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## THURSDAY

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### WEATHER

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### Museum seeks volunteer chefs for food festival

Chefs are being sought for the March 24 "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival at the Heritage Museum.

The event offers participants a bite-size taste of foods from different regions, countries and cultures. Chefs are asked to prepare about 300 tastes of their dish and serve it during the festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

About 50 cooks are needed for the event. All proceeds benefit the museum; its fund-raising goal is \$2,500.

For more information, call the museum at 267-8255.

### WHAT'S UP...

#### TODAY

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.  
□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

#### FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

#### SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 8 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

□ Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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## Kiwanis Club to serve flapjacks in college cafeteria Friday night

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

It's time once again for annual Big Spring Kiwanis Club pancake supper.

The fund-raising event will be held on Friday at the Howard College cafeteria once again after holding it last year at the Big Spring Junior High School Cafeteria.

Hours will be from 5 p.m. until 8 and the cost will be \$5 per person for all you can eat.

Billy Smith, a veteran pancake flipper of some 32 events, said the club has had a successful sale of advance tickets.

"We have sold better than 500 tickets in advance," said Smith. "We fully anticipate

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### PANCAKE SUPPER

When: 5-8 p.m. Friday.

Where: Howard College cafeteria.

Tickets: \$5 each.

Meal: All you can eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee and milk.

To benefit: Kiwanis Club scholarship program.

## Thomas named president at Wells Fargo Bank here

HERALD Staff Report

Wells Fargo announced today that local resident Duane Thomas will take over as the new president of its banking



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facility in Big Spring.

"As an experienced banker and excellent team leader, Duane will be an asset to our customers and team members," said Ron Mullins, managing officer for Wells Fargo's Permian Basin area. "As a native of Big Spring, Duane knows the needs of the community and will guide Wells

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HERALD photos/Andrea Medlin  
Jeremy Anderson of Midwest Wrecking Co. works on the demolition of the Howard House which began Tuesday. The aging structure came down faster than officials had expected. Below, just across the street, the Settles Building stands tall in the background.

## Howard House now rubble; city crews to haul off debris

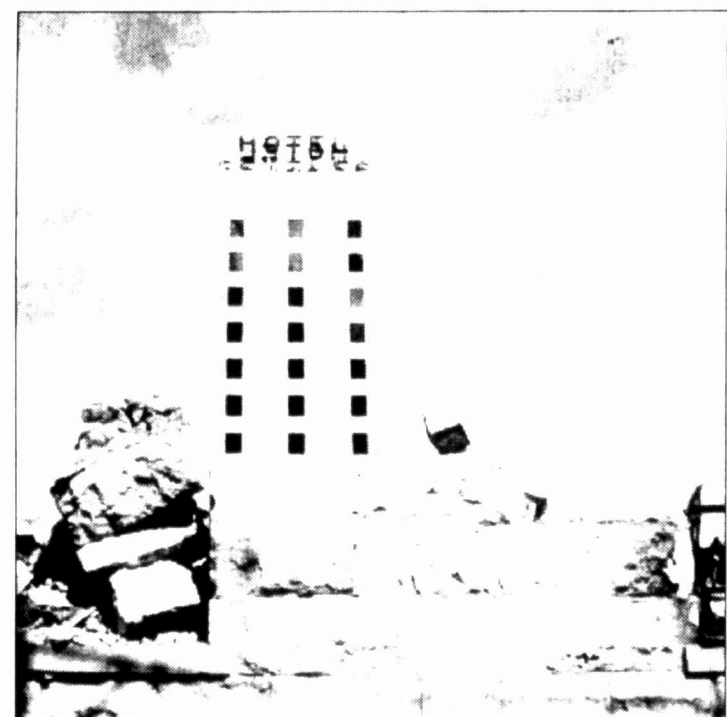
By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Just two days after demolition began, the Howard House is nothing more than a pile of rubble — albeit, a big one.

"The building came down much easier than anyone anticipated. It just shows what bad shape it was in," City Manager Gary Fuqua said today. "The tractor had no problem at all bringing it down."

On Tuesday, Midwest Wrecking of Fort Worth began tearing down the building, which for more than 70 years stood at Third Street and Rannels. By late Wednesday afternoon, the old hotel was reduced to a pile of rubble.

The structure's quick



demise came as a surprise to many; it had been anticipated it would take 30 days to tear the building down and haul the debris to the landfill.

"Certainly this changes the time line. Just how

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## AWOS

With entitlement funds, airpark hopes to obtain automated weather station

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring and McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark officials will approach the city council on Tuesday for its blessing on seeking an Automated Weather Observing Station (AWOS) for the airport.

"It is critical to the growth of the airport. We have to have it to have any prospect of attracting any type of carrier," said retired Air Force Col. Jim Little, chairman of the city's Airport Advisory Board.

Local officials recently received notice that Big Spring has been granted some \$60,600 in federal entitlement funds through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

"It is entitlement money and can be applied to various grants as TxDOT's matching share," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager and a member



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of the airport board. "We've elected to put it toward an automated weather system."

The AWOS system would allow pilots to receive up-to-the-minute weather information over Big Spring and the vicinity. The system could be accessed by pilots either in the air or before takeoff.

"It's a major safety precaution to have this advance weather information," said Bogard.

AWOS systems provide temperature, dew point,

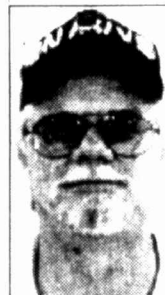
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## VMC sets fund-raiser to help with upkeep of Vietnam Memorial

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

A chili supper and dance to raise funds for maintenance and upkeep of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial have been scheduled for Saturday,

March 31, at the VFW Post on Driver Road.



GROVES

"We've been in the process of planning this event for the better part of a month," said Jerry Groves, publicity chairman for the Vietnam Memorial Committee. "We're constantly needing funds just to keep the memorial maintained."

"It costs us a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay our utility bills," Groves added. "And that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and do essential maintenance."

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## Fifth annual event keeps 'em dancing

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Almost 150 line dancers from as far away as Waco came to the Spring City

Senior Citizens Center yesterday for the 5th annual Line Dance Demonstration.

Other teams made the trip from Lubbock,

Abilene, Midland, Pecos, two teams from Odessa, Snyder and Seminole.

Each group performed two dances before the high-

ly enthusiastic crowd. The groups danced to "Achy Breaky Heart," "Chaka Chaka," "Cotton, Eyed Joe" and many more songs.

Dorothy Kennemur, leader and organizer of the local Spring City Stomper dancers, said the idea to begin the annual event came during a trip to Midland to watch another group of line dancers.

"Several of us went to a program in Midland a few years ago and we saw the facility they had and we began talking about getting a program of our on together because we had better facilities than they did," said Kennemur. "So out of that trip came the birthing of our annual line dance demonstrations. It has really



KENNEMUR



HERALD photo/Carl Graham  
Members of the Spring City Stompers entertain a group of about 150 line dancers from all over West Texas and as far away as Waco Wednesday at the 5th annual Line Dance Demonstration.

ly caught on."

Kennemur said the group loves to dance and it is a way to stay fit.

"We have a real enthusiastic group here that really

enjoy line dancing," said Kennemur. "It's such good exercise for us. We have one 89-year-old woman who dances with us and he outdoes a lot of us-younger

ones. She is very energetic."

Anyone interested in joining the group of dancers should contact Kennemur at 398-5522.

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OBITUARIES

Arthur Dick Harmon Jr.

Funeral service for Arthur Dick Harmon Jr., 79, of Andrews will be 10 a.m., Friday, March 9, 2001, in McNett Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ted Short, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Cemetery with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Harmon died Tuesday, March 7, at Permian General Hospital.

He was born Aug. 23, 1921, in Graham. He was a manager of a furniture store before retirement. He lived in Andrews for 18 years. He lived in Dallas before moving to Andrews. His wife, Elsie, predeceased him in death in November, 1989. He was a member of Merchant Marines during World War II.

Survivors include his daughter, Betty Harmon, Andrews, and his son, Dr. Harmon Sr., Andrews, one sister, and four grandsons in Big Spring and three granddaughters.

Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Santos Manuel Rodriquez

Rosary for Santos Manuel Rodriquez of Stanton will be recited at 7:30 p.m. this evening and Friday, March 9, 2001, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating, assisted by Deacon Ernie Sanchez. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Mr. Rodriquez died Wednesday, March 7, in a Stanton hospital.

He was born on May 14, 1937, in Alice and married Cresencia. Christina Rivas on April 2, 1977, in Stanton. He was a longtime resident of Stanton and Martin County. He was involved in farming most of his life and was employed by Ricky Mims in the Lenora area at the time of his death. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton.

Survivors include his wife, Cresencia; Christina Rodriquez of Stanton; three sons, Matt Rivas and Manuel Rodriquez, both of Midland; and Juan Rodriquez of Stanton; three daughters, Monica Meriscal and Martina Rodriquez, both of Stanton; and Sulema Valencia of Odessa; three sisters, Marianita Torres of Denver, Colo.; Dominga Mares of Venus; and Angelita Cantu of Stanton; two brothers, Manuel Rodriquez Jr. of Seminole and Juan Rodriquez of San Antonio.

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Helen Josephine Shaffer Talley, 90, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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and seven grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Claborn's Funeral Home in Stanton.

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Building, which was torn down last year, stone and brick from the Howard House will be used by the city for their new spots.

All of it will go to the landfill because of the possibility of asbestos contamination, said Fugua.

City officials will demolish the building while city crews are removing the rubble. The city manager said the demolition of Third Street will be opened now.

This section of Third Street, which was closed for over a year, will be opened by the end of the year, said Fugua.

There is no reason for the building to remain any more, said Fugua.

The city hopes that there will be a lot of heavy equipment coming around.

City officials are trying to search for a way to fill the gap, reportedly located in the northeast corner of the Douglass family home in the 1920s when the building was the Douglass Hotel.

We first went over the area with metal detectors. The family said it was buried underneath the building and marked with a metal plaque or some type of emblem. But we haven't found anything yet," said Fugua. "As we remove the debris, we are checking that area very carefully. We certainly are trying to find it."

AWOS

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wind direction, wind speed, peak gusts, altimeter setting, density altitude, visibility and cloud height. The operate 24 hours a day, with weather information updated every minute.

Cost of the system is estimated at \$85,000. The city would have to match 25 percent of that, leaving its share at about \$21,250. Those funds would come from monies specifically earmarked for the airport.

Bogard said assuming the council gives its OK, it would be April before TxDOT can review the proposal and approve or deny it. Still, even a quick "go" by TxDOT doesn't mean anything will happen soon.

It's a lengthy process because of the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) licensing that has to take place," she said. "This won't happen right away."

Officials believe it could take 18 months or more before the system could be acquired and operational.


Well before that, however, another major improvement at the Airport will be completed. Construction on the \$500,000 terminal should be completed late this month or early April.

VMC

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Tickets for the chili supper, scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

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

Look Who's 15!!  
  
Timothy Worley  
Love,  
Mom, Dad & Crystal

to 7:30 p.m., will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12, while tickets for the dance, which will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight, will be \$7 per person.

Music for the dance will be provided by disc jockey Dwayne Sherman and an L&L portrait from The Greenhouse Gallery will be given away during the event.

All proceeds from the supper and dance will be used by the committee to maintain the memorial's grounds.

Groves noted that anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep can mail the to Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

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feeding in excess of 600 people."

Smith said that this is always the club's biggest fund-raiser of the year. Monies from the project will go toward college scholarships.

We provide two \$500 college scholarships to two seniors from Big Spring who are members of the Key Club organization," said Smith.

"We have around 200 members in the local Key Club, which is one of the largest in the area."

Smith said the members play a valuable part in helping make the pancake supper a success.

"These young folks help serve and help keep the tables cleaned," said Smith. "They also go around to see if anyone needs more coffee or anything else. They keep pretty busy."

In addition to pancakes, there will be sausage, bacon, coffee and milk.

"We would like to invite everyone out to help us have another successful pancake supper," said Smith. "It all goes for a good cause, helping the youth of the community."

For more information on the supper call Smith at 267-6479.

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Fargo as we continue to meet those needs."

Thomas has more than 19 years of financial service experience, most recently as president of American State Bank in Big Spring.

He began his banking career with the Security State Bank in Big Spring and has worked as a senior vice president and credit executive for Chase Bank in Midland.

Thomas is a graduate of Big Spring High School.

He is a board member of the YMCA and Big Spring Country Club and a committee member for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. He is also a Rotarian, a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Settles and the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

Thomas will take over the position on March 19. The previous president, Mark Odle, left for a position in portfolio management at a Wells Fargo Bank in San Antonio.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Blood drive set Friday at local school

The United Blood Services will be at Marcy Elementary on Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. for those who wish to donate blood.

"These children are our future donors," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations representative. "We hope that their parents and other adult family members will lend their support to this blood drive. Action is the best example."

In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units of blood each week. Blood products have a shelf life of five to 42 days.

Donors must be 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds, be in good health, carry proof of identification and know the names of any medication taken in the past 30 days.

All students will receive special prizes for their designated donors.

Those wishing to make an appointment to give blood can contact Marcy principal Rey Villarreal at 264-4144.

BRIEFS

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING Course will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, March 14-15, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants must attend both days, but those who complete the course usually qualify for a 10 percent reduction in insurance rates.

Cost of the class is \$10. Call 267-1628 for more information.

BIG SPRING DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, meets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. New members are welcome. \$4 fee. Contact Janell Davis at 267-2656 for more information.

RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES is planning a program, "April Awareness, Everyone Has a Role," for April 4 on the Howard County Courthouse lawn. They are asking people who have been victims of violent crime to contact the office if they would be interested in taking part in the event. Among observations planned are a parade with law enforcement.

Call the RC/V/S office at 263-3312 for information.  
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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.

issue of a bad check. (HCSO).

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 3900 block of E. Highway 350.

INTOXICATED SUBJECT was reported in the 3700 block of Bobby Rd.

RECKLESS DRIVER was reported on South Highway 87 and at West FM 2230.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY  
• Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY  
• Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.  
• AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS.

8:53 a.m. - 2400 block of Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:43 a.m. - 1500 block of East Fifth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:29 p.m. - 1200 block of Mesa, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:41 p.m. - 500 block of Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:07 p.m. - East 11th Place Extension, traffic accident, service refused.

8:11 p.m. - 200 block of West Marcy, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:21 p.m. - 500 block of North Main, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today.

CAROLYN SUE HALE, 33, of 1308 Angela, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication (DPS).

ELIZABETH REGALDO, 21, of 4100 Muir, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (DPS).

JULIE ALTA REDDING, 35, of 1615 Lark, was arrested on a charge of

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

JESSIE REED, 64, no address given, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.

JASON MURPHY, 29, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant and possession of marijuana.

DAVID CHAVARRIA, 45, no address given, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended, no liability insurance, failure to yield right of way.

FRANK KNIGHT, 24, no address given, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

JOSE PEREZ, 25, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

VERBAL THREATS was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.

THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 67  
Wednesday's low 45  
Precip. Wednesday 0.07  
Record high 91 in 1972  
Record low 18 in 1932  
Average high 65  
Average low 36  
Month to date 0.09  
Year to date 2.58  
Sunrise Friday 7:03 a.m.  
Sunset Friday 6:50 p.m.

Happy Birthday Jason  
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# As states wait, Democrats criticize census numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A specific number of the estimated undercount from the 2000 census head tally — not just a percentage — must be released for states to determine how accurate their redistricting data is, said Democratic critics of a Bush administration decision relying on the actual count.

In ruling against adjustment of the raw count, Commerce Secretary Don Evans said it was the "most accurate in history" and would be sent to states for redistricting.

The Census Bureau was to send redistricting data to governors and state legislative leaders to 11 states this week. The public was to see

the data after those state officials tell the Census Bureau they received it.

Those states are: Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

In his decision Tuesday, Evans cited Census Bureau estimates of a net undercount of about 1.2 percent, or 3.3 million of the nation's 281 million people. That was down from 1.6 percent, or about 4 million of the 1990 population.

In both years, though, the undercount was primarily made up of minorities, and could have been made up through an adjustment, critics said.

The net undercount figure in 1990 is based on Census Bureau sampling data suggesting that 8 million people were missed and 4 million people were double-counted.

The Census Bureau said comparable numbers for 2000 were "slightly lower" than 1990, and would be officially released soon. Until those numbers are released, it is impossible to say how accurate this year's count was, Democrats contend.

"If the benchmark Secretary Evans is using is that the net undercount was reduced, we won't know until we get the total number of people missed in the census, and the total number of people counted

twice," Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., a critic of the decision who called for adjusted data to be released regardless of redistricting, said Wednesday.

Chip Walker, spokesman for Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee's census panel, called the Democratic criticism "sour grapes."

Evans agreed with a Census Bureau recommendation that raw numbers were more accurate than the adjusted numbers.

Though the political debate has quieted for now, all sides agree that the issue will again arise in court.

Some supporters of adjustment want all data to be released to help bolster their legal arguments.

The Census Bureau "made clear that right now the most accurate set of numbers is the actual head count, which some consider the most accurate in our history," Commerce spokesman Jim Dyke said.

Census officials have said they are still studying the adjusted numbers and are unsure to what extent that data would be released.

A consultant to members of the U.S. Census Monitoring Board appointed by former President Clinton also said Wednesday there were roughly 44 million

"errors" in the raw count last year, up from about 35 million in 1990, though the population also increased in that time frame.

Among other things, errors include people who could have been omitted, counted in the wrong place, or double-counted. The error number, however, is not a comparable measure of the actual overcount and undercount numbers being sought, said Gene Erickson, who had access to the census numbers in his capacity as Democratic consultant.

"Still the fact that it is bigger tells us that overall level error was just as great in 2000 as in 1990," Erickson said.

## Astronauts off to replace station crew

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery blasted off Thursday on a mission to replace the weary crew of the international space station with three fresh workers.

The shuttle climbed through a clear, chilly, peach-tinged sky just moments after sunrise, carrying six astronauts and one cosmonaut as well as a full load of station supplies.

To NASA's relief, the temperature stayed in the mid to high 40s during the final few hours of the countdown, not nearly cold enough for ice to form on the shuttle's external fuel tank. At liftoff, it was 45, one of the colder launch-time temperatures in 20 years of space shuttle flight.

"Looks like a beautiful day to go fly," launch director Mike Leinbach told the shuttle crew.

Replied Discovery's commander, James Wetherbee: "Expedition 2 is ready to relieve Expedition 1."

The international space station, Alpha, and its three residents were soaring above the Indian Ocean near Australia when Discovery took off at 6:42 a.m. It should reach the station early Saturday.

The main objective of Discovery's 12-day flight is to exchange Alpha crews. Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev and American astronauts Jim Voss and Susan Helms will move into the space station for a 4-month stay, relieving the outpost's first crew.

Voss calmly flipped through an aviation magazine as he waited for the ride to the launch pad early Thursday and the mission for which he'd been training for five years. Helms looked a little sad. "Bye, Mom," she said, waving to the TV cameras. She will be the first woman to live on space station Alpha.

Before crawling into Discovery, Voss and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachev, the station's next commander, held up a small white sign with the words "Happy Women's Day!" printed in Russian and English.

Space station commander Bill Shepherd and his two Russian crewmates have been living aboard Alpha since Nov. 2.

## Only the worst Mexican trucks stopped

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — With hundreds of thousands of big rigs rumbling over the Rio Grande every year, state inspectors have devised a low-tech way to determine which Mexican trucks to stop.

"We only inspect the ones that look really, really bad," Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said Wednesday. "Like, 'Oh, my God, how's that gonna stay together?' We're only taking the worst of the worst."

The result is that only a fraction of the Mexican rigs hauling tools, car parts and blue jeans are stopped for safety inspections before rumbling into the United States.

U.S. officials cited such concerns to help explain

why they won't be able to meet a Thursday deadline to allow Mexican trucks full access to American roads.

The North American Free Trade Agreement had called for Mexican trucks to have unrestricted access to highways in border states — Texas, California, New Mexico and Arizona — by 1995 and full access to all U.S. highways by January 2000.

But a NAFTA arbitration panel ruled Feb. 6 that the United States had violated the treaty by refusing to allow Mexican trucks full access to American highways.

The Bush administration had until Thursday to implement a policy acceptable to Mexico or face possible Mexican sanctions. U.S.

officials said they don't expect to face penalties.

Mexican officials acknowledged the importance of safety during a recent meeting between U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick and Trade Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez, his Mexican counterpart.

David DeCarme, a Department of Transportation division chief, said a timetable has not yet been set on when Mexico will get a complete truck policy.

Mexico's Deputy Transport Minister Aaron Dychter has said Mexico "harmonized" its safety standards to match those of the United States, but critics say Mexican enforcement is lax.

## Sub commander's attorney attacks Navy probe of accident

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — The commander of a U.S. submarine that collided with and sank a Japanese fishing boat did his best but lacked key information that might have helped prevent the accident, his lawyer suggested Wednesday.

Cmdr. Scott Waddle's civilian attorney, Charles Gittins, opened his cross examination at a Navy court of inquiry by trying to show Waddle followed standard procedures but did not have enough data before the Feb. 9 collision.

Gittins challenged the Navy's preliminary investigation into the accident as incomplete and inaccurate.

"You had some time constraints placed on you that made it difficult ... to do a thorough and complete investigation," Gittins said in questioning Rear Adm. Charles Griffiths Jr.

Griffiths conducted the Navy's preliminary investigation. He spent his third day testifying in a Navy court of inquiry into why the Greeneville hit and sank the Ehime Maru, killing nine people. The admiral concluded broken equipment, civilian guests and Waddle's rush to get back on schedule contributed to the collision.

However, Griffiths acknowledged on cross

examination that the submarine's fire control technician knew the Ehime Maru was within close range of the Greeneville and never told the commander.

"He made no report," Griffiths said.

"No report whatsoever?" asked Gittins, to which the investigator replied: "Whatsoever."

The technician, who analyzes sonar data, said he didn't report the presence of the ship to Waddle because the visiting civilians blocked his access to the commander.

The Greeneville was demonstrating an emergency surfacing drill for its

visitors when it rammed the Ehime Maru, causing it to flood and quickly sink. Twenty-six aboard the vocational fishing vessel were rescued, but nine, including four teenagers, never were found.

The court of inquiry will help determine the fate of Waddle, his second in command, Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer, and the officer of the deck, Lt. j.g. Michael Coen. They could face courts-martial. The inquiry is expected to last several weeks.

"What went wrong?" asked Vice Adm. John Nathman, who is overseeing the court.

Griffiths listed five main factors:

—A rush to complete an emergency surfacing drill, which was pushed back nearly 45 minutes because of delays including a long lunch for the civilian guests.

—A lack of qualified sonar operators.

—Broken equipment that could have helped detect the Japanese ship.

The number and location of 16 civilians aboard the Greeneville.

—A command climate in which crew members were unaccustomed to questioning Waddle because they trusted his skills.

Griffiths has described a ship on which several enlisted personnel, from the skipper to a sonar analyst and an officer accompanying civilian guests, could have done more to ensure the safe operation of the sub.

Pfeifer's attorney, Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Stone, also pointed to inconsistencies in Griffiths' report, including incorrect calculations on ocean swells. Griffiths testified that Waddle, with his ship running behind schedule, rushed preparations for the drill and did not give sonar operators enough time to obtain accurate data.

## Student found with 'hit list' at school

HARLINGEN (AP) — A student found with a hit list of pupils he reportedly wanted to kill has been expelled from a South Texas campus.

The Harlingen High School freshman's letter listed cheerleaders and athletes among the 40 names, administrators said.

The letter that surfaced this week suggested the boy wanted to commit the same attack as 15-year-old Charles Andrew "Andy" Williams did Monday at Santana High School in Santee, Calif. That shooting in a San Diego suburb killed two students and wounded 13 others, including a school administrator.

The suspect was expelled and reassigned to an alternative academic and counseling program Tuesday afternoon after he was found with a letter that stated he wanted to murder 40

students, school officials said.

One 15-year-old freshman cheerleader listed as a target said the letter was written "a long time ago," but it surfaced this week, frightening students who saw their names.

"He put the names (of people) on the list who he thought were rich or popular or snobby. Those were the people he didn't like," the girl, who said she was in the boy's biology class but spoke on condition of anonymity, told the Valley Morning Star in Harlingen and The Monitor in McAllen.

"He secluded himself from everybody and wouldn't talk to us," she said.

Speech teacher Jason Segel overheard students in his class discussing what they had seen in the letter and reported the situation to Principal Rick Renaud.

Told about the discussions, campus resource officer Arturo Gonzalez located the boy. He said the student had the letter with him.

"We did find a letter of a threatening nature," said Linda Wade, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, on Wednesday. "We immediately began an investigation and disciplinary action was taken."

The boy was assigned to the district's Secondary Alternative Center for the remainder of the school year. There, he will study academic subjects and receive counseling.

## Millions bought tickets, one winner

CANUTILLO (AP) — One winner of the record-high Lotto Texas \$85 million jackpot was announced early Thursday morning.

Following a delay, the Texas Lottery Commission said one ticket matched all the numbers drawn from a field of 54. They were 10-31-36-37-45-51.

Kristina Childress, a Lottery Commission spokeswoman, said the winning ticket was sold at Shoppers Mart at 10500 N. Lamar in Austin.

The store is eligible for a one percent bonus up to \$500,000 for selling the win-

ning ticket, she said.

Late Wednesday night, ticket holders were left waiting as the lottery commission scrambled to determine a winner after numerous tickets were purchased. If a winning ticket was purchased, the commission usually issues an announcement the same night of the drawing.

But just before midnight, it wasn't clear if someone would claim the jackpot.

Earlier in the day, people poured over the borders to join millions of Texans in their dreams of getting rich quick.

At 5 p.m. CST, tickets were selling at a rate of 43,238 a minute across the state. To add to the lottery fever, people from Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and Mexico were driving to the nearest Texas convenience store to stake their own claims on the multi-million jackpot.

Martin Diaz, a sales representative for GTECH, the Rhode Island company contracted to run the state lottery, was making the rounds Wednesday.

"It's madness," Diaz said, while checking sales at a convenience store.

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OUR VIEWS

Pancakes are for a good cause

From the latest report on advance ticket sales, it appears there may not be an empty seat in the house Friday during the Big Spring Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper.

The fund-raiser, scheduled for the Howard College cafeteria from 5-8 p.m., promises all the pancakes a person can eat for only the \$5 ticket price.

Club members reported they have already sold more than 500 tickets, leading them to believe they will feed more than 600 people Friday night. That's a lot of pancakes.

Besides, of course, plenty of flapjacks and syrup on the menu, there will be sausage, bacon, coffee and milk. And remember, if you want more, just ask.

If you haven't done so already, there's still time to buy a ticket. The Kiwanians will even take your money at the door. After all, the more they raise, the more money goes to college scholarships.

Kiwanis typically provides \$500 college scholarships to two seniors from Big Spring, members of the Key Club, which is sponsored by the service organization. Some of the more than 200 Key Club members from Big Spring High School will help out at the supper, cleaning tables and refilling coffee for diners.

We urge you to take some time out Friday night and enjoy all the pancakes you can eat for only a \$5 donation. You can do so knowing you're offering your support to the youth of Big Spring through the Kiwanis Club.

OTHER VIEWS

Farming without insurance would be like bungee jumping without a cord.

Free-falling from heights far too high for mere mortals to survive, uninsured farmers surely leap to their fate, praying on the way down that the bounce won't be fatal.

That it will rain, but not too much.

That the sun will shine, but not too bright.

That the frost won't bite.

That the locust won't feast.

That the tractor starts.

That the crop doesn't fail.

Crop insurance doesn't ward off all ills, but without it, farmers would more than likely find themselves splat on the asphalt of America's farming industry.

Whether they survive the fall, dust themselves off and try the leap again, well, that's hard to tell. It's a necessary safety precaution. If these farmers are willing to take the leap, they need some protection.

Unfortunately, though, some insured farmers would rather stay on the ground, but tell the government they took the leap and hit takeover.

More than a year ago, a three-day investigative series by the Times Record News depicted such fraudulent practices, how some farmers seemed to work the system by claiming crop failures and then pocketing the insurance money.

The result of the scrutiny came in the form of the Agricultural Protection Act of 2000, legislation designed

to give farmers stronger insurance but safeguarded the insurance industry from fraud. The Risk Management Agency, according to a follow-up story in the Times Record News, will spend \$25 million to give anti-fraud training to 2,500 Farm Service Agency personnel at the state and county levels.

A \$25 million training program doesn't seem like a steep price when you consider that one agent in Texas was convicted of submitting more than \$500,000 in fraudulent claims and is now serving a 33-month sentence.

The government shouldn't stop there.

As long as food comes cheap, some farmers will find farming at a loss more appealing than fighting the price wars. Or families with generations of farmers will turn to other professions for more promising prospects.

Doing battle in the world agricultural market has pitted American farmers with their counterparts across the globe, and cheap food prices make the battle insurmountable at times. One would think that, with all the starving people in the world, food would come at a premium.

Farming doesn't work that way today. A safety net is needed to keep a traditional American profession alive. But safeguards, like crop insurance, must be in place to protect the farmer and the taxpayer.

WICHITA FALLS TIMES RECORD NEWS

Whatever critter Cajuns cook is good

What if you went to a wild rabbit cook-off and came away with a turkey neck?

Sounds like something out of an Aesop fable or

Louisiana.

It was a day to swell bayous and refill the swamp, an ample antidote for last summer's drought. Rain roared into this lush, low-lying land and left one giant mud puddle.

A little flash flooding never stops an occasion in Cajun Country. The good times roll with whatever Mother Nature sees fit to script. Sometimes the foul weather is the inspiration for the party.

When I saw the sign that said "Wild Rabbit Cook-Off. John's Store," I quickly donned my fuchsia rain slicker — bought on sale for \$8, no doubt reduced because it's the color of a streetwalker's lips — and my white gum boots and set off in the direction of food. I did not call ahead or hesitate, just made sure there were Tums in the

bedside bottle. Whatever critter Cajuns cook, wild or tame, is good. They could prepare old shoe leather with garlic, onion and gravy and make it tasty. Not to mention there is a ceremonial aspect to cooking that is a joy — ala Justin Wilson — to watch. Cooking is a manly sport, no weak souls of either sex need apply.

Cooks here use cast-iron pots bigger than California hot tubs. Grocery stores sell rice in serious, feed-sack size. Meats are smothered, not merely baked or broiled or boiled. Liquor is involved. You don't just get grouse, you get Grouse in White Wine. Snipe is Broiled Brandied Snipe and dove is Sherried Dove.

As soon as I cross the state line from Mississippi into Hammond, I get hungry. Can't help myself. The mere name "Louisiana" makes my mouth water, my stomach growl. If I hear Randy Newman singing on the radio, I get famished. This is the place they should send Ally McBeal to fatten her up.

I do things here I seldom do anywhere else, like sit around and read recipes. Cajun cookbooks have remarkable entries, like "Topping for Pigs' Ears (Les Oreilles de Cochon)" — the pigs' ears in this

case being a fried delicacy made of eggs, butter and flour.

It makes perfect sense there would be cooking contests, lots of them, because Cajuns take pride in preparation, never to be confused with moderation. A quick perusal of the newspaper showed four such contests coming soon, including a rice and gravy cook-off where you can get your black pot seasoned and cured for free. Now that's news you can use.

There was a crowd at John's Store, as I knew there would be. The cooking tents were set up in the puddles and parking lot, and low crowd cover intensified the glorious smells. I hopped over small lakes to ask a sweet-looking lady where one might go to buy a bunny. (It's illegal to sell wild game, but usually at such events the price you pay is a donation to some worthy cause.)

"Oh, when the judging's done you can take your plate around and ask everyone for a sample," the woman said.

This was more a cooking than eating event.

Now I've been around enough Cajun cooks to know that their good food takes time. And the judging, well, that's a whole other art. I once was the

whole-hog judge at the famous Memphis In May Barbecue, and — Do you blame me? — I took my sweet, finger-licking time and did a thorough job.

Here near Breaux Bridge, the smells and anticipation had me plenty hungry. It was my first day in Louisiana, and I wasn't really ready for a spectator role just yet. I wanted to eat, and soon.

I made a slow turn around the cooks' kingdom, where chefs fussed over their pots like an old coot attends his child bride. Cajun cooking everywhere, and not a drop to eat.

"Want to try a wild turkey neck?" a fellow tending three pots asked. I think he saw my look of desperation.

"We don't have plates," he said, spooning up a meaty neck that must have come from the world's hottest turkey.

It wasn't rabbit, but it was good. Of course. Another cook took note of my appreciation and spread a cracker with homemade pepper sauce.

It would be an hour before the judging began, the benevolent neck cook said.

I thanked him and drove to the Crawford Capital Cafe for etouffee. Wild rabbit another day.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Windfall for the wealthy

Knock, knock. Is anybody paying attention out there? Poor people, low-income people, moderate-income people and even upper-middle-income people are blithely standing by while the Bush administration presses ahead with a tax-cut windfall for the wealthy.

The president is correct in calling for a large tax cut, but for those of us who champion the nation's working people, it is simply misplaced.

We listened sympathetically to Treasury Secretary Paul H. O'Neill defend the tax slash. The best he could come up with was that after the 1981 tax cut, the highest bracket was 28 percent, and now it is 39.6 percent. So, he said, it was only fair that it be reduced to 33 percent.

The argument doesn't hold. Before 1981, all brackets were higher, and the Reagan plan cut all taxes by 25 percent. Further, when the 16th Amendment authorizing an income tax was passed early in the last century, the resulting tax

was only levied against the very wealthy. People who paid it looked upon the tax as a sign of prestige because only the most affluent people (0.5 percent of the population) were affected, and then with a meager 7 percent tax.

In other words, if O'Neill wants to use history to justify this windfall for the wealthy, we would refer him back to 1913.

Why is President Bush proposing this? Apparently he believes that money put into wealthy hands will do the most good. It is reminiscent of President Reagan's "trickle-down" supply-side theories. The facts are otherwise.

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the Bush tax cut would allow a middle-income taxpayer to buy a muffer for his used car while a wealthy earner would be able to buy a new Lexus, inadvertently implying that both would pump money back into the economy. In fact, the wealthy already have all the cars they want. Their tax refunds will most likely go into interest-bearing instruments, which do not benefit the economy so much as consumer spending does. And we should remember that consumer spending has been the basis for the decade of economic boom.

Daschle and like-minded members from both parties

need to find their collective voice and then stay on message. We suggest either of the following allocations for a tax cut:

- 1) End the payroll taxes (FICA). Social Security and Medicare taxes take 15.3 percent of the first \$72,600 of income, making it the largest single tax paid by 70 percent of all taxpayers. And remember, while it appears that your employer is paying half of the FICA, it is simply money that would otherwise go directly to you. And FICA is not paying for your retirement; it is paying for the previous generation's retirement. As such, it ought to be paid out of general revenues, not by a dedicated tax imposed on middle- and low-income earners.
- 2) Eliminate the 15-percent bracket, and remove from the tax rolls anyone who was paying it. Not only would this be equitable, it would not even take up the entire \$1.6 trillion proposed cut. This would allow us to raise the base for filing a tax return even further, to around \$30,000 or more.

After all, how much sense is there in taxing people who are not making enough money to properly feed, clothe and house their families?

Wake up, America. The Bush tax cut is Robin Hood in reverse.



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# With all the benefits, why is breastfeeding not the norm?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is a continuation of last week's column on breast-feeding.

With so much evidence to support breastfeeding, I am continually puzzled as to why it isn't the norm.

Perhaps one reason is because there are so many false tales about it such as: If your breasts are small you won't make enough milk. This is not true. Being a 34-A at the time of my son's birth I worried about the same thing, but I was assured by his pediatrician that he was growing at a normal rate and he remained healthy while I was nursing him.

One concern that I never understood was that baby will become dehydrated if you don't give him bottles of

water. Breastmilk is liquid and it is produced in an amount more than sufficient for baby. Each time a baby nurses the woman's body is given signals to produce more milk ensuring an adequate supply.

Another one is that mom's allergies or disease will be passed on to the baby. This is also not true. A woman's body has an uncanny ability to filter out anything that may be harmful to the baby with rare exceptions such as HIV.

Maybe it's because most women just don't want to bother. However inconvenient it may seem, once a routine is established and the benefits are noticed (no or fewer ear infections,

fewer trips to the doctor, no formula to buy, etc.) it won't be an inconvenience anymore.

If the mother has to go back to work she can pump her breasts at work while on break and at lunch. Most places of employment will accommodate lactating women. I've heard some women say they don't want to expose themselves in public.

This is easily remedied with a blanket, towel, jack-

et, sweater, table cloth, napkin, tent, hat, scarf etc. Get the idea? There is really no excuse not to nurse in public.

For anyone who is interested in getting more information there are a number of sources on the subject. A good place to start (the best place, I think) would be the La Leche League. They will not only provide any information you want, but also provide counseling and instruction if needed.

Most hospitals can at least give interested persons a brochure, video or a number to call.

When I was looking for information eight years ago, I found a book on breast-feeding at a local used bookstore. It was right next to

the romance novels (not that I read those).

The Internet also has lots of web sites on the subject. Just type in 'breastfeeding' and you will find lots of articles on all aspects of lactation, including the father's role.

Most importantly though, support from friends and family is essential.

It can be very stressful for a mother trying to do what's best for her baby if family and friends criticize or act embarrassed or worse, sabotage what is the most natural and best thing a mom can do for her baby.

The World Health Organization lists mother's milk as the first source of food that should be provided for a baby.

Milk from another woman is second, milk from a milk bank is third and formula is fourth.

Finally, to be fair I must mention that infant formula is appropriate for women who have had breast surgery or suffer from an illness or medical condition and has been advised not to by her doctor.

Also, when formula was invented, the rate of infant deaths dropped dramatically. This was because it was invented to save the lives of sick babies or babies whose mother had died or was too sick to nurse, and when there were no wet nurses available.

Andrea Medlin writes a regular column for the Herald on health issues.



ANDREA MEDLIN

## Study says Aspirin may lower risk of ovarian cancer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Women who take aspirin at least three times a week for an extended period may decrease their risk of ovarian cancer by as much as 40 percent, a new study shows.

The study's findings parallel previous studies on the preventative powers of aspirin for heart disease and cancers that begin in the colon or rectum.

Women should realize that long-term use carries risks, including ulcers, says the lead author. Chronic inflammation could be related to epithelial ovarian cancer, as it is in endometriosis and pelvic inflammatory disease.

The study involved 748 women enrolled in the New York University Women's Health Study who answered questions about their aspirin use from 1994 to 1996. Of those, 68 developed epithelial ovarian cancer.

Among the cancer patients, 10 percent had used aspirin regularly. Among the rest, 16 percent regularly used aspirin.

The researcher said that after accountings for variables such as contraceptive use and family cancer history, he calculated that regular aspirin use could reduce the risk of developing the cancer by 40 percent.

The study was the fifth on the relationship between ovarian cancer and aspirin or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Akhmedkhanov said his was the first to begin with healthy participants who were followed over time, a research method considered more accurate than a retrospective study.

Akhmedkhanov's study is intriguing, said Dr. Raymond DuBois, director for gastroenterology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, who has researched aspirin's relationship to colon cancer.

"We definitely see a 50 percent reduction in risk of colon cancer with aspirin use, and it's exciting to see a relationship being established for other types of cancer," DuBois said.

Dr. Beth Karlan, director of gynecologic oncology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, called the study provocative and worthy of further study but not definitive.

"The data so far cannot lead me as a clinician to recommend it to my patients," she said.

## Good news for Web-potatoes: Internet counseling can help with weight loss

CHICAGO (AP) — Sitting at a computer can help you lose weight, research shows. Provided, of course, that you exercise and diet.

In a study of 65 overweight adults, weight-loss information Web sites helped people shed pounds. And people who also received weekly e-mail advice from behavioral therapists had even better results.

Dieters who got the Internet counseling sessions lost three times as much weight in six months — 9 pounds versus 3 — as those who just had access to diet and exercise Web sites.

The study, led by Brown University researchers,

Deborah F. Tate, appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Participants, ages 18 to 60, were about 30 pounds overweight on average. All received a one-hour group dieting lesson. They also were advised to monitor their progress and were directed to Web-sites with tips on keeping track of daily food intake and exercise.

About half were encouraged to have weekly e-mail contact with a behavioral therapist, who counseled them on their food and exercise regimens. They could contact other participants through an electronic bulletin board.

"Logging on more frequently was associated with better weight loss in both groups," Tate said. But the study also shows "that a structured program with continued contact works better than just giving people access to information online."

The Internet therapy group lost only about half as much weight as would be expected in face-to-face behavioral programs, Tate said. But noting that 54 percent of U.S. adults are overweight, she said cyber-dieting might be a good idea for some people.

The study was funded by Knoll Pharmaceutical, which makes the diet drug Meridia.

## NBC strikes deal to keep 'Frasier' three more years

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC has struck a deal with the studio that makes "Frasier" to keep the five-time Emmy-winning comedy about a pompous Seattle psychologist on the air for at least three more years.

If NBC hadn't nailed down the agreement, there was a risk that Paramount would have shopped the comedy to another network. Series star Kelsey Grammer seemed happy on Tuesday to be staying put.

"I got off the phone and jumped around the room for a while" when the deal was done, Grammer said.

NBC had reportedly been paying Paramount \$5 million per episode for the show. NBC West Coast President Scott Sassa said the network agreed to an increase of less than 10 percent. Paramount said it was a little more than that.

There were also reports that NBC had been reluc-

tant to make a three-year commitment for a series in its eighth season. But Jeff Zucker, NBC entertainment president, said that "we don't view it as a gamble at all."

The three-year commitment was apparently very important to Grammer, who wants his series to at least match the 11-year run of "Cheers," the comedy where his character of Dr. Frasier Crane was created.

Grammer said he might even want to beat that record, "but we're getting ahead of ourselves."

The series won the Emmy for best comedy five consecutive years, from 1994 to 1998. Grammer had been upset with NBC last year for moving "Frasier" from the network's most popular night, Thursdays, to Tuesdays.

But "Frasier" easily maintained its popularity and is ranked a solid 15th in

Nielsen Media Research's season-to-date ratings, second only to "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

"You can pretty much take it to the bank that this show will be on Tuesdays at 9 next year," Zucker said.

The new licensing agreement gives the network the right to air reruns several times in different time periods, Sassa said.

## SCHOOL NEWS

The Coahoma chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the Region I Conference in Lubbock Feb. 23-24, 2001. The chapter members were among 1,000 delegates attending the two-day conference.

Some of the issues that were addressed at the meeting were scholarships, date rape, eating disorders, STOP the violence, community service, stress management, leadership, STAR events, underage drinking, public speaking, self-esteem, and attitude check.

Heather Rich, Region I Vice President of Records presented a workshop of eating disorders. Her mother, Donna Rich and other Coahoma FCCLA members assisted. Heather talked to the group about various eating disorders and how to determine if a person had a problem.

STAR Events (Students Taking Action for Recognition) are competitive events in which members participate at regional meetings. These events allow members to show case their life skills in competition. Jamie Carey placed second in Skills for Life

competition.

Lindy Barr placed fifth in Illustrated Talk. She did a power point presentation on depression and suicide. Brittney Prater placed sixth in Applied Technology. Her power point presentation was on adoption. Ashley Woolverton competed in Focus on Children with a video presentation on reading to children.

The House of Delegates met Friday evening to elect officers for the 2001-2002 school year. Candice Rose served as the chapter's voting delegate. Heather Rich was elected as Region I Vice President of Public Relations.

During the general session, Donna Rich received honorary membership. Rich has helped to sponsor not only local chapter activities but has helped to sponsor region and state activities.

Other members who assisted with various duties at the conference were Heather Justice, Roxanne Gomez, Christine Grove. Their advisor, Barbara Justiss, accompanied the group.

School news is due Tuesday at 5 pm.

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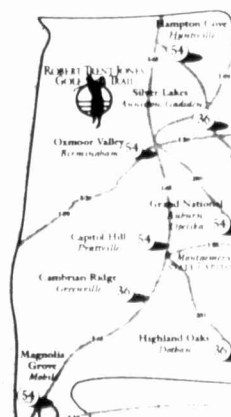


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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Hawks sweep twinbill from Odessa

Howard College's Lady Hawks rolled to 18-1 and 15-1 wins over Odessa College's Lady Wranglers on Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) softball action Wednesday.

The Lady Hawks improved to 11-7 on the season and 4-2 in WJCAC play with the sweep. Sophomore pitchers DeShaun Drake and Brandy Smith recorded the pitching victories, and Drake belted a 3-run homer to break the second game open for Howard.

The Lady Hawks' next game will be March 16 in the opening round of the Pima College Invitational in Tucson, Ariz.

#### Lady Steers softball boosters set meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. Club members should have poster ads read to turn in during that meeting.

#### Lady Steers blast Lubbock Estacado

Big Spring's Lady Steers opened District 4-4A softball play with an impressive 11-0 win over Lubbock Estacado's Lady Matadors on Tuesday.

Christina Gwyn and Nicole Chesworth combined for the shutout.

Erica Steward led Big Spring's 12-hit attack with a 4-for-4 showing at the plate.

The Lady Steers will play host to Frenshipp's Lady Tigers at 4 p.m. Friday at the BSHS Softball Complex.

#### Steers thins eighth at Bulldog Relays

Big Spring's Steers finished eighth in a field of 12 teams Saturday at Abilene Wylie's Bulldog Relays.

The Steers' top finish came from Mike Solis, who was second in the 800 meters, and Jacob Marquez added a third-place finish in the 1,500 meters.

Big Spring had fourth-place finishes from Ronnie Johnson in the triple jump, Kyland Wegner in the pole vault and Andy Arguello in the 3,200 meters.

Arguello added a fifth-place finish in the 1,500, while Victor Yanez was fifth in the 3,200.

Mark Hickman rounded out the scoring with a sixth place in the 1,500.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL

12:30 p.m. • Howard College Lady Hawks vs. Grayson County Lady Vikings, first round, Region V Tournament in Lubbock.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL • Big Spring Steers at Abilene Cooper Classic.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men 6 a.m. — Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, first round, Florida State vs. Clemson, ESPN, Ch. 30

8 p.m. — Big East Conference Tournament, quarterfinals, ESPN, Ch. 30

9:30 p.m. — Arizona at Stanford, FXS, Ch. 29.

11 p.m. — Mountain West Conference Tournament, quarterfinals, Colorado State vs. New Mexico, ESPN, Ch. 30

NBA 7 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Portland Trail Blazers, TNT, Ch. 28.

## Tech officials reportedly considering Knight for Raiders job

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coach James Key says he will continue focus on his team, its players and winning games despite reports that school administrators have talked with former Indiana coach Bobby Knight about his job.

"My focus is on having our team prepared as well as we possibly can and making sure these players are given every opportunity to have every chance they can to succeed," Dickey told The Associated Press early today from his hotel room in Kansas City.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported in today's editions that Texas Tech administrators have approached Knight about taking over.

A former college coach, who is

close to Knight but asked not to be identified, told the newspaper that Tech president David Schmidly and athletic director Gerald Myers traveled to Naples, Fla., earlier this week to discuss with Knight the possibility of replacing Dickey.

"I've heard the same reports but I have not had any information at all from our administration," Dickey said.

His team is in Kansas City for the Big 12 Tournament, which starts today and lasts through Sunday. Tech first faces Oklahoma State at 2:20 p.m.

Tech sports information director Chris Cook said Myers would not discuss the report.

"Gerald will not comment," Cook said.

Myers also declined comment to the newspaper, saying he would not make any statements until after he has a chance to talk with Dickey following the Red Raiders' final game of the tournament.

Knight was fired from Indiana last fall after violating a no-tolerance policy. He violated the policy when he grabbed an IU student by the arm.

Knight indicated at the time he wanted to coach again.

Tech spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Chancellor John Montford spent Wednesday in Washington, D.C., and President David Schmidly was en route to Kansas City.

"All I know is we still have a coach," she said. "I cannot imagine

them doing anything while our team is still playing."

But Rugeley admitted she would not necessarily know. "I don't do sports," she said. "I don't know and I wouldn't be very honest. I do know that Coach Myers and Bobby Knight are friends."

Myers, who coached the Red Raiders from 1971-1991, is said to have hand-picked Dickey as his successor.

Dickey said he first learned of the report from reporters and friends in Lubbock who saw the story on television.

"We have had a lot of our friends call us from Lubbock," said Dickey, who is in Kansas City with his wife

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## Hawks primed for playoffs

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

There have been quite a few changes to the Howard College Hawks basketball program since their Region V Tournament appearance a year ago.

The most obvious difference, of course, is the coaching change and the long list of sophomores the team lost from its 2000 tournament roster.

But even with those number of changes, the team's goals remained the same.

"We set goals early on in the season," said interim head coach Jack Owens. "One of the goals was to win the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) outright. Another was to make it to the regional tournament and contend for the national title."

By the regular season's end, the Hawks had a new coaching staff, a couple of sophomore leaders and a trip to the regional tournament as the WJCAC's No. 4 seed.

The Hawks will open the tournament with a 5 p.m. game Friday, facing the Collin County Community College Express at the United Spirit Arena on the Texas Tech University campus in Lubbock.

Howard didn't come close to winning the WJCAC outright, finishing the season 13-18 overall and 7-7 in conference, but the Hawks did secure a spot in the tournament with a 75-63 win over South Plains' Texans in Levelland last week.

The Hawks, who'd been forced to forfeit their first five conference games, climbed out of the WJCAC cellar with a win over Clarendon and continued to rise.

A few road blocks appeared along the way, suffering a pair of road losses to Odessa (24-5) and Midland (22-8), both top-seeded teams in the regional tournament.

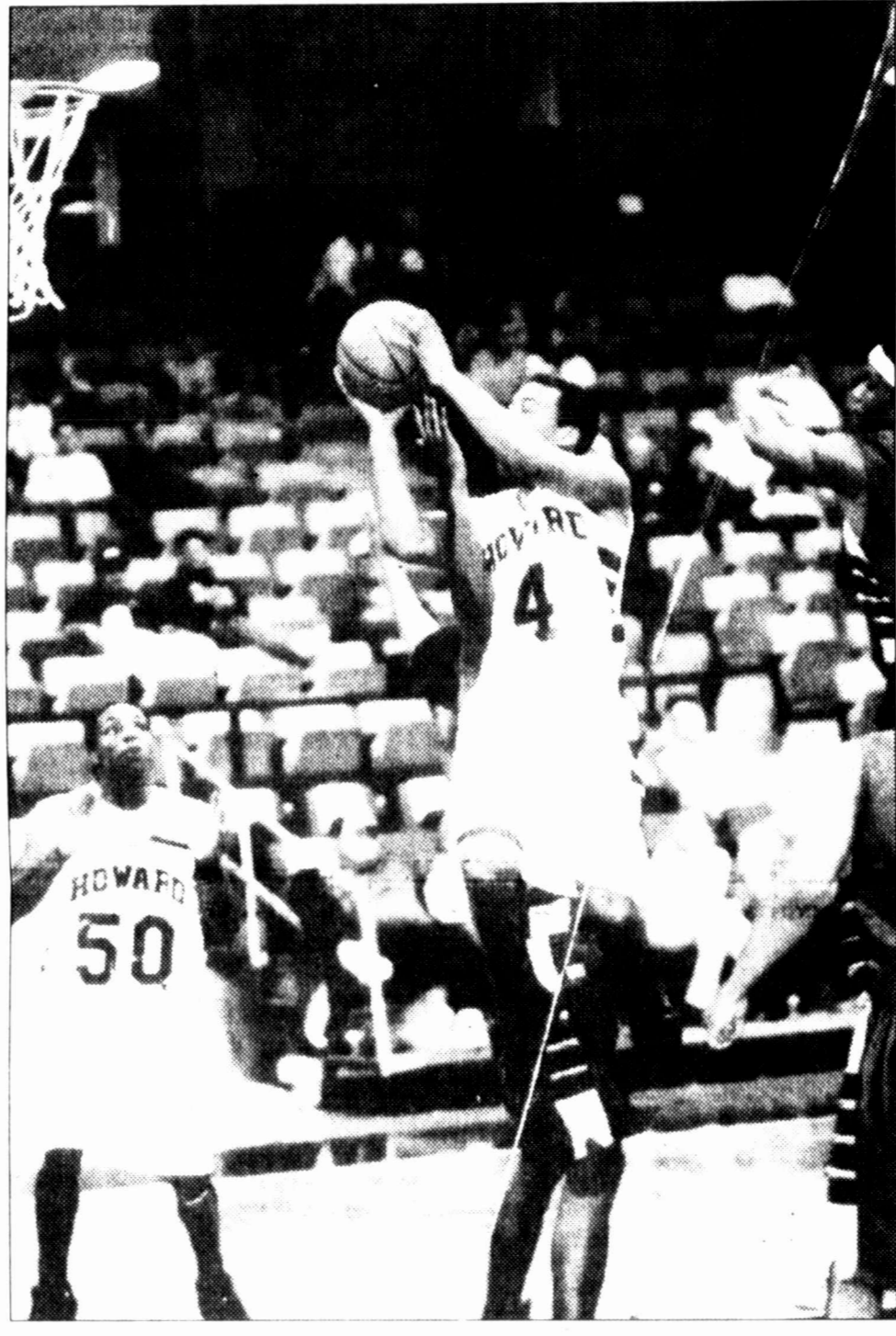
Last season, the No. 1-seeded Hawks blew past Southwestern Christian with a 93-68 win in the first round, but couldn't survive the second round, being eliminated by Hill College's Runnin' Rebels.

As was always the case with Collins-coached teams defense was the Hawks' ally. And Owens, who not only served as Collins' assistant but played for the Hawks three years ago, adopted the same defensive philosophy.

That complex defensive scheme isn't mastered quickly, however. As a result, the Hawks have leaned on offensive explosions — usually turning up in the second half of play — to win most of their games.

Freshman scoring sensation Derrick Tarver has been a crowd-pleaser all season. The 6-foot-4, 210-pound guard utilizes every ounce of his power, whether he's driving the lane or drilling a trey from behind the arch.

In many of the Hawks' victories this season Tarver has posted 30-point plus showings and enters the regional



Howard College's freshman guard Chris Acker (4) drives to the basket over a Clarendon player as Darius Matgear (50) looks on during the regular season. The Hawks open the Region V Tournament at 5 p.m. Friday taking on Collin County Community College's Express.

HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

tournament having scored 802 points over 30 games, average 26 points per outing. He averaged 30 points in WJCAC play.

Tarver struggled at the start of the season but has emerged as perhaps the conference's best player.

Classmates Zacherie Moss and Darius Matgear have also surfaced as part of a strong supporting cast. Moss came into the program with a little more than two years of basketball experience, but has blossomed as the season progressed. Matgear has become one of the more aggressive players in the WJCAC and figures to draw attention from coaches when they make their all-conference selections.

The Hawks will need to be hitting on all cylinders Friday, however, as they take on Collin County, the North Texas Junior College Athletic

Conference (NTJAC) champion.

Collin County comes into the regional after posting a 13-1 record in NTJAC play.

The Express won't be a total mystery for the Hawks, since the two teams met in a scrimmage early in the fall, but both teams have had an entire season to improve their game.

Collin County's play is similar to that of Midland's Chaparrals in that they run a three-guard, two-post offense, looking to pound the ball inside.

The Hawks' plan of attack will be what it has been all season, Owens said, to execute on offense. The key will be how well Howard shoots from the perimeter.

Defensively, the Hawks will have to contain the inside play of sophomore Cody Payne, who leads the Express in scoring with 20 plus points per game.

## Dallas waives Aikman

IRVING (AP) — When Troy Aikman signed an \$85.5 million contract two years ago, he figured it meant he would be with the Dallas Cowboys the rest of his career.

Turns out, that same piece of paper is a big reason why the team waived him Wednesday.

Aikman's deal called for a \$7 million bonus and an extension through 2007 to kick in if he was on the roster Thursday. Once the Cowboys realized that delaying the dollars would've only made things worse on future salary caps, owner Jerry Jones had little choice but to make a tough decision.

"To do what needed to be done to give us a chance to be successful would've definitely created some problems down the road," Aikman said. "The long-term, crippling effect of the cap would not be worth that."

Aikman said if the Cowboys thought having him around another year or two would bring another Super Bowl title, the risk might've been worth it. Coming off a 5-11 season in which Aikman made it through only eight games, that wasn't likely.

"It wasn't in the best interest of the ballclub to try doing that," Aikman said.

So after 12 seasons, six division titles and three Super Bowl championships, Aikman will no longer be wearing a star on the side of his helmet.

But, if he has his way, the 34-year-old Aikman will still be playing in the NFL — despite the 10 career concussions and ongoing back pain that many thought might drive him into retirement before the Cowboys had him push him out.

"I'm still capable of going out and playing at a high level and being healthy and doing the things necessary to be productive," Aikman said.

The most likely landing spot is San Diego, where close friend Norv Turner is the offensive coordinator.

The Chargers, who

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## Defending champion Willowridge state tourney's big draw

AUSTIN (AP) — Even as the girls were playing for their state basketball championships last weekend, the interest remained squarely on the boys state playoffs.

Would Sugar Land Willowridge return to defend its Class 5A title?

It was settled by Saturday afternoon. Courtesy of a 73-61 playoff regional final victory over Houston Lamar, Willowridge, the No. 2 high school team in the nation according to USA Today, Texas-bound T.J. Ford and Duke signee Daniel Ewing, both McDonald's all-Americans, have led the Eagles (37-0) to 60 consecutive wins dating back to a tournament loss in December 1999.

"The goals these kids have set are goals that are attainable," said Willowridge coach Ronnie Courtney.

"The seniors on this team don't want to miss out on a chance to go to win state again, have an undefeated season and then a chance for a national title," he said.

With 10 players returning from last year's state championship team, Willowridge plays Friday in the semifinals against Converse Judson (31-3).

The game could sell out the 16,000-seat Frank Erwin Center at the University of Texas considering Willowridge's star power and Texas fans' desire to watch Ford play on his future home court.

In the other 5A semifinal Bryan (32-3) plays Lewisville The Colony (32-1).

In Class 4A, Dallas Lincoln (30-2) plays San Antonio Lanier (31-5) and Beaumont Ozen (34-0) plays Hereford (32-4) in the semifinals.

Lanier is the only team to return from last year's tournament. Lanier lost in the 2000 semifinals to Denton Ryan.

In the Class 3A semifinals, 1999 champion Mexia (31-2) meets Gainesville (23-10) and Dimmitt (26-8) plays Corpus Christi West Oso (32-3).

Coach Darrell Collins, Mexia's third coach in three years, leads a squad that has nine seniors.

"There was no other goal for this team. It had already won it once," Collins said. "They weren't going to stand for anything less."

Gainesville lost in the 2000 championship game to Waco La Vega.

Class 2A, Ponder (26-7) meets Grapeland (26-9) and Hale Center (29-7) meets Danbury (27-8). Ponder, a 1999 state semifinalist in Class 1A, moved up to 2A this year and

advanced to the tournament with a 59-55 overtime victory over two-time defending champ Peaster.

Class 1A will crown two state champions.

The University Interscholastic League this year split Class 1A into two divisions for the smaller and larger schools in the state's smallest classification.

Goodrich (32-4) will play Nazareth (25-9) for the Division II title for smaller schools. Evadale (29-5) will play Stratford (19-4) for the Division I title.

Both winners will be declared state champions today and will play Saturday for the Texas Cup, the mythical championship for all 1A schools.

Classes 1A, 3A and 4A all play today, with 2A and 5A semifinals Friday.

Here is the weekly fish compiled for the Texas Parks Department for Mar. 7. (Rep able on Web as www.tdsh)

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**FISHING REPORT**

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Mar. 7. (Report also available on Web as [www.tpw.state.tx.us](http://www.tpw.state.tx.us))

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water slightly stained; 44 degrees; 1 low; black bass to 7 1/2 pounds are fair on small Rat-L-Traps in shallow water along the shoreline. No report on striped bass. No report on white bass. Crappie to 14 inches are fair on red/black jigs in 10-15 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are slow on night crawlers in 8-16 feet. No report on yellow catfish.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 54 degrees; 10:15:89; black bass are good on crawfish Rat-L-Traps. 1/4 oz. pumpkin Terminator jigs and amber 3" Creme Super Tubes along ledges and over stump flats in 3-8 feet. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait and trolling bucktail jigs from the dam to Flag Island in 18-30 feet. White bass are fair vertically jigging silver or chartreuse Horizon Pink Minnows, chrome Spin Traps and white 1/8 oz. Curbs bucktails at the mouth of creeks in 15-24 feet. Crappie are slow.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 63 degrees; 35 low; black bass to 10 pounds are fair on deep-diving crankbaits, spinnerbaits and Carolina rigged lizards. Striped bass are good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande. White bass are good on slabs and jigs up the Rio Grande. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait. Yellow catfish are slow.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water lightly stained; 47 degrees; black bass are good on spinnerbaits and pumpkin jigs near Grape Creek. Crappie are fair on jigs with minnows.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water stained to muddy; 47 degrees; 7 low; black bass are slow. Crappie are fair near derricks. State Park boat ramps now open.

**BRADY:** No fishing report.

**BROWNWOOD:** Water lightly stained; 48 degrees; 3 low; black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. White bass are fair.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 58 degrees on the main lake; black bass and crappie are fair on jigs. Catfish are fair on cutbait.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water stained; 46 degrees; 5 low; black bass are fair on crankbaits and dark jigs. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Blue catfish are good on shad and cut bait.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** No boat ramps open no report available.

**NASWORTHY:** Water clear; 48 degrees; black bass are fair on spinners and dark plastics. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Channel catfish are good on chicken liver and shrimp. Lake is being dredged of 2 feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

**NOCONA:** No report available.

**OAK CREEK:** No boat ramps open no report available.

**OH. RIVER:** Water stained; 50 degrees; 13 low; black bass are fair on dark plastics and crankbaits. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Blue catfish are good on cut shad. The road to Concho Park is under construction.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained; 49 degrees; 75 low; fishing is still slow toxic algae bloom affecting all species of fish throughout the lake.

**SPENCE:** Water clear; 49 degrees; black bass are fair on dark jigs. Catfish are good on cutbait and shad.

**STAMFORD:** Water clear; 47 degrees; No boat ramps open no fishing report available.

**SWEETWATER:** Water stained; 48 degrees; black bass are fair on dark soft plastics worked slowly and carefully. Crappie are good on jigs tipped with minnows. Catfish are good on cut shad.

**TWIN BUTTES:** Report temporarily discontinued lake is less than 10% of capacity.

**WHITE RIVER:** 49 degrees; 17 low; black bass are very slow on spinnerbaits and soft plastics. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows.



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**Newspaper terms**

1. The name of the writer of the story is the:

- A. author C. writer
- B. byline D. copyright

To do: Circle 10 of them in your newspaper. Can you tell by their names how many are men and how many are women? Make a graph comparing them.

2. What comic strip characters say is usually put inside a circle or box. It is called a:

- A. saying C. quote
- B. balloon D. talkie

To do: Cut the circles or boxes out of several strips. Ask a partner to put them back in the correct strip.

3. Ads that are short and usually bought by the word are called:

- A. shorts C. briefs
- B. want ads D. classified ads

To do: Make a list of 10 abbreviations found in them. What do they mean?

4. Ads that usually have pictures and prices to advertise stores, foods and services are called:

- A. display ads C. big ads
- B. store ads D. picture ads

To do: Find the highest-priced item. Compare it with the lowest.

5. Lines that tell readers the page, section and column where the story continues are called:

- A. go-to lines C. jump lines
- B. follow-me lines D. what's-next lines

To do: Circle five of these lines. Find the continued story.

6. Information usually found on the editorial page, giving the address of the paper and a list of the management and their titles, is called:

- A. who's who list C. masthead
- B. top people D. nameplate

To do: Find the name of the editor of your newspaper.

7. The blocks often found at the top of the front page or on both sides of the newspaper's name are called:

- A. extras C. ears
- B. top boxes D. data boxes

To do: Make a list of the information you might like to see in these. They would have to be brief.

Answer block: 1. byline, 2. balloon, 3. jump lines, 4. classified ads, 5. display ads, 6. masthead, 7. ears.

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**Goldie Goodsport's Report**  
**Supersport: Margie Goldstein Engle**

Birthdate: 3-31-58 Birthplace: Miami, Fla.  
College: Florida International University

Margie Goldstein Engle is one of the best horseback riders in the country. She has been riding horses since she was 9. She knew a family who owned a horse farm, and she worked on the farm in exchange for lessons.

She has won almost \$3 million in her career and was on last summer's Olympic team. Margie grew up with a lake, where she liked to swim and water-ski. She still likes water sports.

At college she studied business education. If she were not a professional horse rider, she would like to be a teacher.

Her husband, David, is a horse veterinarian.

**Meet Eiffel 65**

Last year the group Eiffel 65 had one of the world's biggest hit records. Their song "Blue" was No. 1 in 16 countries.

The members are Maurizio Lobina, Jeffrey Jay and Gabry Ponte. They are from Italy.

Maurizio is 5 when he started piano lessons. He was in his first band at 10. Jeffrey was born in Italy and moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., when he was 1. When he was 14, his family moved back to Italy. He began studying music at 15. Gabry used to work as a disc jockey at clubs.

When it came to choosing the band's name, they let a computer choose it.

**KNIGHT**

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and children. "They just wondered if we knew anything and the answer is: 'No, we don't.'"

Last week, Tech administrators said they would conduct an evaluation of Dickey and his team's performance. The Red Raiders have dropped 11 of the team's past 12 games and have struggled for four straight seasons.

**AIKMAN**

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released incumbent starter Ryan Leaf last week, also could use Aikman to groom Michael Vick should they make him the first pick in the upcoming draft.

"I would certainly entertain that thought," Aikman said.

Jones said Aikman's fragility and contract were part of many factors that forced him to drop the first player he ever drafted.

"If you're in my shoes and have been able to get up for the last 12 years and have a franchise quarterback, that's a luxury in the NFL," Jones said. "I'm going to miss that personally and we're going to miss that as an organization."

Aikman actually will have a big impact on the 2001 season: He takes up \$10 million of the team's \$67.4 million salary cap.

Because of Aikman's new cap figure, Dallas had to release veteran Erik Williams and Chad Hennings, plus rework several other contracts, to get back under the league-mandated figure.

The departure of Aikman, Williams and Hennings means that only Emmitt Smith and Darren Woodson remain from the teams that won Super Bowls in 1992, '93 and '95.

**Funny Phonics**

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the WR blend, as in the word wrinkle.

Ben: I'm writing to my girl.  
Todd: Why are you writing so slowly?  
Ben: Because she can't read very fast!

Sue: Why do elephants have wrinkled knees?  
Nan: From playing marbles!

Go on a WR word hunt. What other words can you find that use the WR blend? What sound do you hear?

Kate: If you added 500, 38, 64 and 54, and divided it by 35, what would you get?  
Paul: The wrong answer!

**Newspapers** TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of newspapers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: PAGE, HEADLINE, CAPTION, WORDS, LEAD, NUMBER, BYLINE, ARTICLE, ASSIGNMENT, BEAT, INDEX, COLUMN, COPY, CUTLINE, DEADLINE, EDITION, FEATURE.

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**Mini Spy**

Mini Spy and her friends are using newspapers in their classroom. See if you can find:

- ruler
- feather
- cat
- pencil
- letter A
- key
- football
- muffin
- letter D
- sleeping moon
- number 8
- sock
- umbrella
- number 7
- carrot

**Who wants to be a newspaper reader?**

3. What amendment to the Constitution granted freedom of the press?  
A. First  
B. Second  
C. 10th  
D. 18th

To do: Write an editorial (an expression of a thought or opinion) about what freedom of the press means to you.

4. In the late 1800s, the use of this machine in newsrooms helped speed up reporting.  
A. printer  
B. paper holder  
C. typewriter  
D. Linotype

To do: Look through your newspaper for different sizes of type. Discuss why some pictures are bigger than others.

5. This newspaper reporter became famous as the editor of the Pennsylvania Gazette.  
A. Ben Franklin  
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**Newspaper history**

1. What was the name of the first popular comic strip? It first appeared in 1895.  
A. Mutt C. The Yellow Kid  
B. Blondie D. Billy the Kid

To do: Can you draw your favorite comic strip character? Ask a friend to see if he or she can tell you who it is.

2. For more than 100 years in early America, these men on horseback were the carriers of the news. What was their main job?  
A. To carry the mail.  
B. To alarm citizens.  
C. To play a trumpet.  
D. To tell the time.

Since many people at that time could not read, town criers walked the streets, yelling out the news.

To do: Pretend that you are a town crier. After scanning the paper's headlines, call out the top news to the rest of the class.

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Next week, read about the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell.

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3. Ads that are short and usually bought by the word are called:

6. Information usually found on the editorial page, giving the address of the paper and a list of the management and their titles, is called:

7. The blocks often found at the top of the front page or on both sides of the newspaper's name are called:

**Newspaper figures**

7. Today, how many daily newspapers are there in the United States?  
A. 350  
B. 1,488  
C. 15,000  
D. 10,391

To do: Visit the Web site of the Newspaper Association of America at [www.naa.org](http://www.naa.org) to find our more newspaper facts. If you go to "hotlinks" and then "search by state," you can visit newspaper Web sites.

8. This country has the paper with the largest circulation in the world, 10,223,923. Also, four of the world's top 10 papers by circulation are in this same country. Name it.  
A. China  
B. Japan  
C. Russia  
D. United States

To do: Compare the circulation of your newspaper with that of the world's largest.

9. When the circulation of newspapers is compared around the world, only one U.S. paper ranks in the top 20. Can you name it?  
A. The Washington Post  
B. The New York Times  
C. USA Today  
D. The Wall Street Journal

To do: The top paper is in New York City. Look through your newspaper and circle the names of other cities. Can you find them on a map?

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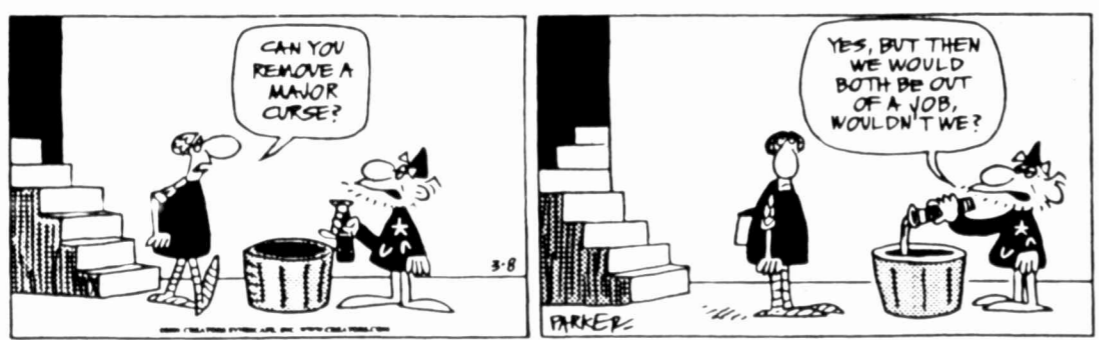
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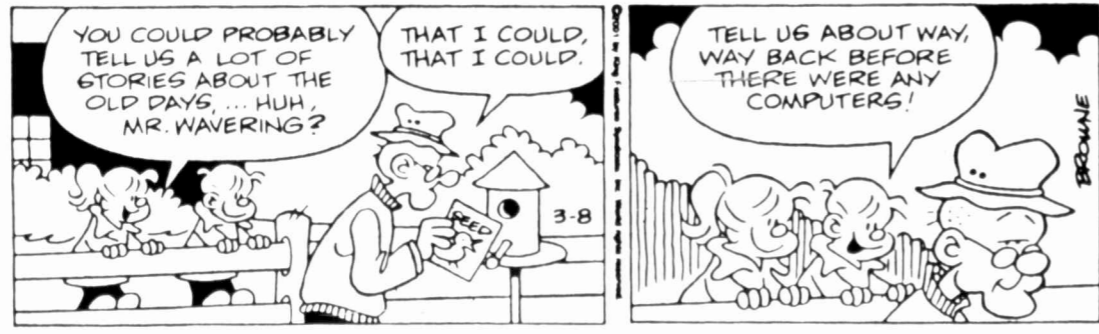
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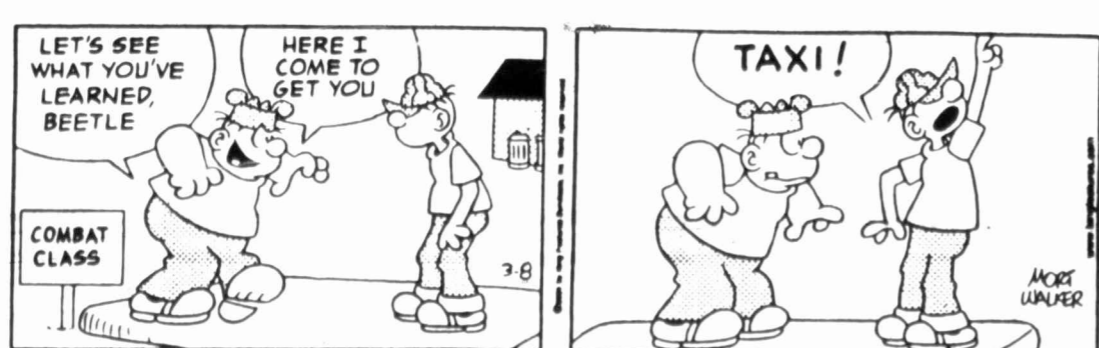
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, March 8, the 67th day of 2001. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan. Within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

On this date:

In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne after the death of King William III.

In 1841, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, New York.

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate

acted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington.

In 1942, Japanese forces captured Rangoon, Burma, during World War II.

In 1965, the United States landed about 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.

In 1986, four French television crew members were abducted in west Beirut. A caller claimed Islamic Jihad was responsible. (All four were eventually released.)

In 1999, New York Yankees baseball star Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Fla., at age 84.

Ten years ago: Planelod after planelod of U.S. troops arrived home from the Persian Gulf to an emotional welcome from relatives. Iraq handed over 40 foreign journalists and two American soldiers whom it had captured.

Five years ago: Wall Street plummeted in a major sell-off triggered by seemingly good economic news — a drop in the nation's unemployment rate and the biggest jobs gain in more than a decade. (Investors apparently worried that a stronger economy would mean no more interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve.) Dr. Jack Kevorkian was acquitted of assisted suicide for helping two suffering patients kill themselves.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Sue Ane Langdon is 65. Baseball player and author Jim Bouton is 62. Actress Lynn Redgrave is 58. Actor-director Micky Dolenz is 56. Lyricist Carole Bayer Sager is 54. Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

FIT TO BE TIED by Daniel R. Stark  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ball favorite
  - 6 Search thoroughly
  - 10 Dog bane
  - 14 Bounding main
  - 15 Matty of baseball
  - 16 Reduces friction
  - 17 Archaeologist's find
  - 18 Bookworm, scornfully
  - 19 Mem sahib's nanny
  - 20 Potbelly purchase
  - 22 Lo-cal
  - 27 Microscopic
  - 24 Snake a leg
  - 26 Did a tailor's chore
  - 30 German possessive
  - 32 Clea-thinking
  - 33 Thwart
  - 38 Like some tradition
  - 39 Mosslike herb
  - 40 Part of BYOB
  - 41 San Francisco sights
  - 43 The Prisoner of —
  - 44 Earth, in Munich
  - 45 Was off
  - 46 Yellow paper
  - 50 Hiatus
  - 51 Muslim official
  - 52 Was inveigled
  - 59 Mark time?
  - 60 High spirits
  - 61 Draw forth
  - 62 1958 Pulitzer novelist
  - 63 Fuzz
- DOWN**
- 1 Autumn pear
  - 2 Sonic bounce
  - 3 The Owl and the Pussy-Cat author
  - 4 Shortening
  - 5 Donated
  - 6 " — talk?" (Rivers remark)
  - 7 Vegetable spread
  - 8 One-time Italian premier
  - 9 Gautama's way
  - 10 Paddock youngsters
  - 11 Boundary
  - 12 Make happy
  - 13 Showing fear
  - 21 T-man
  - 25 Formic-acid producer
  - 26 Allied nations
  - 27 Enveloping glow
  - 28 Strikebreaker
  - 29 Cash drawer
  - 30 Sierra —
  - 31 Flightless birds
  - 33 River source
  - 34 Whiskey orders
  - 35 Atom fragments
  - 36 Renoir subject
  - 37 Reunion attendee
  - 39 Lamprey
  - 42 Dress fasteners
  - 45 Long March leader
  - 46 "Heavy" music
  - 47 Pancho, to Cisco
  - 48 Less rude
  - 49 Bummed out
  - 50 She played Camille
  - 53 Miscellany
  - 54 Care for
  - 55 Biblical garden
  - 56 Frank Herbert sci-fi opus
  - 57 Cake finisher
  - 58 Witches' brew ingredient

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