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## WEATHER



TONIGHT TUESDAY  
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Ag luncheon tickets available at various sites

Tickets are available now at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and selected farm and ranch supply stores for the annual Ag Appreciation Luncheon, scheduled March 29 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Texas Ag Commissioner Susan Combs will be the guest speaker for the event, which is free to Howard County area producers. Tickets to non-producers are \$8 each.

Farmers and ranchers are asked to pick up their free tickets to that the chamber will be able to estimate how much food to prepare.

The luncheon will be at noon. The annual Ag Expo, held in conjunction, will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

Veterans Chapter 47 will meet at 6:30 p.m., in room 212 at the VA Medical Center.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean.

Christian Singles Fellowship will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m., in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m., in the Howard County Library basement at 7 p.m.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.

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## Energas' Pudliner promoted to position in Kansas

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The operations manager for a local utility company has announced he will be leaving the area for a position in a Kansas community.



PUDLINER  
John Pudliner, operations manager

for Energas, has been promoted to operations supervisor of Greeley Gas, a sister company of Energas, in Bonner Springs, Kan.

In his new position, Pudliner will be responsible for the service of approximately 10 communities and will supervise around 17 to 18 employees, he said.

"This area, I believe, is the largest-growing area in Atmos Energy, (the parent company of both Energas and Greeley Gas)," Pudliner

said. "It is growing by 12 to 15 percent."

Bonner Springs, Kan., is a community very close to Kansas City, Kan.

Pudliner said his focus will be primarily serving 18,000 to 22,000 customers but he will be working closely with the regional headquarters for the Kansas City division, a service area of about 80,000 customers.

The new promotion will take the Pudliner family back to Kansas where John

first started at a Greeley Gas company some seven to eight hours from Kansas City, Kan.

Pudliner has been at the Energas in Big Spring for about four years and said he has enjoyed living in the community.

"It is a great community," he said. "We really enjoyed our stay here. If I were 60 years old I would retired here."

Pudliner said one reason he was promoted was

because of the quality and hard work of his employees.

"I work with some great people," he said. "These employees are very professional and hard-working. They really made this promotion possible for me."

Pudliner's last day is March 30, and his position will be temporarily filled by Kevin Larpenner, the operations supervisor.

"Kevin has done a great

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The 40th Annual Round & Square Dancing Conclave here brought more than 300 enthusiasts from across Texas and several other states to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Friday and Saturday. At left, each night's activities began with a grand march.

HERALD photo: Carl Graham

## Cotton

### Winter moisture leaves area farmers optimistic about a crop for 2001

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Though the 2000 cotton crop in the Crossroads area is one area cotton producers would just as soon forget, recent rains have area farmers optimistic for 2001.

"The cotton outlook for this year is looking to be in better shape than we have been for years," said David Kight, Howard County Extension Service agent.

"We have had more moisture than in previous years and though we remain cautiously optimistic about this year's crop, we will still need some timely rains," he added.

Kight said that as usual, the amount of moisture throughout the Crossroads has varied.

"Some areas around here are in better shape than others," said Kight. "Lomax, for instance, has missed a

lot of the rain that we have experienced in Big Spring. When they did get rain it was barely measurable."

Dennis Fuchs, a farmer in the St. Lawrence area, agrees with Kight's overall assessment.

"We are looking better than we have in four or five years," said Fuchs. "But we still need a couple inches of good rain fairly soon and then a good planting rain in April. We have had almost five inches since October and that is not all that much really in a half year."

Rob Haney, who farms in the Luther area said that part of the county has been blessed with moisture.

"We have had some good rains and we are in good shape, probably the best we have been in almost 10 years," said Haney. "We have had around two inches of rain in the last couple of weeks so we have been busy working the fields."

"Though we would never turn down any rain if we can get it, if it held off a couple weeks it would give us enough time to finish up getting the fields ready," he added.



KIGHT

## Master the Mountain run and walk coming up at state park

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Get out the tennis shoes and start stretching those legs, it will soon be time for the 4th annual Master the Mountain Fun Run at Big Spring State Park.

"We have the event every year in connection with the health fair to promote wellness in the community as well as the Big Spring State Park," said Laurie Phillips, event/race leader. The run and health fair are both

scheduled for April 21.

Phillips encourages running enthusiasts, those who enjoy a good walk and those who enjoy just being outdoors to attend.

"Usually we have around 50 to 70 people from all ages and all over the state participate," Phillips said. "This is a good opportunity to enjoy the state park."

The event includes a 5k and 10k run and a 10k walk. They are challenging because of the steep terrain at the park. The park road follows the edge of a 200 foot

bluff at the northern limit of the Edwards Plateau.

Participants don't have to compete to enjoy the event and the state park, Phillips mentioned, and recommended anyone interested to make reservations.

"The entry fee before April 7 is \$10 and includes the fee to enter the state park and a T-shirt," Phillips said. "After April 7, the cost is \$13."

The event is sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

To make a reservation,

contact Phillips at 268-4581 or Ron Alton, park manger at 263-4931.

Other events to be held at the state park include:

- Sunset nature walks will be held on the first four Saturdays in June. Participants will meet at the park pavilion and take a nature walk with Alton and discover century old rock carvings on Scenic Mountain. Learn about local flora and fauna. The event is capped off by watching a sunset atop the bluff.
- Also in June, residents

are invited to come to the park for stargazing to observe the stars and solar system.

Amateur astronomer will be on hand to answer questions.

September 29 is Harvest Saturday. Take a hay ride and enjoy riding the park road.

Visitors are treated to a guided tour of the park's historical and geological characteristics.

For more information on the Big Spring State Park and its events, contact Alton.

## UBS to hold blood drive in Coahoma Wednesday

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

United Blood Services will be making a trip to Coahoma Community Center on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. to collect some much-needed donations of blood.

According to Johnna Pevey, community relations representative for UBS, the agency came off a critical situation about a week ago when it did not have any blood to send to area hospitals.

"We are doing pretty good now but all it would take would be one or two major car wrecks to send us back to critical," she said.

In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood

### BLOOD DRIVE

**When:** 4-8 p.m.  
Wednesday  
**Where:** Coahoma Community Center  
**Appointment:** Call Russ Mullins at 394-4277

Services must collect more than 300 units of blood each week. Blood products have a shelf life of five to 42 days.

"We never have a big supply of blood," Pevey said, mentioning that blood donation is down from last year. "This month may be the first month we make our goal."

Pevey said Coahoma resi-

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Sandra Miller hands a bowl of chili to Madeline Boadle Saturday at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church as pastor Joel Miller looks on. The church served chili, Frito pies, hot dogs, chili dogs, drinks and dessert to the community as a gesture of goodwill.

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# Investigators check tracks for cause of derailment that killed 1, injured 96

NODAWAY, Iowa (AP) — Investigators combing a shredded, 3,000-foot track lined with twisted rail cars planned to analyze track samples to see if the broken rails may have caused an Amtrak crash that killed a Colorado woman and injured 96 other people.

The conductor of the California Zephyr told investigators Sunday he was driving 52 mph, well below the posted speed of 79 mph, on a straightaway stretch of track in southwest Iowa on Saturday when he felt a tug.

"He applied the brakes with an emergency application and brought the train to a stop. However, at the same time the train was derailing behind him," Ted Turpin, head of the National Transportation Safety Board investigation, said at a news conference Sunday.

The derailment left a zigzagging trail of silver cars along a muddy embankment and closed the track indefinitely. Some 210 people were on board, traveling from Chicago to Emeryville, Calif., when they were slammed into the side of the train cars shortly before midnight.

"It just shook and shook again, and everybody screamed," said Shaheda Ula of Laramie, Wyo., who broke her hip. "I don't remember anything after that."

The NTSB requested records from the Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad, which owns and maintains the track, on the number and weight of trains that pass through the area.

"Something appears to have been wrong back in the train between the interface of the wheels and the rail — something — we still haven't determined that," Turpin said.

Turpin said it was too early to determine what caused the 11 cars and two locomotives to derail. Investigators will also look at the stability of the bed and whether snow melt or saturation was a factor in the accident.

The straightaway stretch of track is visually inspected three times a week and inspected monthly with an ultrasound device designed to uncover internal defects called transverse fissures. The fissures can occur when the steel in rail is

forged, Turpin said. "It starts out as a small, little nucleus. And then it opens and starts to break inside the rail," he said. "You'd never see it from the outside."

Passenger Joseph Conn of Hobart, Ind., said he embarked to find one of the front train cars overturned and another dangling from a 20-foot-high embankment.

"There was maybe more than 100 feet of shredded ties, shredded rails, torn up ballast on the roadway, just a torn-up mess," Conn said.

Jim Anderson, who lives off a winding gravel road less than a mile from the crash site, said he was in bed when the derailment startled him and his dog.

"I thought my furnace blew up. I heard a bunch of grinding and then boom," he said. "That dog of mine jumped out of bed and started growling at the window."

Family members said the passenger killed was Stella Riehl, 69, of Widefield, Colo. She was returning home with the ashes of her brother, who had died last week at a Des Moines nursing home.

Turpin said 96 people were hurt.

## HOROSCOPE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 19, 2001:

Professional changes occur this year. Something that was introduced about two months ago becomes a reality this summer. Travel or study could be involved. If you have to spend money upfront, you will be reimbursed. Combine vacation and family visits during holidays. Whether single or attached, you will benefit from a supportive partner. However, there won't be much time for relationships until the work gets done. Arguments with your partner can get out of hand if you spend too much time apart. To balance work and pleasure, schedule romantic breaks whenever possible. Rewards come at the end of the year. Let CAPRICORN help.

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) \*\*\* Any curtailment of your freedom will annoy you. Commitments made earlier might be hard to keep. You can't be tied down now. Once your responsibilities are completed, look around and see if you have ignored someone. An outdoor activity might be satisfying. Tonight: Meditate with music.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Taking a leadership role might require acting alone. You have the opportunity to do things your way. Discussing problems with others only adds to the confusion, but others benefit from your efforts. Tonight: Popcorn and a video.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Even if you think you have the answer to a problem, another's feelings must be respected. Compromise in order to preserve someone's security. You might be the only one who can help. Let your subconscious guide you. Tonight: Speak softly to a sensitive person.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Take advantage of your mood swings. Energy early on contrasts with a slow pace later on. Be productive when work flows smoothly. Enjoy a leisurely coffee break or lunch if you feel unproductive. Think about ways to improve your relationships, but be cautious about prematurely voicing your opinions. Tonight: Socialize with co-workers.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Communication enhances your relationships. You might even hear unexpected good news. An authority figure could acknowledge your efforts and sing your praises. Opportunities arise where you least expect them. After a period alone, you want company. Tonight: Karaoke, anyone?

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Where have all your bright ideas gone? Indecisiveness seems to have replaced orderly thinking. Don't panic; your mind remains sharp. Believe in ideas that come to you while dreaming. Give credit to someone with a good idea. Tonight: Does an older person need a visit?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Take charge. Sitting on the fence won't be productive. Others might not recognize you as a leader, but you know what to do in many situations now. To calm your nerves, rehearse before making a presentation. When you move ahead, others will listen. You might surprise yourself. Tonight: You deserve a reward.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Let relationships evolve. Don't get pushy. Hold your temper. Allow the other person to express ideas. Someone might want to be alone with you instead of with a group. Emotions under the surface need to be expressed. Hear the entire message before you jump in. Tonight: You can accept leadership.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Others might not share your enthusiasm. Be productive instead of angry. Gather more information to prove your ideas. Write down what you don't want to forget. You can teach others when the time is right. Physical exercise relieves your stress. Revel in your uniqueness. Tonight: Relax with a special person.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* You might start out alone, but you won't end up that way. Putting work aside for a bit allows for other possibilities. Someone who is normally shy might reach out to you. Give your practical side a rest; do something out of the ordinary. Tonight: Expand your horizons.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* If you can't throw a party, at least think about planning one. Consider all possibilities. After an unproductive early morning, ideas pop up. Maybe your mind just needed a rest. Don't be surprised if a nap yields a pleasant dream. If you can't snooze, just close your eyes for a while. Tonight: Plan your next move.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Inspiration and creativity reign. Ideas that have been dormant begin to unfold. Turn a dream into a reality. Be ready for production on a large scale. Choose well-grounded partners. You need practical advice in order to proceed. Tonight: Be creative with technology.

**BORN TODAY** Actor Bruce Willis (1955), actress Glenn Close (1947), actress Ursula Andress (1936)

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# Son who lived with dead parents indicted

GALVESTON (AP) — An unemployed shrimper who lived with the corpses of his parents for months has been indicted on a single count of capital murder.

A grand jury deliberated less than 10 minutes Friday before returning the indictment against 52-year-old David Sidney Hisey, Assistant District Attorney Mo Ibrahim said.

David Hisey has been behind bars at the Galveston County Jail since the bodies of his parents, 85-year-old Sunnye and 91-year-old Hollis Hisey, were discovered in early September at their Galveston home.

He was arrested Sept. 1 after a son-in-law of the couple asked police to check on them. A medical examiner later ruled that the couple had been strangled.

David Hisey's attorney, Tucker Graves, said his client was adamant that he had no hand in the deaths and that both parents died in their sleep.

"We're totally shocked," Graves told The Galveston County Daily News. "We deny it completely, and he will plead not guilty."

Graves said Hisey admits his mother died nearly a year before his father did but could not discuss why he didn't contact the author-

ities at the time. Graves also said a pathologist for the defense would show the deaths were natural.

"The evidence will clear him in the end," he said.

The grand jury heard evidence Friday from two detectives and chief medical examiner Charles Harvey.

The Hiseys were collecting about \$80,000 annually in pension funds combined, police said.

The bodies had been placed on a bed, and the door to the room was sealed with tape. Police said David Hisey had used pesticide in the sealed room to kill parasites on the bodies and to cover the smell of decay.

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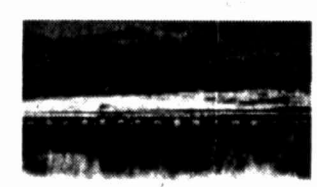
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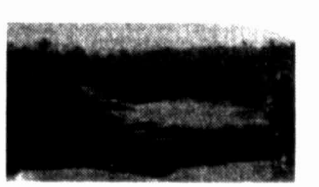
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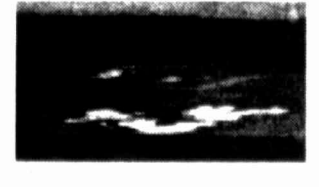
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## EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

Employers'  
seminar great  
opportunity

Business owners and managers interested in the latest information on employment-related issues will have to look no farther than their own community this week.

The local Texas Workforce Center has arranged for a comprehensive seminar, which will be held Friday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Topics will include workers' compensation, termination, unemployment insurance, wage and hour concerns and a lot more. They are the same issues that the Workforce Center gets the most calls about. In addition, materials will be provided for employers to take back to the office and refer to as needed.

Cost for the day-long seminar is \$60 per person and includes a continental breakfast. Compared to the expense of gasoline or airfare to Austin, motel rooms and the like, the price is a bargain.

Registration forms were sent out to local and area employers, but if you didn't get one or if you received one but haven't had time to respond, don't be concerned; preregistration isn't necessary. You can register from 7:30 until 8:30 Friday morning at the community center. The seminar will begin at 8:30 and conclude at 4 p.m. with a break for lunch.

Seminars such as the one being put on Friday are generally reserved for larger communities, so that more individuals can and will attend. However, area Workforce Center manager Virginia Belew and her staff convinced the state office that enough employers and managers would attend to justify holding one in Big Spring. A large turnout would seemingly open the door for similar workshops here in the future.

We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity. It is vital that owners and managers — anyone who deals in employing and terminating workers and dealing with issues such as compensation, overtime, sick leave, vacations and the like — be aware of the applicable laws. This is your opportunity to gain that information from experts, quickly and without having to leave town.

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## The crash of '29 for those under 40

For years, I have aspired to become a curmudgeon. H.L. Mencken, Murray Kempton, Maury Maverick Jr., Bob Sherrill with role models like these, what else would I ever want to be when I grow up?



MOLLY IVINS

Unfortunately, I suffer from congenital optimism. As Russ Baker used to say, "Cheerful to the point of idiocy." But this time I think I've done it. I find myself quite as annoyed by those gloating over the decline of the Nasdaq, the death of the dot-coms and the wreck of high-tech as I ever did with the greedy, self-deluded nincompoops who hyped this stuff out the wazoo to begin with. Talk about never happy. What a grump!

We are watching a most singular phenomenon, in that the bust of this bubble — itself a familiar feature of capitalism — is limited (we hope). Even more oddly, it is limited mostly to young people. It's as though there were a Crash of '29, but it only affects those under 40 (who worked very hard).

It is quite notable, really, how hard they work. And

they were supposed to be the brightest if not the best. The question is: What will they make of all this?

You've all heard the same explanations that I have: overvalued P/E ratios, blah-de-blah-de-blah. Well, come on — it was hype, and it was bull, and it was more than just the stampede of greed that hooks onto the Next Big Thing.

As Thomas Frank points out in his scathing book "One Market, Under God," this was the tulip mania of old multiplied by millions of dollars' worth of the world's most sophisticated advertising. This bubble was, by cricky, marketed as a new economy, a faith, a cosmos. As a consequence, its "pfffft" is more than just an economic downturn — it is a loss of faith.

It's hard to know what to say to someone who was worth \$200,000 last year and is worth \$20,000 this year. "Hey, \$20,000 is a lot of money," while true, is not especially helpful. Because of the terrible overemphasis on one's portfolio as the equivalent of self-worth, from what I'm hearing, I'd say the devastating effects are not so much financial as psychological.

As has long been noted — by, among others, Dr. Ernest Becker in "The Denial of Death" — we live in a society where the size of one's checkbook is the standard measure of worth. There are several studies

on the effects of feeling poor in America, even though most poor Americans are better off than most of the world's population. You may find this hard to credit, but it doesn't cheer them up much.

Because Austin is both a university and a high-tech town, we are already seeing down-but-not-out nerds. There have been more than 4,800 high-tech lay-offs here. Now, the town also has somewhere around 10,000 musicians, most of them waiting tables and clerking at the Jiffy Mart while waiting for the Big Break. There is, however, a small but crucial age difference between most of those in the two respective groups — the techies are too old to move back home with Mom and Dad.

It has always been easy to make fun of the nerds, especially the ones with personal trainers, inferior desecrators, underpaid illegal housekeepers, favorite chefs, unisex hairdressers, the Benz, etc. — all of this combined with tattoos, navel rings, rainbow hair colors and other symptoms of impeccable hipness. Because, as Frank points out, part of the theology and the marketing of the new economy is that it is a rebel culture.

They were supposed to be rich but cool, rich but non-conformist, business wizards but never seen in suits.

You may think this is a

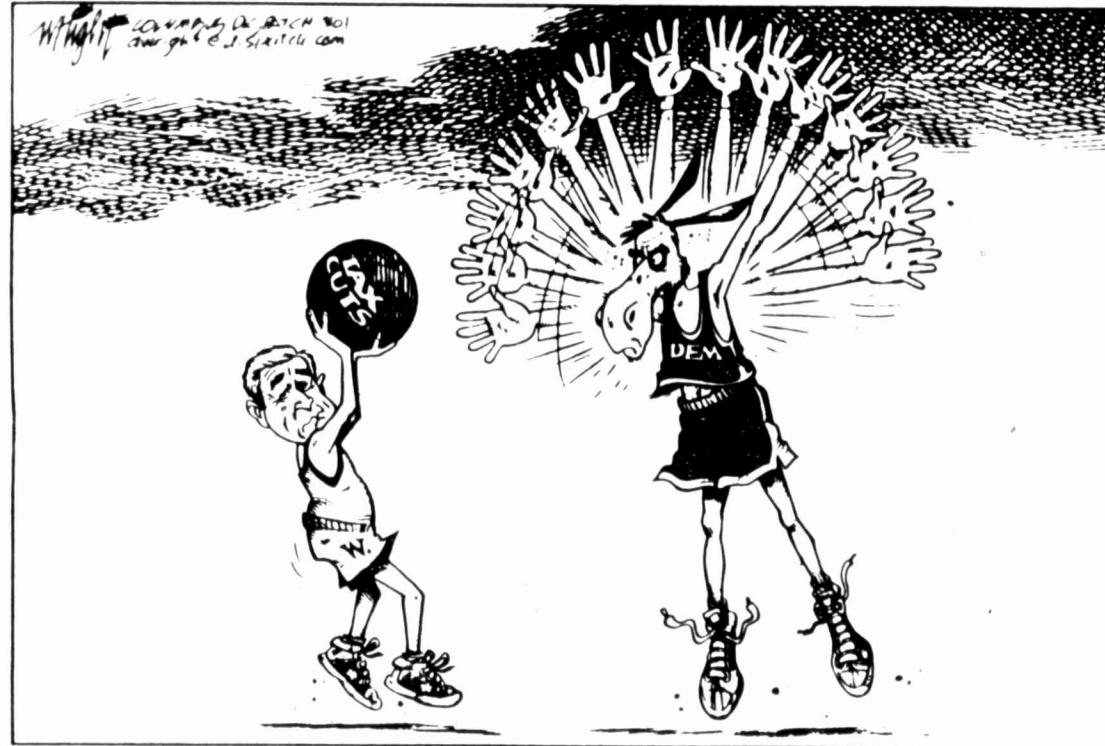
waste of sympathy, but it is precisely because of the higher-they-fly, the-harder-they-fall that I think we have an unusual and tragic problem here. If one has that valuable old-Texas attitude — hey, today a peacock, tomorrow a feather duster — it's not hard to weather going broke. But this is a generation-specific crash, and as a perceptive article in The New York Times Sunday Magazine noted a few months ago, the "new Texas" of high-tech hasn't even met the old Texas.

It's not losing their money that's the problem. It's losing their faith — not just in the "new economy" but in themselves. As you know, when Americans go off searching for new faiths, the results are often quite peculiar.

If all that the nerds get out of this crash is cynicism, then it will be a disaster. I'd like to suggest that some old lessons from the old economy be reconsidered.

As we learned from both the unregulated capitalism of the late 19th century and the Big Crash, capitalism actually needs strong unions, government regulation and a social safety network to function for everybody.

Free markets do not solve everything; they are not magic; and higher profits are not a healthy ultimate value for a society. This country is about more than capitalism.



## Spring: A reminder of the miracle of life

Life is a miracle. Spring reminds me of that every year. Every March, I feel exactly as I used to feel in grammar school when I couldn't stop looking out the windows at the new green and the budding trees.

Spring is not a time to be indoors, and nothing can compete with its silent call to come outside and revel in the new life all around. It used to drown out the teacher's voice, and now it drowns out the clamor of the daily news. What's more important than new life?

Wandering in the deep woods as a boy, I found a large granite outcropping over an old quarry. I used to lie on top of it and watch the clouds being driven across the sky by the March winds. Not much I've done since has been all

that much better. My other spring pastime was to climb to the top of a pecan tree and sway with it in the stiff winds. It was, I imagined, like clinging to the top of a mast on a sailing ship but with good earth below me rather than a bottomless sea (any water deeper than I am tall is bottomless).

We're supposed to outgrow our childhood fancies and passions, but I haven't. I've seen adulthood, and, frankly, it's rather grubby and bloody and sad.

Watching squirrels and birds is a lot more pleasant than watching jailhouse lawyers cut deals for their loser clients, and politicians barter their souls for cash and votes. It's easier to believe that there might be fairies (the magic kind) and elves than it is to believe the promises of the latest politician or policy wonk.

Wonkism is definitely something every sane person should avoid. Wonkism consists of endlessly boring talk and written material, piles of useless statistics and graphs, and utopian

schemes that have as much chance of working as I do of climbing Mount Everest.

I've not yet looked everywhere that elves might be hiding, but I have heard just about every kind of promise you can think of by politicians and their wonkies, who nevertheless always manage to keep things the way they were in the first place.

And I'd heap rather watch a rattlesnake eat a rat than listen to another James Carville or Paul Begala tirade. Nature does a much better job of flushing out last year's trash than Washington.

I know nearly all of us have to work, but it's too bad we do — at least in the spring. Well, in the summer and fall, too. Maybe an ideal world would require that we work only in the winter and only then if we lived in latitudes with inclement weather.

Alas, the ideal world ended when Eve listened to that snake and Adam listened to Eve. The punishment levied on them by the Lord was the necessity of work. And most folks have

been working ever since. Benjamin Franklin once observed that he had never known of an Indian who adopted the white man's way of working in a crowded city. On the other hand, he said, there were plentiful examples of whites who preferred the Indian way of life.

He cited as an example a young man who, when retrieved from Indian captivity in a prisoner exchange, came home to find that he had inherited a hugely prosperous farm. He said the young man, who had been with the Shawnees for several years, stayed a week, then signed everything over to his younger brother and walked back into the wilderness, taking only a blanket and his rifle.

Too bad we've ruined our own Eden so that this option has been foreclosed, too. It's true that a sizable number of our fellow citizens avoid work but most of them cannot escape avoiding work in urban areas. They are homeless but not cityless. What a bummer.

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## Lady Steers' I club to meet

The Lady Steers club will meet 7 p.m. at the Training Center for the final athletic banquet held May 14.

## Lady Hawks s win pair at to

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For more info call Don Hogan a or 394-4938 after u

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• Coahoma vs. F Stockton, Ratliff St Odessa.

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## Television NCAA Tournament second round game

Women 6 p.m. — Mic Notre Dame, ESPN 8 p.m. — Colorad UCONN, ESPN, Ch. HOCKEY 7 p.m. — Dallas Minnesota V. Id, FX at San Jose Shar Ch. 30.

### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steers' booster club to meet Tuesday

The Lady Steers booster club will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center to discuss the final plans for the athletic banquet to be held May 14.

#### Lady Hawks softball win pair at tourney

The Lady Hawks softball team went 2-for-3 at the Pima Tournament in Tucson, AZ Saturday.

They won 7-0 over Odessa and 5-3 over the host team, Pima before falling 11-3 to the No. 1 team in the national, Arizona Western.

Brandy Smith was the winning pitcher and Amanda Michaels had the save. De'Shaun Drake and Diana Faulkner were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Hawks are 16-8 on the season and will face Odessa College in Midland Tuesday.

#### Baseball sign-ups to be held Saturday

Baseball sign-ups for players ages 13-16 will be held at Roy Anderson Complex Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please bring a birth certificate as well as a \$40 sign-up fee.

Anyone interested in coaching or need to return equipment may contact Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 5 p.m.

#### Lifeguard certification course offered

There will be a lifeguard certification course offered March 30-31 and April 1 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Registration is limited to 12 people. You must be at least 16 years of age and be able to swim 500 yards.

The cost is \$100 per person and the fee includes first aid and CPR certifications.

The course will be instructed by Harlan Smith.

To register come by 801 Owens St. or send registration fee to the YMCA, P.O. Box 1428.

#### Re-certification class offered at YMCA

There will be a re-certification course April 7 for current lifeguards at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The cost is \$35 plus additional fee for the book.

The class registration is limited to 12 people.

To register come by 801 Owens St. or send registration fee to the YMCA, P.O. Box 1428.

#### Little league baseball umpires needed

The Little League Umpires Association is looking for anyone interested in umpiring baseball games this season.

For more information, call Don Hogan at 267-7421 or 394-4938 after 6 p.m.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY H.S. SOFTBALL

Coahoma vs. Ft. Stockton, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television

#### NCAA Tournament second round games

#### Women

6 p.m. — Michigan vs. Notre Dame, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8 p.m. — Colorado St. vs. UCONN, ESPN, Ch. 30.

#### HOKEY

2 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Minnesota Wild, FXS, Ch. 29.  
at San Jose Sharks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Lady Steers top Andrews; Bulldogettes win in tournament

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

ANDREWS — The Lady Steers are still atop the district rankings after a 3-0 win over the Lady Mustangs Friday.

It's no surprise to hear the name Christina Guinn. She's one of the toughest pitchers in District 4-4A as of yet, as a sophomore and pitching doesn't seem to be her only trade mark.

She was just one inning shy of a no-hitter. The only hit for Andrews came late in the game on a two-way base hit for Courtney Poole.

The Lady Steers opened up a 2-0 lead over Andrews in the third inning after a tough offensive start for both teams.

The senior third baseman Amy

Jackson scored a run from second base on a stand up double by Guinn.

Guinn then scored the Lady Steers' second run before retiring the side.

On the day, she managed 12 strikeouts, no runs on one hit. Her counterpart, Poole allowed three runs on seven hits with two errors.

Guinn wasn't finished after scoring a run in the third. She added a homerun to her single and double as she used the back part of the bat to pop the ball over the green monster in the fifth inning. She finished 3-for-4 at bat on the day.

There seems to be history between the two teams so a win for the Lady Steers on the road is always a plus.

"We have come a long way from last season," said the Lady Steers' head coach Dan Arista.

The team is currently 4-0 in dis-

trict and are the undisputed leaders thus far.

They travel to San Angelo to face Lakeview's Lady Maidens at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Lakeview has a number of returners so the matchup will be one to watch.

SAN MARCOS — Coahoma's Bulldogettes had quite the weekend workout. They played four games in the San Marcos tournament pulled out a couple of wins to up their record.

Kenni Kay Buchanan split a couple of games taking the first game for the Bulldogettes, 2-0 over Brazos Port. Buchanan allowed two hits and had six strikeouts. The Bulldogettes received hits from Buchanan who finished with two, Brandie Hart and Stephanie Sparks both finished with one apiece.

Buchanan dropped her second game to Midland Lee suffering a 4-0 loss to the Lady Rebels giving up five hits on the day. She also managed a hit in the contest.

Amber Bingham also split her pair. The Bulldogettes suffered a 1-0 loss to Austin high with Bingham giving up four hits but finished the game with six strikeouts.

She received her first win of the tournament against Cedar Park with a 3-2 win over the Lady Timberwolves. She gave up five hits and finished with five strikeouts. The Bulldogettes managed six hits in the game from Hart, Sparks, Kortney Kemper, Kayla Smith and Erin Stovall.

The Bulldogettes record is 8-8 on the season. They will travel to Odessa to face Ft. Stockton tonight at 6:30.

## Steers fall to Frenship late

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

After a solid start Saturday, the Steers' baseball team fell to Frenship's Tigers 5-0 in the second game of District 4-4A play.

It was hard pressed for the Jon McKinnon, the Steers' starting pitching who managed to hold off the Tigers to two early runs before dropping his second loss of the season, first in district.

The Steers opened district play on the road with a 14-12 win over Lubbock Estacado Tuesday.

They received a strong pitching start from Mike Solis as well as a save from his relief, Clint Bamert. It was an uncanny finish for a baseball game as the Steers managed to score nine runs in a single inning to collect a win in their district opener. Ryan Guinn was the offensive push leading with four RBIs.

But Saturday was a different story with a different outcome.

The Steers got off to a healthy start defensively allowing only two runs by Frenship's Bryan Moore in the first and third inning. Moore scored an unearned run in the third and didn't receive any more offensive production until the seven-inning stretch.

"McKinnon kept us in the game as long as he could," said Steers' head coach Pat Loter after Saturday's game.

The Steers' offense was present but just couldn't



HERALD photo/ Jim Fierro  
Steers' Heath Gregory and Jason Birmelin show their team effort as they both go for the fly ball at the top of the second inning in Saturday's game. Gregory came up with the catch to make the play. The Steers' are even in district play and will host Snyder Tuesday.

recover the hump. They managed four hits on the Tiger's Ken Bice but couldn't advance for the score. Bice was stingy on the mound all day, finishing the game with nine strikeouts to go along with his two wild pitches and a couple of walks. Offensively, he finished with a single in the seventh before retiring the side.

"Bice did an excellent job at the plate," said Loter about Frenship's starting pitcher.

The Steers received hits from their leadoff hitter, Jason Choate who went 2-for-3 at bat, second base-

man Ragan Phillips who finished 1-for-3 and right fielder Mike Smith who also went 1-for-3 on the day.

Defensively, McKinnon was assisted by all his teammates on a number of plays early in the game, particularly shortstop Heath Gregory, Ragan Phillips and Guinn which kept the Steers in contention. It was the final inning that hurt the Steers, as the Tigers were able to score three runs to secure the win and claim their second win in district.

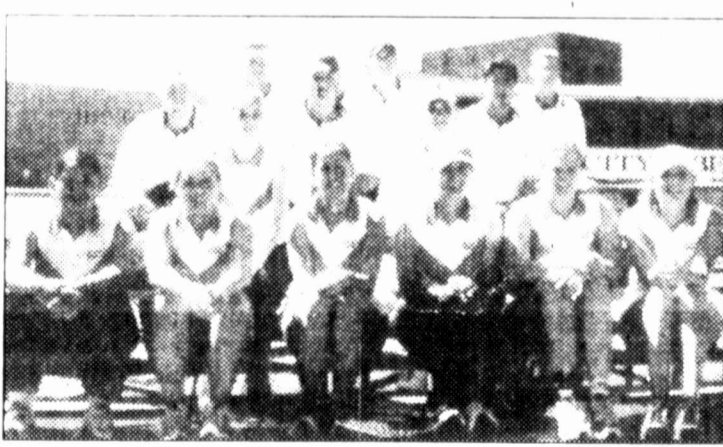
The Steers will return to Steer Field to face Snyder's Tigers at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

## 'Kats fare well in state debut

HERALD Staff Report

The Garden City Bearkat tennis team participated in the State Team tennis meet held in the Round Rock Austin area March 9th and 10th. The Bearkats opened play against San Saba and were defeated 10 games to one. In the next match, the Kats defeated Elkhart, 10 games to five. They moved on to play Forsan who had beaten the Bearkats 10-3 at regionals. The Kats played a better round this time around falling 10-9 to the Buffs. Garden City won 10-3 over Blanco high.

This was the first year for the Kats to play team tennis at the state level.



Courtesy photo  
Garden City tennis team members from front left: Linda Branham, Becky Chavira, Summer Eoff, Leslie Batia, Natalie Henson and Chasity Jansa. Second row: Lindsey Chudej and Blake Chudej. Third row: Matthew Cmerok, Max Batla and Roger Alvarado. Back row: Donato Gonzales, Tyler Coats and Brandon Bedvar.

## Cardinals' Ankiel takes another walk on the wild side

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Rick Ankiel was out of control in his second start of spring training.

The St. Louis Cardinals left hander, who threw nine wild pitches in four horrendous postseason innings last fall, walked eight Sunday in 1-1-3 innings against the Florida Marlins.

"There isn't a whole lot to say," manager Tony La Russa said. "It's a work in progress. He had a tough day ... It's something he's working through."

Ankiel was brilliant in his spring debut last week, throwing 22 of 29 pitches for strikes over two scoreless innings.

Thirty-six of 66 pitches were balls Sunday. He allowed one hit, six runs and struck out three in the Cardinals' 6-4 loss at Jupiter, Fla.

Ankiel, 21, left the clubhouse shortly after his outing and was not available for comment. La Russa said he will keep Ankiel in the spring training rotation and expects him to pitch during the season-opening series in Colorado.

If New York moves Knoblauch to left, Alfonso Soriano would play second base. Knoblauch, who lobbed one of his two throws to first Sunday, is a four-time All-Star who won a Gold Glove at second base in 1997. He has six errors this spring, five on throws.

At Tampa, Fla., Gary Sheffield had two RBI doubles and Terry Adams allowed one run in five innings as the Dodgers beat the Yankees 4-3 in the split-squad game.

Los Angeles traded pitchers Antonio Osuna and Carlos Ortega to the Chicago White Sox for minor league pitchers Gary Majewski and Andre Simpson, and left-hander Orlando Rodriguez.

#### Braves 7, Dodgers 1

At Kissimmee, Greg Maddux pitched five strong innings and Andruw Jones homered for Atlanta. Maddux has given up just three earned runs in 14 innings this

spring, and he has issued only one walk.

#### Red Sox 8, Yankees (ss) 7

At Fort Myers, Fla., Mike Lansing hit a solo homer and Brian Daubach hit a grand slam in a five-run eighth inning against Domingo Jean.

#### Astros 2, Phillies 1

At Kissimmee, Fla., Kent Bottenfield combined with three relievers on a three-hitter and Lance Bergman hit a two-run homer. Billy Wagner pitched a hitless ninth for his first save since elbow surgery last year.

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MONDAY

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, March 19, the 78th day of 2001. There are 287 days left in the year. This is the date the swallows traditionally return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On March 19, 1920, the U.S. Senate rejected, for a second time, the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49-35, falling short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval.  
On this date:  
In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris.  
In 1917, the Supreme Court upheld the eight-hour work day for railroads.  
In 1918, Congress approved daylight-saving time.  
In 1931, Nevada legalized

gambling.  
In 1941, Jimmy Dorsey and Orchestra recorded "Green Eyes" and "Maria Elena" for Decca Records.  
In 1945, about 800 people were killed as Kamikaze planes attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan, but the ship was saved.  
In 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his so-called "Nero Decree," ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands.  
In 1951, Herman Wouk's war novel "The Caine Mutiny" was published.  
In 1976, Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, after 16 years of marriage.  
Today's Birthdays:  
Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 76.  
Actor-director Patrick McGeehan is 73.  
Theologian Hans Kung is 73.  
Author Philip Roth is 68.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

NO-STANDING ZONE by N. Steinberg  
Edited by Stanley Newman

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