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## CVB meeting reset for March 17

The regular monthly meeting of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has been changed to Wednesday, March 17, according to CVB chairman John H. Walker.

"With some members out of town for spring break and others in Arizona to help bring the jets back for Hangar 25, we thought it might be best to postpone the meeting for a week," Walker said.

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17 in the chamber board room.

## Kiwanis Club pancake supper scheduled Friday

The annual Kiwanis Club of Big Spring pancake supper will be held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday in the Howard College Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$5 per person and proceeds from the supper will go to fund the Kiwanis Club's youth activities, which include the Big Spring High School Key Club and Operation ID.

In addition to pancakes, sausage and bacon will be served, along with drinks.

Tickets are available from any member of the Kiwanis Club or at the door.

## WHAT'S UP...

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club, 1607 E. Third.
- Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.
- American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.
- Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Big Spring Newcomer's Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location, (267-8741).

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## Mobile Meals program suffering due to funding cutbacks

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Mobile Meals, the organization that provides meals to homebound senior citizens, is in desperate financial shape, supporters are announcing.

At a meeting Monday, the



BIRRELL

organization's board of directors discussed ways to cut operating costs that are expected to more than double the group's donations this year.

"We're still working on some ideas," said Bill Birrell, of the board. He said among ideas under discussion are cutting the cost of each meal, which is currently \$2.80, or asking some recipients if they could get by without the delivered meals.

"We're also sending notes asking (seniors) if they can give maybe \$2 toward the cost of the meal," Birrell said.

With about 70 meals served five days a week, three part-time salaries and office expenses, the group expects to need about \$74,000 to continue to operate this year. But income, from the city, county, Dora Roberts Foundation and other charitable groups, is projected at only about \$33,000.

"We're trying to cut down every way we can," said Imogene Smith, director of the program. "I just hope it's not a losing battle."

She said one option discussed was purchasing the meals from

another source, such as the Salvation Army, where they might be less expensive.

"That could help both agencies at the same time," she said.

Begun in 1978, Mobile Meals is older than the more widely-known program, Meals on Wheels, Birrell said. It receives no federal or state funding, and relies on mainly volunteer drivers to take the meals to homes throughout the city.

Over the last several years, funding sources have cut their support of the program, citing needs elsewhere, Birrell said.

"We're hoping there are some organizations out there with some funding they could help us with," he said. If the program folds, he and Smith said some vulnerable local citizens will suffer.

"It's not just the meals, it's also the contact," Birrell said. "We've found people whose family members don't take care of them like they should. We've found people ill that needed to go to the hospital."

"Some of our clients have no

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## Fire roars through two-story house Monday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

A two-story house at 1705 Scurry was lost to fire about 9:15 Monday night.

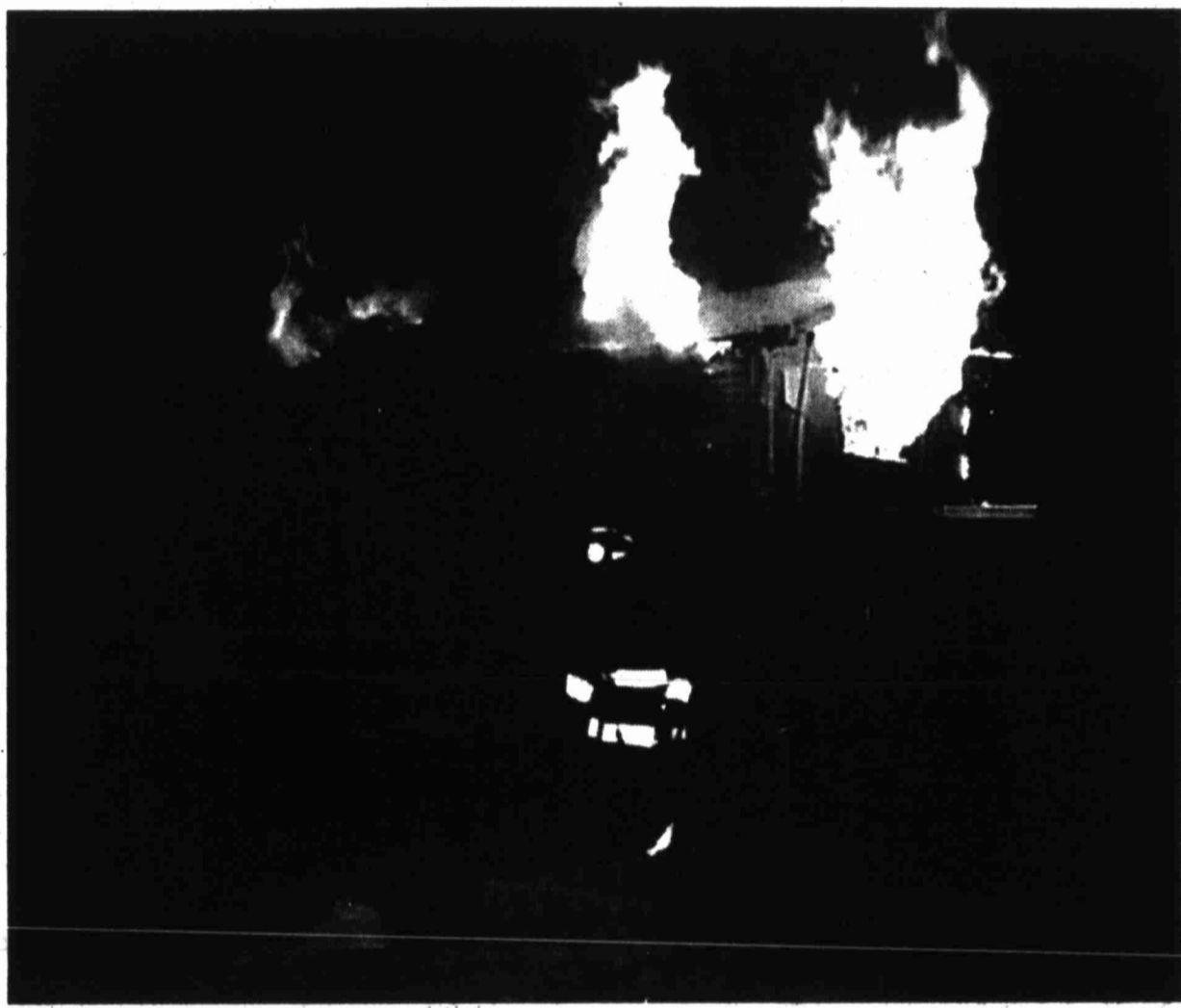
"I would say this is a heavy burn. It is a wooden structure, and while the wood was good, it is charred now," said deputy chief Alex Calvio, who was at the scene.

When the Big Spring Fire Department arrived, flames were shooting from the top story windows. Three fire engines and 10 fire fighters responded to the fire, he said.

"We estimate we left the scene after about an hour and a half. We had the fire knocked down in 20 or 30 minutes. The rest of the time we did what we call salvage and overhaul, where we check for hot spots," Calvio said.

About 30,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire, he said. "It was a gob of water," he said. Although the cause of the blaze is under investigation, Calvio said preliminary reports indicate the fire began in the first floor and traveled up the stair well into the second story. "The air currents apparently allowed the fire to travel up the stairwell, where it went through the windows," he said.

TU Electric was called to the scene when the fire burned through electric lines leading to the house, and live wires fell to the ground.



A house at 1705 Scurry was lost to fire about 9:15 Monday night. Big Spring fire fighters used 30,000 gallons of water to extinguish the blaze.

"You could see the wires sparking and jumping on the ground," he said. The house at 1705 sits in close proximity to its northern

neighbor. When fire fighters arrived on the scene, they sprayed water on the house next door, to prevent the spread of fire, he said.

A young couple renting the house was not home at the time of the fire, he said. No one was injured in the incident.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Howard commissioners enact county burn ban

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Monday issued a burn ban for the county, as well as approved joining the Texas, Mexico Orient Corridor



LOCKHART

"We will approve this, provided the Moore Board does the funding. We don't have the

money to do it," said county judge Ben Lockhart.

Lockhart referred to the \$1 per capita seed money the six-county cooperative requested as start-up funds. Howard County's portion might be as much as \$32,000.

Commissioners also agreed that two of the three individuals who will be appointed to the corporation will be Lockhart and Kent Sharp, executive director for Moore Development in Big Spring.

Commissioners also approved a county-wide burn ban, which means no burning of trash with-

in the county. Commissioner Gary Simer said the ban will be in effect until weather conditions improve.

"We can lift this as soon as we get some rain," Simer said.

Commissioners attended a public hearing conducted by 911 director Kay Kennemer, concerning the 2000 census of the county.

Kennemer said the reason for the public hearing is to allow residents to understand that some of the blocks within the county's nine tracts, as divided by census maps, may be combined.

"We need to combine some of these blocks because they need to have a population of at least 600 people," she said.

Kennemer is preparing for the census in the county now, and more public meetings will be scheduled in the future, she said.

Commissioners tabled taking action on the Volunteer Fire Department constitution and by-laws. The discussion was to wait until the next meeting, when all commissioners could be present. Commissioners Bill Crooker and Jerry Kilgore were absent.

## Inmate walks off, still missing from federal camp

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

An inmate incarcerated at the minimum security facility of the Federal Correctional Institution walked away from custody Monday.

Alan Booth, public information officer with the prison, said Daniel Renteria-Nunez, from Odessa, was discovered missing about 10:15 during a routine inmate count.

"He was able to walk away

because this is a minimum security facility, and it has no fences and no gates," said Booth.

Booth said the recreation area of the facility, as well as the food service and program areas are all open.

"This is our prison camp, minimum security," he said.

An investigation is ongoing in the inmate walk-away, he said. Local authorities were contacted Monday night, as well as the Midland and Odessa authori-

ties, he said.

Booth said Renteria-Nunez was in the facility for the 4 p.m. inmate count, but not at the later one.

"When we first discovered he was missing, we did a complete perimeter check. When he was not discovered, we contacted the local authorities. We do not believe he is not on our property," Booth said.

He described Renteria-Nunez as a Hispanic male with brown eyes and black hair. He is 5'10"

tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds, with no distinguishing tattoos or marks.

Renteria-Nunez was serving a five-year sentence for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and has no history of violence, Booth said.

His projected release date is Sept. 29, 2002, and he arrived at the Big Spring facility Dec. 4, 1998.

Booth said any assistance the

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## 12,757 Howard County acres accepted into CRP

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Some 12,757.7 acres in Howard County have been accepted into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Rick Liles, Farm Service Agency county executive director has announced.

There were 87 CRP offers from Howard County totaling 13,671.1 acres. Eighty-five of those offers were accepted, representing

12,757.7 acres.

CRP is a program administered by the Farm Service Agency that is designed to enhance wildlife habitat and reduce wind and water erosion by taking highly erodible cropland out of cultivation.

Land owners offer to establish a permanent vegetative cover — usually grass — on the acres in exchange for a rental payment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Participation in the program

"depends on people's circumstances," said Liles. "It's usually marginal land, more erodible that are placed into the program. You have to look at it weight it against production agriculture."

The latest signup, Signup 18, brings the acres in Howard County enrolled in CRP to 53,600, said Liles.

The drought has played a part in the CRP program, he said.

"It figures in because ideally with the drought and commodi-

ty prices low people would be more interested," Liles said. "Land owners have to agree to establish grass, and as dry as it has been the last year that hasn't been feasible."

The time frame had to be extended because without rain, land owners were unable to meet the requirements of the program.

"I have been assured that USDA will work with landown-

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## Pact

### Moore board, county agree to link with corridor group

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners and Moore Development for Big Spring board members

Monday agreed to join the six-county corporation called Texas, Mexico and Orient Corridor, without agreeing to the requested funding.

Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development, recommended to both groups to join the forming corporation, but to wait until the board is in place before supplying funding.

"I see benefits in this endeavor, or with regional efforts. I believe there is strength in numbers and this will give us more ear power in Austin and we will share power at trade shows."

"I think economic development is going toward regional efforts, with the ability to issue industrial revenue bonds," Sharp said in a called meeting of the Moore board.

Sharp explained that the idea of an trade corporation with the West Texas area that reaches points north, west and south came about when interested residents in Sweetwater traveled to California and met with business owners and developers.

From that meeting came the idea of a six-county corporation — Howard, Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell, Scurry and Jones — that has the authority to issue the industrial bonds.

"This goes to the development Act of 1979, which is where we (Moore board) came under. The idea then was for all cities and counties to be able to create a development corporation that could issue IRDs," he said.

"In 1982-83, that act was amended to allow us to implement a 4A-4B sales tax, which is how we are funded," he said.

Legislation is being written in Austin now that will further amend the act to allow formation of regional, multi-county corporations that have the ability to pass IRBs, which are bonds that are issued to build industrial sites.

These sites, including buildings, are then leased to the industry, at a rate that repays the bond, he said.

The original agreement with the six-county alliance calls for \$1 per capita investment in the corporation, with Howard County paying the largest portion of the money based on a greater county-wide population.

Combining all funds based on a population amount brings the total to nearly \$100,000 for the newly forming corporation.

Moore board members Terry Wegman, Randy Hillman and O.L. Cooper agreed that the idea of a regional agreement is sound, but questioned the need for \$100,000.

"What do they plan to do with

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OBITUARIES

Jeannee Alexander

Graveside service for Jeannee Alexander, 56, Burleson, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, March 11, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Jay Clanton, an uncle, officiating.

Ms. Alexander died Sunday, March 7, in Burleson.

She was born on Jan. 2, 1943, in Berkeley, Calif. She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1961 and then graduated from LVN school in 1968. She had been in Burleson for the past year. Ms. Alexander was a Methodist.

Survivors include one daughter, Juli Wiggins of Burleson, one sister, Bobbie Blalock of Odessa; one brother, Roger Stallcup of Ben Wheeler; and one grandson.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

Ruben Bihl Franco

Funeral service for Ruben Bihl Franco, 61, North Little Rock, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight in the North Little Rock Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 1999, will be at St. Anne's Catholic Church with burial in Edgewood Memorial Park.

Mr. Franco died Sunday, March 7.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1938, in Marfa. He lived in Big Spring and then moved to Little Rock, Ark., in August of 1969. Mr. Franco was a bus driver with the Pulaski County Special School District for seven years driving bus No. 448.

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Robert L. "Bob" Middleton, 58, died Saturday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM, today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Survivors include: his wife, Erminia Franco of North Little Rock, Ark.; a son, Ruben Jr. Franco of Sherwood, Ark.; a daughter, Mary Franco of North Little Rock, Ark.; his mother and step-father, Lupe Chavarria and Al Brito of Midland; a sister, Alicia Williams of Jacksonville, Ark.; two brothers, Ismael Bihl of Big Spring, and Salvador Bihl of San Angelo; 21 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Mollie Ulmer

Service for Mollie Ulmer, 81, Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She died Monday, March 8, 1999, at a Stanton care center.

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one to take care of them," Smith said. "It's going to hurt a lot of them."

The program helps with more than nutrition, she added. During last summer's extreme heat wave, Mobile Meals worked to find air conditioners for some of its clients that were without one.

To help the program, call 263-4016 in the early morning, or send a donation to: P.O. Box 765, Big Spring.

CRP

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ers who enrolled acreage last from from the 16th sign up but have been unable to get a cover crop established because of continued dry conditions," said U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm.

Nationwide, the USDA received 90,000 offers totaling 7.1 million acres and accepted 60,000 of those offers, representing almost 5 million acres.

In Texas, 655,121 acres were offered and 554,800 were accepted. That brings CRP acreage in Texas up to 3.9 million acres. Nationwide, the program totals 31.2 million acres.

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the \$100,000," said Cooper

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And board president Wegman said he might agree to a 10 percent start-up fund, but would like to consider equal funding contributions, along with equal representation on the alliance board.

"Before we give seed money, I would like to see the legislation passed and then look at the bigger picture," Wegman said

INMATE

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community might provide in apprehending the inmate is appreciated.

The United States Marshals, as well as local police departments, are continuing to search for the inmate, he said.

POLICE

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

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of State. Three tires, valued at \$390, were damaged.

• THEFT GREATER THAN \$50 was reported in the 3300 block of FM 700. A roll of lady bug lottery scratch off tickets was reported stolen.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 800 block of West FM 700 and the 1300 block of Birdwell.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of 13th and Settles.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of West Fourth. Windows, valued at \$100, were reported broken to gain entrance into a church.

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was arrested for local warrants.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg and 500 block of State.

• ROY LEA, 62, was arrested for criminal mischief.

• JENNIFER MATA, 19, was arrested for local warrants.

• GILBERT HERRERA, 23, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

• BENJAMIN GILLIAM, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

• WEEKEND REPORT indicates four assaults, one aggravated assault, one arson, one burglary of a habitation and two burglary of a building reported.

Also, two criminal mischief, one driving while license suspended, two possession of drug paraphernalia, four thefts and four convenience store thefts reported.

And two major accidents, three minor accidents and 25 arrests reported.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

• GARY ROY SMITH, 41, was arrested for public intoxication.

• JEFFERY ALLAN OSBORNE, 45, was arrested for public intoxication.

• BOYCE LEE HORTON, 40, was arrested for public intoxication.

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BOYLES, 51, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• KAYLA DENISE HORTON, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• STEVE HANNABASS, 41, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

• JACK HANSON, 75, was arrested for injury to a child.

• TYRONE THOMAS BANKS, 24, was arrested for possession and manufacturing of an illicit beverage.

• PRISCILLA ANNETTE BANKS, 29, was arrested for possession and manufacturing of an illicit beverage.

• ERICA DAWN JUAREZ, 17, was arrested for theft more than \$50 less than \$500.

• ERIC DON JUAREZ, 17, was arrested for theft more than \$50 less than \$500.

• SHELLEY RENEE LAMB, 29, was arrested for a Travis County warrant for contempt of court, disobeying a court order.

• JIMMY YOUNG, 46, was arrested for injury to a child.

PICK 3: 1,9,9

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transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:55 a.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Odessa Medical Center.

11:07 a.m. — 500 block NW Seventh, medical call, service refused.

3:38 p.m. — I-20 and Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:54 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

3:38 p.m. — I-20 and Highway 87, automobile fire, extinguished by responding units.

5:10 p.m. — 1500 block Kentucky, smoke scare.

9:20 p.m. — 1500 block Scurry, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

RECORDS

Monday's high 71  
Monday's low 37  
Average high 67  
Average low 37

Record high 87 in 1918  
Record low 18 in 1932  
Precip. Monday 0.00  
Month to date 0.03  
Month's normal 0.17  
Year to date 0.28  
Normal for the year 1.40

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY  
4:43 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient

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IN BRIEF  
Lady Mavericks the second at Snyder  
Goliat Middle School Mavericks piled up Saturday to finish the Snyder Junior Invitational track meet.  
The Lady Mavs piled up points in the field as Ciera Butler a Green took first place shot and high jump.  
Whitney Hufford was in the shot and S. Newton was fourth.  
Newton finished fifth the discus, while Braxton was fifth and finished sixth.  
Green added a sixth the long jump while mate Karissa Majors was fourth.  
Rebecca Williams fifth in the triple jump.  
Majors was sixth.  
The 400-meter relay of Sonya Ortega, Green and Braxton first-place finish.  
Ortega added a first 800 meters, while Acevedo was the Jeanine Richards was in the 100-meter Green finished second Megan Morrison was Rene Williams fourth-place finish in meters, while Ortega sixth.  
The Williamses, Ne Hufford combined to place finish in the before Braxton took the 400 meters.  
In the 300 hurdles Phillips finishing Whitney Oppgaard third and Camilla Paing fourth.  
Majors added another 200 meters Morrison was sixth.  
Acevedo walked a gold in the 1,600 meter Misty McCullough and Carol Garcia were Goliat's final point the 1,600 relay while Williams, Braxton and Green finished sixth.  
Steers JV splits first at Odessa tourna  
Big Spring's Stee varsity split its four the Odessa Invitational Baseball Tournament the weekend.  
After opening the tournament with a 5-0 loss Permian, the team rebounded for a 6-4 Midland High.  
Steers dropped a 1-0 loss to Andrews, but out the tournament win over Snyder.  
Athletic department slates physical exam  
The Big Spring Independent School District Department has physical examination anyone in the school through junior year school for Saturday.  
Physicals are required all students wishing to compete in athletics.  
Exams will be given Spring High School for current sixth graders at 10:30 p.m. for all  
LOCAL GAMES  
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TONIGHT  
4:30 p.m.  
• Coahoma Bulldogs vs Winters Lady Blizzards  
5 p.m.  
• Big Spring Lady Steers vs Monahans Lady Lobos  
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL WEDNESDAY  
Noon  
• Midland High Bulldogs vs Coahoma Bulldogs.  
ON THE AIR  
Radio  
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL  
4:30 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogs at Winters Blizzards, KBST-AM 1470  
Television  
NBA BASKETBALL  
7 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at Minnesota Timberwolves  
7:30 p.m. — Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks, FOX



### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Mavericks thincads second at Snyder meet

Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks piled up 196 points Saturday to finish second at the Snyder Junior High Invitational track meet.

The Lady Mavs piled up several points in the field events as Ciera Butler and Kim Green took first places in the shot and high jump, respectively.

Whitney Hufford was second in the shot and Samantha Newton was fourth.

Newton finished fourth in the discus, while Leina Braxton was fifth and Butler finished sixth.

Green added a sixth place in the long jump where teammate Karissa Majers was fourth.

Rebecca Williams finished fifth in the triple jump and Majers was sixth.

The 400-meter relay foursome of Sonya Ortega, Majers, Green and Braxton took a first-place finish.

Ortega added a first in the 800 meters, while Sara Acevedo was third and Jeanine Richards was fifth.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Green finished second and Megan Morrison was third.

Rene Williams added a fourth-place finish in the 100 meters, while Ortega was sixth.

The Williamses, Newton and Hufford combined for a third-place finish in the 800 relay before Braxton took a first in the 400 meters.

In the 300 hurdles, Lindsay Phillips finishing second, Whitney Oppegard finishing third and Camilla Painter taking fourth.

Majers added another win in the 200 meters, while Morrison was sixth.

Acevedo walked away with gold in the 1,600 meters, while Misty McCullough was third and Carol Garcia was sixth.

Goliad's final points came in the 1,600 relay where Rene Williams, Braxton, Majers and Green finished second.

#### Steers JV splits four at Odessa tournament

Big Spring's Steers junior varsity split its four games at the Odessa Invitational JV Baseball Tournament during the weekend.

After opening the tournament with a 5-0 loss to Odessa Permian, the young Steers rebounded for a 6-4 win over Midland High.

Steers dropped a 10-7 decision to Andrews, but closed out the tournament with a 7-3 win over Snyder.

#### Athletic department slates physical exams

The Big Spring Independent School District Athletic Department has scheduled physical examinations for anyone in the sixth grade through junior year of high school for Saturday, March 27.

Physicals are required for all students wishing to participate in athletics.

Exams will be given at Big Spring High School at 10 a.m. for current sixth graders and at 10:30 p.m. for all others.

### LOCAL GAMES

#### HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TONIGHT

4:30 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogettes at Winters Lady Blizzards.  
5 p.m. — Big Spring Lady Steers at Monahans Lady Loboes.

#### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL WEDNESDAY

Noon — Midland High Bulldogs at Coahoma Bulldogs.

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#### Radio HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4:30 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogettes at Winters Lady Blizzards, KBST-AM 1490.

#### Television NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at Minnesota Timberwolves, TNT, Ch. 28.  
7:30 p.m. — Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Terry gets picture after being named to All-America team

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

All but one of the players on the Associated Press preseason All-America team were on the postseason version as well.

The only one who wasn't was Jason Terry, and on Monday he became Arizona's fourth All-America in the last five years.

"Every day during the offseason I would walk by the basketball office and see the photos on the wall of all the guys who have been All-Americans here and tried to picture myself up there," he said. "Now, to think that I will have a photo up there, makes me realize what an accomplishment this is."

Terry joined Sean Elliott (1988 and 1989), Damon Stoudamire (1995), Mike

Bibby (1998) and Miles Simon (1998) on the wall outside coach Lute Olson's office.

He joined Elton Brand of Duke, Andre Miller of Utah, Richard Hamilton of Connecticut and Mateen Cleaves of Michigan State on the 1998-99 AP All-America team.

Brand, a 6-foot-8 sophomore center who missed almost half of last season with a broken foot, was the only unanimous selection.

Brand, who averaged 17.8 points and 9.8 rebounds for the top-ranked Blue Devils, was named on all 72 first-team ballots by the national media panel to become the fourth unanimous selection of the '90s. The others were Christian Laettner of Duke in 1992, Glenn Robinson of Purdue in 1994 and Tim Duncan of Wake Forest in 1997.

"It's unbelievable. I'm just elated right now. Just to have been considered for a position of first-team All-America is a special, special honor," said Brand, who shot 62 percent from the field. "I knew I worked hard, and the hard work paid off. Growing up, it's one of the things you definitely dream of. I'm definitely a team person and the individual accolades come when the team wins."

Brand was an honorable mention All-America last season despite missing 15 games with the injury, but he showed he was healed this summer when he led the U.S. team in the Goodwill Games in scoring and rebounding.

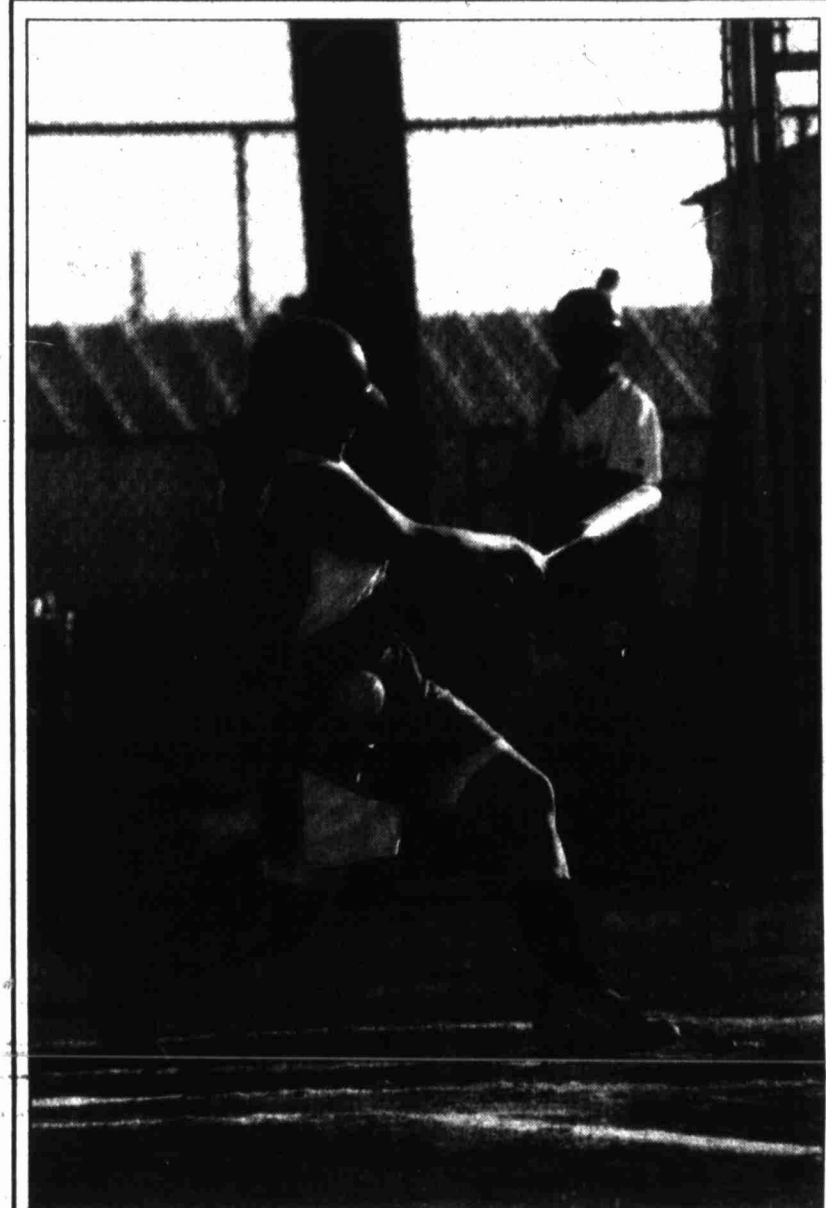
Miller, a senior guard was the second-leading vote-getter in the 5-3-1 process, getting 330 points with 60 first-team votes. The Western Athletic Conference player of the year averaged 15.9 points,

5.5 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 2.5 steals, and the 6-2 guard was given more credit for his team leadership than statistics.

"It's a real honor. I can't take the credit myself because we have a great team and they deserve the award also," said Miller, an honorable mention last season when the Utes reached the Final Four. "It makes being a leader easy when you have a team like we have."

Hamilton, who won or shared Big East player of the year honors the last two seasons, averaged 21.0 points and 4.8 rebounds this season for the Huskies who were ranked No. 1 for 10 weeks. The 6-6 junior swingman had 48 first-team votes.

"He's worked hard at expanding his total game, and has become one of the top collegiate players in the nation," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said.



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Coahoma's Kayia Smith fouls off a pitch from Andrews' Leesa Lopez during the Bulldogettes 2-1 win over the Class 4A Lady Mustangs on Friday. The defending Class 2A state champion Bulldogettes, who improved to 7-2 on the year with wins over Snyder and Sweetwater on Saturday, open district play at 4:30 today in Winters.

## Youthful Steers fall 8-0, 18-4 in twinbill with Midland Lee

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring's Steers ran into a virtual buzz saw Monday afternoon, taking on Midland Lee's Rebels in a doubleheader at Christensen Stadium.

The Steers, who owned an 0-5 mark going into the twinbill, were faced with playing a Class 5A opponent that was fresh off last week's Tournament of Champions in Midland.

Not surprisingly, Lee walked away with a sweep — the Rebels' 8-0 and 18-4 wins leaving Big Spring with an 0-7 record going into this weekend's Abilene Invitational Baseball Tournament.

"It's not going to get any easier for us," Steers head coach Bobby Doe said noting that Big Spring's young and inexperienced team will open the Abilene tournament with a noon game against Amarillo Palo Duro on Thursday and

play a second game against Richland Hills at 8 p.m.

"The encouraging thing is that we're playing a lot better baseball than we have been," Doe said. "We weren't supposed to beat Lee and I don't think anyone thought we would. But I was really pleased with the way we played ... especially in the first game."

"We hit the ball well in both games, but we didn't pitch very well," he added. "But we're just about where I expected we'd be at this stage of the season. We've just got to work out of some of our inexperience. Doing that against this kind of people should get us ready to be competitive when our district schedule rolls around."

Offensively the Steers were paced by Jason Choate, who managed four hits off Rebels pitching, and James Clements, who added three more.

J.J. Aguirre and Jay Kuykendall both managed a pair of hits, as well.

## Bulldogs fall to Sweetwater, 8-4

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — A rash of errors early and late spelled doom for Coahoma's Bulldogs here Monday as they suffered an 8-4 loss to Sweetwater's Mustangs in non-district baseball action.

Junior lefthander Delvin White started atop the mound for the Bulldogs, but immediately fell behind 2-0 as the Coahoma defense committed four errors and allowed a pair of unearned runs.

Bulldogs head coach Scott Lewis did not leave his star pitcher on the mound long, however.

"We went in with me telling him I was only going to let him throw 40 pitches," Lewis explained. "We want to protect his arm and it doesn't make a lot of sense to work him too long this early in the season."

Aaron Ovalle came on to provide four innings

of strong relief, but also fell victim to Bulldog errors in the sixth and seventh innings.

The Dogs took a 4-2 lead in the fourth inning when Blake Nichols hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly and Brandon Hancock followed with a 3-run homer.

Sweetwater clawed its way back into the game in the bottom of the fifth, scoring a run to trim Coahoma's lead to 4-3. The Mustangs added two more in the top of the sixth and capped the late explosion with three in the seventh.

"It was pretty frustrating how we played," Lewis said following the loss. "We played so well ... awfully well ... during the middle innings, but we really didn't look good early or late. We've got to quit committing so many errors."

The Bulldogs, now 4-5 on the season, will play host to Midland High's Bulldogs in a noon doubleheader Wednesday.

## Judge's ruling: NCAA may not use minimum SAT score for eligibility

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The NCAA's 302 Division I schools are on their own now in determining which freshmen are academically eligible to play college sports.

U.S. District Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter ruled Monday that the NCAA policy known as Proposition 16 is effectively racial discrimination because blacks are more likely than whites to miss that mark. The policy required freshmen athletes to have a minimum score of 820 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test no matter how high their high school grades were.

But the decision hasn't made all critics of the rule happy.

"I feel more upset than anything. Being right doesn't mean anything to me," said former Georgetown University basket-

ball coach John Thompson, a longtime critic of Proposition 16 and similar rules that preceded it.

"What do you do for the kids who have been deprived, who needed athletics to be able to get out of their situations?" Thompson said. "Changes will obviously come about, but how do you go back and change the kids this hurt? All you can say is 'Sorry,' and there's something wrong, very wrong with that."

Four black student-athletes who were denied eligibility to take part in college sports challenged the rule.

Buckwalter also said in Monday's ruling that the NCAA could meet its goal of higher graduation rates by an eligibility system that lets more blacks through — such as a system

that uses SAT scores together with grade-point averages in core subjects.

"The court was focusing on the lack of a rational basis for selecting that particular score," said Adele P. Kimmel, a staff lawyer with Trail Lawyers for Public Justice, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group. "Our lawsuit never said they couldn't consider SAT scores at all," she said.

Kimmel said the NCAA staff had recommended a "sliding scale," in which test scores and grade-point averages in core academic courses would be given equal weight.

But, she said, the NCAA surveyed its member schools last year, and a majority of them decided to reject that idea and keep the Proposition 16 rule instead.

## McGwire has two spring homers in three at-bats

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Just like last year, Mark McGwire is off to a fast start.

McGwire, who homered in each of the St. Louis Cardinals' first four games of the regular season last year, hit his second in three at-bats this spring during the St. Louis Cardinals' 2-1 loss to the Houston Astros on Monday.

To say he's not impressed by his first few exhibition games is an understatement.

"I don't know how it's supposed to go," McGwire said. "See the ball and hit it; that's about it."

McGwire is 2-for-4 and has reached base four times in six plate appearances, including a walk and a hit by pitch. He hit his first homer Sunday off Montreal Expos rookie Ted Lilly, then connected off Jose

Lima, who gave up Sammy Sosa's 66th and final home run last year.

After playing three innings Monday, McGwire didn't know if he's had a better spring start. And he didn't care.

"You don't rate that," he said. "Hey guys — this is spring training."

McGwire's fourth-inning drive on an 0-2 pitch from Lima wasn't one of his usual majestic, towering clouts. Still, the only suspense was whether it would stay fair.

"Mark McGwire hit a home run, but what's new?" Lima said. "He hits one every day, doesn't he?"

McGwire, still in the spotlight after his record 70 homers last year, was terse when talking about himself but opened up a little when he talked about the

death of Joe DiMaggio.

"Obviously, it's a big loss," he said. "He was one of the best in the game. I wish I got to know him; I never got to meet him. It's a big loss for the game and for life in general."

Lima gave up one home run to McGwire last season, No. 32 on June 17 at Houston. Lima's scheduled start Sunday was postponed due to shoulder soreness and he worked only one inning in his first appearance.

"I felt great," Lima said. "I think I'm 100 percent. I don't feel any more pain."

Among the 34 homers surrendered by Lima last year were three by Sosa, including two in one game.

Shane Reynolds, making his second spring start, allowed one hit in three scoreless innings for Houston.

## Purdue finishes No. 1 in women's poll for first time

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Purdue Boilermakers have no history for where they find themselves now: heading into the NCAA women's basketball tournament as the nation's No. 1-ranked team.

Purdue led the final Associated Press women's basketball poll of the season on Monday, the first time it has finished at No. 1. Previously, the school's highest ranking at the end was fifth in 1991.

But whether they're first or 101st, the Boilermakers say it makes no difference at tournament time.

"It all comes down to us preparing," senior guard Ukari Figgs said. "We are really not concerned about the other teams right now. We are focused on having ourselves prepared for the tournament."

Purdue (28-1) is the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional. The other No. 1 seeds in the tournament followed the Boilermakers in the poll. Tennessee, seeking its fourth straight national championship, held the No. 2 spot, Louisiana Tech was third and Connecticut fourth.

At the bottom, No. 25 Toledo made the poll for the first time this season and just the third time overall.

Purdue received 39 of 42 first-place votes and 1,047 points from a national media panel to hold the No. 1 spot for the third straight week. The Boilermakers defeated both

Tennessee and Louisiana Tech this season and take a 26-game winning streak into NCAA play.

Tennessee (28-2), seeded No. 1 in the East, had two first-place votes and 1,009 points, while Louisiana Tech (26-2) had 967 points and the remaining first-place vote. Tech is the top seed in the West, with Connecticut (27-4) No. 1 in the Midwest.

Connecticut jumped two spots in the poll after winning the Big East Conference tournament. Old Dominion remained at No. 5, and was followed by Texas Tech, Colorado State, Notre Dame and Rutgers. Clemson and Duke were tied for 10th.

Texas Tech, which beat Iowa State in the Big 12 tournament final, climbed three places. Colorado State dropped from fourth to seventh after losing to SMU in the Western Athletic Conference final.

Georgia moved up two places to 12th and Virginia Tech was 13th. Then it was North Carolina, UCLA, Oregon and UC Santa Barbara, followed by Penn State, Iowa State and Virginia.

LSU, Alabama, Tulane, Florida International and Toledo held the final five spots.

Toledo (25-5), the Mid-American Conference tournament champion, was given a No. 6 seed in the NCAA tournament and made the Top 25 for the first time since the 1993-94 season. The Rockets were ranked for two weeks in February of that season.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
\*\*\*\*You could be jolted; suddenly, another simply doesn't get it. Find another way to approach this person and share your wisdom. Don't dismiss set-

ting an example. Caring abounds. You will break through barriers. Tonight: Off to the movies.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
\*\*\*\*Your sense of direction helps a partner. You could be overly concerned about a personal matter. Avoid reliving problems in your mind; let go of them. A loving gesture is well received. You don't need to worry! Emphasis is on finances and security. Tonight: With a favorite person.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
\*\*\*\*You could be out of kilter, and the reason simply might not be clear. Mercury, your planetary ruler, goes retrograde, tossing you into a sundry mood. Confirm plans, especially revolving around friends and meetings. Misunderstandings happen out of the blue. Tonight: Lose yourself in a crowd.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
\*\*\*\*Lighten up about work and what you must get done. Confirm plans and meetings over the next few weeks. Refuse to stand on ceremony or worry. Talk about what is on

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your mind. The boss is definitely a fan, though completing an agreement or project becomes challenging. Tonight: Working late.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*You could be disappointed by another's choices, though you really don't have much say. Listen carefully to a child or loved one's words of wisdom. Make a long-distance call; this could entail a trip or an enlightening experience. Tonight: Make the most of the night.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*Your nerves are working overtime, especially when it comes to money and emotions. Discussions help clear the air. You know you are cared for. Don't settle; go for what you want. A special friend is worth his weight in gold. Refuse to hold back. Tonight: Head on home.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
\*\*\*\*Make the most of a special opportunity. A partner or loved one cannot do enough for you, though he might not be able to communicate clearly. Misunderstandings could pop up out of the blue over the next few weeks. Stay in contact with your feelings, and all will work out. Tonight: At a favorite place.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*Use caution with a friend and funds. Mixing the two could have less-than-positive results. Think carefully, take a stand, trust your judgment. Work proves exciting, with unusual possibilities. Don't launch into a project immediately. Make sure everything is as you think. Tonight: Buy a new item for your wardrobe.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with others. You could find partners and business associates to be flaky. Be caring with others. They simply might not be as grounded

as you currently are. Give them time. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Your input is important to another.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
\*\*\*\*Assume a low profile; let others go to extremes. You know your priorities and how important your home life is. Think through decisions; gather more information. Someone delights you with news. Intuition is right on about a personal matter. Tonight: Head home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
\*\*\*\*Others gather around you; talks are informative. Notice your talent for surrounding yourself with people that care about you. Brainstorming proves to be positive and helps you reorient yourself. Schedule a meeting, but don't forget your friends. Tonight: A midweek break!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\*\*Maintain a high level of performance. Be aware that bosses are still eyeing your work. You will be amply rewarded. Use your interpersonal skills, knowing you are heading in the right direction. Willingly spend some money on an item that will help your professional image. Tonight: In the limelight.

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**Friend can't support wife who keeps returning to heartache**

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Currently, she is separated. She told me that this time she is determined to go on without him and regain her self-esteem. I have just heard that she is in the planning stages of returning to him.

Abby, for 12 years I have listened to her cry, watched him break her heart over and over, and I can't take it anymore. She is asking me for words of encouragement and I can no longer offer them. I can't be supportive when I know she is going to be hurt again. I want to scream at her, "Wake up! You have rocks for brains and he's never going to change." How can I get through to her?

— **TIRED OF WATCHING**

DEAR TIRE: Have you told her what you've just told me? It wouldn't hurt to try. However, if you do try and your efforts fail, accept the fact that your friend must live her own life. For your own sanity, perhaps you should distance yourself from her. Losing your support might be the wake-up call she needs.

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to a woman I'll call Mary. She has a 4-year-old granddaughter I'll call Ashley. In Mary's eyes, Ashley can do no wrong. I have actually heard Ashley say, "Shut up, Grandma," or "Come here right now!" — and Grandma does.

Mary admits that Ashley's behavior isn't good, but she allows her to get away with it. Mary lives with her son (Ashley's father) and his wife, and if Daddy says no to Ashley, Mary quietly tells her to "wait until Daddy goes to work."

Abby, this child is so spoiled she's a brat. If I had behaved that way when I was growing up, I would have been paddled. I have tried talking to Mary about her granddaughter, but I get nowhere. What should I do?

— **RECONSIDERING MARRIAGE**

DEAR RECONSIDERING: Mary is living with Ashley's

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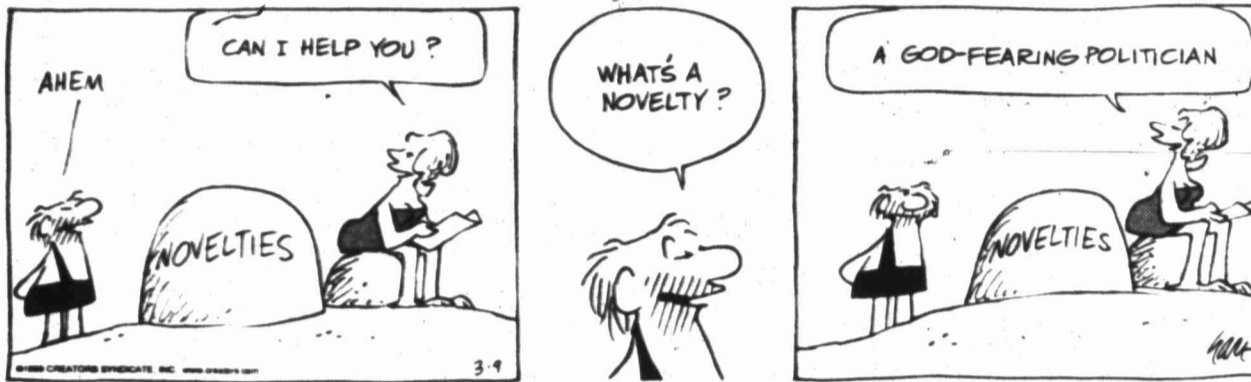
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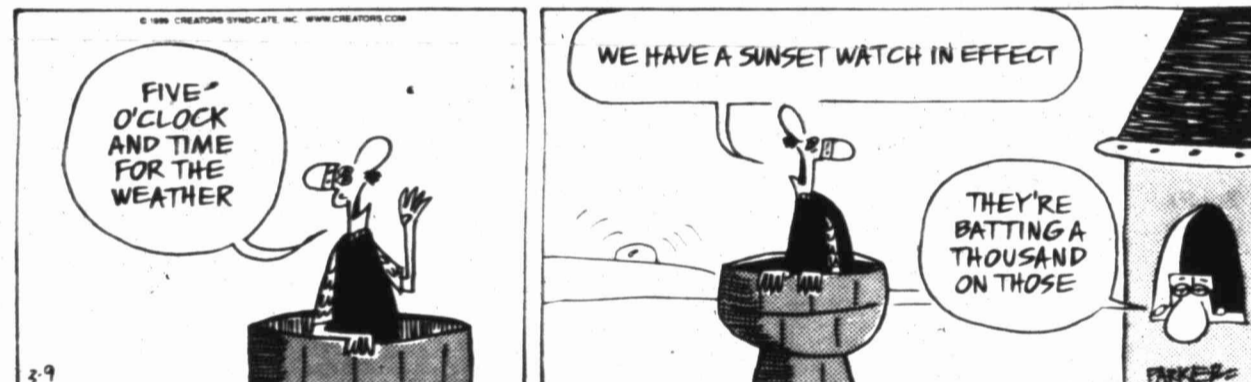
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"But, if Greg Hoellwarth really likes me, why does he pull my ponytail?"

"THE TRUTH IS WHAT YA TELL WHEN YOU RUN OUT OF GOOD EXCUSES."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 68th day of 1999. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 9, 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. The couple divorced in 1809.

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads "Monitor" and "Virginia" (formerly "Merrimac") clashed for five hours for a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1906, 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 "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan.

In 1954, CBS-TV 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 the first female and Hispanic surgeon general.

In 1996, comedian George Burns died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 100.

In 1997, gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

Ten years ago: The Senate rejected President Bush's nomination of John Tower to be defense secretary by a vote of 53-47.

Five years ago: The U.N. Human Rights Commission condemned anti-Semitism, putting the world body on record for the first time as opposing discrimination against Jews.

One year ago: In a case pitting former high school sweethearts against each other, Brian Peterson pleaded guilty in Wilmington, Del., to manslaughter in the death of his newborn son in a Newark, N.J., motel and agreed to testify against the mother, Amy Grossberg. She eventually pleaded guilty to manslaughter. She received 2 1/2 years in prison; Peterson, two years.

Today's Birthdays: Author Mickey Spillane is 81. Singer Lloyd Price is 66. Actress Joyce Van Patten is 65. Actor-comedian Marty Ingels is 63. Country singer Mickey Gilley is 63. Singer Mark Lindsay (Paul Revere and the Raiders) is 57. TV personality Charles Gibson is 56. Chess player Bobby Fischer is 56. Actress Trish Van Devere is 54.

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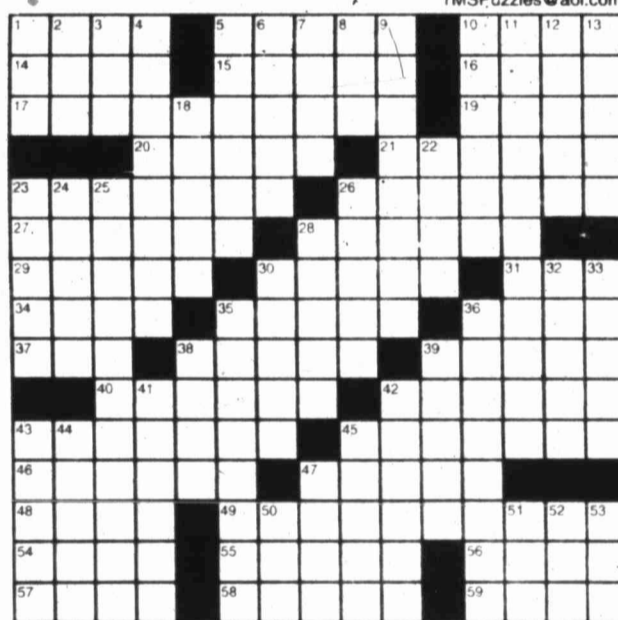


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By Xan Lattimore Rosemont, PA

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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