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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 45°-50°
TUESDAY 64°-68°

City to work on selected water mains Wednesday

Big Spring Distribution and Collection Department is alerting residents that it will be replacing water lines Wednesday.

Customers in the area of N. Ninth Street and the Lamesa Highway and Ninth from San Antonio to Gregg Street may experience low water pressure or no water pressure while the work being done.

WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY**
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
 - Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.
 - Big Spring Amatuer Radio Club, 7 p.m., at their clubhouse.
 - Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 meeting, Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
 - Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerle, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.
 - Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
 - Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.
 - American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.
 - Rackley-Swords Chp. 379.

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Howard County facing extreme wildfire danger, authorities warn

CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Texas Forest Service and local fire officials are warning that the fire danger outlook for most of the state remains bleak and that everyone



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should keep their guards up against wildfires.

Only the Central, North and East Texas regions are given much chance of precipitation within the next several days. Drought comparisons between 1996 — a year that the state experienced a severe and devastating wildfire outbreak — and this year reveal that most areas of the state are experiencing equal or greater drought conditions this year.

Because of the prolonged

drought in this area, having received only a little over an inch of rain so far this year, Judge Ben Lockhart recently extended the burn ban in Howard County for another 90 days.

"We are in extreme danger right now," said Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department chief. "The fuel loads we have and the high winds we are having make it especially dangerous.

"We want to urge the citizens to dispose of all smoking materials properly. We are having fires along interstate and some of those we believe have been caused from people tossing cigarettes out windows," he said.

"We had one yesterday, out on north Birdwell that was started by a spark from a water well. We have enough fires just from natural occurance without citizens helping in the matter," said Sullivan.

Texas will likely see a return

to a drier and warmer weather pattern more typical of a La Nina, said Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service in Huntsville. He said climatologist from the Climate Prediction Center are calling for a strong La Nina event to impact Texas weather into late spring and early summer.

"This forecast is not good news for those areas of the state

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Colton Shea holds Beariff the Sheriff, an activity project developed by Anderson kindergarten teachers Barbara Ball and Eloise Wynn. The stuffed animal is accompanied with a project book that contains information about Texas History. Each student contributes to the project by taking the stuffed animal and project book home for one night and writing about what they learned. Their information is then added to the book. Colton and other Big Spring ISD students are on spring break this week.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

With a little more than a week to file, area city council races get little attention

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

While citizens head to the polls Tuesday to decide a number of county, state and national races, filing continues in May's area council and mayoral elections.

Those elections have attracted little attention so far, and only one contested race has been generated.

In the local arena, Greg Biddison has an opponent for his District 6 seat. The restaurant owner faces opposition from political newcomer Brenda Weatherby Davis, a 41-year-old host of the morning show Ask Your Neighbor on KBYG.

District 4 hopeful Tommy

Tune, a professor at Howard College, is still unopposed, as is Oscar Garcia, an instructor for Howard College, who teaches at one of the Cornell Correction Units. Garcia is seeking another term for District 2.

At Coahoma, incumbent Elanor Garrett has filed for one of three at-large city council seats. Joining her is Paulette Lindsey, who is a newcomer to the political arena. No other candidates have filed.

Neither of the other two incumbents, Marc Luttrell and Tim Greenfield, have indicated they will seek re-election. All are three-year terms.

No one has filed for the soon-to-expire term of mayor at Stanton, currently held by Lester Baker. Likewise, no one has filed for three at-large posi-

tions on the city council.

Those positions are held by James Jenkins, Ronnie Christian and Kyle Averitt. Jenkins and Christian who serve in Districts 2 and 3, are expected to run for re-election while Averitt, who serves in District 1, is seeking a post on the Martin County Commissioners Court.

In Forsan, there has been no filing for the mayor's post, currently held by Jim Buckie, or for the two alderman positions which are up for election. Buddy Gambrell is the current holder of one of the alderman's seats while the other post was left vacant when Bob Fishback resigned.

Filing continues through March 22. Election day is May 6.

Vote

Party primaries set Tuesday; voting held 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. throughout Howard County

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Howard County residents will join their fellow Texans in going to the polls Tuesday to vote in the Democratic and Republican primaries.

"We encourage everyone who hasn't voted to take the time to cast a ballot Tuesday. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.," said Donna Wright, Howard County Clerk.

Early voting concluded Friday with 1,766 ballots cast. That includes 1,494 in the Republican Primary and 272 in the Democratic Primary. There are still a few mail ballots that have not been returned. Wright noted. More than 14,000 Howard Countians are registered to vote.

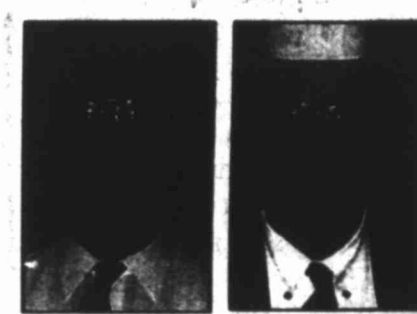
Those who chose to vote in the Republican Primary will be deciding on the only county-wide contested race. That's for Howard County sheriff, and features incumbent Bill Jennings and police detective Dave Mohn.

At the moment, there is no Democratic candidate for sheriff, though the ballot indicates there is. That party's candidate, former police officer Javier Becerra, disqualified himself last week by voting in the Republican Primary. Election laws forbid a candidate from one party voting in another party's election.

Howard County Democratic Party Chairman Rey Villarreal said the party will likely appoint someone to oppose the Republican nominee for the November election.

In the only other contested race of a "local" nature, Boyce Hale and Joseph "Butch" Lesuer are both seeking the Precinct 3 constable's post on the Republican ticket. Voting in that race is limited to residents in the Tubbs Addition and those living south into and past

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WHERE TO VOTE

Below are polling locations for Tuesday's primary elections. Precinct numbers are followed by the place of each voting box.

Republican Primary

- 101 through 205 — Goliad Middle School
- 207, 409 — Coahoma City Hall
- 208 — Forsan School
- 301 through 306 — Marty Elementary
- 401 through 410 — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

Democratic Primary

- 101, 112, 106, 109, 110, 111, 103 — North Side Fire Station
- 102, 107, 108 — Anderson Kindergarten Center
- 104 — Prairie View Baptist Church
- 105 — Knott Fire Station
- 203 — Goliad Middle School
- 202, 204 — Washington Place School
- 205 — Kentwood Older Activity Center
- 207 — Coahoma Community Center

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Volunteers are needed to help with Trash-Off

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The 15th annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off isn't until Saturday, April 1, but organizers are seeking help already.

"I've sent out letters to organizations, schools, churches, businesses and individuals to ask for volunteers," said Pat Simmons, coordinator.

So far, she has only received two responses — from Kay Bancroft and Marcy Elementary.

She added that Marcy Elementary will have its first and fifth graders picking up trash during their recess.

"I expect to get more responses this week," said Simmons.

"If everyone would take care

of their own property, we wouldn't have this problem with trash," she said.

Simmons said there are other ways to prevent litter, including the proper use of dumpsters.

"If everyone would put their trash in plastic bags, tie it up, throw it in the dumpster and close the lid, it would help eliminate a lot of trash around," said Simmons.

The Trash-Off is also a part of the Keep America Beautiful's national "Great America Cleanup" event.

"Last year, our local attendance in this event was 324 volunteers; that is down from the year before at 409," said Simmons.

According to Simmons, working hours will be set by the individual or group.

"This is to help people who might have something to do that day still be able to participate, even if it is just an hour."

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Employees at the Carriage Inn were presented a flag by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Sent to the chamber from from State Rep. David Counts' office, the flag flew over the state capitol. Pictured from left are Jeanette Butler, food service director, and Effie Shults, marketing director.

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OBITUARIES

Eulene Jackson Jones

Eulene Jackson Jones, 70, of Knott, died on Saturday, March 11, 2000, at her residence. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Manning, a retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. John Kinman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Knott, officiating.



She was born on Nov. 6, 1929, in Vealmoor, and married John A. Jones on Jan. 11, 1949, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1993. Her parents were Amon and Myrtle Jackson. She worked for Howard County as a Deputy County Clerk for 23 1/2 years before retiring.

Mrs. Jones was a member of First Baptist Church of Knott. Survivors include: three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl and Steve Poitevint and Pamela and Bob Nichols, all of Big Spring, and Rita Pitts of Lufkin; her mother, Myrtle Jackson of Big Spring; four grandsons, Brian Poitevint and his wife, Dawn of Lakeview, Chris Poitevint of Las Vegas, Nev., Jim Bob Nichols and John Paul Nichols, both of Big Spring; a granddaughter, Jennifer Pitts of Knott; one great-grandson, Kervyn Poitevint of Lakeview; three sisters, Doris Smith of Big Spring, Neva Green of Monahans and Karen Walls of Glen Rose; and one brother, Darrell Jackson of Andrews.

The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials to: First Baptist Church; 7107 W. FM 846; Knott, 79748 or to Home Hospice; 1802 W. Wall St.; Midland; 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring. *paid obituary*

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CAUTION

Continued from Page 1 already experiencing severe drought hazard and extreme fire hazard," said Spencer. "Those areas with high to extreme fire danger include Far West Texas, the Panhandle, South Plains, Concho Valley and the Permian Basin region, which includes Big Spring."

Firefighters attribute many of these fires to people's carelessness with debris burning, smoking materials, spark-producing equipment and hot-vehicle pollution control equipment.

Firefighters in the Abilene area believe that falling hot metal from a disintegrating engine on a B-1 bomber caused

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 21th & Johnson 267-8288 Precilla G. Marquez, 53, died Wednesday. Services were 11:00 AM today at Immaculate Heart Church; burial followed in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Eulene Jackson Jones, 70, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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several grass fires. The wildfires scorched an estimated 180 acres and threatened some structures before being contained by a combination of area fire departments and other local and state equipment and personnel.

VOTE

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Forsan. There is no Democratic candidate. There are, however, a number of other contested races on the ballot of a state and national nature, including the office of president.

To find out where to vote, Howard County residents should look for their precinct number on their voter registration cards. That number can be compared to a list of polling locations available at the county clerk's office and in today's Big Spring Herald.

"We want to remind everyone to bring their voter registration card or some type of identification when they come to vote," said Wright.

On the Republican ticket for president are George W. Bush, John McCain, Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, Alan Keyes, Orrin G. Hatch and Charles Bass Urban. On the Democratic ballot are Al Gore, Bill Bradley and Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.

Andy Draughn and incumbent Michael L. Williams are on the Republican ballot seeking an unexpired term on the Texas Railroad Commission. There is no Democratic candidate.

There are five candidates on the Democratic ballot for U.S. Senator from Texas. They are H. Gerald Bintliff, Don Clark, Charles Gandy, Gene Kelly and Bobby Wightman-Cervantes. The winner will face incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison, who is unopposed in the Republican Primary.

Seeking the Republican nomination for U.S. Representative for District 17 are Shane Hunt and Darrell Clements. Incumbent Charlie Stenholm is unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

Running for Place 1 on the Texas Supreme Court are Republicans Valorie W. Davenport and Nathan Hecht. There are no Democratic candidates for the office.

Seeking Place 3 on the Texas Supreme Court Justice are Republicans Al Gonzales and Rod E. Gorman. Running for the office of presiding judge with the Court of Criminal Appeals on the Republican ticket are Sharon Keller, Connie J. Kelley, Tom Price and J. Gary Trichter. Bill Vance is unopposed on the Republican ticket.

Republicans seeking Place 1, Court of Criminal Appeals, are John Boston, Alan Curry, Tom Greenwell, Charles Holcomb and Guy Williams. There is no Democratic candidate.

Republicans seeking Place 2, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge are Pat Barber, Barbara Parker Hervey, W.B. "Bennie" House Jr., Sally L. Ray and Jim Wallace. William R. Barr is unopposed on the Democratic ballot.

POLLS

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208 — Forsan School 301, 302, 306 — 18th and Main Fire Station

303, 305 — Wesson Road Fire Station 304 — Elbow School 401, 402, 410 — Big Spring High School Library

403 — 11th and Birdwell Fire Station 404 — Jonesboro Road Fire Station

405, 407 — Salem Baptist Church 406 — Luther Baptist Church 408 — Vincent Baptist Church 409 — Sand Springs Lions Club

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE For showtimes call 263-2479

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

VOLUNTEERS

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she said. Simmons said her reasons for coordinating the Big Spring cleanup are simple.

"I just yearn for the city to become a beautiful little city, like it was when I was growing up," she added. If you would like to volunteer, Simmons asks that you call her at 263-4607 by March 20, and no later than March 23.

"I need to be able to have enough time to get the bags and assign locations to each person or group," she said. Simmons also said people can work their own neighborhood as well as streets and vacant lots.

"I really need all the volunteers I can get so we can get Big Spring looking beautiful," she added.

WHAT'S UP

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Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road. Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant. Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY Big Spring Shriner's, 6:30 p.m. dinner and meeting to follow. Eagles Lodge Pot Luck Supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome. Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad. Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers), March 20, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship and good food. For more information, 398-5522.

Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wesson. Call 268-9041. Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Topic: suggestions for coping with grief issues. For more information call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information. Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of

each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

TUESDAY Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069. Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

port group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Mobile Meals Program, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving 10 free white flowering dogwood trees to each person who joins the Foundation during March. To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2000.

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to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

POLICE

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

DAVID O'BRIEN, 20, was arrested for disorderly conduct. DAVID GARZA, 36, was arrested for assault/family violence.

ATANOSIO GUTIERREZ, 44, was arrested for driving while license invalid. ALFREDO TREVINO, 19, was arrested on local warrants. MARVIN DIAGLE, 31, was arrested for violation of protective order.

JOE CASTANEDA, 52, was arrested for driving while license invalid. LUIS FLORES, 53, was arrested for public intoxication. ANITA RODRIGUEZ, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

MARY FLORES, 40, was arrested for public intoxication. ROGER FIERRO, 24, was arrested for failure to identify. CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore and the 400 block of E. Fifth. THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place, 400 block of Birdwell, 300 block of Gregg, 700 block of W. I-20 and 1100 block of north Lamesa.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of W. I-20, 1300 block of Mulberry, 200 block N. Gregg, 1000 block N. Main, 1900 block of Wesson and 300 block of Tulane.

SHOTS FIRED were reported in the 2600 block of Crestline. CLASS C THEFT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg. ACCIDENT/MAJOR was reported at 17th and Runnels.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy. 80 and 600 block of State. ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth and 1300 block of Kindle.

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ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 400 block of Westover, 700 and Gregg, 1500 block of Sycamore, 1300 block of Birdwell and 1900 block of Gregg.

DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the 2900 block of Clanton. DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported at 11th Place and Birdwell.

JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in 2700 block of Cindy. LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Westover, 1200 block of Wright and the 800 block of W. 16th.

FIRE/EMS

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

SATURDAY 12:11 a.m. — 1000 block North Main, medical call, patient refused service. 1:51 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:36 a.m. — 17 and Runnels, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:01 p.m. — 1300 block Mobile, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:03 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:15 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to Comanche Trail Center.

SUNDAY 1:09 a.m. — 1600 block Virginia, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:45 p.m. — 1300 block Birdwell, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:05 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:48 p.m. — block of County Rd. 371, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 71 Sunday's low 38 Average high 68 Average low 38 Record high 96 in 1948 Record low 15 in 1948 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.14 Month's normal 0.83 Year to date 1.19 Normal for the year 1.54 Sunrise Tuesday 6:57 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 6:54 p.m. **Statistics not available

A very special "Thank You" to all the loved ones, friends, and neighbors for the prayers, loving thoughts and words of comfort, beautiful flowers, food and encouragement during the loss of our loved one. It means so much to us.

The family of Herman Shifflett

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Pump p

LOS ANGELES (Crunch 'cent' gasoline record 12 cents per week and they may be an analyst predicted.

The average retail nationwide, including was about \$1.59 per 11.99 cents from Feb. Lundberg Survey of. "The word 'increase' lyst Trilby Lundberg.

The costliest gas - vice stations - flirt on benchmark. Consumers could when adjusted for overall price is still set two decades ago. "The true high way for all grades combi lars," Lundberg said. "It's more than a

Animal-

NORFOLK, Va. (A drunken driving acti amused by a new ad urging college st replace their milk with beer foam. Norfolk-based Peo Ethical Treatment of this week plans to "Got Beer?" campai time for all those gre Patrick's Day celebra

PETA argues that beer is healthier than the dairy industry that the dairy induces to cows and calves. Mothers Against Driving sent a letter ing PETA to pull the for fear it will encour age drinking. Many dents are under the ing age of 21.

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ARLINGTON, Va. Fines on U.S. airlin violations totaled \$9.4 million last increase of at least from the year before to a published repo Security violatio for about half the a last year, and main lations account for USA Today reported total amount of fin year could grow Federal Administration will mation about sec that were opened

Pump prices jump record 12 cents in two weeks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A crude oil crunch sent gasoline prices soaring a record 12 cents per gallon in the past two weeks and they may not dip until summer, an analyst predicted.

The average retail price of gasoline nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.59 per gallon on Friday, up 11.99 cents from Feb. 25, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations.

"The word 'increase' kind of pales," analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

The costliest gas — premium at full-service stations — flirted with the \$2-per-gallon benchmark.

Consumers could take some comfort that when adjusted for inflation, the average overall price is still lower than the record set two decades ago.

"The true high was June 1980, with \$2.66 for all grades combined using today's dollars," Lundberg said.

"It's more than a dollar lower in real

terms. But in terms of speed, this is a true record-breaker," Lundberg added. "The rate of increase — 6 cents per week per gallon nationwide — has never been seen before."

Prices were higher in the West, where gasoline has been in shorter supply because of refinery problems last year.

San Francisco had the highest price for self-service regular, the most-purchased type of gas, at an average of \$1.83 per gallon. That was up 21 cents in two weeks.

Cheyenne, Wyo., had the bottom price, at about \$1.39 per gallon.

The high price of crude oil and short supply are driving all increases.

The International Energy Agency reported last week that the United States and the world's other richest countries have depleted their oil inventories to the lowest levels in four years.

The IEA's David Knapp said there is a shortfall in global petroleum supplies of

about 2.5 million barrels per day.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is worried about the recent price volatility, and analysts now expect the group to ease some of the production cuts that it made in 1998 and 1999.

However, Lundberg warned, don't look for an immediate dip in gas prices, because demand will be rising due to warmer weather and the start of the spring driving season.

"Even if the outcome of the March 27 OPEC meeting brings more oil supplies to the market, U.S. gasoline prices may hover around current levels or rise" in the next few weeks, she said.

Prices at self-service stations averaged \$1.5450 for regular unleaded gasoline, \$1.6385 for mid-grade and \$1.7234 for premium.

Full-service prices were \$1.8211 for regular, \$1.9064 for mid-grade and \$1.9835 for premium.

Major suspect in drug ring arrested Saturday in Mexico

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Charging through screaming spectators, plainclothes commandos tackled Jesus Labra during his son's football game, arresting a reputed leader of the Arellano Felix drug organization.

Labra's capture Saturday was believed among one of Mexico's most important narcotics arrests in recent years. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency considers the Tijuana-based Arellano Felix gang to be one of the largest and most violent in Mexico.

The brother who allegedly heads the group's enforcement arm, Ramon, is on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List, with a \$2 million reward offered for information leading to his arrest.

U.S. officials have long been critical of Mexico's failure to arrest leaders of the group, alleged to hand out immense bribes and carry out ruthless murders.

At least 30 men in civilian clothes raided the school grounds where Labra's son was playing in a football game Saturday.

Witnesses said spectators screamed, wept and flung themselves to the ground as the soldiers tackled Labra on the football field.

In its first official statement on the arrest, the office of Mexico's attorney general suggested Sunday that the elaborate operation leading to Labra's capture was merely a routine check of the spectators for illegal weapons. Jesus Labra was carrying a .38-caliber pistol and chose to flee, the statement said.

It said that soldiers were

"making rounds to apply the federal firearms and explosives law" when they "became aware that among the public was an individual who obviously carried a firearm at his waist."

Sunday's statement said Labra also faces possible drug charges and is suspected of being "one of the principle leaders and operators of the criminal organization headed by the Arellano Felix brothers."

Labra's attorney, Gustavo Galvez, told reporters Saturday that his client is not a gangster, but merely a very successful local businessman, one with interests in hotels, nightclubs and pharmacies around Tijuana.

Galvez accused officials of arresting Labra without a warrant and of keeping him incommunicado after ward.

He claimed U.S. DEA agents participated in the arrest in violation of Mexico's constitution.

Mexican prosecutors say the Arellano Felix gang's victims include the late Roman Catholic Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo, shot to death at the Guadalajara airport in 1993.

They say the group had targeted a rival drug gang leader, Joaquin Guzman Loera, but killed the cardinal instead after confusing the vehicles the two men were traveling in.

Labra, believed to be around 50, was a prominent owner of hotels and restaurants in Tijuana a decade ago before rumors linking him to the Arellano Felix brothers began to surface and he dropped out of public view.

Animal-rights group gets in hot water for anti-milk ad

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Antidrunken driving activists aren't amused by a new ad campaign urging college students to replace their milk mustaches with beer foam.

Norfolk-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals this week plans to unveil its "Got Beer?" campaign on college campuses nationwide, in time for all those green-beer St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

PETA argues that drinking beer is healthier than milk and that the dairy industry is cruel to cows and calves.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving sent a letter Friday asking PETA to pull the campaign for fear it will encourage underage drinking. Many college students are under the legal drinking age of 21.

"We're very concerned and appalled with it for the simple fact that underage drinking is the number one drug problem

among American youths," said Teresa Hardt, a spokeswoman for the Irving, Texas-based group, whose mission includes the prevention of underage drinking.

The campaign also comes at a time when increased attention is being focused on binge drinking on campuses.

"If PETA's misguided purpose is to denounce the dairy industry, they certainly aren't advancing their ball by advocating alcohol consumption by college students," said David Botkins, spokesman for state Attorney General Mark L. Easley.

A spokesman said PETA will proceed with the campaign and that it does not promote underage or drunken drinking.

"College students are savvy," said Bruce Friedrich, PETA's vegetarian campaign coordinator. "Nobody's going to put beer on their Cheerios or get drunk

and drive as a result of our campaign."

PETA is using beer in its anti-milk campaign as a fun, titillating way to get attention, but the campaign makes it clear that juice, water, soda and soy milk are preferable to beer, Friedrich said.

PETA contends that milk does not do a body good because it is full of fat and cholesterol, while beer contains neither. PETA's main concern, however, is about what it says is the cruel treatment of milk cows and their calves on factory farms.

"If you drink milk, you are supporting a product that is horrible for human health, catastrophic for the environment and a living nightmare for the animals involved," Friedrich said.

PETA is urging the more than 2,000 college students who are part of its college activist network to attempt to place articles

and letters about the issue in their campus newspapers starting this week.

PETA also is giving away beer bottle-shaped bottle openers that say, "Drink responsibly. Don't drink milk." and "Save a cow's life."

Susan Ruland, a spokeswoman for the dairy industry's "Got Milk?" and milk mustache campaigns, called PETA's parody "ridiculous on so many levels. It's kind of amusing."

Cows produce more and better milk if they are treated well, so it would not make economic sense for dairy farmers to mistreat the animals, said Ruland, spokeswoman for the International Dairy Foods Association in Washington, D.C.

Ruland also noted that milk contains 30 percent of the calcium, 16 percent of the protein and 25 percent of the vitamin D recommended daily.

President working against clock on health care, guns, other issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying he has "a lot of energy and a few ideas" left, President Clinton is combining a frenetic fund-raising schedule this spring with out-of-town appearances, that the White House hopes will push Congress to act on several thorny pieces of his legislative agenda.

Aides said Clinton plans road trips to promote several major legislative initiatives: prescription drugs for Medicare patients, gun control, a raise in the minimum wage, a trade deal with China and better consumer control over health care.

Today in Cleveland, the presi-

dent planned to promote his plan to cover prescription drug bills as part of the federal Medicare program that serves most older Americans. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala planned to be there, along with a group of elderly Midwesterners who struggle to pay for their medication.

It is Clinton's first major foray outside Washington to address the prescription drug issue this year, and the opening of what White House strategists call a calculated effort to put a little hometown pressure on

Congress. Similar theme events are tentatively scheduled throughout the spring, said one aide who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"We want members of Congress to hear it from their constituents," from outside Washington," the official said.

Clinton has called the China trade deal the most important thing before Congress this year. His chief lobbyist on the China deal, Commerce Secretary William Daley, acknowledged last week that the administration now lacks the votes to pass it.

The outlook may be slightly

brighter for the drug plan, which is competing with a narrower GOP version; for the president's plan to give patients the right to sue their health plans if they are denied care, and for gun control. Clinton wants to ban importation of large-capacity ammunition clips, impose background checks on buyers at gun shows and require more safety devices for handguns.

Minimum wage legislation is in limbo after the House voted to raise it last week but added tax cuts for business that the White House calls unacceptable.

Clinton's aides say there is

some Republican support for his goals and bipartisan self-interest in passing some legislation before the fall elections.

"We take the unconventional line that things can actually occur in election years," said Chris Jennings, the White House's health care policy specialist.

The White House acknowledges its best hope for passing contentious legislation in the Republican-led Congress comes before summer, when the political parties select their presidential nominees and legislators begin their own fall campaigns in earnest.

The even larger deadline, of course, is the end of the administration itself next January.

"When people talk about me now, I feel like I'm a witness at my own funeral," Clinton said in a speech to visiting city officials Sunday.

"You know, I've got nearly a year left in office, and a lot of energy, and I've got a few ideas about what to do with the remaining time."

Some of that energy will be spent raising political money across the country, which offers an expeditious way to schedule the out-of-town "message events."

Airline safety fines increase

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Fines on U.S. airlines for safety violations totaled more than \$9.4 million last year, an increase of at least 80 percent from the year before, according to a published report.

Security violations account for about half the amount fined last year, and maintenance violations account for 38 percent, USA Today reported today. The total amount of fines from last year could grow because the Federal Aviation Administration withholds information about security cases that were opened within the

past year.

Studying FAA records of enforcement cases for 23 jet airlines since 1985, the newspaper found that maintenance and security violations accounted for almost three-quarters of the dollar amount of all fines against the airlines from 1985 to 1998.

The FAA fined or took administrative action against airlines an average eight times each work day in 1998 for safety violations, the newspaper said.

America West was fined the highest amount last year, nearly \$2.8 million.

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OUR VIEWS

Spring break should be an enjoyable time

What in the world is going on? There are kids everywhere. On the streets, at the mall — everywhere you go, kids and more kids.

It's spring break, of course, and the kids (and teachers, too) are getting a well-deserved break from their studies.

Let's face it, the world as we know it changes this time of year. Almost as much as any other holiday, our lives revolve around spring break. For older kids — young adults — it might mean a trip to Padre Island or Florida, or somewhere college students gather. For younger students, it largely depends on mom and dad. And a lot of families plan a vacation time around spring break. Other families don't have that option — mom and dad keep on working, and maybe at best take a long weekend.

But for the rest, it's a time of hanging out, forgetting the day to day life of pounding the books. It's a time to be moving about, enjoying a burger or a taco at the fast food joint — things you can't do when you are locked into a system of hallways, books and bells.

What it all means is we need to keep a few things in mind. First, we have to get into a summer mode. More kids out and about means we have to be a little more cautious driving, especially mid-morning and early afternoon in neighborhoods that would normally be empty. So it makes sense to exercise a little more caution.

As parents, we have to plan ahead a bit. Our routine might not change, but it is still our responsibility to know where our kids are and what they are doing. They are going to want to take advantage of this "free" time — and they should. But it is still up to each of us as parents to assert that our word is law and that we expect our children to be responsible, too.

And as that fact comes up, let's don't forget that spring break is a good time for the family experience. If you can take some time off, do so, and spend it with your children. With parents at work and kids at school, we too frequently don't see each other until the sun goes down. This special week provides an opportunity to go home and have lunch with the kids, or take an afternoon or two off, just to be with them.

School bells ring again March 20. Take advantage of it while you can.

America must dump NATO and pursue peace

A former Canadian ambassador to Yugoslavia, James Bissett, has written a significant article for The (Toronto) Globe and Mail on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's attack on Yugoslavia. Here is part of what he wrote:



CHARLEY REESE

"The bombing of Yugoslavia was a tragic mistake. There have been dreadful human and financial costs. Ethnic cleansing and murder continue in Kosovo. More seriously, NATO's illegal action has fractured the framework of world security that has existed since the end of the Second World War. It has destabilized the Balkans and alienated the other great nuclear powers, Russia and China. NATO has abandoned the rule of law and lost any

moral stature it might have had during the Cold War years. By forsaking diplomacy and resorting to force, NATO has reduced the democratic countries of the West to the level of dictatorships it was created to oppose."

As Bissett predicted in his article, published last January, NATO, having made a mess of the war, is indeed making a mess of the peace. Churches and monasteries have been destroyed and more than 100,000 Serbs driven from their homes while NATO's forces mainly sit buttoned up in their compounds. Any pretense that the so-called peacekeepers were going to be fair has gone up in smoke. There they sit, with their Albanian allies running around and acting like gangsters.

Furthermore, NATO, having gotten itself into this quagmire, has not the foggiest notion of how to get out of it. As in Bosnia, another ill-thought-out intervention, NATO troops are stuck for an indefinite period of time at a cost of billions of dollars to the taxpayers back home. What, pray tell, are the plans by NATO's geniuses for

getting these troops out of this miserable patch of Balkan territory? They don't have a clue. Also, troops sitting in Balkan compounds are deteriorating as a fighting force because they have no opportunity to train for their regular missions. The necessity to call up reservists and National Guardsmen to post to Kosovo for long periods of time is creating a problem with employers and will eventually cause problems in recruiting and retention, as it already is doing among the regular forces.

Along with all of these negatives, the attack on Yugoslavia has contributed nothing whatsoever to our national interests or to our national security. We as a nation are worse off, not better off, for having attacked a sovereign nation and falsely demonized a people, the Serbs, who had been our allies in two wars.

I frankly have no idea why the Clinton administration did it or why it lied so much to justify it. There is no logical reason for it. I suppose it might have something to do with the oil pipeline it wants to build from the Caspian Sea

across the southern tier of mostly Muslim countries to Turkey. But if that's the reason, it's kooky thinking at best. Maybe the administration wanted to find a use for NATO because its original purpose, to defend Western Europe from a Soviet invasion, is now nonexistent. If so, that was a mistake, because all it proved was that NATO was largely a paper tiger. The Serb military forces in Kosovo emerged virtually intact with very little damage from all the bombing, and the Yugoslavian army, tiny as it is, proved that our stealth fighters could be shot down by rather outdated anti-aircraft weapons.

NATO ought to be disbanded. It is a relic of a Cold War now over and done with. European countries can defend themselves, though who is ever going to attack them remains a mystery.

The last two world wars were far from being an attack on Europe.

They were, in fact, European civil wars. We Americans have participated into two of them, and that's enough.

It is really time to pursue peace.



Having to do what you must do

I missed the Low Country Boil in Madison Square where pianist Emma Kelly played Johnny Mercer tunes.

I missed the luncheon with John Berendt, whose Savannah book clings to the best-seller list like lint to black.

I even missed an old friend's presentation to her English-teacher colleagues.

Beverly Fatherree dressed up like Savannah native Flannery O'Connor, replete with dark-rimmed glasses and a crutch, to do a one-woman show on Georgia's acerbic genius.

It was the Two-Year College English Association meeting for the region, which includes schools in nine Southeastern states. The guardians of syntax and sonnets, from Paducah to Pensacola, converged at the Hilton.

I made it in time to spy the famous Berendt through the curlicues of a silver pot at a Victorian tea.

English teachers wound out the door and around the block like a book club that had forgotten itself and formed a conga line.

I stood on the fringes and enjoyed a Johnny Mercer tune. Next day I sat for a few minutes in Wright Square, where Savannahians give a nod to Tomochichi, respected leader of the Yamacraw Indians and James Oglethorpe's good friend. Historians say that without Tomochichi's help, Oglethorpe's Georgia colony probably wouldn't have made it.

They remember Tomochichi with a rock. It was a beautiful day in old Savannah. The camellias laid a rose carpet on old brick, and the birds sang Johnny Mercer tunes. I thought about fame.

There's the white-hot kind Berendt has, a ticket on a catapult, bought with one deed, one book.

That's the kind most mortals would choose, I suspect, given the options. The glamorous kind that lets you hobnob with Clint Eastwood and get the best tables at restaurants.

Then there's the brand of fame O'Connor achieved, mostly posthumously. It's a gentler kind that grows steadily each year.

There's one other type of fame, I figure. A Tomochichi fame. You star in a supporting role.

Beverly and many of her teacher associates have that kind of renown, though they'd be loath to call themselves famous. Maybe what they have is a mighty influence.

I've seen Beverly's little office in the Mississippi piney woods. On the wall are student testimonials. Literate love letters from kids, many who hadn't the money or grades to go to a full university. For Beverly they keep diaries, compose couplets, read Faulkner. And for them she makes Beowulf relevant.

I'll admit I don't lose much sleep over the shabby way we treat teachers, not until I'm thrust among them. Their quiet performances are easy to forget in our noisy culture. But when I see them working to improve their act, hovering inside at seminars called "Teaching Poetry in the Composition Class" when outside a Savannah spring beckons, well, I renew my respect.

They have chosen the unheralded, low-paying task of relaying a love of the King's English and great literature to youngsters who have been bombarded with every stimulant but books.

I tried teaching once. One four-hour session a week for 10 weeks. I learned more than the kids did. They forgave me, knowing I was a short-timer.

I didn't have the right stuff to make a career of it. So I am grateful there are those who do, those who know that to share Flannery O'Connor's words might not make you rich or famous. It might not even make you popular.

But teachers teach — as writers write, as Johnny Mercer composed tunes — not for fame, but because they must.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

OTHER VIEWS

The vote in the House — 422 to 0 — makes it clear that ending the earnings limit on Social Security is an idea whose time has finally come. The Senate, it is predicted, will embrace the cause with very nearly equal enthusiasm.

problems in Social Security before acting, especially since there will be a cost over the next decade of \$23 billion. But eventually, the system will get this money back, and the original rationale for the limit disappeared long ago. ...

Meanwhile, some 800,000 people could have more money in their pockets this year, it is estimated.

It seems to us that, on this issue, there were 422 men and women in the House who came to the right conclusion.

Not much. Yes, it would have been better to have fixed the serious structural

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YMCA swim team inviting new members to join

The Big Spring YMCA Swim Team is inviting anyone interested in swimming to join the team. Practices for the spring season begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20. Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 14 who can swim one length of the pool are eligible to join the team. The fee is \$20 per month for members of the YMCA and \$27 per month for non-members. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234 or Kim Hughey at 267-2819.

Steers baseball boosters honor law officers today

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters Club has designated the Steers' home game against Monahans at 2 p.m. today as the "Law Enforcement Recognition Game." All law enforcement officers in Howard County are invited to attend the game and will be given free admission.

Volunteer firefighters set golf touney for Saturday

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will hold its first ever benefit golf tournament for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club. Entry fees will be \$200 per team for the four-man scramble which will be limited to 36 teams. Registration ends on Tuesday. For more information, call Tommy Sullivan at 393-5853 or Richard Willadsen at 267-7857.

YMCA begins registration for roller hockey program

Youngsters between the ages of 8 and 17 interested in playing roller hockey this spring can now register at the Big Spring Family YMCA. The deadline for early registration is Saturday, March 11. Players must provide their own equipment and practices begin on March 20. Registration will be \$25 for non-members and \$20 for basic program members. For more information, call Pete Thyry at 267-8234.

UGSA schedules sign-ups for Saturdays this month

Big Spring's United Girls Softball Association has begun registering players each Saturday in March at the Big Spring Mall. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25 will be the final day to sign up. The fee will be \$30 per player and applicants must have a copy of their birth certificate. For more information, call 267-7466, 267-2208 or 267-4947.

'Break Clay for MDA' shoot set for March 25

A 2000 "Break Clay for MDA" sporting clays tournament has been scheduled for March 25 at Windwalker Farms in Stanton. Tuesday will be the deadline for entries for the Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraiser. For more information, call 915-570-4970.

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
2 p.m.
• Monahans Lobos at Big Spring Steers.

TUESDAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
5 p.m.
• Plains Cowboys at Coahoma Bulldogs.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
4:30 p.m.
• Monahans Lady Lobos at Big Spring Lady Steers.
• Miles Lady Bulldogs at Coahoma Bulldogettes.

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7 p.m. — Boston Celtics at Detroit Pistons, TBS, Ch. 11.
6:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at N.Y. Rangers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Iowa State takes Big 12 crown with 70-58 win over Sooners

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The imposing presence of Marcus Fizer usually is the first thing people notice about Iowa State.

At least one opposing coach says it is point guard Jamaal Tinsley that makes the Cyclones go.

"Tinsley makes a big difference," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said Sunday after the Sooners were beaten 70-58 by the Cyclones in the final of the Big 12 tournament.

"The point of attack both on offense and defense is the key to basketball. You can hide a weak off guard. But you can't hide a guy at the point. Tinsley doesn't get enough credit for his defense.

"You can hide a lot of weaknesses with a good point guard. They don't have to work for their shots when Tinsley is on the floor."

Fizer, the 6-foot-8 center named Most Valuable Player in the tournament, scored 22 points to lead the seventh-ranked Cyclones, who came into the tournament the top seed after winning their first regular-season conference championship in 55 years.

Tinsley, voted Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, arrived from Mount San Jacinto (Calif.) Community College, and apparently was the missing piece that has helped the Cyclones (29-4) win 14 more games than the 15 they won last year — the biggest turnaround in school history.

"We just came out hard and played as a team and tried to win game one and then win game two," Tinsley said. Tinsley had six assists and six rebounds to go with his 13 points.

"The points that I scored were because my teammates got me the ball in a good situation," Fizer said. "It's a great feeling. I never thought in my wildest dreams that I'd be sitting up here with the regular-season championship and the tournament championship."

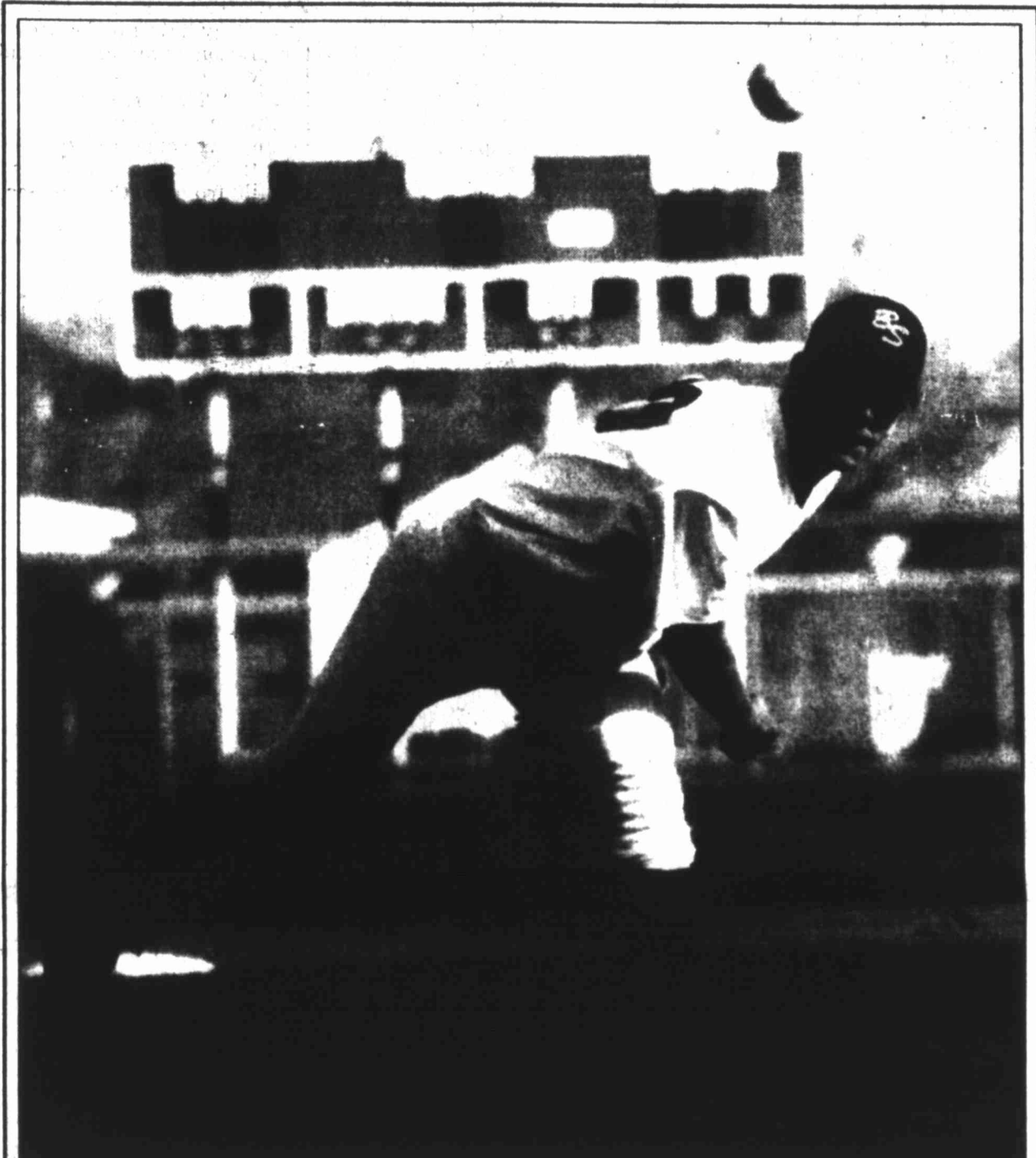
Iowa State was able to shut down Eduardo Najera, who had 19 points. "He's a great player and we just tried to minimize his touches," said Stevie Johnson, who took on the main responsibility of guarding Najera. "We had a game plan, and we used it."

Najera scored 81 points Saturday as the No. 15 Sooners (26-6) used a second-half rally to beat Texas in the semifinals. But that game and Friday's overtime victory over Missouri seemed to leave Oklahoma flat.

"We had some guys who had a hard time getting up," Sampson said. "These kids are not lawnmowers. You just don't pull a string and go on horsepower."

Oklahoma trailed 30-13 after Tinsley made a spinning drive down the lane, drove to another score on the next possession and Michael Nurse-hit a jumper. The Sooners closed to 35-25 at halftime, then scored the first basket of the second half. But Tinsley made two straight baskets, and Oklahoma didn't seriously challenge again.

"If we could have cut it to seven or eight, we might have had a chance," Sampson said. "That's where you've got to get stops — that's where extra energy, extra effort, extra tenacity comes in. It was a 12-point game, but it wasn't a close game."



Big Spring senior Ricky Soils delivers a pitch during the Steers' season-opening win over Lamesa on Feb. 24. The Steers were scheduled to face Monahans' Lobos at 2 p.m. today at Steer park in a bid to rebound from a close 5-4 loss to defending class 4A state champion Andrews in Saturday's action at the Abilene Cooper Cougar Classic.

Razorbacks head to NCAA tourney after SEC dance

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A week ago, Arkansas had reason to be pleased with its season.

The Razorbacks were guaranteed a 500 record after a victory over Auburn. They could probably expect a call from the NIT, which isn't too bad for a team led by freshmen and sophomores.

Well, four improbable days at the Southeastern Conference tournament changed all that.

How does the NCAA sound? Sophomore Brandon Dean scored 22 points — a career high for the second game in a row — and the Razorbacks somehow mustered the strength to win for the fourth time in four days, beating Auburn 75-67 Sunday to claim the tournament title and the SEC's automatic bid.

Nobody expected us to win, said Chris Walker, the 6-foot-6 senior on Arkansas' roster. "They expected us to go out in the first round."

Turning the second half into "20 minutes of hell," the Razorbacks closed the game with a 14-5 run and made Auburn look like the tired team when it should have been the other way around.

"I've never been as happy inside for a team as I am for this one," said coach Nolan Richardson, who started three freshmen and a sophomore in the championship game. "To win the Southeastern Conference tournament with a bunch of puppies is unbelievable."

Elsewhere Sunday, Duke won the Atlantic Coast Conference by beating Maryland 81-68; Michigan State captured the Big 10 crown over Illinois, 76-61; and Iowa State grabbed the Big 12 title by defeating Oklahoma 70-58.

Only one other team, Auburn in 1985, won the SEC tourney with four wins in four days.

Arkansas (19-14), seeded 11th in the South Regional, opens Friday against Miami.

"I think we opened a lot of people's eyes," said Joe Johnson, who put the Razorbacks ahead for good on a basket with 3:53 remaining. "We're not pushovers. They've got to take us serious."

Likewise for Auburn (23-9), which proved it could win without star Chris Porter. His college career ended after he took \$2,500 from an agent's middleman, but the Tigers snapped a four-game losing streak in the quarterfinals by upsetting

Florida, one of four teams to share the regular-season title.

Auburn, the No. 7 seed in the Midwest Regional, meets Creighton on Thursday in Minneapolis.

"Confidence is the main thing," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said. "Our team knew that we needed to change our chemistry coming into this tournament. I was proud of our team every time we played. This weekend was a great experience."

Arkansas, with a lineup featuring three freshmen and a sophomore, shocked Kentucky in the quarterfinals, eliminating the team that won the tournament seven of the previous eight years. In the semifinals, the Razorbacks knocked off LSU, another of the regular-season champions.

On Sunday, they went back and forth with Auburn in the second half. There were three ties and nine lead changes before Arkansas pushed ahead for good, 63-62, when Johnson banked in a jumper.

Dean was named the tournament's MVP after going 9-of-13 from the field in the title game to eclipse his day-old career high, a 20-point performance against LSU. Teddy Gipson added 14 points, including two key baskets down the stretch as the Razorbacks pulled away.

Gipson came up with a steal and layup to give Arkansas a 65-62 lead with 3:29 remaining. Then, when T.J. Cleveland missed badly on a 3-pointer, the 6-foot-4 Gipson slipped inside for one of only three offensive rebounds by the Razorbacks, his putback making it 67-62 with 1:42 left.

ACC

No. 3 Duke 81, No. 20 Maryland 68
The Blue Devils (27-4) got back at the only conference team to beat them in the last two seasons as two freshmen led the way. Jason Williams scored a season-high 23 points and Carlos Boozer added 21.

Duke earned the top seed in the East. Maryland (24-9) was seeded third in the NCAA's Midwest.

BIG 10

No. 5 Michigan State 76, No. 25 Illinois 61
Michigan State (26-7) sealed its second straight No. 1 seed by routing Illinois.

The key player might have been Andre Hutson's elbow that hit Cory Bradford in the nose during a scramble under the basket with 7 minutes left in the first half.

Tech leads five Texas women's teams to receive bids for NCAA Tournament

LUBBOCK (AP) — The Texas Tech Lady Raiders were pleased to learn Sunday they're the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament's Midwest Region.

But they know they must start planning now for their first-round game against Tennessee Tech, which they'll host.

"We can't play like we played at the conference tournament," Tech's Aleah Johnson said after watching the tournament seeds with her teammates at the school's United Spirit Arena.

Tech won the Big 12 regular season title, but failed to defend its two-time conference title, losing to Texas 68-50 in the semifinals. During the game, Texas Tech (25-4), shot just 34 percent (17-for-50) from the floor and managed only one field goal in the final 12:30.

"We need to get our offense up to par," senior Keitha Dickerson said. "We kind of

have been slacking on that. We need to play a complete game."

Coach Marsha Sharp thinks she can fine tune the Lady Raiders in time for their first-round game on Saturday.

"We're going to go over our offense and our defense and possibly add a few wrinkles," she said. "You have to rely on your strengths. I think we are a pretty good defensive team and we are healthy. In a tournament like this, you have to be ready for multiple defenses and not let anybody surprise you."

Sharp said she planned to go straight to her office and pull tapes on Tennessee Tech.

"Normally, people at this time of the year are pretty set in what they will do," she said. "But you have to be ready for anything and expect anything."

In a bracket that includes teams such as No. 1 seed Tennessee, No. 5 seed Boston

College and No. 4 Virginia, Sharp thinks her Lady Raiders can stand up to the test they failed at the Big 12 tournament.

Texas' shot at Tech during the Big 12 tournament paid off in a No. 7 seed in the West Regional. The Longhorns travel to play No. 12 St. Joseph's (24-5) at Rutgers on Friday.

Also receiving a bid in the West Region was No. 13 Rice (21-9), which won its berth against SMU during the Western Athletic Conference championship. The Owls' first NCAA matchup will be Saturday against No. 4 UC-Santa Barbara (30-3).

SMU (21-8) received a No. 12 seed in the Midwest Region. The Lady Mustangs face No. 5 North Carolina State (20-8) Saturday in Norfolk, Va.

In the East Regional, Stephen F. Austin (27-3) plays Xavier (26-4) in the first round Friday.

Lady Steers finish third, Steers sixth at Canyon Reef Relays

HERALD Staff Report

SNYDER — Big Spring's Lady Steers managed 68 points to finish third in the varsity girls' team standings Saturday at Snyder High School's Canyon Reef Relays, while their male counterparts, hampered by injuries, finished sixth in the boys' field.

The Lady Steers' 68 points left them trailing Abilene Wylie's Lady Bulldogs, who posted 96 points for the team title, and Canyon's runner-up Lady Eagles with 75 points.

Big Spring's Lady Steers junior varsity finished second in its division with 99 points.

The Lady Steers varsity got more than

half its points from its three relay teams — finishing second in the 400-meter relay with a clocking of 50.24 seconds, third in the 800 relay with a time 1:49.18, and fourth in the 1,600 relay at 4:19.55.

Big Spring's first points in the girls' division came in the field events where Leandra Williams finished second in the shot put with a 36-foot, 51/4-in heave. Angela McGee added a fourth-place finish in the long jump with a leap of 15-53/4 and Alexis Casillas cleared the high jump bar at 5 feet even to finish fifth in that event.

The Lady Steers also managed three placing finishes in individual running events. Angelica Hinojos led the way with a second-place clocking of 12.48 seconds in the 100 meters.

Ashley Larson contributed third-place points with a 5:59.17 clocking in the 1,600 meters and Rachel Guinn rounded out Big Spring' points with a 1:04.73 clocking for fourth place in the 400 meters.

In the boys' division, Steers head coach Rahdy Britton's squad was virtually hamstrung by injuries. In fact, Big Spring was unable to field teams both the 400-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

There were some bright spots for the Steers, however. Cousins Braden Wegner and Kyland Wegner both turned in personal bests in the pole vault, Braden soaring over the bar at 13 feet even to finish second, while Kyland was fourth with a 12-foot leap.

Jeremy Baeza and Shimeon Majors provided the rest of Big Spring's field

events points in the shot put — Baeza taking fifth place with a 43-6 heave, while Majors was sixth at 42-8.

Mike Martinez proved to be the Steers' leading point producer, as he finished second in both the 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters.

Martinez' time in the metric mile was 4:40.0, while his time in the 3,200 was 10:06.0. Distance teammate Rolando Ladesma was sidelined with an injury.

The remainder of the Steers points came in the 200 meters where Jason Woodruff was clocked at 23.3 seconds and finished in fourth place.

Both the Steers and Lady Steers teams will travel to Sweetwater this weekend to take part in the Rattlesnake Roundup Relays.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Tuesday, March 14: You know what you want, and you possess the endurance and ingenuity to meet the challenge. You make dreams a long-term reality. Working with others sometimes proves to be challenging, but you clear through problems and communication hassles. Work on your listening skills; others often aren't saying what you think they're saying. If you are single, you are unusually interested in romance this year, and there is a strong likelihood that you'll meet several interesting people. You might very well find yours elf locked between two different choices. If attached, make a greater commitment to your relationship. Start adding to the quality of your home life, perhaps by buying a second home. CANCER adores you!

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) *** Understand the complexity of an investment for the home before you make any commitment. What you hope will be a fruitful investment might take longer to come to fruition than you had anticipated. Be aware of the implications. Know your facts. Tonight: Home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Reach out for another and examine your long-term commitment. You build slowly and surely toward a key goal. Talks open up once you get past an immediate flurry of confusion. Make calls; reach out for others. Listen carefully. Tonight: Catch up on correspondence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Expenses remain a major focus. Though you might not have all the answers, you'll discover a lot more if you can get past a major preconception. Think carefully before you leap into action. You might not have all the facts. Tonight: Discuss a recent problem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Beam in what you want; make a must meeting; touch base with others. Listen to your inner voice about a friend who might be testy. Money matters involving partners need strong handling. Something might be amok! Clarity is instrumental. Tonight: It is your call.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** You could be exhausted by what is going on around you. Slow down and take your time when dealing with finances and others. Being methodical can only help you, presently. Listen

to another. Share different points of view, but remember that the decision is ultimately yours. Tonight: Play ostrich.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Examine goals carefully. Be sensitive to others at a meeting. You might not see eye to eye on a money matter, but don't make this a bigger problem than it needs to be. Resolution is your ultimate goal here. Tonight: Where your friends are!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Accept responsibilities, even if you would rather vanish and do something totally different right now. Discuss how you might be able to take off in the near future. A partner supports you in your work and helps you relax. Tonight: Clear your desk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Taking an overview helps you understand exactly what is necessary. Explore the possibility of taking a trip or heading in a new direction. Friends and work don't mix right now. Concentrate on getting the job done. Tonight: Out for dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Build on established ground. Relate on a one-on-one level. Others will finally hear you, loud and clear. Work might be draining, but with a lot of support, you can get through it. Confusion surrounds communication and work: Tonight: Mellow out - you need it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Respond to others, but recognize that you might be more serious than you need to be. You want concrete results and often demand more than you realize. Break through a communication problem; you'll understand another a lot more. Tonight: Let another decide.

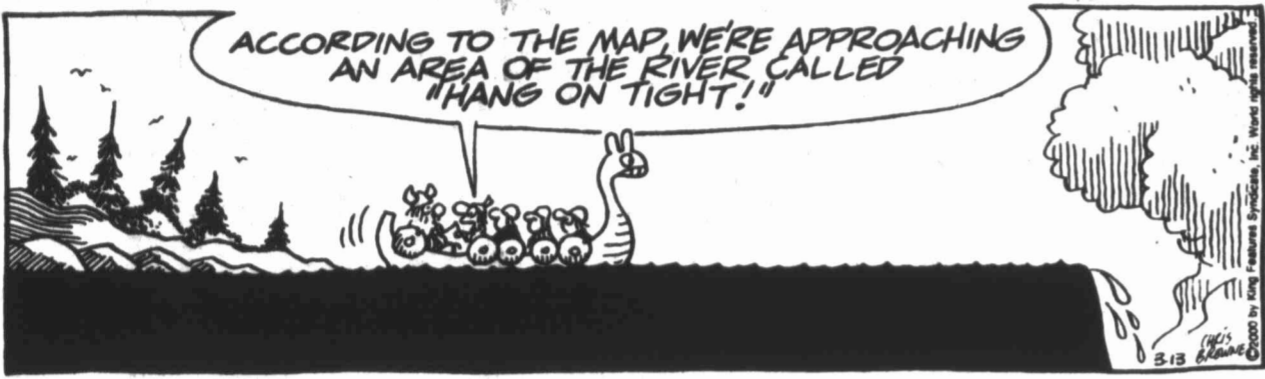
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Charge into work. Let go of expectations that involve a partner or key relationship. Let an emotional cloud blow over, rather than deal with it. You can clear out a lot. Efficiency helps you

MONDAY

MAR. 13

Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels (KMBD, KPEJ, KEJA, etc.) and rows for time slots (6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:30) listing various programs and their categories.

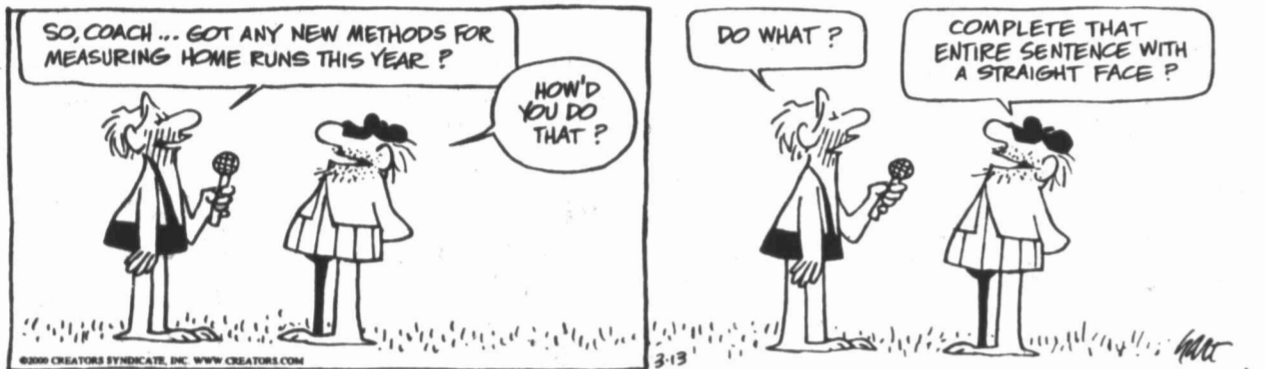
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FAMILY CIRCUS



DENNIS THE MENACE



GEECH



'This bunch of lines on each box gives the Doot-Doot Lady her DOOTS.'

'YOU SHOULDN'T BE PLAYIN' AROUND HERE, ANYHOW. THIS IS PUDDLE JUMPING COUNTRY!'

WIZARD OF ID



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History: On March 13, 1852, 'Uncle Sam' made his debut as a cartoon character in the New York Lantern. On this date: In 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate. In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis. In 1906, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony died in Rochester, N.Y.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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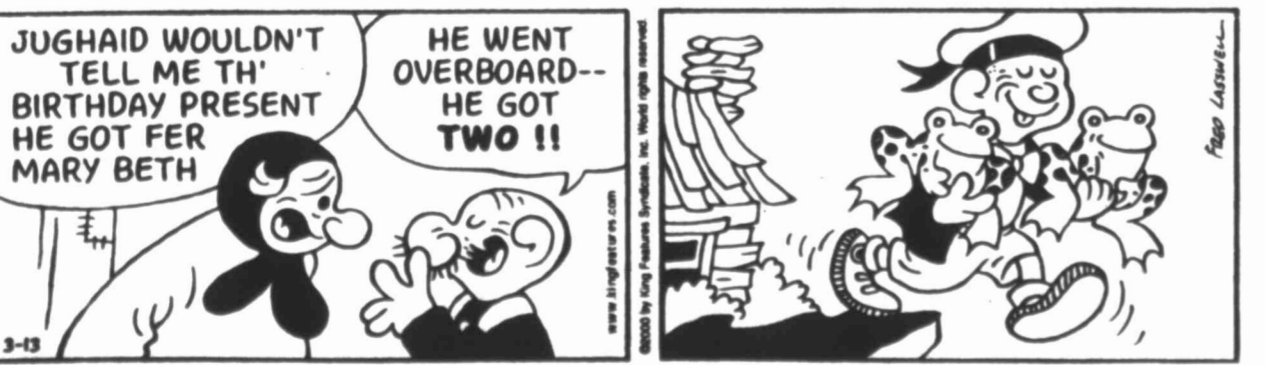


GASOLINE ALLEY



Saturday's Puzzle Solved grid with words like HAMS, SITUP, AZORES, etc.

SNUFFY SMITH



BEETLE BAILY



Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information: 915-263-7331, 915-263-7335, and a list of staff members.

In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution. In 1933, banks began to re-open after a 'holiday' declared by President Roosevelt. In 1964, in a notorious case, 38 residents of a Queens, N.Y. neighborhood failed to respond to the cries of Kitty Genovese, 28, as she was being stabbed to death. In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module. In 1980, Ford Motor Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down. In 1980, a jury in Winamac, Ind., found Ford Motor Company innocent of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women riding in a Ford Pinto. Ten years ago: The Soviet Congress of People's Deputies approved Mikhail S. Gorbachev's proposals for a multiparty political system headed by a powerful president. President Bush lifted trade sanctions against Nicaragua in a show of support for President-elect Violeta Chamorro. Five years ago: Two Americans working for U.S. defense contractors in Kuwait, David Daliberti and William Barloon, were seized by Iraq after they strayed across the border; sentenced to eight years in prison, both were freed the following July. One year ago: Serb government forces destroyed more than 25 homes of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, apparently in retaliation for the killing of Serb civilians. Evander Holyfield, the WBA and IBF champion, and Lennox Lewis, the WBC champion, kept their respective titles after fighting to a controversial draw in New York. Playwright Garson Kanin died in New York at age 86. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Liz Anderson is 70. Country singer Jan Howard is 70. Opera singer Rosalind Elias is 69. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 67. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 61. Actor William H. Macy is 50. Actor Fred Berry ('What's Happening!') is 49. Actress Deborah Raffin is 47. Comedian Robin Duke is 46. Actress Dana Delany is 44. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 40. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 38. Actor Christopher Collet is 32.