Spring schools. He and his later father started F.H. Talbott & Son building contractors in 1942. It was later known as Talbott & Talbott, and William operated it for 46 years until he retired. He was involved in the Big Spring Racing Pigeon Club for many years.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Harriett Talbott of Big Spring; three sons, William Blakely Talbott of Raleigh, N.C., Rex Charles Talbott of Amarillo, and David Soldan Talbott of Big Spring; one daughter, Kay Lavonne Newsom of Amarillo; one sister, Ann McDaniel of Austin; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Talbott, Craig Talbott, Friend Talbott, Joey Newsom, Barney Newsom and Don Newsom.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

(Paid obituary)

Harold Ray Scott

Service for Harold Ray Scott, 77, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Paul Baskin, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Scott died Sunday, March 8, in a local nursing home.

He was born on Aug. 9, 1920, in Trent, and married Alta Nell Bearden on July 27, 1942, in Los Angeles, Calif. She preceded him in death on Feb. 7, 1998. He came to Big Spring in 1945, and was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad as an inspector for 36 years. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and served as a sergeant with the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include: two sons, Rick Scott of Big Spring, and Harold R. Scott, Jr. of Midland; three brothers, H.M. Scott, Jr., Euell Scott and Cecil Glenn Scott, all of Lamesa; two sisters, Anna Marie Foster of Fort Worth, and Mary Frances Ward of Lubbock; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Parkinson Disease Foundation; William Black Medical; 640 W. 168th St.; New York City, N.Y.; 10032; or the American Heart Association, Howard County Division; P.O. Box 1223; Big Spring, 79721-1223.

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

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\$4,018,753; 5,054 recipients and total benefits of \$4,009,343 in 1994; 4,516 recipients and total benefits of \$3,699,850 in 1995; 4,319 recipients and total benefits of \$3,583,767 in 1996; and 3,665 recipients and total benefits of \$2,994,905 in 1997.

The new initiative in Texas to get people back to work and off welfare is called Texas Works, according to Evans.

"Texas Works is an initiative that we hope will bury once and for all the old culture of welfare dependency in our state," Evans said.

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• Women are becoming better represented in many previously male-dominated professions. Among employed civilians, the proportion of women lawyers, for example, climbed from 15 percent in 1983 to 30 percent in 1996. Over the same period, the percentage of female physicians rose from 16 percent to 26 percent and the percentage of female economists climbed from 28 percent to 64 percent.

• Women in their early 30s are more likely to be childless today than they used to be: 27 percent of women 30 to 34 were childless in 1995; in 1976, it was 16 percent.

• Women are marrying later than in years past: their estimated median age at first marriage was 24.5 in 1995 — about four years older than in 1965.

• There were 9.9 million single mothers and 1.9 million single fathers in 1996. The total of single mothers includes those who maintain their own household (7.7 million) and those who live in the homes of relatives or nonrelatives. The number of single mothers has jumped more than 50 percent since 1980, when it was 6.2 million.

• The number of women-owned businesses in the United States reached 6.4 million in 1992. Women-owned businesses make up 33 percent of all domestic firms and 40 percent of all retail and service firms.

• Women-owned businesses generated \$1.6 trillion in revenues and employed 13.2 million people in 1992.

PILOT

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to-air fighting — it could do just about any mission it was asked to do.

Belying its name, the "Phantom" was a rather noisy jet, the pilots said. It was built as a carrier-based attack aircraft by McDonnell-Douglas for the Navy, then turned into a versatile land- and carrier-based fighter.

It carried a 20mm M61A1 Vulcan six-barrel cannon with 640 rounds along with up to 16,000 pounds of missiles, cluster bombs, freefall bombs, laser-guided bombs or nuclear weapons.

It performed beautifully in reconnaissance missions, Grimes said, because, at speeds of up to Mach 2.2, it was the

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

fastest plane in the sky.

The "stripped-down" No. 368 will be getting its new coat of paint in about a month, co-crew chief for the project Gary Osburn, a former U.S. Air Force aircraft maintenance technician said.

Its old paint was blasted, sanded and smoothed with a mixture of baking soda and water this weekend, Osburn reported. Work has been delayed, "but that's a blessing," Osburn said. "We are still working on the mounting. A month is just about right."

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Association is a 100 percent volunteer, non-profit organization with tax-exempt status. Volunteers are working at Hangar 18 at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark on Saturday mornings and weeknights. Donations and volunteer assistance will be gratefully accepted. President Charlie Lewis said. Call 263-0276 for more information.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. 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 Commandery No. 31 state meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

•Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

•Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton at 264-0306.

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

TUESDAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymity, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

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

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

•Mental Health Center's Family Education and Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Bob Noyes at 267-5811.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Alzheimer's disease orientation, 7 p.m., Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. Call 1-800-652-1174 for more information.

•ALBERT DOSS, 62, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CHARLIE GAMEL, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

•WILLIAM KILLCREASE, 31, was arrested for a parole violation.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 200 block of Johnson.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 3700 block of Connally.

•CLASS A ASSAULT in the 1300 block of Colby.

•THEFT in the 300 block of S. Gregg; 1800 block of Gregg; and the 1500 block of Wood.

MARKETS

March cotton 66.10 cents, down 13 points; April crude 14.54, down 37 points; Cash hogs 75 cents higher at 34.50; cash steers steady at 61; April lean hog futures 47.90, down 35 points; April live cattle futures 65, down 5 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Wal-Mart	17.06-18.10	
Amap	28.47-30.21	
Euro Pacific	29.87-31.69	
I.C.A.	21.33-22.63	
New Perspective	8.50%	
Prime Rate	293.70-294.20	
Gold	5.93-5.97	
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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Alberto H. Perez, 92, died Friday. Services are 11:00 AM Monday at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church. Burial in Mt. Olive.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•TODD McADAMS, 19, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ERNEST CLARK, 57, was arrested for public intoxication.

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

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
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RE-ELECT Ben Lockhart
Republican Candidate For
COUNTY JUDGE HOWARD COUNTY
Republican Primary March 10, 1998
Pd. Pol. Adv. by Ben Lockhart, 300 Main, Big Spring, TX.

VOTE FOR Roosevelt R. SHAW Democrat
For County Commissioner
Precinct #7
PUNCH #77
Pd. Pol. Adv. by R. Shaw, P. O. Box 679, Big Spring, TX 79720

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The following Doctor will be in our office this week.

Tuesday, March 10th.....Randy Pat Russell,
MA, CCC-A Audiologist

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March 16, 1998
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Now that McDougal is dead, what does Starr do without him?

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WASHINGTON — James McDougal, the imprisoned former savings and loan owner whose account about the Clintons fueled the Whitewater investigation, has died, leaving prosecutor Kenneth Starr the task of finishing his probe without one of his most important witnesses.

Convicted of 18 felonies in 1996, McDougal turned on the Clintons. He detailed for Starr the alleged role of both the president and first lady in fraudulent loans and real estate transactions in Arkansas that cost taxpayers millions of dollars when McDougal's savings and loan failed.

McDougal, 57, suffered from a variety of ailments, including heart disease

and blocked arteries. He died Sunday afternoon at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, of cardiac arrest, according to the Justice Department.

He was serving a three-year prison term for conspiracy and fraud regarding the illegal transactions in which he says the Clintons played a role.

Despite the fact that one of the most important witnesses against him is dead, the president issued a statement saying he was "saddened" by McDougal's death.

"I have good memories of the years we worked together in Arkansas, and I extend my condolences to his family," Clinton said.

McDougal's death takes away from prosecutors an element that has been sorely lacking in their investigation:

an insider to criminal activity who was eager to testify against the Clintons.

"Losing a key witness to death never helps and clearly Ken Starr was treating McDougal as a valuable witness," said University of Michigan law professor Samuel Gross.

"McDougal's death weakens Starr's hand vis-a-vis the president," said Georgetown University law professor Paul Rothstein. "Unless Starr has other equally direct evidence, he is quite weakened."

Clinton loyalists were quick to point out McDougal's credibility problems.

"Jim McDougal was a gentleman who was very likable, personally," said Bobby McDaniel, the lawyer for McDougal's ex-wife, Susan. "He was

also a man who had had significant emotional problems in the past but who was vehement in his contempt for independent counsel before his conviction."

Prosecutors now are likely to turn up the heat even more against Susan McDougal, who worked closely with her ex-husband in some of his illegal dealings. She was convicted of fraud in the same trial as her former husband.

Ms. McDougal is in jail for refusing to cooperate with Starr's inquiry, and prosecutors could seek criminal contempt charges against her that would put her in prison for years. She faces state charges in California for allegedly stealing money from conductor Zubin Mehta and his wife. She also faces a two-year sentence for her

Whitewater convictions.

Former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who was convicted with McDougal at his 1996 criminal trial, began cooperating with prosecutors in recent weeks. Tucker and McDougal were friends, but Tucker had little if any contact with Clinton.

In Little Rock, Ark., Tucker said Sunday: "I'm sorry to hear of his death. I knew he had been in ill health for 10 years or so. I, too, can remember pleasant associations with him many years ago."

Individuals familiar with Tucker's cooperation say he is providing information regarding one of McDougal's biggest money losers — a 1,050-acre development south of Little Rock called Castle Grande.

Disabled vet gives up following standoff at VA center in Waco

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO — A Vietnam veteran says his anger at federal veterans officials' bureaucratic indifference to his disability led him into a 14-hour standoff with authorities.

Jason Leigh, 48, held police at bay with a rifle and the threat of explosives in the city's second major police standoff in five years.

This time, after a tense, day-long wait by police, Leigh emerged from the Veterans Affairs regional center in downtown Waco, bare-chested and unarmed.

Police negotiators said that Leigh thought his grievance had been heard.

"He had a point he wanted to make," police negotiator Patrick Swanton said. "He didn't want to hurt anybody. He was just concerned about a problem he was having with some veterans benefits."

Swanton declined to detail the complaint, but Leigh's mother told Dallas television station WFAA that the Veterans Affairs Department had lost her son's benefit paperwork.

"Apparently, they sent him a letter saying it would be another year. It's already been a year he's been waiting to hear from him," said Ruth Foster of Cleburne, Texas. "I think, I guess, that's what got to him."

A man who identified himself as Leigh told Fort Worth television station KXAS much the same thing in a telephone call during the standoff.

"When the trouble started, my files got lost. My appeals got lost in the madness of the

VA bureaucracy," the caller told the station.

The caller said he was fed up with how the VA treated him and fellow disabled veterans.

"I, Jason Leigh, do hereby defend this, my vested interest in the form of this building, to the death or until such time as Congress and or the U.S. Senate pass a law protecting our fallen, disabled and homeless veterans by depositing \$1 million in the stated name of 'SOS,' Save Our Soldiers," he said.

Police say Leigh drove his Jeep Cherokee through the glass front door of the VA office about 6:45 a.m. Sunday. Then, he called police dispatchers on his cellular telephone, said what he had done, and told them he was armed with a rifle and explosives.

Dispatchers kept him on the line until 7:30 a.m., when the call was turned over to police negotiators.

Meanwhile, officers evacuated residents in a six-block area around the building and police were negotiating with the suspect.

A shelter was set up at the Waco Convention Center, where about 30 evacuees spent the night. Police said they hoped to allow them to return this morning.

Also, federal authorities also staked off a no-fly zone at a three-mile radius from the office and up to 5,000 feet altitude.

Eventually, Leigh admitted to police that he had no explosives, and as time passed, an unidentified negotiator developed "a rapport" with a tiring Leigh, Swanton said.

NASA space station faces another delay, price hike

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — It's slipped from 1992 to 1994 to 1995 to 1996 to 1997 to 1998, and now it looks like NASA's space station will be delayed again.

Not only that, the stalled space station will cost more than promised because of all the setbacks and changes — at least \$3.6 billion more, a whopping 21 percent increase.

"Of course, it disturbs me. It's an embarrassment," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee.

In 1993, the Clinton administration set a \$17.4 billion cost cap for the international space station through assembly. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration now estimates the U.S. share at \$21 billion.

Neither figure includes the cost of some 30 shuttle flights to assemble the gigantic complex, or the \$10 billion sunk into the program in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Both NASA and Congress have asked independent appraisers to determine the true cost.

"You ask 15 people who are familiar with the program and you'll get 15 answers," said Sensenbrenner, a Republican from Wisconsin. "I'm not even going to venture a guess."

No one's willing to guess when orbital construction will begin and end, either.

When President Reagan directed NASA in 1984 to build a space station, NASA promised to have one flying for \$8 billion by 1992. The only thing soaring by then, though, was the price. Russia signed on in 1993; NASA insisted that Russian participation would save the United States money and speed construction.

But once again, NASA faces a delay because of the Russians. Instead of hauling up the initial pieces of the international

space station early this summer, NASA is considering bumping the start of assembly to summer's end, possibly even later if work continues to lag on a key Russian part.

NASA is quick to note that it shares the blame this time with the cash-strapped Russian Space Agency, which was responsible for last year's delay of seven months.

"It wouldn't be fair to say that it's just the Russians at this point," said NASA's Gretchen McClain, deputy associate administrator for space station. "We've got some problems in our own back yard."

The space shuttle flight schedule is in disarray because of a three-month delay in launching an X-ray telescope, now targeted for a December liftoff.

To spread out the missions and reorganize the work, shuttle managers have proposed hoisting the second space station component — a connecting passageway — in September instead of July. If that happens, the first station part would be launched by the Russians in August instead of June.

Also factoring into this potential two-month delay is the fact that the Russian Space Agency still is not getting enough money from its government to complete piece No. 3 — a space station module housing life-support and other critical systems.

"It's the same component that forced NASA last year to postpone the start of station construction from November 1997 to June 1998.

This so-called service module, needed before astronauts and cosmonauts can move into the international space station, is supposed to be launched by the Russians in December. But they're more than two months behind in work.

NASA officials doubt that the Russians can catch up; they anticipate a February 1999 launch at the earliest. That

means the first permanent crew, commanded by American astronaut William Shepherd, would arrive in March 1999 at the earliest, two months late.

There's more.

NASA is 11 months behind on its own lab module, which is supposed to fly in mid-1999 but likely will be delayed along

with everything else.

If it sounds complicated, it is. Everything is so intertwined — the U.S. shuttle schedule, the Russian money crunch, manufacturing snags in both countries — that some analysts wonder how the space station will be finished in the promised five to six years. It's the largest

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Men accused in kidnap-slaying placed on jail's suicide watch

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH — Two men accused in the capital murder of a 19-year-old mentally impaired girl have been placed on suicide watch in isolated cells in the Tarrant County Jail.

Robert James Neville Jr., 23, and Michael Wayne Hall, 18, both of Arlington, were returned Saturday to Fort Worth from Eagle Pass, where they were arrested at the Mexican border during a routine customs check Tuesday.

During a televised interview, the two admitted to the slaying of Amy Robinson, saying she had made it easy by trusting them.

The interview was a motivating factor in separating the pair from each other and the general inmate population upon their arrival at the Tarrant County Jail, said Sheriff David Williams said. The two said they had set out to kill minorities.

"We handle over 50,000 prisoners a year in here, and I don't know that we've ever seen people that so frankly admit to such an atrocious crime with such a lack of remorse and lack of humanity," Williams said. "To most people in Tarrant County, that's incomprehensible."

The pair said during their interview that they took Ms. Robinson to a remote field in

Fort Worth and used her for "target practice." The twosome said they shot the young woman with arrows, a pellet gun and a pistol.

Both men were arraigned and charged with one count of capital murder Saturday. Fort Worth Municipal Judge Danny Rogers set bail at \$500,000 each.

Both would face either the death penalty or life in prison, if convicted.

Neville and Hall were transported back to Fort Worth under heavy security.

"It just seemed that after watching the confessions and horrific comments made by these two men, they clearly don't have anything to lose," Williams said.

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OUR VIEWS

Lady Hawks are clearly the class team of the West

It's something we've known all along, having had the opportunity to watch Howard College's Lady Hawks closely all season, but last week they showed how much class they have.

In an age where trash talk and cheap shots are becoming the norm, our Lady Hawks chose to take the high road during the NJCAA's Region V Tournament in Midland.

Kamilah Ward explained it best. "We decided we weren't going to get caught up in all that," she said. "If they wanted to talk, they could talk ... we decided we were going to do our talking on the court with a basketball."

Is there anyone among the Midland players, coaches or fans that didn't hear what the Lady Hawks had to say?

We thought the Lady Hawks spoke clearly and distinctly when they won the title in front of Midland's home crowd, answering what apparently had become a burning question among Midland fans — which women's basketball team is the best in the West?

Thanks to Midland's working so hard to get into the championship game, we now know the answer — Howard's Lady Hawks.

And now it's off to Salina (Suh-lie-na), Kan., in the land of Oz and Dorothy and Toto next week for the women's national basketball championship tournament.

Going to the nationals is getting to be old hat for Howard, although with a complete change of players every two years, it's almost always a new experience for someone on the squad.

Don't be surprised if the Lady Hawks hang around Salina long enough to play for the national championship on Saturday, March 21. After all, part of the reason for their success is Head Coach Matt Corkery's one-game-at-a-time philosophy as well as the fact the team understands no one game is more important than another.

That's especially true during tournament time, when a loss ends your chances at a national title.

To the Lady Hawks ... to coaches Corkery and Natasha Taylor, we salute you on your success thus far this season and we wish you well on the remainder of the year.

We're proud of your accomplishments on the court, but as hard as it may be for some to understand, we're even more proud of the class manner in which you've represented your school, your community and, most especially, yourselves.

Clearly, in all aspects of the game, you are the very best team the West has to offer.

OTHER VIEWS

Credit history can tell you whether a person paid his mortgage on time or bounced a check to his auto mechanic.

But can it tell an insurer whether a bad check writer is more likely to be a bad driver than someone who has never bounced a check?

A recent study by the public insurance counsel, the voice of Texas consumers in insurance matters, found that more than 80 percent of the state's insurers review credit before issuing new policies to their best customers. That's up from 25 percent in 1994.

Insurers argue that good credit risks demonstrate a lifestyle or character that will result in fewer claims. Conversely, people with major financial troubles are more costly to insure, they say.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act and state insurance regulations give insurers the right to run credit checks before issuing coverage. And there may very well be links between credit histories and driving records. Nonetheless, the practice is troubling.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners recently urged insurers to use credit information more judiciously. And in Arizona, a state senator wants to ban or limit

the way auto insurers use credit histories. Similar measures have failed in the Texas Legislature.

Allstate, which uses credit history to screen applicants, finds about 13.8 percent of its Texas applicants to its preferred rate company are financially unacceptable, but that just 5 percent of those would have been turned down solely for credit problems.

Allowing insurers to use credit records to screen applicants seems an unneeded intrusion into financial records to accomplish what a routine check of a driving record could reveal.

Uninsured motorists already pose a serious problem in Texas. Insurance decisions based on credit checks aren't likely to improve the situation. Consumer groups say low-income and some minority applicants could be hurt unfairly by credit checks.

There are many legitimate reasons for checking an applicant's credit background. For example, a mortgage company needs to know whether a borrower is likely to repay a home loan. But when insurers have so many other ways to check driving records, using credit history seems inappropriate.

—THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

GOP looks for a jackpot in a gambling den

By MARSHA MERCER
Media General News Service

BILOXI, Miss. — It's an odd mix: "God's Own Party" at a gambling resort.

But there they were, 1,600 proud-to-be-conservative, but modern, sons and daughters of Dixie voluntarily listening to political speeches on a bright spring weekend on the sparkling Gulf of Mexico. Steps away was the preacher's den of iniquity — a smoky, Vegas-style casino where Lady Luck, not hard work, rules 24 hours a day. The bar's open, ya'll, come on in.

The urgent jangle of thousands of slot machines and the quick play of hundreds of game tables beckon from 11 casinos along Mississippi's coast, but for three days recently, most GOP eyes were on another jackpot — the presidency in 2000.

The Southern Republican Leadership Conference was the first stop on the GOP's 2000 presidential cavalcade. Among the potential candidates who tested their message: former Gov. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, publisher Steve Forbes, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp and former Vice President Dan

Quayle.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush didn't attend, but he won the first 2000 presidential straw poll anyway.

The wannabes appealed to fiscal austerity and moral authority, pledging to cut taxes, abolish the IRS, ban "partial-birth" abortions, expand school choice, wrest control of foreign policy from the United Nations and restore decency to the nation's highest office. But there was more.

Forbes on the Promise Keepers' rally at the Capitol: "Think about it, hundreds of thousands of virile men going to a big city on a weekend and behaving themselves, going to Washington, D.C. and not asking for anything." Then, Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma one-upped Forbes, saying he himself proudly attended the Promise Keepers rally.

Most of the politicians sidestepped the gambling issue as they carried on about moral decay.

But Ashcroft, who exults in his Christian conservatism, was unequivocal.

"We meet this afternoon in a place surrounded by money changers and risk takers," he intoned. "I think it's wrong."

Ashcroft doesn't condemn those who have to work in the gaming industry, "but gam-

bling is a cancer on the vision of where America needs to go."

Party officials explained that the resort was the only place in Mississippi with enough hotel rooms to accommodate the South's rapidly expanding GOP.

A bartender said it was a white zinfandel crowd, but it was also a godly one. For sale alongside "Zippergate" pins were buttons proclaiming the GOP as "God's Own Party."

Former Christian Coalition director Ralph Reed, now a political consultant, lectured that the GOP "is unique among all political parties... birthed in a religious revival and nurtured in the cradle of religious enthusiasm."

Reed and the rest were talking to people like Dan and Crystal Mansell of Clayton, N.C.

Mansell's business card identifies him as the CEO of Demco Group, a "Minority Owned Business."

Dan Mansell, 40, who's making his first bid for public office, told me he learned from his mother that it's better to take action than to complain. A candidate for state senate, Mansell said the speeches made him feel "sky high."

"If you can't walk out of here after listening to J.C. Watts or Alan Keyes and know there's

hope for our future, well, I don't know what's wrong with you."

Like the Mansells, virtually all the delegates were white. But the party's best orators are Watts and Keyes, the only African-American speakers among dozens at the conference.

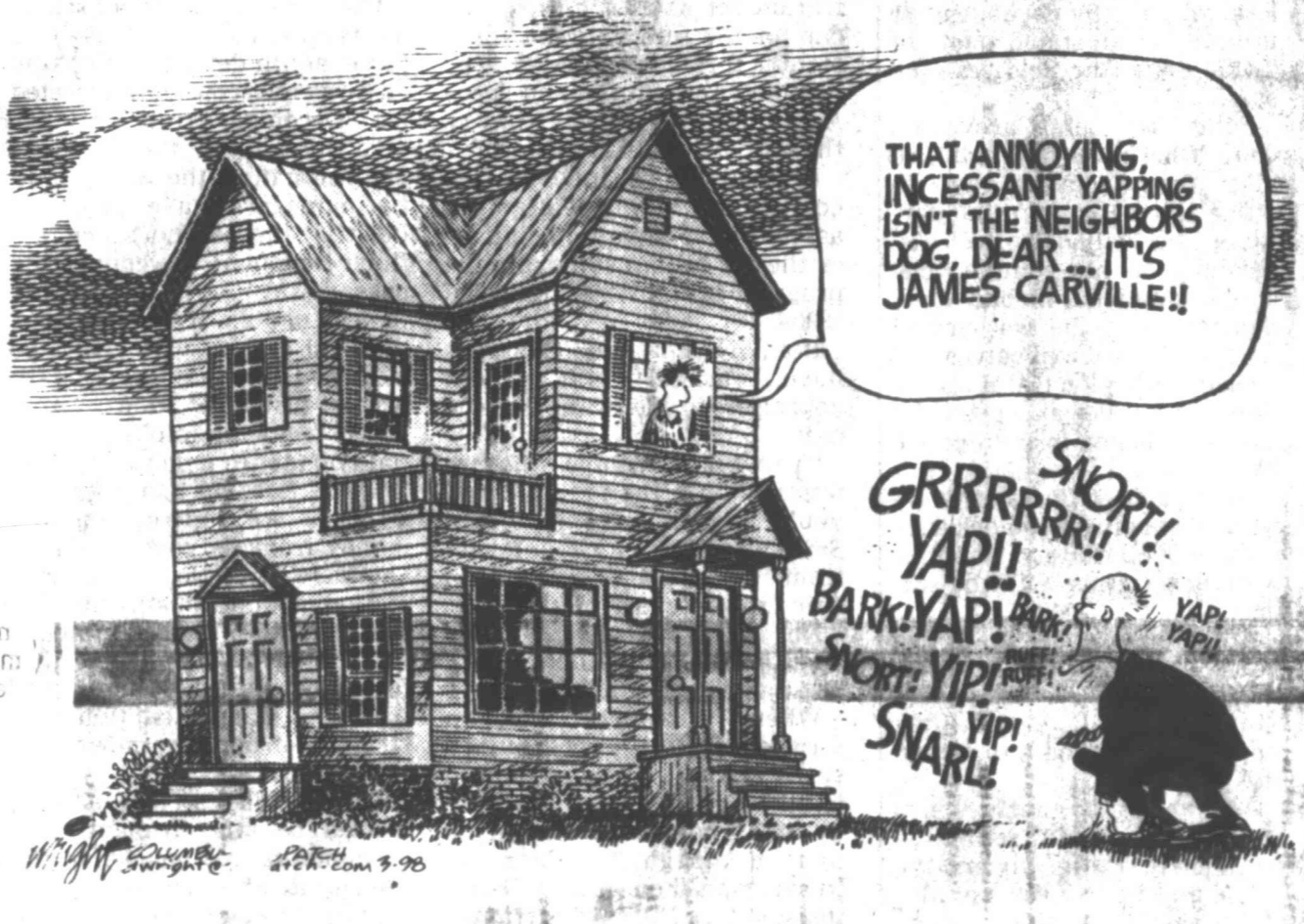
Watts, who represents Oklahoma's 4th district in Congress, won the straw poll race for vice president. Keyes, a former ambassador who has a radio talk show, is making his second presidential run.

Southern Republicans insist that their message should attract more minority voters, but they send mixed signals.

The group spent one evening partying at the antebellum mansion Beauvoir, last home of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. Guests were greeted by Confederate soldiers in uniform and Southern belles in hoop skirts.

Not everyone was charmed. Self-styled "son of the South" Ralph Reed rushed from the museum near the main house and announced to several reporters from Washington, "They've got a statue of the founder of the Klan in there. It's time for me to go."

(Marsha Mercer covers the White House for Media General News Service.)



Quality of life, not money, spur on workers

By PHILIP M. BURGESS
For Scripps Howard

Headlines tell the story. A revved-up economy with record high employment has created a seller's market for labor. This is especially true for skilled labor in the computer, software, telecommunications, biotechnology and other high-tech industries, but labor shortages are also occurring in other sectors — from fast foods to construction.

Though a seller's market for labor means that individuals have more bargaining clout — from the telemarketer and computer repair worker to the software writer and network designer — today's workers clearly want more than money. Many seem to be exercising their new-found bargaining power to secure more choices in how and where they work to achieve a high quality of life.

At the enterprise level, business leaders are creating more work-friendly environments — both to retain existing employees who are highly valued and as a showplace to help recruit new workers. Result: Flexible working arrangements are increasingly the name of the game.

It is not just flex-time and job-sharing that give workers

more time with their families or less stressful commuting schedules. There are new approaches. Examples:

• **Telework:** Many enterprises now have telework arrangements, using telecommunications to take the work to the people rather than bring the people to work. These approaches permit valued employees to work one or more days at home or at nearby locations.

• **Sabbaticals:** Increasing numbers of enterprises are giving valued professionals paid time off to recharge their batteries. One typical program gives mid-level professionals four weeks of paid time every seven years to work on a "dream" project the employee has wanted to do for a long time but never had the time.

There are many other flex-work arrangements now being used to keep highly skilled on the job.

Governments, too, are scrambling to "do something" about the shortage of workers to fill jobs. Some are "throw-money-at-the-problem" responses. Example: Nebraska leaders think they are experiencing a brain drain. So leaders are advocating legislation to pay up to half the higher education costs of smart students provided the students agree to work

in Nebraska for at least three years after graduation. This policy of modified indentured servitude strikes me as both expensive and misguided, but it shows the lengths to which otherwise smart people will go when faced with labor shortages.

Another, probably more effective approach is a public-private partnership in Virginia, where Cisco Systems, a fast-growing, \$6 billion computer company, will fund "Cisco Networking Academies" at the state's community colleges and public high schools. Purpose: To close the gap between businesses that are short on high-tech workers and job-seekers short on high-tech skills.

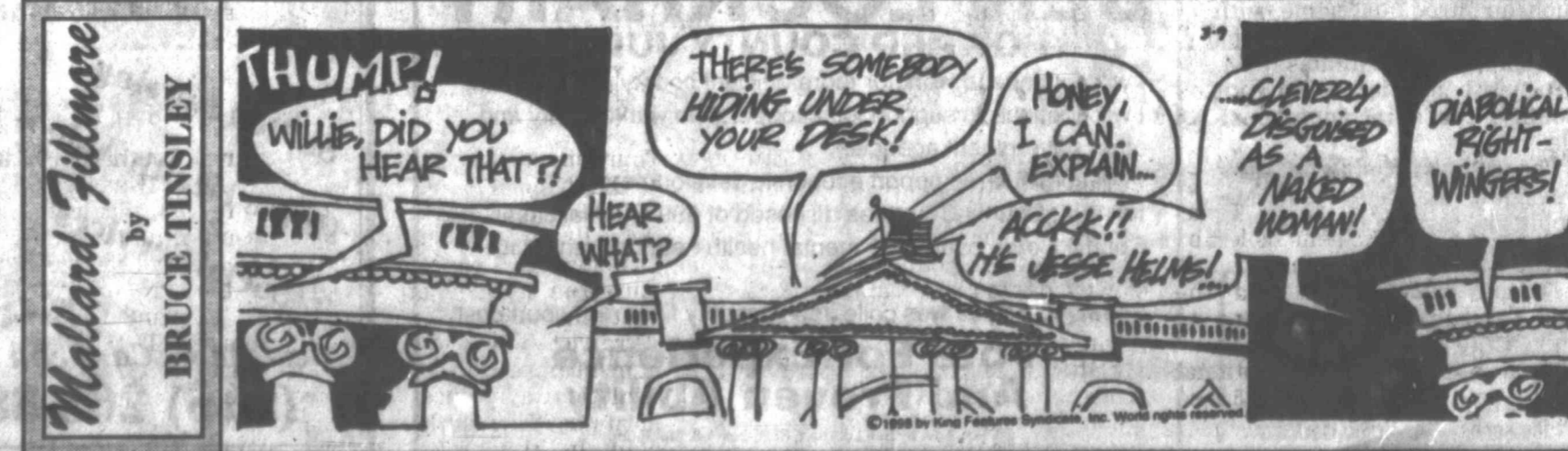
But the most interesting impact of the seller's market is at the individual level. From the old "What Color is Your Parachute" to the recently published "Complete Idiot's Guide to Changing Careers" by Center for the New West senior fellow Bill Charland, increasing numbers of people are taking advantage of new opportunities to make mid-career changes in the work they do and where they live. Result: Jobs increasingly follow people, and many people are making lifestyle choices by moving where they want to live and making a career there.

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Martin finds cart a disadvantage in final round of Austin Nike Open

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Casey Martin is taking a week off — sort of.

Hounded by fans and media during his first week of competition since winning a lawsuit against the PGA Tour for the right to ride a cart, Martin was scheduled to play in a fundraiser for the Stanford golf team in California today. Then he'll fly across the country for a promotional tour with his latest sponsor, Hartford Life Insurance Co., in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I won't play again on the Nike Tour until next week in Monterrey, Mexico," Martin said. "I guess you could call this week a week of rest."

Martin discovered Sunday that his right to ride a golf cart had a downside on a day when the weather was cold.

He never got warm in his roofless cart and struggled to a 6-over-par 78 in the Greater Austin Open, his first competitive event since he won a lawsuit against the PGA Tour.

"It was brutal out there," Martin said after contending with 40 mph gusts and a wind chill of 21 degrees. "My hands were freezing and the clubs felt like I was holding metal rods. It was one of the hardest days I've ever played."

Martin isn't allowed a windscreens or a roof under PGA Tour rules and he could have used one on the 42-degree day more fit for football than golf.

"The cart was a big disadvantage and I couldn't get loose," said Martin, who limps on his right leg because of a disability from birth. "I can't walk this course and I was considerably colder than the other guys because I never had a chance to warm up."

The 25-year-old had no birdies and six bogeys as he finished the tournament at even-par 288 over the Jack Nicklaus-designed Hills of Lakeway course. He was eight shots behind winner Michael Allen and earned \$3,032, a mere pittance compared to his endorsement checks from Nike, Ping, Top Flite, and Hartford.

Martin won the first Nike event of the season at Lakeland, Fla., then failed to make the cut in the next one.

He hadn't played competitively since Jan. 11.

Martin bogeyed three consecutive holes on the front nine, starting with his first three-putt of the tournament on No. 4 from 30 feet. He finished the front side with a 4-over 40 and shot 38 coming home.

Asked to grade his performance, Martin, a teammate of Tiger Woods at Stanford, joked, "Oh, like Tiger about a B-minus." Woods was ridiculed for grading his rounds last year.

Martin never came close to a birdie. He had a 15-footer on the seventh hole and knocked his putt 6 feet past. He made it coming back for par.

"You had no feeling in your fingers and you were even flinching on your

putts," Martin said. "My leg held up OK, though."

This was his first tournament since a federal magistrate on Feb. 11 ordered the PGA Tour to grant Martin the right to ride a cart.

"It's a relief to get this out of the way," Martin said. "I hope this thing dies down soon. I guess you could say I played well considering the media attention I received."

Martin opened with back-to-back 69s and followed with a 72 before Sunday's arctic expedition.

"Still he said it was a great experience.

"The fans were great to me this week and I didn't hear a negative word from any of the players," Martin said. "I

Hawks tumble in opening round

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

WACO — For a second consecutive year, Howard College's Hawks found the Starburst Region V/Region XIV Basketball Championship to be a one-and-out affair Sunday afternoon.

And for a second straight year, McLennan Community College's Highlanders dealt Howard its final loss of the season, taking a 73-70 come-from-behind win from the Hawks.

In the end, it wasn't the Hawks' shortage of personnel — Howard had just nine players in uniform — but McLennan's ability to pound the ball inside the paint and the play of point guard Brandon Manning that proved to be the difference.

The Hawks attempted to counter with sterling perimeter play.

But with McLennan virtually owning the lane, there was no room for error. And when it counted the most — at crunch time — Howard took a couple of bad shots that cost them dearly.

"I thought their point guard (Manning) really gave us problems ... we didn't contain him very well," Hawks head coach Tommy Collins said, following the loss that left Howard with a 16-15 record.

"Our perimeter people did a good job of putting pressure on their defense ... shot really well in the first half," Collins said. "But the pressure of not having any inside game was just too much for us."

Worse still, with virtually no bench to rely on, Collins found himself hamstrung several times by foul problems his players encountered.

"There were a couple of times where we had to pull somebody out of the game what was on a hot streak because we just couldn't all anyone to get in foul trouble," Collins noted. "It really hinders you."

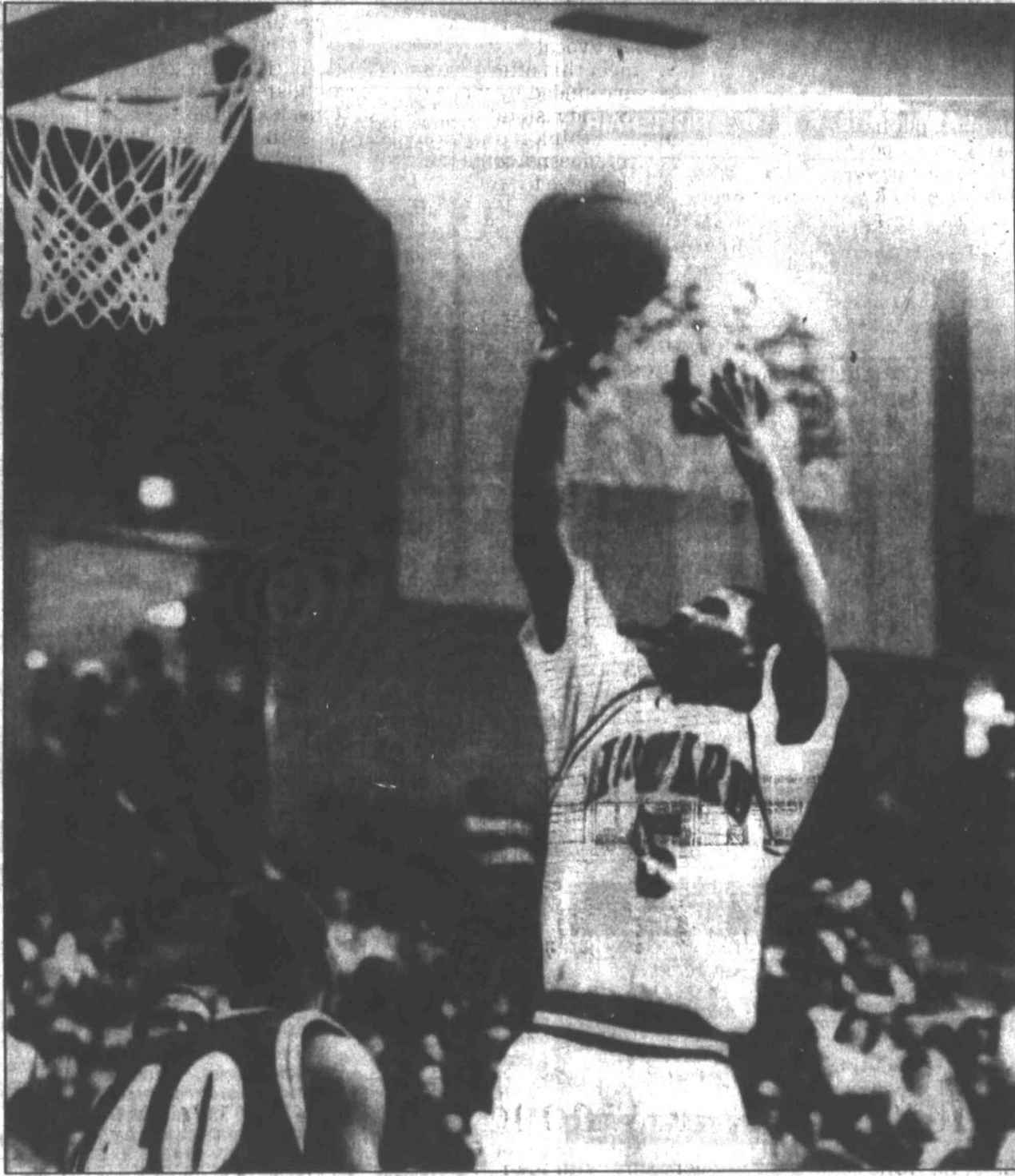
While Manning seemed to continually find avenues to penetrate and create opportunities for his taller teammates, it was 6-foot-5 freshman forward/post Jayson Mitchell who was the biggest headache.

Mitchell literally stamped his mark on the game at the start of the second half, virtually erasing a 37-31 lead the Hawks had owned at the intermission with six straight points.

In fact, Mitchell scored nine points in the Highlanders' 15-7 run at the start of the second half that allowed McLennan to take a 46-44 lead with 14:35 left to play.

Howard, however, continue to answer with the sharpshooting of guards Clifton Cook, Lamont Roberts and Elmer Brown.

Cook would finish the game as its leading scorer with 24 points, while Roberts added 20 more. Brown, returning from an injury, was the only other Howard player in double figures, scoring 10 points.



Howard point guard Clifton Cook (5), shown putting up a shot during WJCAC action in this file photo, played a key role in the Hawks' big for an opening round win Sunday in the Starburst Region V/Region XIV Basketball Championship against McLennan. Cook scored 24 game-high points for the Hawks, but the Highlanders ended the Hawks' season for a second straight year with a 73-70 win.

Brown's performance drew praise from Collins.

"Elmer really sucked it up," the Hawks boss noted. "He played a lot of minutes and played hard. I'm sure he'll be hobbling around tomorrow."

Howard's trio of guards simply refused to allow McLennan to dictate the game.

Instead, while the game featured 20 lead changes, it was Howard that owned the lead for most of the game.

Although McLennan was able to retake the lead in the opening minutes of the second half, the Hawks answered almost immediately when Roberts nailed a 3-point shot and was fouled in the process of attempting another and made all three free throws to give the Hawks a 55-50 lead with just less than 10 minutes to play.

That prompted McLennan coach Steve Shields to request a time out. The break allowed the Highlanders to settle down and answered with a pair of buckets to retake the lead.

For the next five minutes, the lead see-sawed with neither team managing to pull away.

It appeared as if the Highlanders would break loose

with less than three minutes showing when Mitchell threw down a dunk. Manning hit a layup and Demetric Sims nailed a 3-pointer to give McLennan a 67-63 lead.

But Cook flashed into the lane for a short jumper and Brown hit a pair of free throws to tie the game at 67-all with 1:27 to play.

McLennan's Seneca Wall gave the Highlanders a 69-67 lead, but Cook drove the lane and was fouled in putting up a spectacular underhanded shot. The 3-point play with 52.3 seconds left gave the Hawks their final lead at 70-69.

But the Hawks fouled Wall a few seconds later and he hit a pair of free throws to make it 71-70. Mitchell went back to the line with 13.9 seconds left with a chance to ice the game, but hit just one free throw, giving Howard one final chance.

The Highlanders turned in a sparkling defensive effort in the closing seconds, denying both Brown and Roberts the ball. As a result, Alex Denson was forced to take the Hawks' final shot — his 3-point attempt at the buzzer bouncing harmlessly off the rim.

Mitchell led McLennan with 22 points, while Wall added 14 points and Sims had 11. Ernesto Mijares rounded out the Highlanders' double-digit scoring with 10.

The Hawks' ability to stay with the Highlanders, despite a lack of depth on the bench, left Collins admitting he'd like to have a chance to bring a full team into the Starburst event.

"Next year, I just hope we can bring a full team here," Collins said, noting the Hawks were also short-handed in 1997 when they lost to McLennan in the first round. "You can't keep coming down here without your best five players and expect to win."

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HALFTIME SCORE: Howard 37, McLennan 31.
3-POINT GOALS: Howard 8 (Cook 2 Roberts 3, Brown 2, Denson), McLennan 4 (Mijares 2, Sims 2). TURNOVERS: Howard 16, McLennan 16. REBOUNDS: Howard 42 (Cook 13), McLennan 54 (Mitchell 10). TOTAL FOULS: Howard — 20, McLennan 20. ATTENDANCE: 648.

Lady Raiders join other powers with top tourney seeds

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you seek out the strongest opposition, you will prosper in the NCAA women's basketball tournament — as long as you don't get a star player hurt.

The teams that played difficult schedules were rewarded Sunday with high seeds in the 64-team field. No. 1 seeds Tennessee, Old Dominion, Stanford and Texas Tech were prime examples. So was Illinois, a surprising No. 3 seed, and Iowa and Iowa State, both surprises at No. 4.

Conversely, teams that didn't tackle a tough schedule or were cursed by weak leagues were punished in the seedings.

Louisiana Tech, which has been ranked among the top four teams all season in The Associated Press poll, was only a No. 3 seed. Florida International, which is 28-1, was made a No. 7 after having designs on a No. 3 or 4.

And Liberty, which is unbeaten, was made a No. 16 seed and even worse, was sent against powerful Tennessee, winner of the last two national titles, in the first round.

When it comes to drawing up a bracket, teams are judged not solely on their wins, but who those wins were against. The more teams from the top 50 in the power ratings on your schedule, the better.

"We're giving people credit for having won those games and having played them," said Jean Lenti Ponsetto, who chairs the selection committee. "There's a significant difference when you have eight or nine and others have 13, 14, 15 and 16."

It also makes a difference if you lose a player, as Connecticut found out.

Primed to be the No. 1 seed in the East Regional, the Huskies lost leading scorer Nykesha Sales to a ruptured Achilles' tendon late in the season and ended up as the No. 2 seed in the East, behind Old Dominion. "We beat two No. 1s."

Bulldogettes split with 4-4A teams, preparing for Tuesday's 2-2A opener

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — After playing .500 softball against opponents from District 4-4A, Coahoma's Bulldogettes will open District 2-2A play on the road Tuesday at Hawley.

It will, however, be anything but just a normal road game.

Not only will it be a district opener, but a showdown between the two teams that have won three of the last four regional titles.

The Bulldogettes final tuneup for district play came Friday when they romped to a 17-7 win over Sweetwater in six innings. Amber Bingham went the dis-

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said, referring to the Huskies' victories over Stanford and Old Dominion. "But I guess they thought without Nykesha, we're not one of the top four teams in the country."

Ponsetto said that according to NCAA by-laws, the committee had to look at how Connecticut would have done in its games against highly ranked teams if Sales had not been playing.

The conclusion was the Huskies might not have won them.

"I think we have great empathy for Connecticut's situation," said Ponsetto, the senior associate athletic director at DePaul. "They lost not only a valuable contributor to their program, but also someone who has meant a lot to the championships. It was not an easy decision and one the committee gave a great deal of consideration to."

Connecticut had been a No. 1 seed in the last four NCAA tournaments and won the national title in 1995.

"We knew a lot of people had their doubts that we deserved a No. 1," UConn guard Amy Duran said. "We think we did."

The selection committee did not take into consideration a knee injury that Stanford's Vanessa Nygaard suffered in the regular-season finale at Oregon State on Saturday night because the extent of the injury wasn't known, Ponsetto said.

"We can only make a decision on the information we have," she said. "The injury happened on a Saturday night. She was being looked at Sunday. If Stanford doesn't know, that's understandable."

It's not all bad for Connecticut, though, because if the Huskies would meet Old Dominion for the right to advance to the Final Four in Kansas City, it at least would be on a neutral court. The East semifinals and finals are at Dayton, Ohio.

tance, allowing eight Sweetwater hits, while striking out four and walking four.

However, Coahoma came up with 11 hits of its own, including multiple-hit performances by Shana Earnest, Misty Baker and Cassie Rich.

That win was a turnaround from Thursday's action when the Bulldogettes committed nine errors in an 11-1 loss to Andrews, which shared the District 4-4A title with Big Spring last season.

What's worse, was Coahoma's ability to muster only two hits while ace pitcher Tara Sterling was touched for seven hits by the potent Andrews lineup.

Just two Texas teams make NCAA men's basketball tournament field

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Now that Texas Christian exorcised the demons left by last year's NCAA tournament snub, head coach Billy Tubbs said the Horned Frogs are deep into planning an ambush of No. 12 seed Florida State.

Step one is regaining the emotional intensity that earned them a No. 5 seed in the Midwest Region.

"We have been emotionally drained," Tubbs said after the NCAA invitations were announced Sunday. "That happens in the midst of a long winning streak. This is going to be some good down time to rest up and work on our game plan for Florida."

Though the game will be played in Oklahoma City, Tubbs says it is far from being a neutral site.

The Myriad Convention Center is where Tubbs won a slew of All-College

Tournament titles during his 14 years as Oklahoma's coach.

Under Tubbs, Oklahoma went 19-1 in the All-College after the tournament switched from a six-team format to a four-team format. The only team to beat him was TCU.

Prairie View also got into the tournament by winning the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament the hard way. The Panthers overcame a 20-point halftime deficit to beat Texas

Southern on Saturday.

"Kansas is Kansas, but Prairie View is Prairie View," coach Elwood Plummer said. "We've won our last five games to get here."

No other Texas teams made the tournament this year.

TCU's bid came one season after NCAA selection committee chairman Terry Holland explained on national television that the Horned Frogs were left out because they "bottom-fed,"

beefing up their record against teams of dubious ability.

Some of TCU's 21 wins last season came against weaklings such as McNeese State, Centenary, Montana State, Louisiana Tech, Texas-Arlington and Liberty.

But this season the Horned Frogs had a 83-76 win over Hawaii when the team was ranked No. 24 and a 95-64 blowout of New Mexico to help their case for a committee nod.

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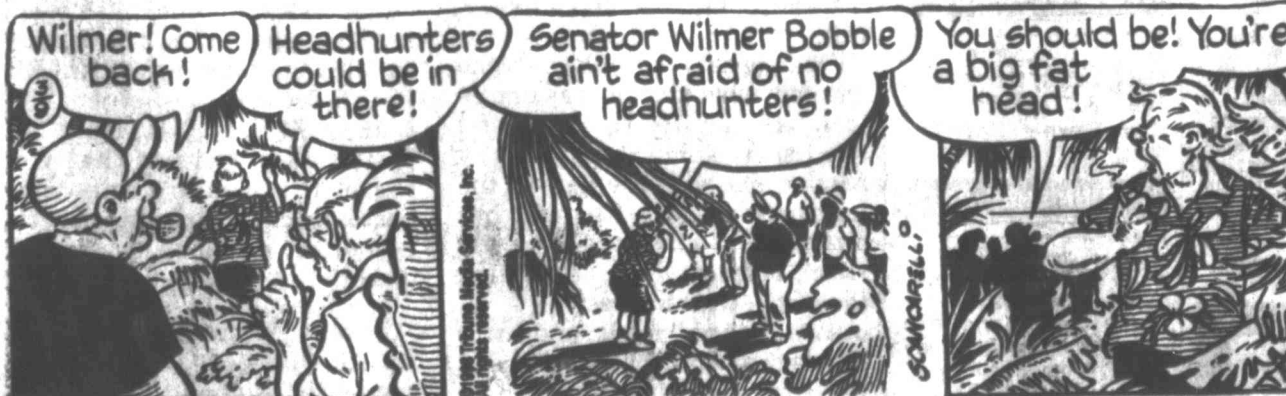
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Saturday's Puzzle Solved section showing a completed crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

On this date:

1796, Napoleon Bonaparte married Josephine de Beauharnais. In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people. In 1933, Congress, called into special session by President Roosevelt, began its 100 days of enacting New Deal legislation. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan, causing widespread devastation. In 1954, CBS' newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on 'See It Now.' In 1975, work began on the Alaskan oil pipeline. In 1977, about a dozen armed Hanafi Muslims invaded three buildings in Washington D.C., killing one person and taking more than 130 hostages. The siege ended two days later. In 1990, Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job. In 1992, former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin died in Tel Aviv at age 78. In 1996, comedian George Burns died in Beverly Hills, Calif., just weeks after turning 100. Ten years ago: The day after the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses, Republican George Bush spent the day in Houston, savoring his 16-state sweep, while Democrats Michael Dukakis, Jesse Jackson and Al Gore enjoyed more modest successes. Five years ago: Janet Reno sailed through her confirmation hearing en route to becoming the nation's first female attorney general. Rodney King testified at the federal trial of four Los Angeles police officers accused of violating his civil rights, saying he'd been 'attacked' by the defendants. One year ago: Gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a still-unresolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He was 24.

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