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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Reception set Friday for De La Garza

First Bank of West Texas is hosting a reception at 5 p.m. Friday for Joel De La Garza who was recently hired as the senior vice president for the Coahoma bank.

"We want our customers both current and future to meet Joel in an informal setting," said Bruce Griffith, president of First Bank of West Texas.

De La Garza has been in banking in Big Spring for almost 10 years and the reception will give his customers from Big Spring a chance to see the Coahoma facilities and meet the staff, Griffith said.

The reception will be held at 500 W. Broadway at the Coahoma bank and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

↳ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

↳ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 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

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

↳ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

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

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Candidates line up in Coahoma for city council, mayor's post

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Things are brewing at Coahoma City Hall as seven candidates have decided to vie for two seats up for election on May 5.

Mayor Bill Reed also drew an opponent this time around.

"I think we can have a lot better relationship with the

community," said Randy Overton, Coahoma Volunteer Fire Department chief, who filed for mayor on Wednesday. "The city is really in need of being cleaned up a little more as well."

Reed, who has served as mayor since 1993, was unavailable for comment this morning.

Only two seats are up for election on the Coahoma

City Council, but there is no shortage of candidates. Throwing their hats in the ring for city council slots were Jackie Hill, Don Hogan, Don Nell Luce, Ricky Stone, David Elmore, Guy Prater and Debra Sullivan. Incumbents Warren Wallace and Bruce Allen opted not to seek another term.

While there was a flurry of filing in Coahoma, the

final day to declare was quiet elsewhere across the Crossroads area.

Neither Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen nor District 5 City Councilman Joann Smoot drew opposition.

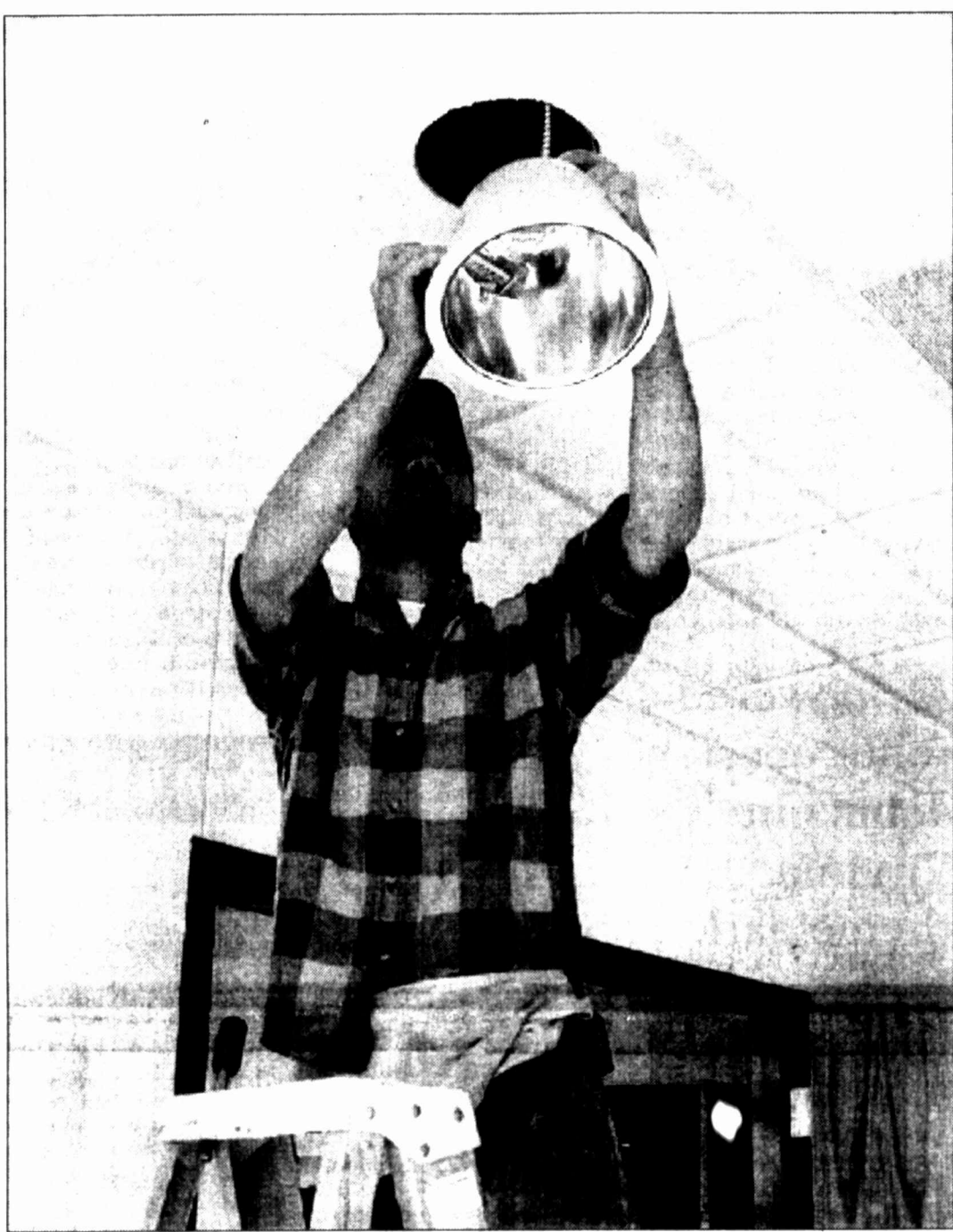
Forsan and Stanton will not be required to hold an election for city council seats either.

Stanton City Council incumbents David Hernandez, who holds an at-

large post, and District 5 Councilman Valentio Sotelo were unopposed.

At Forsan, incumbents Mary Gressett, Fred Holguin and Clarence Williams all will be returned to office as no others filed to challenge.

Early voting for the May 5 Coahoma council and mayoral elections begins on April 18 and continues until May 1.



Jaim Garza of J&S Commercial Electric of Midland installs a light fixture in the new McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark terminal. The terminal is expected to open in April.

Grand jury indicts 21 persons

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Twenty-two indictments were handed down on 21 individuals Wednesday by a Howard County grand jury.

Felony driving while intoxicated, third offense or more, topped the list in numbers with eight. Others were offenses ranging from injury to the disabled to unauthorized carrying of a weapon on a licensed premises.

The following individuals were indicted:

• **Stephen Bodkin**, 46, of county jail, was indicted on a charge of injury to the disabled.

• **Paul B. Brott**, 22, of 1708 Main, was indicted on a charge of theft.

• **Randy L. Clay**, 39, of Merkel, was indicted on eight counts of forgery.

• **Jose Diaz**, 52, of 711 Northwest 8th Street, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

• **Jason Dutch**, 19, of 111 E. 19th Street, was indicted on charges of burglary of a building and forgery.

• **Roxanne Flores**, 18, of 1610 State Street, was indicted on charges of credit card abuse.

• **Carolyn S. Hale**, 33, of 1418 Donley, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

• **Lupe Hernandez**, 46, of 710 Willia, was indicted on charges of burglary of a habitation.

• **Pancho Hernandez**, 68, of Lubbock, was indicted on

charges of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

• **Melvin Jones**, 50, of 609 Brian Road, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

• **Reynaldo Juarez**, 32, of 1217 W. 16th Street, was indicted on charges of burglary of a habitation.

• **Little B. Lawrence**, 24, of 525 E. 25th Street, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

• **Leslie Lloyd**, 75, 1811 Scurry, was indicted on charges of forgery.

• **Betty J. Muniz**, 35, of 406 S. Lancaster, was indicted on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

• **Ruperto R. Ramos, Jr.**, 29, of 910 E. 15th Street, was

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Trustees

Rash of last-minute filings prompts contested races for public school boards

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Five area school districts will hold elections on May 5 as the rush to file ended on Wednesday with 13 people announcing their candidacy.

Three new candidates filed for the two at-large positions up for election on the Forsan Independent School District board.

"I have been a life-long resident of Howard County and have three children currently going through the Forsan school system," said Tom Bill Kuykendall. "We have been in the FISD for about seven years. I would like to see how things work and help to make things better."

Kuykendall is employed by CDI Energy Service and is married to Debra. They have four children, sons, Jay, a Howard College student; Trey, a sophomore at Forsan High School; Clay, an eighth grader at Forsan Junior High; and daughter Tara, a fifth grader at Elbow Elementary.

Michael Forshee, a respiratory therapist at the VA Medical Center, filed his intent Wednesday. Forshee and his wife, Mary, have two children currently attending FISD.

"I had a lot of encouragement from family and friends," Forshee said. "I don't believe things need to change. It is a good program and I want to be involved with it."

Also joining the race was Big Spring firefighter and paramedic Robert Stapp Jr. Stapp and his wife, Melinda, have two children who attend FISD.

"My kids go to FISD, and I know most of the teachers in the district," Stapp said. "I think the district is very good and I want it to continue to be there."

Forshee, Kuykendall and Stapp join John Spence, Allen McDowell and incumbent Debbie Burt in the race.

Coahoma Independent School District had a rush

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Below is a list of candidates in contested May 5 school board races in the Crossroads area. (I) denotes an incumbent.

Big Spring ISD

Three at-large positions

- Mike Dawson, (I)
- Steve Fraser, (I)
- Phillip Furquerson
- Kent Sharp
- Al Valdes, (I)

Coahoma ISD

Two at-large positions

- Beth Bowling
- Eddy Corse
- Don Ewing
- Ronnie Hipp
- Brandon Luce
- Sissy Wells

Forsan ISD

Two at-large positions

- Debbie Burt, (I)
- Michael Forshee
- Tom Bill Kuykendall
- Allen McDowell
- John Spence
- Robert Stapp Jr.

Glasscock ISD

Two at-large positions

- Mike Hillger, (I)
- Tibby Niehues, (I)
- Rose Pelzel

Sands CISD

Two at-large positions

- Stan Blagrove, (I)
- Anacelto Casas Jr.
- David Zant, (I)

of candidates Wednesday as four new people filed their intent to seek one of the two at-large trustee positions.

Sissy Wells, Ronnie Hipp, Eddy Corse and Beth Bowling have entered the CISD board race along with Don Ewing and Brandon Luce.

"I feel it's my duty as a parent and a citizen of Coahoma to make sure our children get the best possi-

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Local author to hold book-signing Friday afternoon at Big Spring Mall

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A local author will hold a book signing on for her first self-published book at the Big Spring Mall on Friday and Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m.

Joyce D. Rogers will be selling and signing copies of her book of poetry entitled "Luv'n' You Is A Holy Thang!" intimate poetry for married couples.

The book not only contains her poetry about the intimate relationship of married couples but also includes pages where couples can record special

things about each other like special food dishes and memorable moments.

Having trouble finding a publisher, Rogers raised the funds to self-publish her book by creating and selling wall hangers made from her own poems and by using a large amount of her savings.

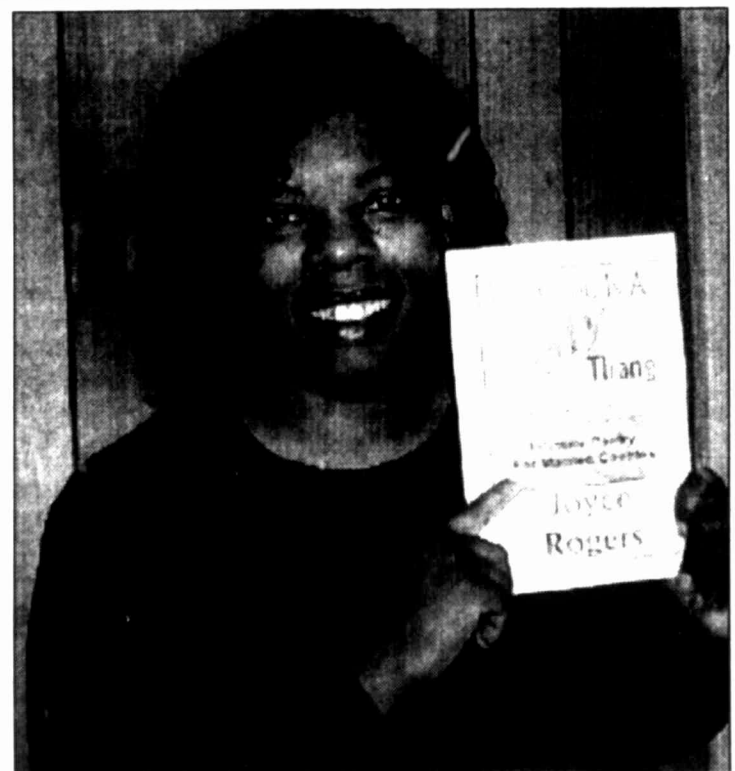
Disappointed that more poetry is not published in this time, Rogers said she hopes more people will begin to see and experience the infinite power of poetry.

Rogers characterizes her style of poetry as free style rhyming that swings in and out of rhythm during the poem.

"With poetry like that, you have to have some powerful thoughts or else when you swing out of rhythm the reader get irritated or board," she said. "Swinging in and out of rhythm makes the poem more interesting."

Rogers is married to James and attributes the strength of their 21-year marriage to keeping Jesus Christ the center of their life. The couple have three children, Isaac, David and Charity.

Copies of the book can be purchased at the book signing for a special price of \$20 or can be purchased on-line at www.luvinyou.com for \$25.



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OBITUARIES

C.A. "Charlie" Nichols

C.A. "Charlie" Nichols, 89, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at a local hospital. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2001, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Nichols was born on Dec. 25, 1911, in Bowie County and married Veda Rose Smith on Oct. 8, 1937, in Texarkana, Ark. He came to Howard County in 1937 and farmed until he retired in 1976.

He was a member of Baptist Temple Church and a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. & A.M., Big Spring Chapter No. 175, Royal Arch Masons, Big Spring Council No. 227, Royal & Select Masters and Suez Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Veda Nichols of Big Spring, a daughter and son-in-law, Jerry and Landon Burchell of Big Spring, two grandchildren, Vicki Archer and husband, Greg, of Hobbs, N.M., and Keith "Corky" Burchell of Big Spring, one great-granddaughter, Kristen Richards of Indianapolis, Ind.; four sisters, Wilma Stephens and husband, James, of Semmore, Macil Godwin of Abilene, Eula Godwin and Ruth Herbolich, both of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children or Shriners Burn Institute, 610 Texas Ave., Galveston 77550.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, www.npwelch.com

Paid obituaries

L.M. "Loren" Casselman

Funeral service for L.M. "Loren" Casselman, 61, of Forsan, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Casselman died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at a Texas City hospital.

Neona Shortes

Funeral service for Neona Shortes Durant, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Dustin Holmes Funeral Home in Durant, Okla.

Mrs. Shortes died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, in Oklahoma.

Claudeane Baker

Funeral service for Claudeane Baker, 84, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Socorro Rios, pastor of Temple Belen, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



Mrs. Baker died Wednesday, March 21, at a local nursing home.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1917, in Abilene and married R.B. Baker on March 4, 1962, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 1979. She was a longtime resident and had worked in civil service at the Big Spring Bombardier School and at Webb Air Force Base, retiring when the base closed.

Survivors include: one sister, Truddy Juanice Carter of Big Spring; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Hillger and Tibby Niehues filed to seek another term.

The race is on, too, at the Sands Consolidated School District as a third candidate announced his intention to seek one of two at-large positions.

Anacelto Casas Jr. joins David Zant and Stan Blagrove in the race. Five candidates will square off for the three at-large trustee positions up for election on Big Spring Independent School District board. Phillip Furqueron and Kent Sharp join incumbents Steve Fraser, Al Valdes and Mike Dawson in the race.

Both incumbents on the Stanton Independent School District board, District 5 representative Terry Shanks and District 1 representative Johnny Gonzales, filed and are unopposed in May.

In the Grady ISD board, District 2 incumbent Bryan Cox and District 7 incumbent Roy Madison filed for another term. Victor Hewtty filed at the last minute to run for District 1. Though not an incumbent, Hewtty has served in the position before.

Worker dies

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A bakery employee was killed Wednesday when he became entangled in a bread kneading machine.

Collin Dibbens, 32, was working alone when the accident happened before daybreak at Colonial Baking Co., police said. Investigators suspect he accidentally bumped the machine into gear.

Air powered roller coaster debuts in Virginia

theme park. DOSWELL, Va. (AP) — The world's first compressed-air roller coaster debuts Saturday at Paramount's Kings Dominion theme park, promising literally to blow riders away.

The HyperSonic XLC uses a blast of air to shoot riders straight up a 165-foot tower, moving them from zero to 80 mph in two seconds.

There are no curls, loops or frills on the 45-second ride.

After shooting skyward, the chain of flaming blue cars snakes over the top of the white steel tower and makes a face-first plunge back to Earth.

"Thank God for the seat restraints. I think I'd still be in orbit," said industry analyst Paul Ruben, who test-rode a model in Logan, Utah. "It was one of the biggest single thrills I've ever experienced."

The XLC's designer, Stan Checketts of S&S Power of Logan, included other ground-breaking features. The XLC is also the fastest accelerating coaster, the first to roll on steel I-beams and the first to run on inflated rubber tires, making for a "butter-smooth" ride, Ruben said.

"You're just pressed against the seat," Ruben said. "Why someone hadn't thought of doing that before, I don't know."

Sheep seized for suspected infection of mad cow disease

GREENSBORO, Vt. (AP) — Federal agents seized a Vermont farmer's flock of 234 sheep Wednesday for fear they are infected with a version of mad cow disease — the first such action ever taken against livestock in the United States.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

The U.S. Agriculture Department "has no choice but to take this decisive action based on the threat the sheep pose to the health of America's livestock nationwide," said Craig Reed, administrator of USDA's animal and plant health inspection service.

A team of federal agents and agriculture officials arrived at Houghton Freeman's farm at daybreak. Two cattle trucks were loaded up by 11 a.m. and will take the sheep to Iowa, where they will be tested and destroyed.

Freeman and another farmer had waged a court battle to save their sheep after the Agriculture Department ordered the flocks seized last July.

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.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly. Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

TO ORGANIZE A TEAM for Relay for Life, the community-wide campaign that is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society, call Linda Billington at 399-4408, or Gloria McDonald at 263-1234. Relay is planned May 11-12 at Blankenship Field and 65 teams are expected to participate.

THE HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

VICTIM SERVICES IS PLANNING a program, "Empowering the Community: 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 Victim Services office at 263-3312 for information.

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 6,9,0

Lotto: 27,16,54,52,33,3
Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) volunteers have been trained by the Internal Revenue Service and will be preparing 2000 Income Tax Returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 5, and each Monday until April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

This is for all citizens, and there is no charge. Please bring your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W-2s, 1099s and other documents received showing 2000 income as well as your 1999 Income Tax Return. If you cannot come at that time or need further assistance, please call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522, or the senior center at 267-1628.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	21.78 -54
Archer-Daniels	13.43 -18
Atmos Energy	21.17 -1.08
BP AMOCO	48.34 -52
Chevron Corp	88.61 -1.07
Compaq	18.5 +.35
Cornell	6.75 -.3
Dell	25
Du Pont	40.98 -1.86
Exxon Mobil	79.16 -.65
Halliburton	36.44 -2.35
IFCO Systems	34
IBM	89.43 +.35
Intel Corp	26 3/4 +1 1/4
NUV	9.23 nc
Patterson Ener	31 -1 1/2
Pepsico Inc	41.85 -16
Phillips Petro	53.69 -1.32
SBC Comms	40.01 -11
Sears Roebuck	33.9 -1.53
Texaco Inc	66.5 -.9
Texas Instrument	35.2 +1.18
TXU	39 -.71
Total Fina	67.15 -1.36
Unocal Corp	34.45 -1.22
Wal-Mart	46.35 -1.96
Wal-Mart/Mexico	22 1/2 -23
AMCAP	16.05 -.18
Europacific	28.74 -.15
Prime Rate	8.5 %
Gold	258.60-261.60
Silver	4.27-4.33

POLICE

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

•LYNN COKER, 28, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.

•GARY ZANSA, 48, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium.

•THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. March, in the 2300 block of Wasson Road, in the 500 block of W. 3rd, in the 300 block of Rannels, in the 1090 block

of E. 12th and in the 400 block of S. Birdwell.

- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 500 block of Goliad.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th and in the 1500 block of E. 4th.
- FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1600 block of S. Young.

SHERIFF

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

•DUSTY LEN MORROW, 19, of 116 Jonesboro, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

•RANDI JO HAIR, 28, of 5211 Sterling, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

•STEPHEN LARRY SANDRIDGE, 35, of 3211 Sterling, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

•ELOY SERRANO VEGA, 34, of Hereford, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

•NIEBERTO GUSMAN JR., 27, of 506 N.W. 6th, was arrested on charges of speeding and failure to appear.

FIRE/EMS

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

6:36 a.m. — 100 block of Collins Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:26 p.m. — 2500 Albrook, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:43 p.m. — 600 block of Driver Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:33 p.m. — 1300 block of Mesquite, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:50 p.m. — 3200 block of Auburn, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:44 a.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, structure fire, false call.

8:58 a.m. — 400 block of Johnson, public service, fuel spill.

Wednesday's high 83
Wednesday's low 52
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Record high 91 in 1934
Record low 18 in 1952
Average high 72
Average low 42
Month to date 0.33
Year to date 2.82
Sunrise Friday 6:47 a.m.
Sunset Friday 6:59 p.m.

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

Take time out and READ!

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Eulogio "Chito" DeLeon, 81, died Monday. Funeral mass will be at 2:00 PM, Thursday at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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Presenting the cases before the grand jury were 118th Judicial District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and the Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr.

ELECTIONS

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ble education," Bowling said. "I have a working knowledge of the board member responsibilities. I have two children in school, one in junior high and one in high school. I able to make the decisions necessary."

An election will be held for the Glasscock Independent School District as Rose Pelzel threw her hat in for one of the two at-large positions.

Earlier, incumbents Mike

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Optim instead

With all the health advice we seem to be easily doing what we want out our time the can.

It's easy for doctors and advice columnists to tell us we should avoid saturated fat, which, by the way, is fat found in steaks, chops, lamb, veal, cheese, coconut butter, coconut oil and palm oil. We also are supposed to limit sweets to occasions.

I suppose this birthdays and Christmas and everyting says hello to me have to get rid of jar I have on my although other people to enjoy it, too.

And the most advice of all, except of us who work more hours a to seven days a the time — much money or energy spend on member health clubs.

I suppose if we ly that motivate make the effort, an extra 15 min run in place or wonder, does refer from across the over my noisely husband to hit button count as guess not.

However, I did some health advice would be easy to seem to be the in health related. This new suggestion easier to follow, forget to laugh!

That's right, the focus of a study at the University Maryland and is by the American Association. In made last November researchers said healthy people likely to laugh and heartily an humor to smooth ward situations with heart disease.

In the study, I Miller, MD, director Center for Preventive Cardiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center, 150 people who ry of heart bypass or heart attacks: what they would uncomfortable: such as, showing party with the outfit that some wearing or having thing spilled or waiter.

The same group asked of 150 people were healthy. They pared the result that 40 percent ple with heart would not find laugh in those but the healthy more likely to find humor in tion.

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Opting for laughter instead of chocolate

With all the diet and health advice we're given it seems to be easier to just do what we want and live out our time the best we can.

It's easy for doctors and advice columnists to tell us we should avoid saturated fat, which, by the way, is fat found in steaks, chops, lamb, veal, cheese, coconut butter, coconut oil and palm oil. We also are supposed to limit sweets to special occasions.

I suppose this must mean birthdays and Christmas and not everytime someone says hello to me. I guess I'll have to get rid of the candy jar I have on my desk, although other people seem to enjoy it, too.

And the most popular advice of all, exercise. Like any of us who work eight or more hours a day, five to seven days a week, have the time — much less the money or energy — to spend on memberships to health clubs.

I suppose if we were really that motivated we would make the effort to get up an extra 15 minutes and run in place or do yoga. I wonder, does reaching from across the bed and over my noisily sleeping husband to hit the snooze button count as yoga? I guess not.

However, I did discover some health advice I think would be easy to follow and seems to be the new trend in health related research. This new suggestion that is easier to follow is "Don't forget to laugh!"

That's right, humor is the focus of a study being done at the University of Maryland and is supported by the American Heart Association. In a report made last November, researchers said heart-healthy people are more likely to laugh frequently and heartily and to use humor to smooth over awkward situations than those with heart disease.

In the study, Michael Miller, MD, director of the Center for Preventive Cardiology at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, 150 people who had a history of heart bypass surgery or heart attacks were asked what they would do in an uncomfortable situations, such as, showing up at a party with the exact same outfit that someone else is wearing or having something spilled on them by a waiter.

The same questions were asked of 150 people who were healthy. They compared the results and found that 40 percent of the people with heart disease would not find humor or laugh in those situations, but the healthy people were more likely to laugh or find humor in the situation.

The reason laughter is healthy for our hearts is not exactly understood, but it is known that when you laugh, levels of stress hormones such as Cortisol, which is made by our body and controls or influences our heart and circulation, etc. and epinephrine, which makes our veins contract when it is stimu-

lated, are lowered. These chemicals (at high levels) can damage vessels and heart tissue. With these stress hormones lowered our immune system works better because high levels of these hormones suppress our body's ability to fight infection.

There may be other reasons why laughter is good for the heart and another study by Dr. Miller is scheduled for this spring. Other studies are also being done on how laughter is being used in pain management.

Here are some helpful tips for those who tend to be cranky or can't seem to find humor in anything:

- Place a photo of a family event that makes you smile or laugh, or a clipping of a magazine or newspaper cartoon that made you giggle, in plain view.

- Realize that humor is subjective. Figure out what you think is funny and expose yourself to it. My husband likes the Three Stooges and his favorite movie is "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" while I like the Mutt's cartoon strip and my 8-year-old son's soprano opera singing while in the shower.

Consider gathering a group of friends and doing something that nobody is good at. It could be ice skating, tennis or basketball. The point, Miller says, is that if everyone is equally bad, you'll soon be laughing at yourselves.

My advice? Lighten up, don't take everything so seriously, save the drama and intensity for when the cat urinates on your bed or when the hair dryer breaks while you're getting ready for work. Remember, the people around you are affected by your actions and emotions although you may not realize it.

Finally, for Valentine's Day or any other day for that matter, buy your loved one a funny video instead of artery-clogging chocolate.

BSJH students raise funds for charity

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High students calculated to sweet success as the school's Math-A-Thon raised more than \$2,000 to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

"We were real pleased with the students," said eighth grade math teacher Joey Roberts, project coordinator.

Fifty-three students raised funds by finding sponsors and answering 200 mathematical questions from a fun book problems.

"There were questions on patterns and conversions that they had to think about," said Roberts. "There were also fun problems like puzzles to solve." Students were responsible for not only performing the work but also finding sponsors and turning in the money.

"I went to businesses," said eighth grader Tony Emerson, 13, who was the fifth-highest fund raiser. "They will gladly donate."

According to Roberts, students received prize incentives when they raised a certain level of funds.

Roberts said she received a great response from the students, even those who did not have time to complete the project by its deadline.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

These Big Spring Junior High students were the top five fund raisers for the school's Math-A-Thon. Pictured are, from left, front row, Megan Miller and Tasha Rios, and back row, Tony Emerson, John Franco and Jeremy Braxton. The school raised more than \$2,000 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

"I had the project set up to be completed by spring break," she said. "Some said they still want to do it but they had not had a chance to work on the book."

Even though the project

ended, they finished the book during their spring break, she said.

The top five fund raisers for the Math-A-Thon were seventh-graders, John Franco, 12, who raised \$200; Megan Miller, 13, who

raised \$148.73; and Jeremy Braxton, 12, who raised \$122; and eighth-graders Tasha Rio, 13, who raised \$136.45; and Emerson, who raised \$105.

Stanton getting new water tank soon

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

STANTON — Pittsburgh Tank and Tower is expected to begin laying the foundation for a 150,000 gallon water tank this week in Stanton.

"We are building a water tower that will hold 150,000 gallons of water," said City Manger Danny Fryar.

According to Fryar, the Texas Natural Resource Committee requested the city build another tower because there was not enough elevated storage.

"What would happen is at peak times like 5 p.m. when people would go home, the water pressure would drop because everyone would turn on their water," he said.

Fryar said replacing the water at those times could not compete with the water usage and therefore the

pressure would drop. The construction of the new tower will be west of the city by the water plant, Fryar said.

The new tower capacity will add to the 75,000-gallon water tower already in place for the city. Water service is not expected to be disrupted during construction.

Pittsburgh Tank and Tower was awarded the bid in January and has already begun construction of the tank. The cost of the project is estimated at \$400,300.

The city received a grant from the Permian Basin Planning Commission of \$300,500 and matched the rest of the funds.

TWC sets seminar here Friday

HERALD Staff Report

Business owners and operators can receive an intensive yet short course in employee regulations here Friday, courtesy of the Texas Workforce Commission.

The day-long seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park. There will be a break for

lunch and the program is expected to conclude about 4 p.m. There is no need to pre-register. Registration is from 7:30 until 8:30 a.m. at the community center.

The \$60 fee includes a continental breakfast, the seminar and materials. The conference offers general professional credit, as well as seven hours of continuing education credit for participating certified public accountants.

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OUR VIEWS

Fun-filled weekend in store locally

Songs, snacks and snakes — an unusual but entertaining combination of activities are set to unfold in Big Spring this weekend.

It's the first "big" weekend of many to come that include such activities as the Arts and Crafts Show, Texas Trash Off, Howard College Rodeo, MS Walk, Health Fair, Master the Mountain Fun Run, Relay for Life and a lot, lot more.

This weekend's fare, however, offers something for almost everyone. It begins with an event people either love or are repulsed by — the Rattlesnake Roundup. Sponsored by the American Business Club of Big Spring, it is the 39th edition of the roundup, which was first started by the Jaycees. It takes place Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fair Barns.

Activities will include milking, skinning and handling demonstrations, snake races and more from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. Sunday. An arts and crafts show will be held in the Dora Roberts Building.

Tickets to the roundup are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. There is no charge for the arts and crafts show.

Those who attend can partake of some rattlesnake meat. But if rattlesnake isn't what you had in mind, consider taking in the culinary treats at Around the World in 80 Bites, the Heritage Museum's fund-raiser, which gets under way at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Individuals, groups and businesses will prepare a wide range of "snack" foods, from homemade bread and butter to exotic dishes from the Dominican Republic. Walk from booth to booth, sampling as much as you want. It's more than a snack; consider it a multi-course dinner. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children.

Around the World in 80 Bites ends at 7:30 — just in time to make it over to Municipal Auditorium for the 8 p.m. start of Amarillo Little Theater production of "Always... Patsy Cline." It's a highly-acclaimed play about a true country music legend, a popular annual event for the entire family and sponsored by the Big Spring Symphony Association. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Those who plan on taking in both 80 Bites and the play can get a discount ticket for \$14 at the museum or symphony office. That's an entire evening of entertainment for a low price.

So whatever your preferences, be sure and get the family together and take advantage of some or all of the activities going on in Big Spring this weekend.

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Prompted to say: It's the packaging, stupid

Comedian Billy Crystal made the line famous in his Saturday Night Live skits: "It's better to look marvelous than to feel marvelous." In other words, to play on Clinton's 1992 winning slogan — it's the packaging, stupid. Appearances count in life, and in politics image is so powerful that it can overtake reality.



JACK ANDERSON

This is the age of image politics, and President George W. Bush is its foremost practitioner. He is so skillful at it that Democrats have been left in disarray, trying to figure out whether to copy him or keep trying to convince us that the emperor has no clothes. They should do the former.

Bush, after all, has been completely forthright. He told us what he was going to do, even though some of the things he promised were unpopular. He told us, but he did so with personality, with image, with packaging and with an interesting mix of sincerity

and cynicism. Now Republicans are running an ad that suggests former President John F. Kennedy, if he were alive today, would back the Bush tax cut. The Kennedy family protested the use of the late president's likeness and words. But the implied endorsement of a fallen Democratic hero gives the Bush tax plan a patina of fairness that it desperately needs. The ad's creators say they won't back down, that the former president's words are for the ages.

Never mind that the economic climate was far different in 1963, when Kennedy proposed his tax cut. The top tax rate then was 91 percent; today it is 39 percent. Only a small portion (6 percent) of Kennedy's tax cut went to those making over \$300,000 (in today's dollars). The Bush tax cut gives high earners seven times as much. The baby boom was still underway when Kennedy was president, so paying for their retirement had not yet been contemplated. Finally, the national debt was a relatively modest \$250 billion compared to today's \$3.4 trillion.

Kennedy strongly favored tax cuts, but not at the expense of bold government expenditures. He still had money to fuel an ambitious exploration of space. Even

under the most generous accounting today, it's hard to imagine a commitment of federal dollars and national will to any government program comparable to Kennedy's support of NASA.

The Bush administration is sensitive to criticism that its tax plan mostly benefits the rich. After the House passed the across-the-board rate cuts that Bush wants, business lobbyists attending a victory rally were told to don hard hats and work clothes so the bill would appear to have the backing of working people. The Washington Post obtained a copy of the memo instructing the lobbyists on how to dress.

GOP analyst Tony Blankley shrugged off the incident. "That's the price we pay for image politics," he said.

Aside from the momentary embarrassment of having their tactic exposed in the morning paper, Republicans are not paying much of a price. Media reports focus on the "discipline" and "focus" of the business community and the Bush White House. Legislative victories are portrayed as an enviable show of muscle. President Bush is commended for being a skillful politician, projecting a nice-guy image without budging his poli-

cies from doctrinaire conservative positions.

Democrats have begun to chafe at being bit players in Bush's bipartisan drama. Blankley noted the irony of House leaders "browbeating" members to attend the recent "civility" retreat, an annual event launched three years ago. Only a third of the Democrats showed up this time. The rest boycotted the session to protest the way the Bush White House pushed through its tax cut without public hearings or first putting a budget in place.

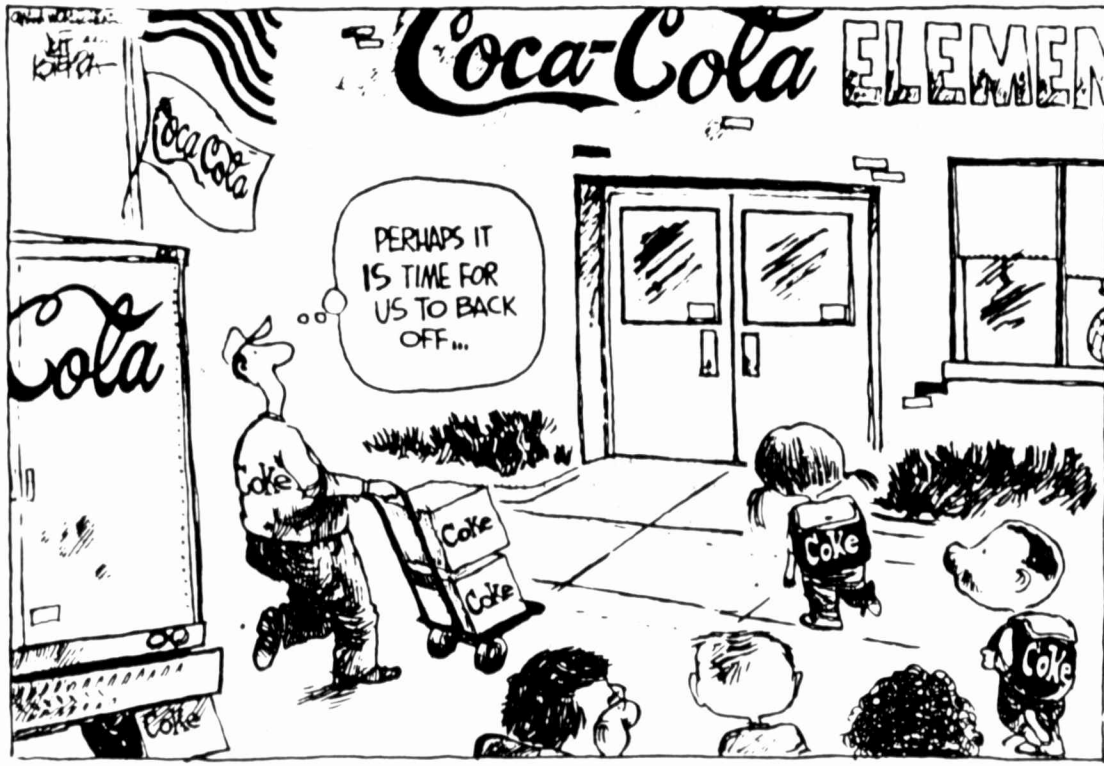
There are storm clouds on the horizon. Respected voices like Paul Volcker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Bob Rubin, former Treasury Secretary, warn that the magnitude of the Bush tax cut could risk the prosperity of the last several years. Senate Budget Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., doesn't believe Congress will cut back spending for popular programs to make room for Bush's tax cut, raising the specter once again of Reagan-era deficits.

Bush seems oblivious to the obstacles.

In a society obsessed with appearances, he figures if he acts like a winner, he'll be one. It's the packaging, stupid.

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Tracing history through blues music

The echo was stupendous. Inside the cavernous red barn on the Stovall Farms, where Muddy Waters spent a big, worried hunk of his life, Eddie Thomas sang the "Country Blues." He sang it the best he could, Muddy in mind.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

"Anything you want to say to Muddy, Eddie?" Frank Thomas asked his brother when the song was done.

Eddie knew what Frank meant. Muddy Waters might have been there, singing from the gut, scaring sparrows from the loft. And that echo.

"It was like being in Notre Dame, or some other cathedral," Eddie says. All along this historic highway, from Memphis to New Orleans, Eddie is singing and his brother Frank recording. When

they are done, there will be an album of 61 blues and jazz songs, recorded in places somehow appropriate to the music.

They are like older Hardy Boys, solving musical mysteries in their own backyard. Used to working together, the Thomases can finish one another's sentences or step back politely in fraternal deference as the other speaks. There is mutual respect.

The Mississippi blues brothers, day by day, have set up their rudimentary "studio" on a Beale Street corner, in a Memphis city trolley, on stage at the Orpheum Theater. They have recorded at the spot where the Mississippi River levee broke during the Great Flood of 1927, in pecan groves, on top of abandoned railroad beds, in deserted depots, in silent cotton gins.

Forty songs down, 21 to go.

The Thomas brothers are determined to finish by summer a CD that will give something extra to all blues fans everywhere.

"They've heard the music, now we want them

to hear the land ..."

They are calling it "Angels on the Backroads." It's the kind of project that needs a deadline.

Otherwise, well, you could keep trucking Highway 61 forever, forgetting about the pressures peculiar to this century. In a sense, Highway 61 is a road to the past. Or at least the part of the past worth keeping.

Anywhere they find musical roots, the Thomases dig in and record. They have done their homework, mostly at the University of Mississippi's extensive blues archives — selecting the songs, learning their histories, delving into musical minutia such as exactly how each original artist tuned his guitar.

Every Tuesday for five years Eddie, 54, and Frank, 48, faithfully drove down to Ole Miss at Oxford from their home in the red-brick Hundley Hotel in Iuka. All towns need a substantial structure like the Hundley.

Up in that old hotel — lovingly restored by the brothers — is the Thomas studio, complete with egg-crate insulation and a mixing closet shared with a

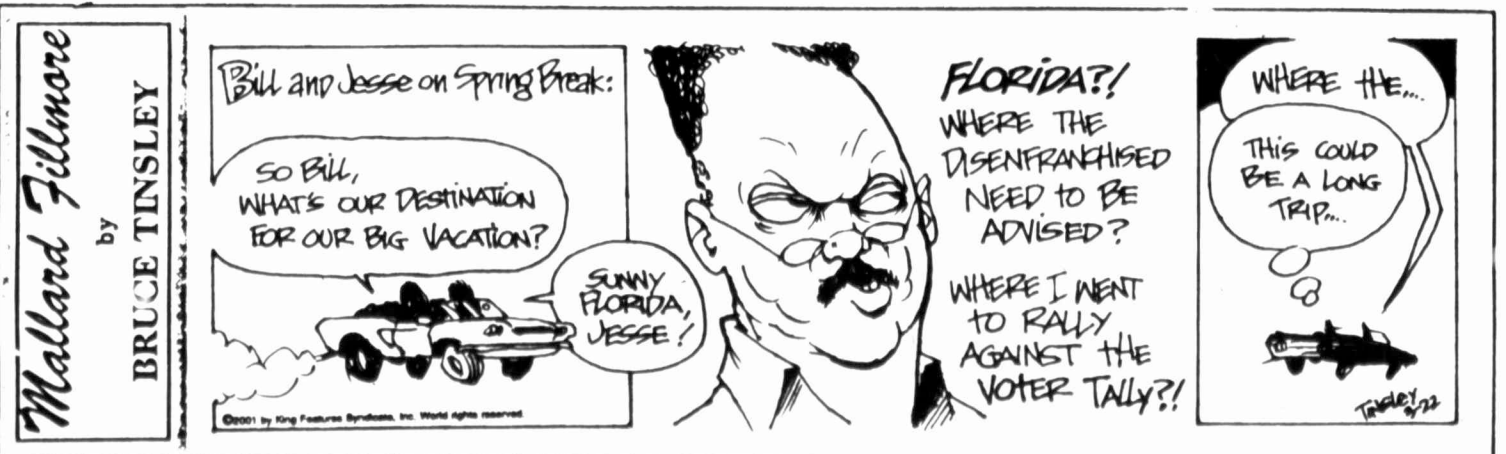
hot-water heater. Whenever a train rumbles by, the recording business stops.

"A blues revival comes along about every 10 years," Frank figures, "and we hope 'Angels on the Backroads' will coincide with this one."

To that end, the two men headed west, toward Memphis and the Mississippi Delta. They were a curious sight. Eddie singing Frank Stokes' "Downtown Blues" onboard car number 194 of the Main Street Trolley, riding two loops of the city for 50 cents. Eddie blowing the opening trumpet refrain of W.C. Handy's "Boogie Woogie on St. Louis Blues" atop the roof of the Fall Building. Eddie and Frank in the darkened Orpheum Theater, Eddie singing Alberta Hunter's "Downhearted Blues."

Curious onlookers have driven their John Deeres close enough to watch the recording sessions, and on the Memphis trolley a woman offered Eddie a Sunday singing job.

"I told her we already had a Sunday gig, singing in the Methodist choir."



House gives tentative OK to DNA testing bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House tentatively approved a bill Wednesday that gives convicts greater access to DNA testing that could ultimately free them from prison.

The measure by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is expected to gain final House passage Thursday.

The bill, approved last month by the Senate, requires prosecutors to preserve biological evidence that can undergo genetic testing and allows certain prisoners to seek state-paid DNA testing if it wasn't available at trial.

The House version cut the Senate's requirement that prisoners show reasonable probability that they would not have been prosecuted or convicted had genetic test results been available. The House bill was amended to allow anyone who believes DNA evidence will exonerate them to request testing.

"We're trying to make it as easy as possible," said House sponsor Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen. "I don't think it's asking for too much that we allow those who make this request to be tested."

Another difference in the House version is wording that allows convicts who pleaded guilty to request testing.

Currently, prisoners must overcome more legal barriers in obtaining post-conviction DNA testing.

During lengthy debate, Rep. Harold Dutton failed to push through several amendments to allow more DNA evidence to be tested and make easier for inmates to qualify for tests.

"It's not nearly as good as we can make it," Dutton, D-Houston, said of the bill. "It's actually creating a maze through which most people, even the innocent, couldn't get through."

Dutton is concerned that key evidence won't be tested because prosecutors can claim evidence can't be used because it wasn't in their possession by deadline. The bill only allows evidence in the possession of the state during prosecution of the case to be tested.

Ninety people, including six Texans, have now been released from prison nationwide because of DNA testing, Hinojosa said.

Any changes to the bill made in the House that are objectionable to the Senate sponsor will be worked out in a conference committee. The bill then could reach Gov. Rick Perry in about two weeks, Hinojosa said.

Perry has declared the DNA testing issue an emergency, urging lawmakers to approve the bill quickly.

The House version makes it clear that indigent convicts will be provided legal assistance in seeking test-

ing. Some lawmakers have worried that defendants might use the law as an "endless avenue of appeal" and others have expressed concern about the integrity of a Department of Public Safety crime lab that does DNA testing.

One crime lab worker has been charged with falsifying evidence and a grand jury cited the lab in December for mismanagement and poor officer training. Department officials say procedures have been instated to clean up lab problems.

Prosecutors, defense lawyers and the American Civil Liberties Union support the legislation.

DNA testing came into widespread use in the 1990s and can be performed on small amounts of evidence, such as a hair, blood or saliva, to link a person to a crime.

House committee puts pay increases on hold

AUSTIN (AP) — As the House Appropriations Committee puts the finishing touches on its version of the state budget Thursday, the most notable item is what it being left out.

Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, said members don't want to promise things such as across-the-board state employee pay raises until they know for sure the state can afford them.

Lawmakers are working with the tightest budget in a decade this session. Rising Medicaid costs and other health care increases have eaten up most of the state's expected surplus.

Lawmakers also continue to weigh other expensive, high-profile requests, including a statewide school employee's health insurance plan. Such a plan could cost \$3 billion over

the next two years.

Last week, the Senate Finance Committee recommended a \$563 million pay raise plan for all state workers. The House Committee has recommended some pay increases.

Those include about \$12 million targeted for employees at agencies with extremely high turnover, including the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and the Department of Criminal Justice.

The House and Senate will begin meeting next week to start working out a compromise on budget proposals.

"We need to get all our numbers in, find out what's going to happen with teachers health insurance," Junell commented to reporters today.

Education's top 10 percent rule would be limited

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas high school seniors in the top 10 percent of their classes may have to take a tougher set of courses in order to be eligible for guaranteed admission to state public universities.

A bill approved Wednesday by a Senate committee would require that the students take the middle- and upper-level curriculum courses to be eligi-

ble. The bill by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, is aimed at making sure the students are prepared for college.

"The kids are really smart," Wentworth said.

"They figured out that instead of taking physics and calculus and algebra, they should take something less demanding that prepares them less well for college so they have better

grades and are in the top 10 percent and the kids that are taking more challenging classes sometimes have their grade point average reduced and they fall out of the top 10 percent."

Under the program now, the top ranked students who were guaranteed admission to college could be enrolled in any of the three levels of curriculum offered.

The middle level, called

the recommended high school curriculum, requires the students to take more foreign language course and extra science and math courses than the minimum high school plan.

Wentworth said his bill was necessary because in a significant number of cases, students who "we want to go to college, who are better prepared for college, are not going."

Baby dies in car after mother says she forgot him

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas woman's 5-month-old baby died in his car seat Wednesday, with temperatures approaching the century mark, as his mother worked for several hours in a nearby building, police say.

An autopsy was pending on Ethan Fletcher at the Dallas County medical examiner's office to deter-

mine the exact cause of death.

Witnesses described hearing screams from the woman when she returned to the car. She told police she had recalled dropping the 5-month-old child off at day care before going to work at a shopping center across from NorthPark Center in North Dallas.

"It's a tragic example of

how quickly these things can happen," police Deputy Chief Alfredo Saldana said.

The 24-year-old Plano woman was questioned and released by police Wednesday evening, but could later face charges of criminally negligent homicide.

The mother arrived for work at The Cheesecake Factory at about 10 a.m. The

child's body was discovered at about 3 p.m., police said.

"I saw the baby in the car and tried to help," said Tony Fraga, who was in front of the mall when the baby was found. "My heart goes out to the mother; she just lost a child. You don't think you could forget a baby, but we don't know the extenuating circumstances."

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers booster club to meet tonight

The Lady Steers booster club will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Athletic Training Center to finalize ads for the program. All parents are welcome to attend.

Youngs' Spring softball tournament

There will be a softball tournament beginning Friday at Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee is \$110. The deadline to register will be 9 p.m. tonight.

There will be first through third team trophies and t-shirts, 10 all-tournament awards, one golden glove and one mvp.

For more information contact David at 697-5705 or Bryan at 264-6673.

Coahoma UGSA now registering players

Registration for the Coahoma UGSA sign-up will continue today.

Try-outs will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. for tee ball division 1 and 1A; 3 p.m. for division 2 and 3.

Softball sign-ups held at Big Spring mall

There will be softball sign-ups at the Big Spring mall at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information contact John Romer 267-3861.

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 and the \$40 sign-up fee.

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

LL umpires to hold meeting Saturday

Little League umpires meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the American Little League field. Anyone interested needs to be at this meeting.

For more information contact David Roman at 263-1631 or 263-4688 after 6 p.m.

Industrial league softball sign-ups

Anyone wanting to participate in the softball league, the sign-ups and entry fees deadline is Friday, April 6.

For more information contact Sally Grant at 393-5237 or 268-4728.

Athletic department offers physicals

The BSISD Athletic department is offering athletic physicals for anyone in the 6th through 11th grade.

Physicals are required for students athletes planning to participate in athletics entering the 7th or 9th grade or those who do not already have one.

Physicals will be given at BSISD auditorium Saturday, March 31 at 9:45 a.m. for 6th graders, 10:30 a.m. for 8th-11th graders.

AREA GAMES

TODAY JUCO SOFTBALL

Noon — Howard College vs. Ranger College.

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Knight a few steps closer to getting Texas Tech job

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Bob Knight is on the verge of getting the chance he's been looking for since he was fired at Indiana.

"He thinks this would be a good place for him to resume his career," Texas Tech president David Schmidly said Wednesday. Knight was fired from coaching the Hoosiers last fall after violating a no-tolerance behavior policy imposed by the university.

Tech administrators seem to agree their school is the right place for Knight to get a second chance.

"What better thing could happen for Texas Tech," Schmidly said. "He's one of the best basketball coaches to ever live. If we could get him here and his behavior is right, he is energetic, enthused and has the same values that all of us in West Texas and Texas Tech have, it would be a very good decision on our part."

On Wednesday, Tech athletic director Gerald Myers offered his recommendation to Schmidly, who said earlier he would accept Myers' choice.

"I am leaning toward accepting a positive recommendation, but I haven't made a final decision yet," Schmidly before receiving Myers' recommendation. "I have to wait and see what my athletic director says. He's the person who knows more about basketball than I do."

Tech spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley said Myers told her he was going to tell Schmidly exactly what the president expected to hear.

"Gerald Myers told me that he was going to recommend that Bob Knight be hired," Rugeley said late Wednesday night. "I didn't know that he had made his recommendation, but I don't think anything has

happened that would change his mind."

On Thursday, Rugeley said she would work on setting up a news conference Friday. She had already begun looking into satellite time.

Meanwhile, Knight has already begun scouting new talent for Texas Tech. On Tuesday, Knight was in Hutchinson, Kan., for the national junior college tournament, where two Tech signees were playing.

On Wednesday, Houston television station KRIV reported that Knight called Bellaire High School coach Dave Hudek to let him know he wanted forward Emeka Okafor to visit Tech and hopes to sign him.

Hudek said Knight told him they were trying to "get this thing done by Friday" and he was excited to talk about Okafor.

Knight can be named as Tech's coach after a waiting period of 10

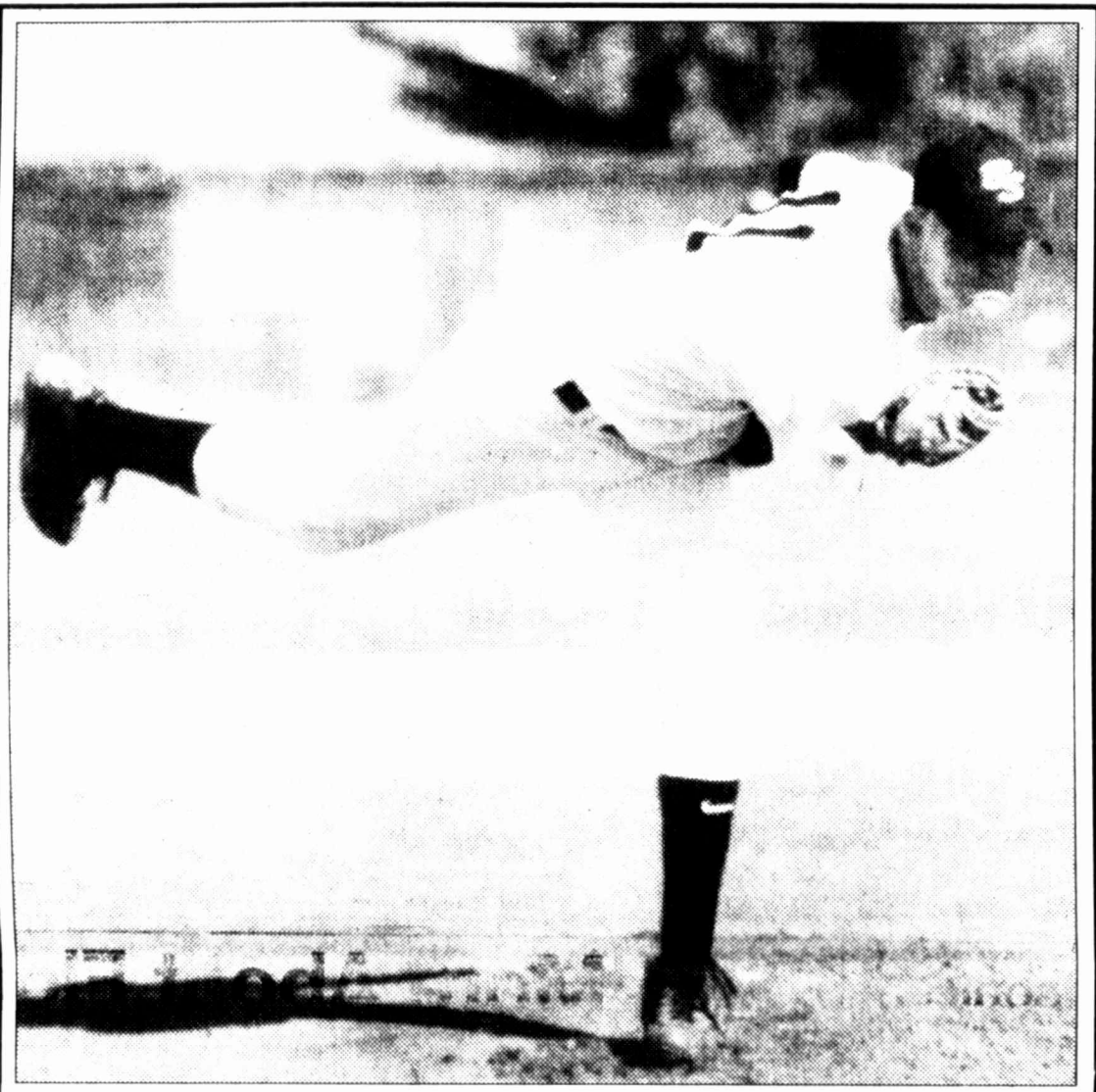
business days expires Friday. Former Tech coach James Dickey was fired on March 19.

Schmidly said he enjoyed meeting with Knight and likes the player graduation rate the coach had at Indiana, his success on the court, his dedication as an educator and his respect for NCAA rules.

"I like the fact that he doesn't violate NCAA rules, and that's the way he chooses to win," Schmidly said. "We've had a problem with NCAA penalties and that's set this institution back."

Schmidly also said he expects the respect Knight has for Myers to prevent any outbursts like those reported during the coach's 29 years at Indiana.

"If the incidents that happened at Indiana were to be repeated, I would have to terminate Coach Knight," said Schmidly.



Clint Bamert delivers a pitch during the Steers' game against Snyder Tuesday where he collected 10 strikeouts in seven innings. The Steers will travel to Andrews to face the Mustangs at 7 p.m. Friday.

Garciparra getting set for opener

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eddie Perez and Jay Buhner don't know when they'll play again. Nomar Garciaparra still hopes to be ready by opening day.

Garciaparra threw on Wednesday for the first time since having a removable cast placed on his injured right wrist and said he hasn't ruled out being in Boston's opening day lineup.

"If my wrist is going to be OK, I'll be ready," Garciaparra said from Fort Myers, Fla.

Manager Jimmy Williams agreed, saying Garciaparra could start even if he gets just a few spring training at-bats.

"As long as he works out and keeps doing everything else, I don't think he needs a lot of at-bats," he said.

Meanwhile, Buhner doesn't know when he'll be healthy enough to return to Seattle's lineup, and Perez fears he won't be ready to play for Atlanta at all this season.

Buhner, second on the Mariners' career home run list, is contemplating retirement because his sore left foot isn't getting any better.

"Yesterday was tough because I'd basically exhausted all avenues and we were right back to square one," Buhner said from Peoria, Ariz. "At this stage, you want to call for do-overs and start all over again, but you can't."

Buhner, 36, was supposed to platoon with Al Martin in left field. Now, Buhner's sidelined indefinitely because of an inflammation in the arch of the foot.

He had an MRI on Wednesday and might need surgery.

"I'm real discouraged because I've lost all of

spring training," Buhner said. "No matter what, I'm going to lose time. Based on that, it's going into the season. As a player, you're frustrated because you feel like you're letting people down."

Perez, who missed most of 2000 after surgery on the shoulder in May, had an MRI that revealed new damage.

The Atlanta Journal reported that Perez would have surgery next week to repair a tear in his rotator cuff. He told the paper he plans to miss the season.

"One more year out of baseball," Perez said. "I don't even want to show up at the field. I don't want people to see my face."

Braves starting catcher Javy Lopez is also expected to miss opening day with a broken ring finger, leaving Paul Bako as the starter.

In games Wednesday, it was Houston 13, Toronto 6; St. Louis 12, Florida 2; Boston 12, Philadelphia 7; Baltimore 3, Montreal 2; Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 5; San Diego 6, Anaheim 3.

Yankees 10, Devil Rays 4

At Tampa, Fla., Mike Mussina allowed one run in five innings in his first start since being hit by a batted ball near his left knee last week. Chuck Knoblauch worked out in left field and could make his debut at the new position in a minor league game Thursday.

Cardinals 12, Marlins 2

At Jupiter, Fla., Shane Andrews homered twice and Matt Morris struck out eight in 5-1-3 innings.

Orioles 3, Expos 2

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla.,

Jason Johnson pitched six innings of five-hit ball, and Willie Harris singled in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Brady Anderson, homered for the Orioles.

Pirates 8, Reds 5

At Bradenton, Fla., Bronson Arroyo pitched five strong innings in his bid to win a spot in Pittsburgh's starting rotation, and Derek Bell had three hits.

Astros 13, Blue Jays 6

At Dunedin, Fla., Daryle Ward went 4-for-5 with a solo homer for Houston. Charlie Hayes, Richard Hidalgo and Morgan Ensberg also homered for the Astros.

Red Sox 12, Phillies 7

At Fort Myers, Fla., Philadelphia's Frank Castillo allowed six earned runs in three innings, but Boston won behind a pair of homers by Jason Varitek.

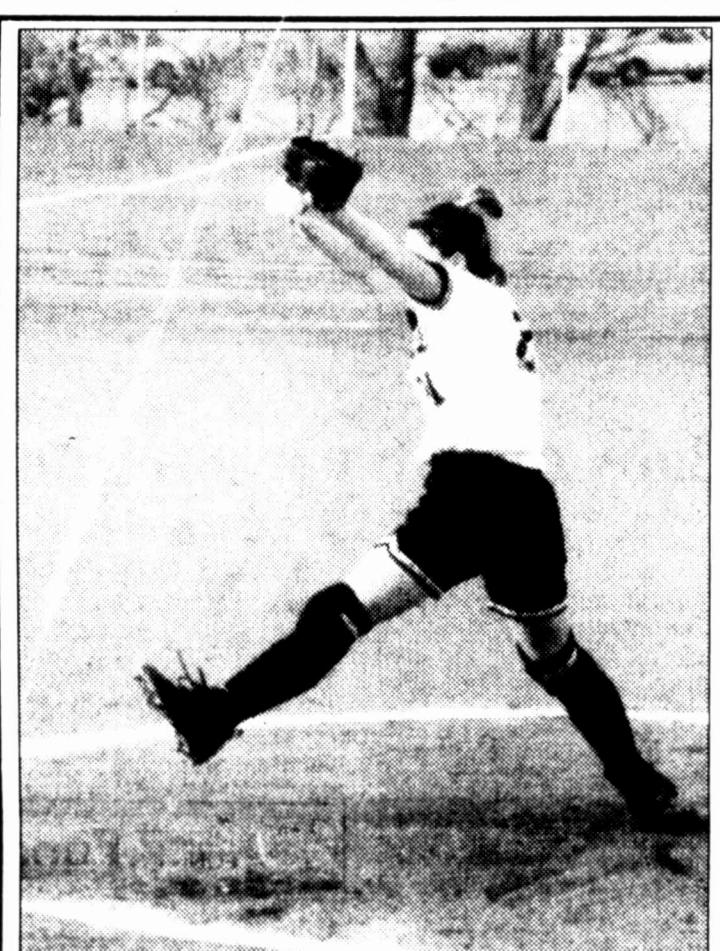
Cubs 4, Rockies 0

At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa hit his sixth home run of the spring, and Julian Tavarez pitched six scoreless innings. Both benches were warned about beanballs in the top of the fourth inning, when Tavarez hit Jeff Cirillo with a pitch.

Brewers 4, Giants 2

At Scottsdale, Ariz., Brian Leshar and Devon White hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the eighth inning to snap a tie for Milwaukee. Brewers rookie Ben Sheets extended his scoreless streak to 12 innings before giving up a run in the fifth.

DYNAMIC DUO



Christina Guinn throws a pitch during a district game against Frenship. The Lady Steers managed to top the district standings in their first five games of district play.

Lady Steers stay perfect with win over Lakeview

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers varsity softball team continues to reign supreme over District 4-4A as they defeated Lake View's Maidens 12-2 Tuesday.

Christina Gwyn was the winning pitcher on the day. She gave up only two hits and collected nine strikeouts.

The Lady Steers scored their first four runs in the first inning and just kept on swinging.

Trista Casey doubled and drove in two of the four runs. Laura Olague had a

double as well to bring in another run.

The Lady Steers had two runs on two hits in the second inning with Leina Braxton providing the offense. She singled to score both runs for Big Spring.

In the third inning, the Lady Steers added two more runs but Erica Stewart's single and Bridget Cain's double in the fourth added four more runs to the Lady Steers' score.

Big Spring is 13-5 overall and 5-0 district. They play host to Levelland at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Hawks' tournament results

HERALD Staff Report

TUCSON, AZ — Howard College's Hawks baseball team traveled to Tucson, AZ, to compete in the Cactus Classic Wednesday.

In the first game of the day, the Hawks matched up against Eastern Arizona as the game was called a tie at 4-4. The tournament has a two and one half hour time limit and the Hawks just ran out of time.

In game two the Hawks

suffered a 10-5 loss to Cochise Arizona.

The Hawks will return to Reed Park to face Pima Community College at 5 p.m. today and South Mountain Community College at 8 p.m.

The Hawks' record is 22-8-1 overall and 8-4 in conference. The Hawks will resume conference play against Clarendon's Bulldogs in a weekend series beginning Friday, March 30.

Pitino hired as Louisville coach

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Rick Pitino's love for the state of Kentucky outweighed the opinions of a few bitter fans.

Pitino became the University of Louisville's coach on Wednesday, five years after he led Kentucky to its sixth national championship.

"Now it's my time to lead the Cardinals back to prominence," Pitino told

several hundred Louisville fans, city leaders and past and present players at a pep rally where he was introduced.

About six hours earlier, Pitino was ready to turn down Louisville and fill Michigan's coaching vacancy. His wife, Joanne, talked him out of it.

"She said, 'I think you love the state of Kentucky and you love the people,

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20. Drew Kyles Jr, Pawhusk
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1. Janet Stover, Bunk, Tex
2. Sherry Cervi, Marana, A
3. Charmayne James, Me
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4. Tonia Wright, Montoya, N
5. Bo Hill, Dodge City, Kan
6. Randa Kinchen, Arcadia
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8. Amy Dale, Graham, Was
9. Martha Jones, Amarillo
10. Janae Ward, Ardmore
11. Kody Hines, Stanton,
12. Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Co
13. Cheryl Miller, Cheate
14. Tonia Wright, Montoya, N
15. Sherilee Shaw, Cardsto
16. Rachael Sprout, Arlee,
17. Peyton Warner, Abord
20. Talina Bird, Post, Tex

RODEO MONEY LEADERS

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
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ALL-AROUND COWBOYS

1. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, 47,745
2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., 42,592
3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, 24,924
4. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, 23,106
5. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 19,635
6. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, 18,399
7. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, 13,781
8. Shane Hatch, Fruitland, N.M., 11,910
9. Bubba Paschal, Laporte, Texas, 10,487
10. Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., 8,530

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., 34,591
2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., 26,151
3. Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, 22,538
4. Red Lemmel, Mud Butte, S.D., 21,279
5. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 19,942
6. Mike Outlier, Utopia, Texas, 18,350
7. Bud Longbrake, Dupree, S.D., 17,710
8. Ryan Mapston, Geysers, Mont., 17,285
9. Cliff Norris, Glazier, Texas, 16,923
10. Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta, 15,037
11. Denny Hay, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, 13,312
12. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., 12,917
13. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, 12,615
14. Shawn Morehead, Corinne, Utah, 12,454
15. Chance Dixon, Heppner, Ore., 12,375
16. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont., 11,297
17. Todd Fike, Pavilion, Wyo., 10,982
18. Travis Autrey, Mountainair, N.M., 10,205
19. Dan Black, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, 10,137
20. Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo., 9,657

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., 22,455
2. Darren Clarke, Denton, Texas, 20,430
3. Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., 20,151
4. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 19,683
5. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., 18,737
6. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, 17,467
7. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., 16,930
8. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, 15,807
9. William Pittman, Fargo, N.D., 15,612
10. Joe Ketter, Roy, Wash., 15,002
11. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 13,987
12. Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas, 13,961
13. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., 11,784
14. Rocky Steagall, Clovis, Calif., 11,776
15. Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., 11,572
16. Lan Lagueunesse, Morgan, Utah, 10,113
17. Eric Swenson, Bismarck, N.D., 10,077
18. Bobby Mute, Redmond, Ore., 9,961
19. J.D. Garrett Jr., Belle Fourche, S.D., 9,602
20. Chad Klein, Jackson, La., 9,329

BULL RIDING

1. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, 31,938
2. Philip Elkins, Keller, Texas, 19,996
3. Cory McCadden, Crane, Texas, 17,911
4. Blue Stone, N. Ogden, Utah, 17,036
5. Colby Yates, Altus, Okla., 16,791
6. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., 16,441
7. Rusty Patrick, Pratt, Kan., 14,927
8. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., 14,738
9. Jason Legier, Loveland, Colo., 13,415
10. Greg Whitlow, Langdon, Alberta, 13,186
11. Jason McClain, Kiowa, Colo., 12,695
12. Cume Bouvier, Empress, Alberta, 12,472
13. Mike Moore, Fort Collins, Colo., 11,669
14. Mike O'Byrne, Anadarko, N.M., 11,311
15. Kelly Armstrong, Big Valley, Alberta, 11,210
16. Bryan Richardson, Dallas, 11,036
17. Jeremi Kirkland, Terrell, Texas, 10,928
18. Jeffery Whitlow, Water Valley, Alberta, 10,869
19. Rubey Condra, Dayton, Texas, 10,647
20. Garth Oldfield, Milo, Alberta, 10,640

CALF ROPING

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 29,686
2. Trevor Brazner, Checotah, Okla., 20,114
3. Brad Goodrich, Hemiston, Ore., 26,392
4. Jeremie Schneberger, Ponca City, Okla., 23,334
5. Ricky Hyde, Mount Vernon, Ark., 20,807
6. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 20,114
7. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., 20,013
8. Jesse Egan, Dixon, Calif., 18,941
9. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, 17,728
10. Shawn Frank, Fort Morgan, Okla., 16,981
11. D. Daniel, Okeechobee, Fla., 13,339
12. Tim Pharr, Resaca, Ga., 14,150
13. Bud Ford, Butte, Texas, 14,124
14. Marty Becker, Manyberries, Alberta, 14,008
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20. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 10,084

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5. Cody Browne, Wiburton, Okla., 20,429
6. Bob Lunniss, Folsom, La., 18,539
7. Spud Davall, Checotah, Okla., 18,147
8. Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas, 17,135
9. Juey Bell Jr., Salem, N.J., 15,429
10. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, 14,483
11. Rod Lyons, Victor, Mont., 14,139
12. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., 13,809
13. W. Farker, Wendell, Idaho, 13,229
14. Mark Belcher, Santa Fe, Texas, 12,894
15. Sam Davall, Checotah, Okla., 12,818
16. Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan., 12,586
17. Eric Berry, Checotah, Okla., 11,910
18. Dean Finerty, Wheatland, Wyo., 11,290
19. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, 10,412
20. Sid Steiner, Bastrop, Texas, 9,582

TEAM ROPING HEADER

1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., 22,603
2. Richard Eguren, Jordan Valley, Ore., 21,597
3. Frank Graves, Poplarville, Miss., 20,303
4. Steve Fancella, Checotah, Okla., 19,102
5. Clay Ryan, Billings, Mont., 16,203
6. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., 15,042
7. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, 12,180
8. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, 12,145
9. Jason Stewart, Checotah, Okla., 11,033
10. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 9,551
11. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., 8,899
12. Wade Wheatley, Stephenville, Texas, 8,477
13. Paul Pettska, Lexington, Okla., 8,413
14. Travis Ryan, Billings, Mont., 7,764
15. Chuck Speck, Alba, Texas, 7,406
16. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., 7,026
17. Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, 6,802
18. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, 6,734
19. Shane Hatch, Fruitland, N.M., 6,636
20. Nick Sartain, Yukon, Okla., 6,606

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1. Ron Skuttman, York, Texas, 22,603
2. B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash., 21,597
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STEEPLE CHASE

1. Gavey Allen, Santa Anna, Texas, 16,105
2. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., 9,743
3. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, 7,047
4. Bucky Heifer, Chelsea, Okla., 5,112
5. David Felton, Weatherford, Texas, 4,920
6. Bud Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., 4,746
7. Leo Campbell, Amarillo, Texas, 4,304
8. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, 4,153
9. Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., 3,820
10. Kenyon Burns, Lovington, N.M., 3,353
11. John McDaniel, Adair, Okla., 3,282
12. Kelly Casbolt, Newkirk, Okla., 3,243
13. J. Wickett, Salinas, Okla., 3,130
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15. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla., 2,908
16. Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas, 2,831
17. Trevor Brazier, Pueblo, Colo., 2,628
18. Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, 2,563
19. Mark Milner, Eldo, N.M., 2,551
20. Don Keler Jr., Pawhuska, Okla., 2,451

Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page
By BETTY DEBNAM

The Sunshine State

Florida From A to Z



Swimmers explore underwater wonders at Wakulla Springs State Park in central Florida. Tourism is the top industry. About 60 million tourists visit in a year. Many people go there to retire, drawn by the mild climate.

Florida has been in the news a lot lately. The record-breaking close presidential election focused world attention on the state. The shuttle was launched to the space station from there. Florida was claimed for Spain by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513. He named it "La Florida," or "land of flowers." It became a state in 1845. Florida has the fourth-biggest population of any state in the country, about 16 million people. It is the most southern state (except Hawaii), and is only about 100 miles from Cuba. Many Cubans have settled there. The average temperature in winter is about 81 degrees. In winter it is 53 degrees in the north and 68 degrees in the south. More than three-fourths of all oranges and grapefruits grown in the U.S. are from there. Florida produces most of the country's orange juice, and is one of the top growers of flowers and indoor plants, and the top grower of sugar cane.

St. Augustine is the oldest permanent European town in the country.

A Beach is within 60 miles of every single part of Florida. There are more than 8,460 miles of shoreline on the mainland, islands and around bays. Only Alaska has more.

Cypress Gardens, near Winter Haven, has tropical gardens and butterfly homes.

Disney theme parks near Lake Buena Vista include Walt Disney World, Epcot Center and Animal Kingdom.

The Everglades National Park is the biggest subtropical wilderness in the U.S., with about 1.5 million acres. Its habitat is unlike any other place on Earth. The park is made up of a slow-moving river run through grass-covered prairies, swamps and islands of trees. This fragile ecosystem is being threatened by the growth of cities, factories and farms.

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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Curtis Joseph

Height: 5-11 Weight: 188 Birthdate: 4-29-67 College: U. of Wisconsin

As goaltender for the Toronto Maple Leafs, Curtis Joseph can stop a puck coming at 100 miles per hour. His nickname is "Cujo."

He is in his third season with the team. He has also played for the St. Louis Blues and the Edmonton Oilers.

Last year he played on the All-Star team. He was also the goalie for the Canadian team at the 1998 Olympics.

Curtis was born in Keswick, Ontario, Canada. He lives with his wife, Nancy, and their three children on a farm in King Township, Ontario. They have horses and cats. They also have two ponds they like to skate on and a toboggan run. He works with children's charities in the Toronto area.

Meet Lou Bega

Lou Bega is best known for his worldwide hit "Mambo No. 5."

Lou, 25, was born David Loubega in Munich, Germany. His father is from Uganda, a country in Africa, and his mother is from Sicily, an island that is part of Italy.

He grew up listening to soul and reggae music. He loved to sing and dance to the music his parents played at home.

He decided to become a serious musician when he was a teen-ager and gave his first performance when he was 16. Lou has lived in Africa, Italy and Miami. He now lives in Germany.

He likes sports and traveling, and some of his favorite foods are pasta, vegetables, rice and fish.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics

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

Joyce: What did the doughnut say to the layer cake?

Linda: "If I had all your dough, I wouldn't hang around this hole!"

Mickey: What is gray, has big ears, a long trunk, and weighs 3 pounds?

Judy: A very thin and tiny elephant!

Bev: Why did the silly boy spray his clocks?

Rita: Because they were full of ticks!

Go on an **AY** word hunt. What other words can you find that use the **AY** sound? What sound do you hear?

More About Florida

There are more kinds of **Fish** in Florida waters than anywhere else on Earth.

Forests cover about half the state. There are more than 360 kinds of trees.

The **Gulf of Mexico** borders on the west, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east.

Hurricanes are a danger. In 1992, Hurricane Andrew killed 40 people and destroyed about 250,000 homes.

Seminole Indians successfully fought off U.S. attempts to put them on reservations. Many fled into swamps.

Jacksonville covers 841 square miles, and is the biggest city in land area in the continental U.S.

The **Kennedy Space Center** at Cape Canaveral is the main launch site for the space shuttle.

The **Keys** are a string of islands stretching about 105 miles into the sea.

Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Palm Beach and Key West are some of the many resort areas.

The **Mockingbird** is the state bird.

Biscayne National Park in Dade County, with 180,000 acres of water, is the biggest marine National Park.

Lake Okeechobee is the second-largest freshwater lake in the U.S. There are more than 7,800 lakes in Florida.

More **Phosphate** rock, used to make fertilizer, is mined here than in any other state.

The **Port of Miami** and **Port Everglades** in Ft. Lauderdale are the two busiest ports for cruise ships in the world. Miami has the largest Cuban population of any U.S. city.

Aquariums such as those at Sea World near Orlando bring visitors closer to marine animals.

Coral Reefs near the Keys are beautiful attractions for visitors who dive or tour the fragile reefs on glass-bottom boats.

The **Sabal Palm** is the state tree.

The **Shipwreck Trail** is an underwater trail from Key Largo to Key West with nine historical shipwrecks.

Tallahassee is the capital. The Legislature met there for the first time in a log cabin in 1824.

Universal Studios near Orlando is the biggest working motion picture studio outside of Hollywood. Tourists can enjoy movie-based rides and shows.

The waters by **Vero Beach** are the site of sunken treasure ships. Scuba divers hunt for gold and silver coins from the wrecks.

The first **National Wildlife Refuge** was started by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903 at Pelican Island.

EXtraordinary animals such as the manatee, alligator, armadillo and Florida panther (the state animal) make Florida special.

"**The Yearling**" author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings set her book about a boy and his pet fawn in the Florida wilderness.

The **Tropic Zone** is less than 100 miles south of Florida.

Next week The Mini Page celebrates **Women's History Month** with a story about women of the West.

Look through your newspaper for news from other states.

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back. Where you might have been dragging or refusing to discuss a situation, you now come through with flying colors. Your intuition works with finances. Make a new beginning or a resolution that is important to you. Tonight: Do what you want.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Handle an important matter quickly. You are at your best in the morning. Take the remainder of the day to recharge those overworked batteries or maybe get some R&R. Commit to doing more for your well-being. Tonight: Play it low-key.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Listen to your sixth sense with a friend or a long-term commitment. Your sense of humor

emerges with the gang. You need some time off. Think through a decision with a partner. New beginnings become possible with a friendship. Tonight: You are the party.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Look at a situation in a different light. You might be overly responsible, but you know that no one gets the job done like you do when you are focused. Bring others and friends together. You draw another's admiration. Make an important decision. Tonight: In the limelight.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Deal with a partner head-on. You could be surprised at how well everything turns out. Invite another to join you on an excursion. You find that a change of scenery makes a big difference in how you feel. Think about traveling or taking off more often. Tonight: Try something different.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Another makes the first move. You can be sure that it isn't really comfortable for this person. Be gracious. A one-on-one discussion takes you in a new direction. Review recent decisions involving money, emotions and an investment. Tonight: Togetherness works.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Take a deep breath. Carefully think through an answer. Consider a work-related matter. Have that inevitable discussion with a friend or partner. Another feels very good about you. A new beginning in a relationship comes from out of the blue. Tonight: Listen to an offer.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Your creativity comes to the rescue. A partner who is difficult finally feels

a lot easier. Express what is going on with you. Helping someone with a project proves to be unusually meaningful. Anything is possible if you relax and go with the flow. Tonight: Let another dote on you.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Deal with basics first. Enlist another's help on a home project. As a result, you get a lot done very quickly. Make a decision about a love relationship or someone very close to you. Share more of your wild thoughts. Another really enjoys your imagination. Tonight: Let the fun begin.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** A talk stabilizes a difficult relationship or tie. You believe that another is unusually demanding. Stay centered, and make a decision that involves a family member. Invite others over to share your mood and your place. Listen to a friend who always encourages you. Tonight: Happy at home.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Indulge yourself and do something you want to do to make your home life more pleasant. Let go of a need to be overly self-disciplined. Don't be so rigid. Make calls and get together with a dear friend for a movie or art show and a meal. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Reach out for another. Your conversation makes a big difference to someone. Not everyone sees eye to eye with your decision. Another's withdrawn behavior is an attempt to let you know of his disapproval. Make time to shop. Tonight: Your treat.
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The National Alcohol Screening day a success

Dear Ann Landers: Thank you for letting people know about National Alcohol Screening Day. I have seen firsthand the results of that column and want you to know how much you are helping people by printing this information.

Last year, a man in his 50s came to the screening. He was crying and upset because he had tried to stop drinking several times, without success. He had lost his home, job, friends and family. At the screening, the man met with a professional who was also able to pinpoint signs of depression and anxiety. Today, with treatment from a therapist and psychiatrist, this gentleman is no longer drinking. The screening day was the beginning of a new life for him.

He was not the only one helped. A teenage girl contacted us because she was worried about her stepfather and suspected he may be an alcoholic. We gave her educational information and referred her to treatment services that could help her stepfather. We also referred her to counseling and support services for family members of alcoholics.

Ann, please let people know if alcohol is disrupting their lives, or if they are concerned about a spouse, child or friend. National Alcohol Screening Day can be a first step. The screening is free and anonymous, and there will be an opportunity to talk to a professional who can offer additional help. Screening can be an important step toward getting better. -- Jill Kartisek, Director of Education, Mental Health Association, Northern Kentucky

Dear Jill Kartisek: Thank you for giving me this opportunity to once again mention National Alcohol Screening Day. Approximately one-half of U.S. adults report a family

history of alcoholism or problem drinking. Of those who require professional treatment, only one in 10 receives the help he or she needs.

Heavy drinking raises the risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, certain cancers, accidents, violence, suicides and birth defects. Alcohol is a factor in the three leading causes of death (car accidents, homicides and suicides) among those aged 15 to 24.

This year, National Alcohol Screening Day is Thursday, April 5. Free, anonymous screening programs will be held at over 2,500 sites across the country. The screenings are designed for all ages, and there is also a college-oriented portion that targets students who are risky drinkers, with a focus on binge drinking.

Here are some questions to ask yourself if you think you may have an alcohol problem: Do you drink to calm your nerves, forget your worries or boost your mood? Do you feel guilty when you drink? Have you made previous attempts to stop drinking or cut down, without success? Do you lie about your drinking? Have you caused harm to yourself or someone else as a result of drinking? Do you need to drink in increasingly greater amounts in order to achieve the desired effect? Do you feel irritable, resentful or unreasonable when you aren't drinking? Do you have any medical, social, family or financial problems caused by drinking?

As part of the screening program, participants will learn about alcohol problems and have the opportunity to complete a brief questionnaire to assess whether they have an alcohol problem. In addition, they will be able to talk privately with a health professional and be given the names and phone numbers of support services and treatment programs in their area.

If you or someone you care about has an alcohol problem, call 1-800-697-6700 to find out about screening sites in your area. Don't procrastinate. Call today.



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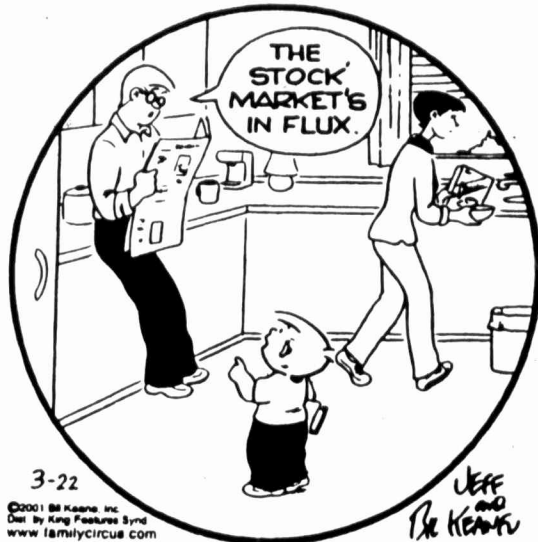
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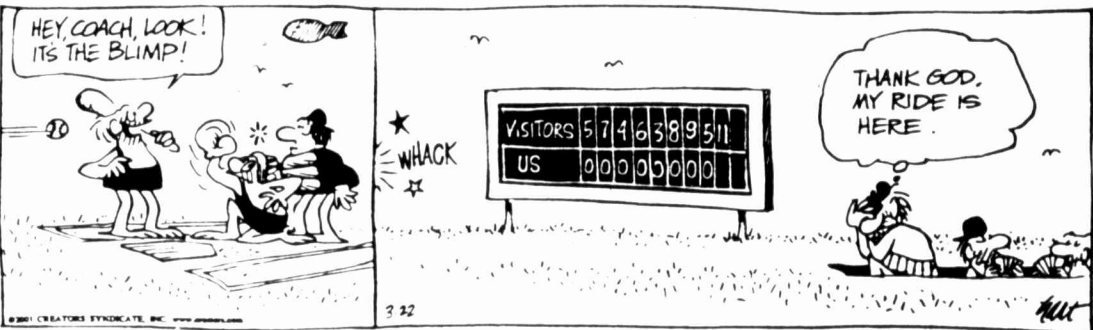
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, March 22, the 81st day of 2001. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies and repealed it the following year.

On this date:

In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.

In 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy.

In 1895, Auguste and Louis Lumiere showed their first movie to an invited audience in Paris.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and

beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington state went into operation.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1972, Congress sent the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the states for ratification. (It fell three states short of the 38 needed for approval.)

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotels in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1995, convicted Long Island Rail Road gunman Colin Ferguson was sentenced to life in prison for killing six people.

Ten years ago: A U.S. warplane shot down a second Iraqi jet fighter that had violated the cease-fire ending the Persian Gulf War. High school instructor

Pamela Smart, accused of manipulating her student-lover into killing her husband, was convicted in Exeter, N.H., of murder-conspiracy.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Karl Malden is 89. Pantomimist Marcel Marceau is 78. USA Today founder Allen H. Neuharth is 77. Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 71. Actor William Shatner is 70. Actor M. Emmet Walsh is 66. Singer-guitarist George Benson is 58. Singer Jeremy Clyde (Chad and Jeremy) is 57. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 53. Actress Fanny Ardant is 52.

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- 14 Novelist Zola
- 15 Richard of A Summer Place
- 16 Colorful Apple
- 17 Tree-dwelling primate
- 18 Full of energy
- 19 Fudge, to a dieter
- 20 Supermarket volunteer?
- 22 Undo a dele
- 23 Tan or Grant
- 24 "Any ___?"
- 26 Stymie
- 30 Low men at the Met
- 32 "___ Marlene"
- 33 Boot attachment
- 35 Chip maker
- 39 Pug's workplace
- 41 Corrida call
- 42 Tom-tom neighbor
- 43 Noses, slangily
- 44 Door sound
- 46 Yale students
- 47 Like a bug bite
- 49 Impassioned
- 51 Twain of country
- 54 In the style of
- 55 Beyond the baseline, in tennis
- 56 Leader's quality?
- 63 DeMille specialty
- 8 Hit the ceiling
- 9 Bullpen sounds
- 10 Covered with fives?
- 11 Ham it up
- 12 Not so dotty
- 13 Nae sayers?
- 21 Iowa State city
- 25 Sale condition
- 26 Spill the beans
- 27 River of Leeds
- 28 Hound hounder
- 29 Rat's headwear?
- 30 ___ pulpit
- 31 Neck of the woods
- 34 Swanky
- 36 "Fever" singer
- 37 March 17 slogan word
- 38 For fear that
- 40 Italian wine region
- 45 Brewer's need
- 48 Kimono kin
- 50 Made an incursion
- 51 Caught some Z's
- 52 Aspiring one
- 53 Baker or O'Day
- 54 Fur tycoon
- 57 Actress Skye
- 58 Gossipy Barrett
- 59 De ___ (from the beginning)
- 60 Novelist Bagnold
- 61 Hository woe
- 62 End of a 1/1 song

