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Cinco De Mayo dance planned at La Vedera

Hispanic Women for Progress will sponsor a Cinco De Mayo dance from 8 a.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday at La Vedera. Music will be provided by Mo Music Productions. Admission is \$5 per person. La Vedera is located on the north service road of Interstate 20. Proceeds will benefit the Hispanic Women For Progress scholarship fund.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
□ Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.
□ Denim and Diamonds Gala, dinner and dance, 7 p.m., Big Spring Country Club. Fund-raiser for Big Spring State Hospital patients. Call 268-7535 for ticket information.
□ 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.
□ Big Spring Symphony Association concert featuring Harrington String Quartet and Blue Bonnet Brass, 8 p.m., Municipal Auditorium. Tickets \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 students.
□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.
□ Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305.

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Breakdown causes blood drives to be reset for next week

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Because of mechanical difficulties, the United Blood Service bloodmobile was unable to come for the Howard College blood drive on Monday but will return next week.

"If you were signed up to donate at Howard College, please try to donate at one of these drives," said Johnna Pevey, UBS commu-

nity relations representative. "Thanks for your continued support of United Blood Services."

According to Pevey, the vehicle blew a fuel line and was unable to proceed to Big Spring.

United Blood Services will return to Big Spring next week with three chances for the community to come out and give the gift of life.

On Monday, Big Spring State Hospital will hold a drive from 11 a.m. to 3.

BLOOD DRIVES

Monday, Big Spring State Hospital, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, StarTek, 2-6 p.m.

Thursday, VA Medical Center, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Contact Melvin Berry at 268-7372 for an appointment. StarTek will hold its blood

drive on Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 6.

The drive will be held in the back room of the facility, said Mindy Wiggins who requests anyone interested in donating blood to call by Tuesday to make an appointment.

Those donating at the StarTek can come to the front lobby where the receptionist will show them where the drive is being held, Wiggins said.

UBS will make its last

stop for the week in Big Spring on Thursday, May 10, at the VA Medical Center in room 219 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"Anyone who wants to donate just call 264-4824," said Iva Jo Hanslik.

Hanslik encourages anyone interested to make an appointment because slots are usually filled very quickly.

Donors must be 17 years old and weigh more than 110 pounds.

Road reconstruction nearly complete

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Travelers along Gregg Street on their way to Interstate 20 have noticed that the street looks a little wider.

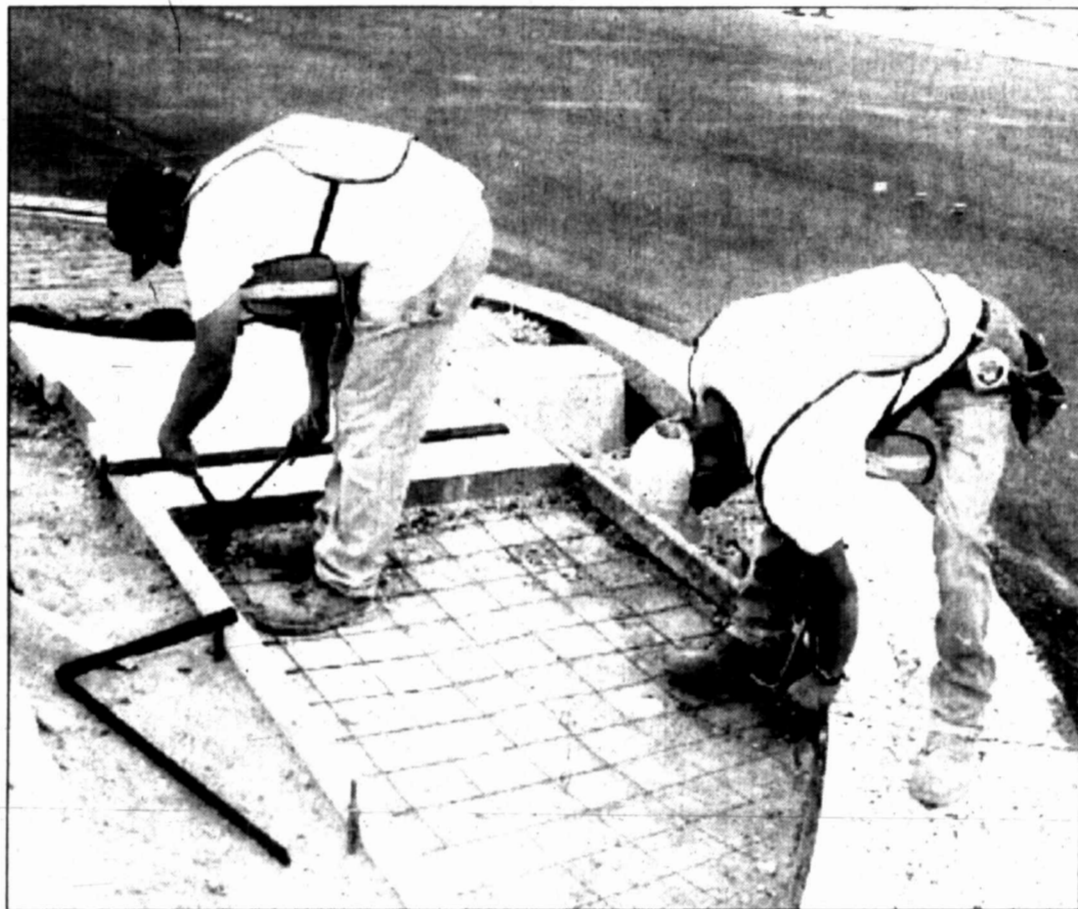
Well, not really, but it probably appears that way, now that traffic has been opened back for both lanes after around eight months of being limited to one.

Jimmy Marquez, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) engineering technician, said the project now is in the final stages of completion.

"We were able to open up the northbound lanes of traffic around 10 a.m. Monday," said Marquez. "Then on Tuesday we were able to finish up the laying of hot mix around noon."

Art Barrow, area engineer who is overseeing several projects in the Crossroads, said that though once behind, the crew has now not only caught up but is ahead of schedule.

"We are expecting to be completely finished and contractors pulling out by Tuesday," said Barrow. "We have some small stuff to finish up like taking up the old striping we had during the time we were on



Reece Albert Inc. employees Bryan Miller and Clinton Thorp, both of San Angelo, get forms ready in preparation of the pouring of concrete for sidewalks at Sgt. Paradez Street. The project is now in the last few days with only minor touch-ups needed to complete the eight months of work.

one lane of traffic. We should be putting the new striping down beginning today and be finished with that this week."

And as far as the cameras

atop traffic control signals at the intersections of Third Street, Fourth Street and Sgt. Paradez, Barrow says they are not set up to catch individuals running red

lights. "These are called video imaging detection systems and they have been put up

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Gala

Fund-raiser to be held under one roof this time

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Herald Correspondent

More than 300 people attending Friday's "15th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala" will be greeted by several noticeable changes.

The event, which raises money for the more than 200 patients at Big Spring State Hospital historically has been held in two locations — the reception at someone's home and the following dance would be at The Stampedee.

This year's major fund-raiser for the hospital's patients will be held under one roof — the Big Spring Country Club.

"The parking had always been a problem for the reception," Gala chairman Carol Scott said. "I think we'll get more people to come because it's in one location. It seems as if we would lose some people in the transition from the reception to the dance."

"We just felt as if the country club can accommodate the number of people who attend."

When planning this year's gala, Scott wanted to continue the tradition started by longtime hospital volunteer Don

Newsom, who has been an instrumental part of every gala. Newsom was known for his "strawberry trees," which is similar in appearance to a topiary decorated with strawberries, said Gala decorations co-chairmen Cynthia Scott.

Shrimp and sliced roast beef also are on the menu for the reception — "A Touch of Class in the Style of the Old West," which begins at 7 p.m.

Several fun events, including the awarding of many door prizes and a

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Bauer student's poem published in 'Rising Star'

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Ten-year-old Dominique Green, a fourth grader at Bauer Magnet School, became a published author on April 28, in the "Rising Star, Young Texas Tales" annual state magazine.

Green, along with six other Bauer students, traveled to the Rising Star Young Writers' and Artist's Conference and Art Exhibit held in Austin, with more than 4,500 people attending.

Around 200 of the 1,544 entries consisting of artwork and literature were chosen to be published.

Kimberly Holt, award-winning author of young people's literature, spoke to the children at the conference

and took a picture with each child.

At the conference, Green learned the poem, "Dancing Fire," she wrote for a classroom assignment for word association earlier during the year was chosen to be published.

"We had a choice of fire, storms and something else," Green said. "I chose fire because I did not want to do what everybody else was doing. I was the only one in the class that picked fire."

Green said she had to see her poem in the magazine before she could believe it had been published.

"My mom said she liked my poem because it had a lot of action," Green said. "I like to use a lot of action words because it helps people understand."

Green said she enjoys writing.

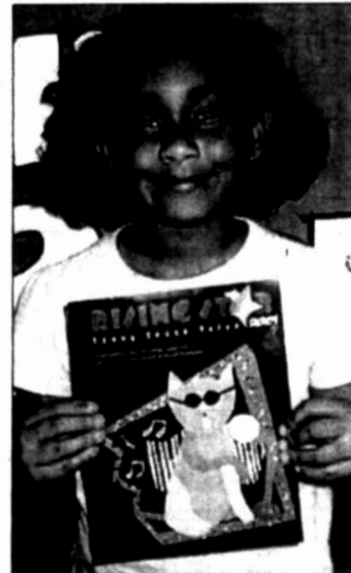
"I write stories or poems when I get bored," Green said. "Either I read, do that or go outside and play."

Green said she gets the ideas for her stories from watching cartoons with her 5-year-old brother. She then draws a character, though she admits her drawings are mostly stick figures, and creates a story around the character.

"I give them different names and tell them what they are going to do," she said.

Eleven Bauer students qualified to attend the conference in Austin. The project was started by former Texas Gov. Ann

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Ten-year-old Dominique Green was published in "Rising Star" magazine.

Forsan set to compete in state one-act contest

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Sixteen Forsan High School students are making their way to Austin today as they prepare to perform for Class 2A State One-Act Play competition on Friday.

The cast will be competing with eight other schools from around the state at McCullough Theater on the University of Texas campus with their production of "Tevya and His Daughters."

Forsan is scheduled for the second session of the competition that begins at

7:30 p.m. Also competing are Comfort, Ozona and Centerville.

White Wright, Banks, New Diana and Salado will compete in the first session.

Friday's competition caps the season for the Forsan one-act students that advanced from district, area and regional competition.

Jim Rhodes, theater director, said it took a little luck and a lot of heart from the students to make it to Austin.

The group is taking with them several students that earned recognition through the session for their work in the play.

Michael Thomas was named best actor at both regional and area contest

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Everett Bender, pastor of Christian Training Center, sets out flags in preparation for today's National Day of Prayer ceremony in the Heart of the City Park at 12:15 p.m. This is the 50th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer.

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OBITUARIES

Frances Korchenko

Graveside services for Frances Korchenko, 77, of Shallowater will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2001, at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring with the Rev. Melvin Sudduth, of Plainview, officiating.



Mrs. Korchenko died on Tuesday, May 1, at her home in Shallowater.

Mrs. Korchenko was born on June 22, 1923, in Duran, N.M. She married Melvin A. Korchenko on December 5, 1942, in Medford, Ore. They traveled the world for 20 years while her husband served in the U.S. Army. Upon his retirement in 1962 they moved to Big Spring. In January of 1965 they moved to Lubbock and then to Shallowater in 1967. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin of Shallowater; a son, Dan of Lubbock; two daughters, Sandy Sparks of Big Spring and Susan Cowart of Shallowater; a sister, Inez Briscoe of Austin; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will greet friends at Sanders Funeral Home in Lubbock on Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Road, Suite 3, Lubbock 79416.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home of Lubbock. Burial will be under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Donald G. Cox

Funeral service for Donald G. Cox, 59, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Cox died Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Ferminia Herrea

Funeral service for Ferminia Herrea, 96, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Herrea died Thursday, May 3, 2001, in Corpus Christi.

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Ferminia Herrea, 96, died Thursday. Services are pending.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Donald Cox, 59, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

Bruce Dennis, 79, died Monday. Services are 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery.
Frances Korchenko, 77, died Tuesday. She will lie in state on Friday evening (6:00-10:00). Graveside services are 2:00 PM Saturday at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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in several cities in recent years," said Barrow. "They are linked to a computer and though they currently have a recording capability, they are not set up to catch individuals running red lights. The reason for their being installed is to detect traffic in order to optimize traffic control."
The cameras cost around \$20,000 each, Barrow said.

STAR

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Richards to promote children's writing and artwork.
According to Linda Long, advisor for the Rising Star Program in Region 18, entries have to be original and done as classroom assignments.

"They will come up with some of the neatest ideas just out of the blue," Long said. "They are so excited at the end of the year when ever the kids come back. The students talk about it and you can hear several say they are going to work hard next year so they can go."

Students attending the conference for their artwork included second grader **Loryn Escovedo**, third grader **Andrew Brito**, fourth grader **Honee Moore** and fifth grader **Heath Rodriguez**.

Third grader **Valerie Colwell** and **Vinnie Solis**, fourth grader **Suraj (Surge) Patel** and fifth graders **Nadia Garcia** and **Tori Bohanan** attended for their work in narrative writing or prose.

The program is supported by the Big Spring Herald. The poem written by Green is as follows:

The Dancing Fire
Black puff of smoke
steaming and flashing
The fire strikes
read and yellow glowing
Fire dancing with glare
Black smoke in the air
Burning gas and flames
in the house
Firetrucks zooming as
gray clouds set off the
alarms
The firemen try to save the
house.

GALA

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"celebrity jeans-guessing contest" will help the flow of the crowd during the reception, Cynthia Scott said.

"We needed something fun to help the flow or everyone would be congregated by the food or the bar," she said.

The country club's patio doors will invite more patrons to lounge on the iron lawn furniture overlooking the ninth hole of the golf course.

Rancher Don Richardson has assisted Cynthia Scott and co-chair Kim Howell in the transformation of the country club into a country and western theme party. Cow print material will adorn the stage and rustic chairs, boots and hats will be sprinkled throughout the room. Old kerosene lamps will be placed atop tables.

An old-fashioned buggy will greet guests upon entrance to the country club and wagon wheels will be scattered throughout the country club.

"I think some of the wait staff will be dressed up as saloon girls," Cynthia Scott said. "It's just going to be a fun, fun evening."

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will continue the gala tradition by performing at the function for its 15th consecutive year. "To me, Jody Nix is part of the Denim and Diamonds tradition," Carol Scott said. "He just symbolizes this event. I think Big Spring is fortunate to have Jody Nix."

The dance kicks off at 8 p.m.

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To Carol Scott, the gala has always symbolized a more casual and fun time of the year. "It starts off the summer fun festivities," she said. "It's a precursor to the Fourth of July celebration."

Big Spring State Hospital plays an important part in the Big Spring community and everyone is glad to show their support for the hospital, Cynthia Scott said. "It's a good place to really show your support, and it is their major fund-raiser."

"But it's also good because you get to meet the people who work at the state hospital and get to talk to them and put a name with a face. Also, it's going to be so much fun. To me, the gala typifies Big Spring."

Carol Scott has been a volunteer since moving to Big Spring eight years ago and all that time has helped with the gala, including hosting the reception in her home. Many, many businesses have donated their time and resources to help make this event a success — mostly because it's a worthy cause, she said.

"I think the people in town are eager to go, and they're eager to donate to our state hospital because we have one of the outstanding state hospitals in Texas. The reason we do this is because we can provide the things for the patients that the state can't provide."

For more information on attending the gala, call the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office at 268-7535. The event is sponsored by the Dora Roberts Foundation.

Honorary chairmen are Stan and Sue Partee.

ONE-ACT

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for his performance as the lead character. He was named to all-star cast at the district contest.

Codi Graves was named to all-star cast at regional and earned honorable mention at both both area and district competition.

Laura Moore and Kesha Christian were named to the honorable mention cast at the regional competition, a second for Moore who earned the recognition at district and a first for Christian.

The musical "Fiddler on the Roof," is set in Czarist Russia at the turn of century and focus on poor Jewish peasants, their lives, and how their lives change during the Russian revolution.

Cast and crew members include Thomas, Moore, Graves, Kesha Christian, Kristen Newton, Kaci West, Heather Hise, Clay Vickers, Cliff Dunnam, Jarrett Hopper, Taylor Bristow, Ross Rhoton, Amy Braddock, Haley Burks, Lori Ellis and Cassie Christian.

Deputies still investigating assault case
HERALD Staff Report

Investigation continued today into the aggravated assault of a local woman early Wednesday morning near the Howard-Borden County line.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Jeremy Mize, 26, of Big Spring remains in the Howard County Jail in lieu of a \$10,000 bail set by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green.

Mize was charged with aggravated assault causing severe bodily injury after calling sheriff's deputies to his trailer early Wednesday morning. During that call, Mize told the dispatcher he had killed a woman and was going to kill himself.

The woman was found in a narrow ditch about a quarter of a mile east of Highway 669 near the old Colorado City Highway.

The woman was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance. Hospital officials listed her in stable condition this morning.

Howard County Sheriff's Office investigator Brad Ingram said he would continue questioning individuals involved in the case today.

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.).

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 Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

SUNDAY

• AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
• 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

CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION, May 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Cauble School Reunion will be held in the Elbow cafeteria. Please come and join old school friends. A Pot Luck luncheon will be served at noon. Bring your favorite casseroles and desserts and join us.

CINCO DE MAYO DANCE Sponsored by the Hispanic Women for Progress. Music by Mo Music Productions at La Vedula (N. Service Rd 1,20). Saturday, May 5th from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. \$5 per person. Proceeds benefit the Hispanic Women For Progress Scholarship Fund.

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THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB

is planning its Annual City-Wide Garage Sale. If you would like to participate and have a garage sale on Saturday, May 19th in Coahoma, register by calling Irene at 394-4424 or stop by the Little Sooper Market. Deadline is Wednesday, May 16th. The fee will be the same as always - \$15.

COAHOMA ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

will be Monday May 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call for an appointment at 394-4323.

32ND ANNUAL BIG SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 5. Fun-filled Square, Line and Country Western Dancing. The evening dance will be from 8-10:30 p.m. with an After Party beginning at 11 p.m. Caller will be Gary Bible. \$15 per couple and 1/2 price for singles.

FORSAN ISD KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2001, and will attend Elbow Elementary School, please preregister your child as soon as possible for the 2001-2002 school year. You may preregister Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Elbow Elementary Office.

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Gold 264-266.75
Silver 4.34-4.40

POLICE

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

• **NORMAN JOSEPH McNEW**, 36, of 303 Midway Road, was arrested on local warrants.

• **GERALD WAY DARNELL**, 31, of 106 Lockhart, was arrested on local warrants.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of E. 4th.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama.

FIRE/EMS

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

12:17 a.m. — 200 block of Merrick Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:08 a.m. — Mile marker 178 I-20, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:27 a.m. — Highway 669, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:58 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:18 p.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:11 p.m. — 3200 block of Drexel, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:25 p.m. — 1200 block of Lindberg, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:32 p.m. — 500 Birdwell, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:25 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:08 p.m. — 1200 block of Young, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

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Senate teacher

AUSTIN (AP) — committee on We unanimously pass billion teachers insurance plan approval sets the a battle between th and House on on session's top issue
Sen. Teel Bivin man of the Education Commi because the bill pa of committee late day he won't be bring it to the Sen until Monday.
The full House p \$1.3 billion plan Bivins substituted for the House ve the Senate commi The Senate is ex approve the bill and then House an members will mee out their differ devise a comprom Bivins, R-Amarillo
Both chamber declared establi statewide insuran for public school ees a priority. T teacher shortage i in part on the affordable health ance.
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Senate panel endorses teachers insurance bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate committee on Wednesday unanimously passed a \$1 billion teachers health insurance plan. The approval sets the stage for a battle between the Senate and House on one of the session's top issues.

Sen. Teel Bivins, chairman of the Public Education Committee, said because the bill passed out of committee late in the day he won't be able to bring it to the Senate floor until Monday.

The full House passed its \$1.3 billion plan Tuesday. Bivins substituted his plan for the House version in the Senate committee.

The Senate is expected to approve the bill Monday and then House and Senate members will meet to work out their differences and devise a compromise, said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Both chambers have declared establishing a statewide insurance plan for public school employees a priority. The state's teacher shortage is blamed in part on the lack of affordable health insurance.

Some senators expressed concern with the plan, particularly a provision requiring 80 percent of new state money districts receive to be spent on health insurance.

That could hurt districts

that are already paying significantly for benefits, said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. "It's almost like we're forcing a round peg into a square hole," she said.

"I'm not sure there's a right or wrong answer," Bivins said.

Bivins' proposal, which also covers retirees, would create a statewide pool that all districts could join.

Only districts that join would receive state funding, part of which would come from the \$20 billion Permanent School Fund, the state's public school trust fund. Funding also comes from money schools get to equalize rich and poor districts.

The revised Senate plan no longer relies on the passage of a constitutional amendment to change how the public school trust fund is invested.

Under the proposal by House Public Education Chairman Paul Sadler, a mandatory state pool would be created for small- and medium-sized districts. Large schools could join after three years.

The House plan also sends \$1,000 directly to employees for use on additional insurance, coverage for their families or as salary. All Texas districts would get \$75 per employee for benefits.

Comptroller set to release revenue update

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers drafting the tightest state budget in a decade are looking to Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander to make their job a little easier.

But Rylander has already warned budget writers not to count on a big increase today when she updates the amount of tax revenue available to spend in the 2002-03 cycle, which begins Sept. 1.

"There's not going to be Christmas in May," Rylander told a Senate committee earlier this session.

That's bad news for lawmakers pinching pennies in a session where several high-dollar, high-profile priorities have emerged and where health care costs and other factors have absorbed the hopes of a surplus.

In January, Rylander said state taxes and fees would generate \$5.1 billion more

than what lawmakers spent in the 2000-01 budget of \$98.1 billion.

Initial estimates are typically conservative and adjusted upward in May. Last session, when then-Gov. George W. Bush was pushing for his eventually successful tax cuts, Rylander increased the estimate by \$807 million. She upped it by \$45 million more last fall, at the height of Bush's presidential campaign.

Budget leaders this year have said they never expected Rylander to greatly increase the revenue estimate in a slowing economy that is holding down the state's tax revenue.

But any extra funding would be welcome.

With less than a month to go in the 140-day session, lawmakers have yet to agree on how much to give to a statewide health insurance

plan for teachers and other public school employees, Medicaid, state employee pay raises and higher education.

Two top issues, teachers insurance and Medicaid, have been pitted against each other by legislative leaders under increased pressure.

The budget — and it must be balanced — is the only bill legislators are required by law to pass.

The House has approved a \$109.7 billion budget. The Senate passed a \$111.7 billion spending plan. A conference committee has until the end of next week to reconcile the proposals.

The Senate is accusing the House of spending too much on teachers insurance, slighting Medicaid. In

Texas, an estimated 200,000 children are eligible for but not enrolled in the health care program for the poor.

"I would be hard-pressed to turn my back on the sick children in Texas and to say that teachers' health insurance ought to take a higher priority than children's health," said Senate Finance Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, said Ellis is wrong.

The House is willing to increase funding by \$542 million to Medicaid and other areas such as nursing homes, Junell said, but upping social service funding by more than \$700 million, as the Senate suggested, "is so irresponsible."

Senate Oks life without parole option for capital murderers

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate on Wednesday gave preliminary approval to giving juries the option of sentencing murderers to life without parole, a choice they don't have now in the nation's No. 1 death penalty state.

The decision was a preliminary vote on the bill by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville. A final vote of approval — which would send the bill to the House — could come Thursday.

Current law allows juries two options for capital murder convictions: death or a "life" sentence that allows for parole after 40 years.

Some lawmakers and prosecutors have objected to the bill, saying it would make it difficult to get death sentences.

Father charged in two daughters' fatal shootings at loft apartment

DALLAS (AP) — An accountant was jailed today in the fatal shootings of his two young daughters which police said occurred as he argued on the telephone with his ex-wife.

John David Battaglia was booked into Lew Sterrett Justice Center on two charges of capital murder, Dallas County sheriff's officers said.

Liberty Battaglia, 6, and 9-

year-old Faith Battaglia were found slain in a pool of blood inside the man's downtown area loft. Police who had sought the certified public accountant for questioning in the fatal shootings also detained an unidentified female friend of Battaglia early Thursday.

Witnesses told police that Battaglia was seen leaving the Adam Hats Lofts in a black extended cab pickup

truck following the Wednesday night shooting deaths.

Officers who had staked out nightclubs in the Deep Ellum entertainment district several blocks from the lofts spotted a truck that matched the description of Battaglia's vehicle shortly after 1 a.m. The driver was apprehended after a short struggle.

"I would consider this

strange. It's surprising that he would have been located so close to the crime scene," said police Sgt. David Graham.

Officers broke into Battaglia's loft apartment Wednesday night and found the girls slain amid half-unpacked boxes. The bodies of the girls were taken to the Dallas County medical examiner's office for autopsies.

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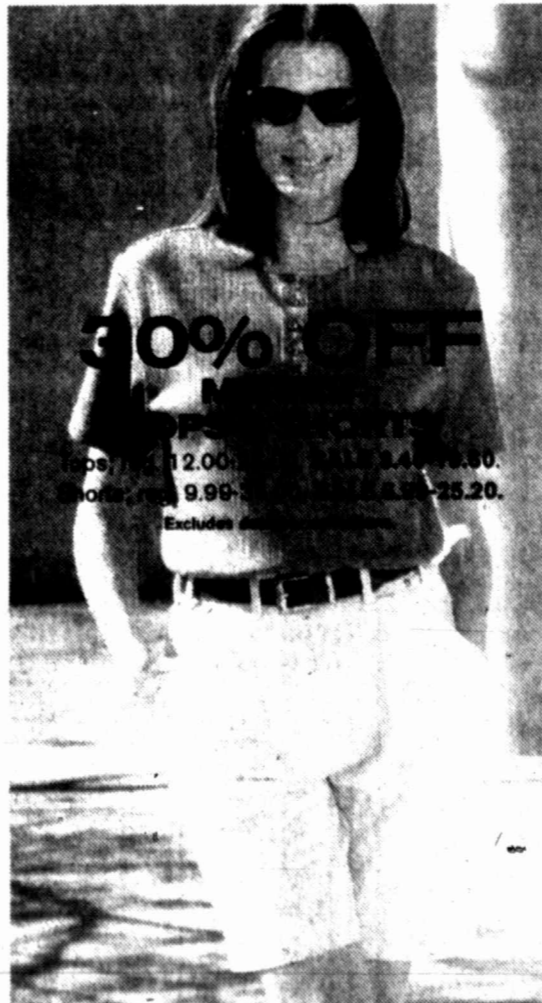
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OUR VIEWS

Cast your ballot on Saturday

Throughout the Crossroads area, men and women are trying to make their schools and communities better by agreeing to serve as a trustee, city council member or mayor. In most cases, they won't get paid a dime for their efforts. Their reward is helping to ensure that the quality of education and life within their communities is the best it can be.

On Saturday, elections will be held to determine which of these candidates will represent your school or your city for the next several years. In addition, many in Howard County will be deciding whether they want to participate in the Permian Basin Underground Water District. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on respective school campuses and city buildings throughout the area.

In Big Spring and Forsan, voters will choose from several candidates hoping to sit on public school boards. In Coahoma, citizens will choose school trustees, city council members and a mayor. Voters in surrounding communities and school districts will be making similar decisions.

These are important decisions — every bit as important as choosing federal, state and county government representatives. These are the men and women who will help determine the quality of education our children and grandchildren receive. These are the individuals who will help determine what services our community will provide and how much we will pay in taxes. Those are not easy tasks.

We hope you will take the time to vote on Saturday if you haven't already. Short of serving as a trustee, council representative or mayor, your vote is perhaps the best way to ensure a positive future. Go to the polls Saturday and mark your ballot for the individual or individuals you believe will do the best job.

If they are willing commit to several years of their lives to give of themselves to the community or school, surely you can take a few minutes out of one day to cast a ballot.

Please vote.

OTHER VIEWS

There are two ways to combat drug abuse in the United States: The federal government can make a show of talking and acting tough, or it can actually try to accomplish something — by balancing efforts to crack down on drug suppliers with better treatment for the people who actually buy drugs.

John Walters, touted by Bush administration officials as the nation's next drug czar, will have to choose between the two approaches if he is confirmed for the post. But to judge from some of his past comments, he seems to favor the wrong one: an emphasis on law enforcement alone.

Granted, it is important to try to stem the flow of narcotics into the United States and catch drug traffickers within the nation's borders. The imprisonment of so many drug criminals during the 1990s, many experts say, is part of the reason why crime dropped so precipitously during the second half of the decade.

Moreover, reducing the availability of drugs and driving up their prices might well force some drug users onto the wagon sooner rather than later.

But it is hard to believe that the threat of criminal sanctions — or knowledge of the health risks — will prompt heroin, cocaine and other hard-drug users to kick their habits. And as long as there are millions of Americans who cannot fight their addictions, there will be a lucrative drug trade. If drugs can find their way into nation's prisons — and by all accounts they do — they can certainly penetrate thousands of miles of coastlines and porous international borders.

One has to question why, as a nation, we are so eager to crack down on drug producers in other countries but so reluctant to offer much besides jail time to the Americans who are actually using drugs.

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Bush's first 101 days were a disaster

What a great idea: Let's write about George W.'s first 101 days in office. Are we media people creative and original, or what?



MOLLY IVINS

This isn't blackbird journalism because blackbirds are bright-eyed and alert. Nor can we call it pack journalism; wolves are predators, not sycophants. There's something bovine about it: It's herd journalism. The Supreme Court appointed President Billy Bob Forehead, and everyone in Washington stood around for 100 days peering at him and then announced, "Gosh, there are some really interesting colors in that."

I am forced to admit, it does have some interesting colors, but is anyone going to mention that it stinks?

"But the polls show His Bushness has an approval rating of 57 percent."

"Does that mean he doesn't stink?"

"No one else is saying what you're saying. Don't you think you're a little out of step?"

OUT OF STEP! Oh no! Anything but that. Not out of step — not the worst of all Washington journalism sins! Naturally, I'm terrified not to agree with everyone else, but the only reason I'm giving El Chico even a C-minus is because I figure he'll get worse, and we'll need the lower grades.

Not being terribly interested in the efficacy of the Bush public relations operation, or even in his marital fidelity, I'm grading him on what he's actually done to us. Do let me know if any of this makes you healthier or more secure, or improves the environment or your personal finances.

His first act was to cut off funding for international family planning groups that so much as mention abortion, presumably because he thinks the Third World needs more unwanted children.

Bush repealed Clinton's "last minute" (10 years in the making, with countless studies) rules on ergonomics, which means "preventing workplace injuries of the kind that cause constant pain and eventually cripple you."

For millions of Americans afflicted and yet-to-be afflicted by these easily preventable injuries most to the neck, back and wrist from repeated stress — Bush's presidency literally means pain.

He named as chief law enforcement officer of the United States John Ashcroft, a man who by his own record does not respect civil rights, abortion rights or human rights, and who built his career opposing school desegregation.

He also repealed Clinton's "last minute" (eight years in the making) lowering of the 1942 standard for arsenic in drinking water by 80 percent. In 1999, the National Academy of Sciences recommended the reduction, since the current standard "easily" carries a one-in-100 risk of causing cancer.

Bush's move was done at

the request of the mining and wood-finishing industries. However, it turned out to be unpopular with moms and others, so the administration has asked the Academy of Sciences for an "expedited review" of its own work, thus demonstrating — according to Forehead's spinners and our more credulous media — that he is enviro-friendly after all.

Bush pays no attention to scientists on the subject of global warming, the most serious threat to our national security. He broke a big, fat campaign promise to cut CO2 emissions from power plants and then gratuitously went out of his way to pronounce the Kyoto Treaty dead. This horrified our European allies and many others. It was done at the request of the energy industry. He repealed another "last minute" (years of work) Clinton rule against public subsidy of logging roads in the remaining unspoiled national forests. This is the system under which taxpayers have to help pay for the destruction of their own national forests. Done at the request of the timber industry.

He's still pushing for the \$1.6 trillion tax cut he campaigned for because the economy was so hot. Now, he says it's needed because the economy is so bad. The richest 1 percent of the people get 45 percent of the benefits of this cut, according to the respected Citizens for Tax Justice. That's ridiculous. A group of billionaires even came out against repealing the estate tax. How pathetic can you get? Bush would get a \$39,000 tax cut under his own plan, and Dick

Cheney would get \$2.3 million, according to CBS News.

He also did his best to kill the McCain-Feingold reform bill, which outlaws "soft money" and unreported, unlimited campaign donations, also known as bribes. Bush has cut funding for programs to help abused and neglected kids, and

funding for child care for low-income parents (making it even harder for mothers to get off welfare). He cut 100 percent of the money for Reading Is Fundamental, the effective program championed by both his wife and his mother. Leave no child behind.

To prove he was "engaged" during the 11-day standoff with China over the spy plane, his own staff reports His Bushness personally inquired, several times, whether the captured American crew had Bibles.

He needlessly and uselessly angered South Korea through ignorance of North Korea.

He blew the chance to negotiate a missile build-down and now says the United States must build a National Missile Defense shield at an underestimated cost of \$60 billion because of North Korea.

He needlessly and uselessly enraged the Chinese through ignorance of Taiwan policy. His staff later brazenly claimed this misstep was deliberate.

On the plus side, after his first meeting with Prime Minister Tony Blair of Great Britain, Bush said, "We both use Colgate toothpaste."

The Brits spent weeks trying to decipher the meaning of that remark.



Ex-convicts are ex-citizens in our society

All felony convictions come with life sentences. Yes, life sentences, which surely must run afoul of the Constitution's Eighth Amendment protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

In 13 states, felons are not allowed to hold public office, serve on juries or vote — even after they have served their sentences. They are also denied the right to compete for gainful employment because employers are allowed to ask applicants if they have ever been convicted of a felony.

This issue is not a matter of bleeding-heart sympathy for criminals. Rather, it is



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a matter of justice. With so many people being incarcerated for crimes committed primarily against themselves, such as drug use, the nation has an ever-increasing number of ex-convicts who will spend the rest of their lives as disenfranchised citizens — an oxymoron.

Yet, when the judge or jury handed down their sentences, it was not said, "You are hereby ordered to serve three-to-five years in the county jail, and upon release you will no longer enjoy the rights of citizenship." No, the convicted are told only the part about the prison time.

In fairness, if so many other punishments are going to be part of the sentence, then they should be made clear at the time of sentencing. The convict should be told, "You will serve three to five years in the county jail, and you will be stripped of your citizenship for life."

But that part is ignored because the Eight Amendment prohibits it as cruel and unusual, not to mention exorbitant and unfair. We are not saying that courts should not have the right to impose such sentences for certain crimes, but it's clear that nonviolent drug users and murderers do not deserve equal punishment.

As a nation, we either believe in rehabilitation or we do not. And rehabilitation must include moving people who have served their time back into society — with all the rights and privileges of citizenship restored.

Reintegration is easy to accomplish in regards to voting and serving in political office or on juries. The invisible sentence of lifetime job discrimination is not so easy to tackle. Employers should be barred from asking about most convictions just as they are barred from ask-

ing about age, marital status, sexual orientation and the like.

Sentences that include the loss of full citizenship would be the exception. In these instances, an employer would be allowed to ask, "Have you been permanently denied the full rights of citizenship due to a criminal conviction?" By creating such a class of ex-convicts, people who were convicted of lesser crimes would not face the life sentences they face in today's America.

In the past, ex-convicts lacked political support, in part because they could not vote. But with more and more nonviolent criminals being released from prison, the issue will attract increasingly more attention. In fact, many an ex-convict has lived next door to people who were unaware of his past, and only aware that he was a decent, law-abiding citizen or rather, ex-citizen.

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Senate

WASHINGTON — The Senate bill intended to help Americans buy retirement bonds once again passed by a lopsided vote, but the question is whether it will pass in the House. "There's a lot in here for the Charles Grassley," said Finance Committee sponsor of a similar bill. But senators predict Wednesday the House will increase contributions for IRAs and encourage co-offer traditional, nearly identical last year in the House. Still, Sen. Peake, chairman of the Budget Committee, said the legislation clear the Senate perhaps attached to other legislation.

Texas

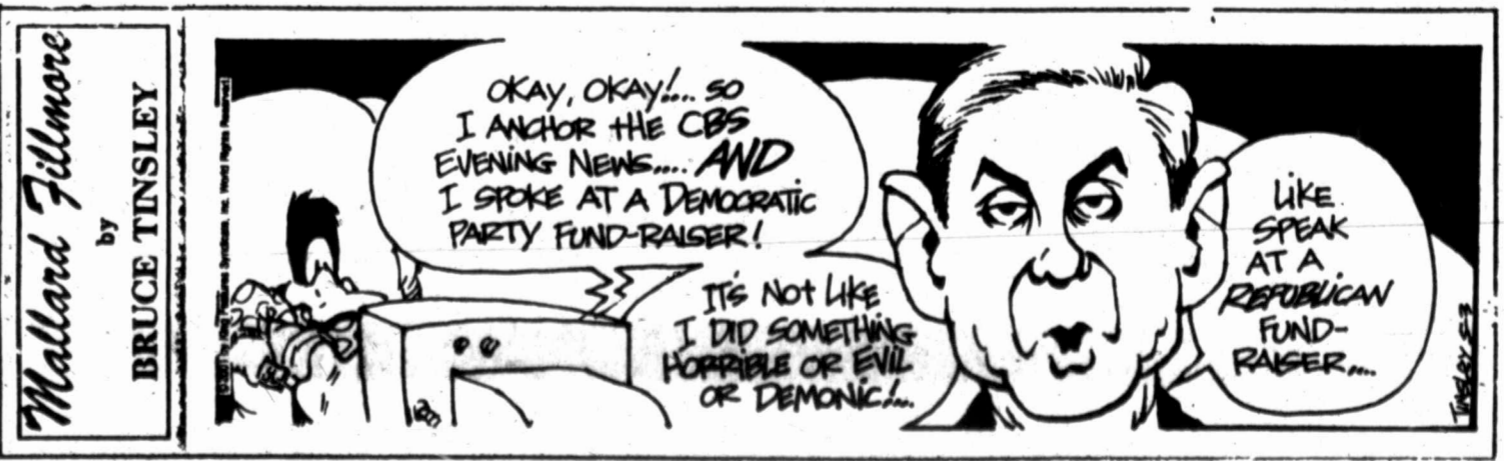
SLIDELL, La. — Detectives confirmed a link between a ban in New Orleans and another in Antonio, they are investigating similar bans in Houston. "This is a serious matter," said Interstate 10 commission. "This is an ex-convict's children are arrested." Police Chief said Wednesday know whether looking for another has already arrested. A sketch of the kidnapped Lisa near her Slide April 16 bears resemblance to a March 4 kidnapping in San Antonio. Authorities to Wednesday that crimes may be related. "It's starting to look like it's the same guy," not written in Morris said. Morris said detectives are comparing authorities in where a man white hatchback one used in Lippert, snatched Leah Henry after

Justice exhum

WICHITA FALLS — A Montague County peace sign Wednesday that way for the exhumed at least 12 bodies investigation of patient Nocona General Hospital.

The order Justice of the Peace Russle allows a look for traces of sodium chloride in District Attorney Cole said the exhumation will be conducted the next 30 days. Rangers and FBI investigating. Cole had previously he would seek if relatives of exhumations, many families a given consent.

A twofold patient deaths in and January police investigation by and federal authorities. They are in whether more patients were doses of Mivacurium which is used to stop the natural process in insert a breathing. Several vials were reported in the 38-bed hospital in January. No one arrested, but they have a similar likely acted alone. Nocona General is the only medical and the second employer involved.



Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY

Senate next stop for bill raising IRA, 401(k) limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill intended to let Americans build a bigger retirement nest egg has once again passed the House by a lopsided margin. The question is whether the Senate can follow suit.

"There's a lot of support in here for that," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and co-sponsor of a similar bill.

But senators could not predict Wednesday when or how the measure might be considered, even after the House voted 407-24 to increase contribution limits for IRAs and 401(k)s and encourage companies to offer traditional pensions. A nearly identical bill died last year in the Senate.

Still, Sen. Pete Domenici, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, predicted the legislation would clear the Senate this year, perhaps attached to unrelated legislation. It could possi-

bly be included in the 11-year, \$1.35 trillion tax package resulting from a compromise between Congress and President Bush.

"Before this year passes, it's coming to a head and probably getting passed," Domenici, R-N.M., said in an interview.

At an estimated cost of \$52 billion over 10 years, the bill gradually would raise contribution limits for tax-preferred traditional and Roth individual retirement accounts from \$2,000 to \$5,000 by 2004 and for tax-deferred 401(k)-type plans from \$10,500 to \$15,000 by 2006.

People age 50 and older would get special provisions raising their contribution limits more quickly. The legislation would not, however, change the income limits that prevent some middle-to-upper-income people from participating.

Supporters said the bill would boost a U.S. savings

rate now at the lowest level in 67 years and supplement Social Security, which faces an uncertain financial future just as 76 million baby boomers begin to retire.

"Social Security isn't enough. It's hard to live on," said Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, the main sponsor along with Rep. Ben Cardin, D-Md. "People need to have increased savings."

The measure contains more than 50 provisions intended to prompt more companies to offer pensions, enhance those pensions and simplify the system, from faster vesting requirements to greater portability of pension plans for employees who change jobs.

About 70 million American workers are not covered by a pension plan. While 401(k) plans are increasingly popular, the Employee Benefits Research Institute estimated that the average account balance is

only about \$37,000 — and half of all 401(k) participants have saved less than \$10,000.

A study released by the Financial Services Roundtable, which represents 100 major financial companies, found that the increased limits will not only boost savings but also cut taxes for millions by deferring more of the taxes owed.

A family of four with \$50,000 in income and a 401(k) plan, for example, would see a 28 percent tax rate cut when the measure is fully implemented in five years. The same family with \$75,000 in income would see a 13 percent cut.

"This bill provides individual tax relief," Cardin said.

Despite its popularity, many Democrats say the bill does little for lower-income people who have the most trouble saving for retirement.



Courtesy photo Students from Sands High School were honored for their scholastic achievements during the recent annual Celebration of Educational Excellence luncheon hosted by South Plains College. They were more than 13,000 high school and junior high students recognized for their academic distinctions in math, science, social studies or English language arts. Sands representatives are, from left, front row, Aubrey Foster, Hollie Gibbs and Tinsey Grigg, and second row, Nate Looney, Steven Nichols and Steven Barraza. Not pictured are Seth Smithson, Shelli Blagrove, Brandi Woods, Chance Nichols and Amanda Watkins.

Texas, Louisiana kidnappings fuel speculation

SLIDELL, La. (AP) — As detectives confirmed a probable link between a suburban New Orleans kidnapping and another in San Antonio, they began investigating similarities to yet another in Houston, fueling fears that a serial kidnapper may be operating along the Interstate 10 corridor.

"This is an extremely dangerous individual as far as children are concerned," Police Chief Ben Morris said Wednesday. "We don't know whether he is out looking for another child or has already abducted one."

A sketch of the man who kidnapped Lisa Bruno from near her Slidell home on April 16 bears a striking resemblance to the suspect in a March 4 kidnapping in San Antonio, leading authorities to speculate Wednesday that the two crimes may be related.

"It's starting to look like it's the same guy, but that's not written in stone yet," Morris said.

Morris said detectives also are comparing notes with authorities in Houston, where a man driving a white hatchback, similar to one used in Lisa's kidnapping, snatched 11-year-old Leah Henry after she got off

her school bus Tuesday afternoon.

Julian Gonzales, a New Orleans FBI agent, said it's too soon to link the Houston kidnapping to the other two, but he said detectives are concerned about the similarities.

"I don't know if I'd call it a serial kidnapper, but there's a pattern developing here that we can all see," said Gonzales, noting that all three abductions occurred along I-10 in or near large cities and all involved dark-haired girls close in age.

Detectives searching for Lisa's kidnapper said the link to the San Antonio case could be the breakthrough they have been hoping for after more than two weeks with few strong clues.

"It could give us a big boost," Gonzales said. "It could tell us something about any patterns in how he operates and where he lives."

Detectives also revealed Wednesday that the man who kidnapped Lisa had a gun and lured her into his vehicle by posing as a police officer, but they would not say whether he threatened her with the gun.

Gonzales cautioned par-

ents to remind their children not to get into or go near a stranger's car.

Lisa was kidnapped by a man in a white two-door hatchback as she walked to a wooded area near her apartment to pick blackberries with her younger sister, police said.

Her abduction was eerily similar to the kidnapping of 9-year-old Nykema Augustine six weeks earlier in San Antonio.

Both girls were playing at their apartment complexes when they were abducted by a man described as potbellied with light brown hair who asked for help.

Nykema told police the man had asked her to help him with a washing machine in the complex's laundry room while she was riding a scooter. As she walked with him toward the building, he grabbed her, bound her wrists and forced her into his car.

Both girls were whisked away in small cars and held captive for days: Lisa in a locked room at an unknown location for almost two weeks; Nykema for five days in a boarded-up cabin about a two-hour drive from San Antonio.

But kidnapping experts

said perhaps the most striking similarity is that both girls beat the odds: They were released alive and not seriously injured.

"It's very unusual for children to be returned after that much time has passed," said Ben Ermini of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

"In most cases, the abductor will do anything to not be detected."

Lisa appeared Sunday at a bus station in New Orleans after her abductor released her in Lafayette and bought her a bus ticket home. Nykema's kidnapper dropped her off about a block from her apartment.

After spending three days under police protection at an undisclosed location, Lisa and her parents, Barbara and Norbert Reyes, returned Wednesday.

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Justice of the peace orders bodies exhumed in probe of patient deaths

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A Montague County justice of the peace signed an order Wednesday that clears the way for the exhuming of at least 12 bodies in the investigation of patient deaths at Nocona General Hospital.

The order signed by Justice of the Peace Roger Russle allows authorities to look for traces of mivacurium chloride in the bodies.

District Attorney Tim Cole said the exhumations will be conducted within the next 30 days. The Texas Rangers and FBI also are investigating.

Cole had previously said he would seek court orders if relatives oppose the exhumations, although many families already have given consent.

A twofold increase in patient deaths in December and January prompted the investigation by local, state and federal authorities.

They are investigating whether more than 20 patients were given lethal doses of Mivacron, or mivacurium chloride, which is used to temporarily stop the natural breathing process in order to insert a breathing tube.

Several vials of the drug were reported missing from the 38-bed hospital in late January. No one has been arrested, but authorities say they have a suspect who likely acted alone.

Nocona General Hospital is the only medical facility and the second largest employer in Nocona, an

agriculture and oil town of about 3,100 people about 50 miles east of Wichita Falls.

In 1999, the hospital was named one of the top 100 in the country in its category, fewer than 50 beds, by HCIA-Sachs. The health

data company is now known as Solucient after a merger last year.

Nocona General treats 1,000 to 1,100 patients with about 50 to 55 deaths each year, said Charles E. Norris, hospital administrator.

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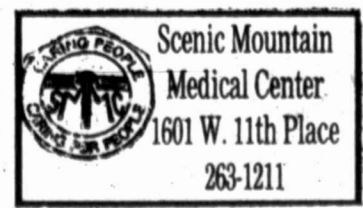
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Goliad Cavaliers donate books to reading basket

The Goliad Cavaliers have donated books to the reading basket at Goliad Elementary.

The reading basket, located in the front foyer, contains books which are read to students first to third grade on a one-on-one basis and to reinforce reading skills. Books in the reading basket have also served younger children visiting the campus with their parents.

The Cavaliers purchased almost \$40 worth of books at the Scholastic Book Fair because they felt this was a great way to end the school year by helping children in the community.

SHSU graduate to receive Spanish degree at 85

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Laura Thresher Johnston really isn't all that different from anyone else graduating Saturday from Sam Houston State University. She's just older — by about six decades.

"Laura is not obsessed with her chronological age," Spanish professor David Ross Gerling said of his 85-year-old student, the school's oldest graduate. "She has a youthful outlook, a forward-looking outlook, which the other students picked up on immediately."

Earlier this week, Johnston — who will receive a bachelor's degree in Spanish — wore a long, sleeveless, floral dress and navy high-heeled sandals as she attended her final class and visited with some of her favorite professors.

Only a set of stairs slowed Johnston, whose quick pace and idealistic attitude make her much like the 12,000 other students attending Sam Houston State.

"When you are older, you don't have the tension that the younger people do," Johnston said, perched atop a waist-high filing cabinet in Gerling's office. "I don't have to go out and get a job. I don't have to prove a dog-gone thing. I'm just going to school for fun."

And fun she has.

An 18-year-old in her math class thinks it's funny to tell others that a woman old enough to be his great-grandmother is actually his girlfriend.

"It's OK, my mom doesn't mind me dating older women," Ryan Schneider joked with his classmates as

they waited in the hall for their final math class to begin.

"I don't remember where we were last night?" Johnston quickly shot back.

"The drive-in," Schneider said.

"That was 40 years ago," Johnston said with a laugh. "Now you're dating yourself."

Born in Boston in 1915, Johnston raised three children in Massachusetts and worked as a nurse.

At 55, Johnston decided she wanted to see the United States and left the Northeast. She headed for destinations in Nevada, California, Florida, Texas and North Carolina.

"Rather than die of starvation, I decided I would be a waitress," she said.

She eventually landed in

Florida, where she heard Spanish for the first time and thought it sounded pretty.

"I asked my grandchildren to learn Spanish and thought they could then teach me," Johnston said.

None of Johnston's eight grandchildren liked Spanish; two who tried Spanish courses quickly dropped out.

"Go back to school and learn Spanish. Leave your grandkids alone," Johnston recalls her daughter telling her.

Meanwhile, Johnston moved to Pointblank, a small town outside Huntsville. Twelve years ago, Johnston entered Sam Houston, where she audited classes for two years before enrolling and beginning work on a Spanish degree.

At first, Johnston wasn't sure how fellow students

would respond to her.

"Why is she even trying? She is so old," 19-year-old student Dana Myers acknowledges thinking when she saw Johnston in her math class. "I know that's mean, but at first I didn't understand."

Today, many of her teenage classmates say she inspires them.

"We're all so young, and if someone her age can finish her degree, why can't we?" said Elizabeth Johnson, 19.

For Gerling, Johnston's return to the classroom conveys the idea that learning is a lifelong process.

"When you try and explain this to 20-year-old students, it is an abstract concept," he said. "But when they sit in class next to Laura, they begin to realize that education is not just four years and then it stops."

What you need to know about calling 911

Have you ever been in a situation when you weren't sure if a call to 911 was necessary? I'm sure everyone knows to call 911 for obvious things like automobile wrecks, severe chest pain, obvious broken bones, serious burns, being shot with a gun or stabbed with a knife, and even being struck by lightning (unless of course you lost a bet with God on that lightning thing).

However, not all emergency situations are so apparent. According to Kathy Perkins, chief of the Bureau of Emergency Management at the Texas Department of Health (TDH), 911 should be called



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immediately if any of the following conditions are present:

- Serious bleeding — the kind that won't stop when pressure is applied for 10 minutes or if the person is a hemophiliac (free bleeder). Not necessarily paper cuts.
- Unconsciousness.
- Neck or spine injuries — do not move the person if these kinds of injuries are suspected.
- Signs of a heart attack including uncomfortable pressure or fullness in the chest or chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating or shortness of breath.
- Unexplained paralysis.
- Burns.
- The person is not breathing.
- Choking — the person will not be able to make any sound or be able to cough. Don't stick your finger down the person's throat — you may shove the object down further.
- Broken bones — the area

in question will swell and may have bruising if the bone is not already sticking through the skin.

- Head, chest or abdominal injuries — these can be tricky and should be checked out even if the person is not having any discomfort because there may be internal damage or bleeding.

Minutes count in an emergency and what you do in the time it takes for EMS to arrive is crucial to the sick or injured person, according to Perkins.

Common sense and knowing the victim also are important to assessing an emergency.

"Factors such as stressful events, a preexisting medical condition or abnormal behavior may signal that a person is in an emergency situation," Perkins said.

If you have to make a 911 call try to stay calm; if you can't, then have someone else make the call.

The information the dis-

patcher will need will be the address or location of the emergency, your name and telephone number at your location, the name of the injured or ill person and information about the illness or injury.

Stay on the phone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

Send someone to wait near the street or in the parking lot until the ambulance arrives.

Do not move the injured or ill person unless there is immediate danger such as electrocution (downed wire), fire, flood or traffic.

Whatever you do, don't panic. If you let emotion control your actions you may do the person more harm than good.

To receive a copy of TDH's brochure "When Minutes Count: A Citizen's Guide to Medical Emergencies," contact the TDH Bureau of Emergency Management at 1100 West 49th St., Austin 78756, or call 512-834-6700.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** What you think is what you are likely to create. Toss negative thoughts out and welcome happy ones. An overture to a friend or partner establishes warmer, more caring communication. Celebrate a positive conclusion to a work-related matter. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** What was a hassle yesterday becomes an easy matter to deal with today. You don't need to feel vulnerable. Extend yourself to another. Your ability to see

past a problem helps you melt barriers. Someone rewards you for a job well done. Tonight: Get the weekend started right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** Express your steadiness with a child or loved one. You might not always come up with the right answers, but with the help of someone else, you do. Brainstorm. Zero in on what you want. A friendship could be changing substantially. Talk about your dreams. Tonight: Go where the music is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Touch base with family before making an important decision. A boss or someone you put on a pedestal acknowledges you in a noteworthy manner. Express your gratitude. Deal with a financial partner who might have a better vision of the possibilities. Tonight: Where the Moon Child is happiest: at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Walk in another's footsteps, no matter how difficult it might seem. Your ability to empathize, mixed with your innate Leo charm, impels others toward you. A loved one opens up and shares deep feelings. An offer proves irresistible. The only answer is yes. Tonight: Join a friend after work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Superiors might seem unduly stern. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Work closely with an associate or friend. What might be a

friendship has elements of a romantic attachment. Make sure you want to go down that road. Tonight: Do something special for a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** News from a distance could restrict you from doing something you really want to do. Create greater happiness in your life by allowing a loved one to do more for you. Talk about dreams, and someone will respond in kind. Start making plans. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Your laughter eases a difficult situation with an associate or co-worker. Think about what is on your mind involving a financial and emotional tie. Don't stress out, but at the same time don't run for the rose-colored glasses. Be realistic. Tonight: Get some much-needed R&R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** A very serious partner needs your feedback. Success marks joint efforts. Each of you triggers the other's imagination. Follow your intuition about someone. Make an important call in the late afternoon. Network at a meeting and worry less about time. Tonight: Where you are, there is a party.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Let others see your caring, vulnerable side. Though you might doubt it, others become responsive

when they identify with your humanity. Enjoy a family member who is prone to exaggeration. Care with finances goes a long way. Don't let funds drip out of your wallet. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Your mind might not be on what you are doing. Even loved ones and friends notice that you keep drifting off. Act on your dream, and eventually you will return to the present. Ultimately, others will be receptive to your thoughts. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Discuss a feeling of restriction with a loved one or associate. Understanding helps you get past a nagging problem. Step into another's perspective. Use your intuition with finances. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

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Big Spring Tournament
The 11th Big Spring Baseball Tournament at 6 a.m. Saturday at Ivie.
The entry fee is the weigh in at the boat race. For more call Chris Sp... 6528.

Basketball schedule
The Big Spring School Basketball Club has its annual basketball game for Thursday, May 3, Trinity Baptist... For more call Brian I... 264-3648.

Lady Steer club to host
The Lady Steer club will be holding a female athlete p.m. Monday the Big Spring High Cafeteria. Tickets cost... available at Sports, Big Athletic Sup... Athletic Trail... For more contact Kay 3662.

Bennett be tournament
The Chase golf tournament will be Saturday, the Comanch... Course.
It will be a scramble and start at 8 a.m. Both teams... equal players... The cost is \$... a \$50 per p... Cash prize awarded - \$300 for third place, \$200 for second and \$100 for first. Also a \$100 drive and club pin awards.
The deadline Friday. For more information contact Coates at 393-...

Lady Steer camp set for
Registration accepted for Steer's Basketball Camp June 4-7 in High School. Lady Steer's Jimmy Ave staff will run camp.
Campers and appropriate individual skills and group sessions a.m. to 11:30 campers can a.m. and start to accomplish schedules.
The camp is open to through eight. The cost includes T-shirt and cate.

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8 p.m. — Denver Mavericks at Chicago Bulls Ch. 28.
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HNL
6:30 p.m. — New Orleans Hornets at St. Louis Blues Ch. 30.
GOLF
2 p.m. — PGA of New Orleans ESPN, Ch. 30

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Bass Open Tournament to be held

The 11th Annual Big Spring Bass Open Tournament will be held at 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Lake O.H. Ivie.

The entry fee is \$40 and the weigh in site will be at the boat ramp.

For more information call Chris Spencer at 264-6528.

Basketball boosters schedule banquet

The Big Spring High School Basketball Booster Club has scheduled its annual basketball banquet for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Trinity Baptist Church.

For more information, call Brian Ellington at 264-3648.

Lady Steer booster club to honor athletes

The Lady Steer booster club will be honoring the female athletes at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 14 at the Big Spring Junior High Cafetorium.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available at All-Star Sports, Big Spring Athletic Supply and the Athletic Training Center.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Bennett benefit tournament slated

The Chase Bennett benefit golf tournament will be Saturday, May 19, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

It will be a four-man scramble and a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Both team and individual players are welcome. The cost is \$200 per team a \$50 per player.

Cash prizes will be awarded - \$400 for first place, \$300 for second and \$200 for third. There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one as well as the longest drive and closest to the pin awards.

The deadline to enter is Friday. For more information contact DeNeise Coates at 393-5584.

Lady Steers hoops camp set for June

Registration is being accepted for the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp set for June 4-7 in Big Spring High School's Steer Gym. Lady Steers' head coach Jimmy Avery and his staff will conduct the camp.

Campers will work in appropriate age groups on individual basketball skills and group drills.

Sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but campers can arrive at 8 a.m. and stay until noon to accommodate work schedules.

The camp costs \$45 and is open to current first through eighth graders. The cost include instruction, T-shirt and certificate.

AREA GAMES

TODAY JUCO SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

1 p.m. • Howard College vs. Vernon Regional College.

ON THE AIR

Television NBA PLAYOFFS

8 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz, TNT, Ch. 28.

BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. — Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

HNL

6:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at St. Louis Blues, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

2 p.m. — Compaq Classic of New Orleans, first round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Howard College fab five set for championship series

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Five of Howard College's own, Ross Ericsson, Jake DeGeer, Seth McFadin, Bray Armes and Colby Schneeman will compete in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's (NIRA) first College Rodeo Championship Series tonight at 7 in Hobbs, NM.

The NIRA has restructured their playoff format to include the 11 regions (Southern, Southwest, Grand Canyon, Big Sky, Central Rocky, Great Plains, Central Plains, Ozark, Rocky Mountain, Northwest, and West Coast Regions). These regions will break out into four different regional playoffs. Howard College will represent a few of the

qualifiers from the Southwest Region.

"This won't be like our weekend competitions. We'll have to ride well all three times in order to place well," said head coach Greg Kernick.

There will be two go-rounds and one short go. The top 10 from each region qualified to compete rather than the old format which only allowed the top two finishers in each event and the top two teams. The top seven (plus top two regional byes) will advance to the College National Finals Rodeo in June.

To get to that point, the teamsters will have to turn out some of their top performances of the season. Although the pressure is intense, it's one of those situations where if

you don't think you can win then don't enter. "We're going in to win," said Kernick. "I have always thought we had a definite chance with our team when we started the year."

Freshman sensation, Ericsson, who received the Roughstock High Point award as well as the Top Hand Award, has been outstanding this season. He had a strong finish Saturday at Tarleton State University and was named the All-Around winner in the Southwest Region.

"Ross is going to hold his own at the national level," said Kernick.

In order to advance he'll need about a 135 on two in the bare back riding and a solid performance in the saddle bronc riding. Ericsson

will face another freshman stand-out, Bradley Harter from Wharton County College.

Armes, who received the Male High Point Award with a 257.5 average, finished up third in the region. Schneemann finished fourth in the region in team roping and was the High Point Academic on the team while DeGeer split fifth and sixth in the calf roping.

The lone sophomore qualifier, McFadin will compete in the steer wrestling. "He's the only sophomore, a good cowboy, a good student and a good person all around. He is very deserving of what ever comes his way," said Kernick.

"Right now, the mental aspect of

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Courtesy photo

Members of the Howard County 4-H Livestock team pose with their plaques and ribbons. Standing from top left: Terrell Bibb, Travis Roberts, Kyle Kight, Collin McMillan, Ricky Crawford, Logan Gaskins, Trevor Bibb, Porsha Yarbar, Rusty Crawford, Keighs Yarbar, Megan Knight, Aubrey Foster, Danielle Hill and Meagan Kothman.

Howard County 4-H team advances to state

HERALD Staff Report

Howard county 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team won the District Six competition that took place on Saturday, April 21. Team members advancing on to state include Kyle Kight, Megan Knight, Aubrey Foster andn Trevor Bibb. This group as a team placed first overall, second in cattle, first in sheep, second in swine and second in reasons. Kyle Kight received individual awards - first in sheep, fourth in swine, third in reason and third overall. Trevor Bibb was fourth in cattle, third in swine, eighth in reasons and fifth overall. Megan Knight was second in sheep, fourth in reasons and sixth overall.

Howard county 4-H Senior II Livestock Judging Team placed fourth in the competition. Team members were Danielle Hill, Porsha Yarbar, Ricky Crawford and Rusty Crawford. As a team, they placed second in sheep and fourth in reasons. Individual efforts on Senior Team II were Danielle Hill third in sheep and eighth overall. Ricky Crawford finished ninth in reasons and ninth high overall while Porsha Yarbar placed seventh in reasons.

In the intermediate age division, Howard County 4-Hers Meagan Kothmann, Terrell Bibb, Collin McMillan and Travis Roberts also won a district title. Team awards included first place in cattle, second in sheep, second in swine, first in reasons and first overall. Terrell Bibb's individual awards included first in cattle, fourth in sheep, second in swine and first in reasons giving him the High Point Individual title. Meagan Kothmann placed third in cattle, second in reasons and fifth overall. Travis Roberts placed fourth in reason and

seventh overall. Collin McMillan placed eighth in reasons and ninth overall. Two 4-Hers also competed in the junior age division. Logan Gaskins and Keigha Yarbar competed as individuals. Gaskins placed first in sheep and first in reasons placing him seventh overall. Yarbar placed sixth in cattle, third in sheep and fifth in reasons placing her eighth overall.

These youth have worked very hard this year to accomplish these feats. Kight, Knight, Bibb and Foster will travel to State 4-H Roundup in College Station June 11-15.



Courtesy photo

District Six Livestock Judging Winners that will travel to state. From left: Kyle Kight, Trevor Bibb, Megan Knight and Aubrey Foster.

Lady Hawks set for game one of Region V Tournament

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

It's been that kind of season for Howard College's Lady Hawk softball team. They held on to first place just long enough to know that winning is what they're shooting for.

The Lady Hawks will open the Region V Tournament today at 1 p.m. against Vernon College, the No. 6 seeded team from the north region at Abilene Christian University.

"There's no slouch among these eight teams," said head coach Dave George who was recently name Coach of the Year. "Anyone of these teams can emerge as the winner."

Of course Coach George and the Lady Hawks are hoping it's them. "We have been preparing mentally for this weekend. For me, I'm going into this with more knowledge than the girls so all they can do is focus

on what needs to be done," George explained.

According to Coach George, Vernon College has a couple of strong arms on the mound and quite a few good batters at the plate.

It will be interesting to see how the weekend unfolds. After all everyone is familiar with the Howard-Midland College rivalry and this season's match-up allowed the players to see what they're truly up against. A Howard-Midland duel is possible if both teams win their first two games.

From the North, Temple Junior College, at the start of the season appeared to be the team to beat, with a No. 2 ranking in the country, in the preseason polls. But the Lady Hawks 7-1 win over Temple quickly erased the buffy-factor and gave Howard College a chance to test their prowess.

"If our hitting, pitching and defense is where it should be then we should have a good shot for a

trip to Florida," George said. "All we have to do is win four games."

The Lady Hawks (41-15) will open playoffs this afternoon. The tournament is double elimination so with a win Howard has a chance for a

1:30 p.m. Friday meeting with the winner of the North Central-Grayson match-up. A loss would put them on the consolation bracket for a 9 a.m. start.

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- Coach of the Year - Dave George**
- Most Valuable Player - De'Shaun Drake**
- Outfielders - Samantha Ward, Devon Melby, Michelle Hoffman - MC, Jammie Price - EPCC, Michelle Pieterston - OC**
- Designated Hitter - DP Breana Bohls**
- Catcher - Diana Faulkner, Kswia Stepanova - MC**
- Infielders - Valerie Goetz, Kari Rolls - OC, Alexis Wing - EPCC, Melissa Rodriguea - MC, Mandee Gamba - EPCC, Tiula Tugaloa - MC**
- Pitchers - Brandy Smith, Christina Cruz - EPCC, Katyla Eronina - MC**
- DEFO - Brittany Murray, Utility Player, Melissa Rodriguez - MC**

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COLLEGE RODEO

CRCS 2001 Position Draw for Howard College Rodeo Team members: Hobbs, N.M. May 3 Event: Saddle Bronc Riding...

MLB STANDINGS

Table with columns: League, Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes American League East, Central, West and National League East, Central, West.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East, Central, West divisions.

THSBCA POLL

The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the five UIL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association...

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, .407; Ramirez, Boston, .396; Gonzalez, Cleveland, .378; Stewart, Toronto, .367; Suzuki, Seattle, .333; Jarama, Oakland, .333...

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Edmonds, St. Louis, .411; Aulia, San Francisco, .391; Holliday, St. Louis, .381; Pujols, St. Louis, .365; Jenkins, Milwaukee, .363...

WPHL PLAYOFFS

PRESIDENT'S CUP CHAMPIONSHIP (Best-of-7) Lubbock vs. Bossier-Shreveport...

NBA PLAYOFFS

First Round (Best-of-5) Saturday, April 21 Charlotte 102, Miami 76; Indiana 79, Philadelphia 78...

ARENA FOOTBALL

Today's Games Los Angeles at Florida, 6:30 p.m.; New Jersey at Nashville, 7:30 p.m. Friday's Games Buffalo at Carolina, 6:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7) Thursday, April 26 New Jersey 4, New York 0; Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 0...

TEXAS LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games No games scheduled. Today's Games Arkansas at Midland Round Rock at Tulsa...

Cowboys changes obvious to Smith

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith wants to set the record straight. He's not old, he's just the longest-tenured member of the Dallas Cowboys.

Quarterback Troy Aikman was the latest in a series of longtime teammates to leave Dallas, following Michael Irvin and Darryl Johnston into retirement last month.

While transition is part of every offseason, especially for a team coming off a 5-11 record that was its worst since 1989, this week's minicamp for veterans is the most telling of the ongoing changes for Smith.

Smith and 10-year defensive back Darren Woodson are the only players remaining from the Cowboys' three Super Bowl-winning teams in the 1990s.

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The competition is most important, Kernick explained. "They have one opportunity and they have to capitalize on it now. Now you have to make your run or ride and not worry about anyone else."

Friday competition will begin at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. while Saturday will start at 7 p.m. The stock will be provided by Harry Vold who is the PRCA stock contractor.

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FISHING Here is the week compiled for the Wildlife Department (Report also available at www.tdfishng.com) CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: degrees; black bass good on Rat-L-Traps...

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for May 2. (Report also available on Web as www.tpwd.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 69 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on Rat-L-Traps, white spinnerbaits and Carolina-rigged soft plastics in 15-25 feet. Striped bass are very good on striped jigs and white Rat-L-Traps. White bass to 11 inches are fair on shad and jigs in 5-10 feet. Crappie to 12 inches are good on minnows and jigs in 6-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 14 pounds are fair on chicken livers and night crawlers in 5-15 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad and perch in 5-15 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 68 degrees; 1018.50; black bass are good on 1/2 oz. silver/blue titanium spinnerbaits, 1/2 oz. Rat-L-Traps and watermelon Devils Tongues on split shot rigs on secondary and mainlake points in 8-12 feet. Striped bass are good drifting live bait, trolling 1/2 oz. Curbs bucktail jigs and vertically jigging 1/2 oz. Horizon Pirik Minnows from Rocky Point to the dam along 24-foot breaklines. White bass are fair but small trolling shade-type crankbaits and vertically jigging or casting Horizon Pirik Minnows and Spin Traps on lake points in 14-20 feet. Crappie are slow on Tiny Tubes, jigs and minnows over brushpiles. Channel catfish are fair on liver, minnows and dough bait. Flathead catfish to 16 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water clear; 59 degrees; black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on striped jigs. Crappie are very slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines worms and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 70 degrees; 35 low; black bass to 9 pounds are good on watermelon seed waffle worms and spinnerbaits in 15-18 feet. Striped bass to 13 pounds are good on Red Fins and topwaters early and late in 20-30 feet. White bass are fair on slabs way up the Rio Grande. Crappie are fair on live minnows up Devils River. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait fished under a cork in 3-4 feet. Yellow catfish to 14 pounds are slow on trotlines baited with perch.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 66 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are excellent on topwaters, crankbaits, spinnerbaits and soft plastic lizards in sour grape or black neon in the shallows. Crappie are good on small crankbaits, jigs and minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 3.5 low; 66 degrees; black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits and soft plastics in green pumpkin and black neon. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows near park area. Catfish are fair on cut bait and shad.

BRADY: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Catfish are slow.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 64 degrees; black bass are good on live bait, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and crawfish. Redfish are good on Rat-L-Traps and live shad. Catfish are good on shrimp, minnows and cut bait.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 64 degrees; 5.15 low; black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs in shallows near the discharge. White bass are good on minnows. Yellow catfish are good on perch, shrimp and goldfish. Blue catfish are good on cut baits and shad.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 13 low; black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged fries and lizards in watermelon and pumpkinseed. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are slow. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam. (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam.)

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 68 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are good on spinnerbaits. Crappie are good minnows. White and striped bass are good on minnows and shad. Yellow catfish to 38 pounds are good on chicken liver, cut bait and goldfish. Lake is being dredged of 2 feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

NOCONA: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 65 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on live bait and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on black/chartreuse jigs and minnows. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines. No boat ramps are open due to the low water level.

OH. IVE: Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 13.5 low; black bass are to 12 pounds good on white spinnerbaits and green soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs in 25 to 30 feet. Catfish are slow on trotlines or shallow on cheese bait. The road to Concho Park is under construction.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 1.5 low; fishing is slow but improving toxic algae bloom affecting all species of fish throughout lake. Black bass are fair on buzzbaits and Pop Rs early. Striped bass to 2 pounds are fair on bought shad. Catfish are slow on worms.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Striped bass are slow on cutbait and shad in 10 to 20 feet. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on cut shad and punchbait.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; 14.5 low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and June bug plastic worms in the shallows. Crappie are good on red/white jigs and minnows in the shallows. White bass to 15 pounds are fair on chicken liver. Channel catfish are good on minnows and chicken liver.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 67 degrees; 17.5 low; black bass are fair on green pumpkin and black neon colored soft plastic lizards and white/chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows. Walleye are fair in the shallows on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish to 15 pounds are good on cutbait and shad.

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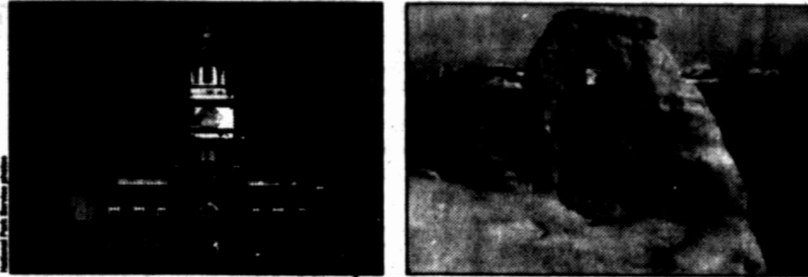
Look After Your Parks

Are you and your family making plans for your summer vacation? Maybe you are thinking of visiting one of the parklands managed by the National Park Service.

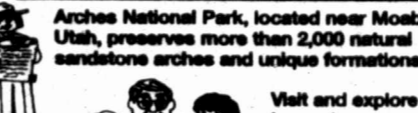
These parklands include 384 national parks, monuments, battlefields, historical parks and sites, lake shores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails, and even the White House.

The U.S. Congress passed a law to set up the National Park Service 85 years ago. The mission of the Park Service is to preserve our natural and historical resources so everyone can enjoy them now and for years to come.

Here are some ways kids and their families can help. Make preserving our national parks your mission, too.



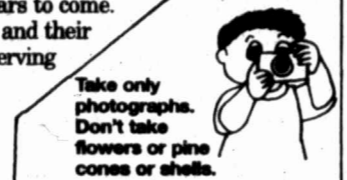
Independence Hall in Philadelphia is a National Historic Park. This is the site of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.



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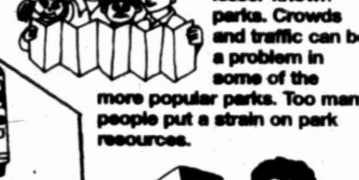
Discover more about your parks. The program "Parks in the Classroom" will be of special interest to teachers. National Park Service rangers work with teachers to plan field trips.



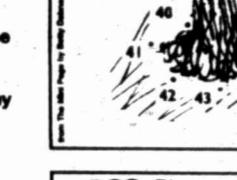
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Leave behind only footprints. Reduce, reuse and recycle trash. Save water, electricity and other resources.



Stop the aliens. Never release your pet fish, turtles or other animals into a park. They could carry diseases.



Learn about the parklands online. Visit the Web site: www.nps.gov. Families and teachers will find this site to be of great use. Teachers will find the "Teaching With Historic Places" lesson plans of great value.

What kids can do

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Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Sarah Fisher
Height: 5-2 Hometown: Commercial Point, Ohio
Weight: 120 College: Butler University
Not many teen-agers can drive a car around a racetrack at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour. One who does is Sarah Fisher.
Last year Sarah, 20, raced in the Indy 500. She was the youngest racer last year, and only the third woman ever to be in the race.
She started racing when she was just 5 years old. She used to race go-carts and small cars.
Sarah's father owns a machine shop and her mother is a schoolteacher.
In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society. Growing up, she was also involved in swimming, soccer and playing the piano.
Sarah is studying mechanical engineering.

Meet Josh Peck

Josh Peck, 14, is one of the stars of "The Amanda Show." He was born and raised in New York City. He began his show business career when he was 7. His first part was in the musical "The Music Man" at a dinner theater in Florida. Since then he has been in several plays and worked as a correspondent for "Kids Pick the Campaign" at the Democratic and Republican conventions.
At 9, Josh began working as a comedian and has performed at several comedy clubs.
He lives with his mother in New York City and is in the eighth grade at the Professional Performing Arts School. He will star in a movie later this year.

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 OA blend, as in the word boat.

Dorothy: What is the best butter on Earth?
John: A goat!

Mary: Why did the bread scream?
Dean: Someone stepped on his toast!

Jeffrey: I want to buy a summer coat!
Joy: How long?
Jeffrey: For the whole summer!

Go on an OA word hunt. What other words can you find using the OA blend? What sound do you hear?

NATIONAL PARKS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of national parks are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: NATIONAL, PARK, WILDLIFE, ANIMALS, VIEW, MOUNTAIN, LAKE, RIVER, TREE, FOREST, VISIT, HIKE, FISH, SWIM, LEARN, CAMP, CLIMB, WALK.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are exploring some of the sulfur springs and geysers that are in Yellowstone National Park. See if you can find:



- question mark
- mushroom
- pencil
- dolphin
- number 6
- snake
- lima bean
- letter A
- ruler
- bell
- man in the moon
- exclamation mark
- number 3
- fish
- snail
- arrow

The Top 10 Endangered Parks

1. Denali National Park, Alaska
Other national parks in Alaska are endangered, too.
Attractions: volcanoes, North America's highest mountain, lakes, endangered wildlife, glaciers.
Threat: road construction; snowmobiles in park's wilderness area.
2. Glacier National Park in Montana
Attractions: lakes, waterfalls, deep valleys, peaks for 50 glaciers, bears and gray wolves.
Threat: Roads are crumbling, hotels need repairs, building development is near the park.
3. Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho
Attractions: geysers, hot springs, lakes, waterfalls and free-roaming bison.
Threat: Snowmobiles are being phased out, but the people who make and rent them are trying to bring them back. Bison are being shot if they stray out of the park.
4. Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona
Attractions: animal and plant fossils, colorful badlands.
Threat: Visitors steal up to 12 tons of fossils each year.
5. Big Bend National Park, Texas
Attractions: desert and mountain areas, the Rio Grande River, hundreds of animal and plant species.
Threat: air pollution; poor water quality of the Rio Grande.
6. Glacier House National Historic Site, near Washington, D.C.
Attractions: Douglass was a famous African-American leader who fought against slavery.
Threat: lack of money to restore books and furniture.
7. The Everglades and other south Florida national parks
Attractions: many threatened and endangered species, unique plant life.
Threat: water pollution; draining water from the parks to water lawns and irrigate farms.
8. Great Smoky Mountains National Park, North Carolina and Tennessee
Attractions: most visited park in the national park system. Beautiful mountains, rare plants and wildlife.
Threat: air pollution from coal-fired power plants.
9. Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, near Washington, D.C.
Attractions: Douglass was a famous African-American leader who fought against slavery.
Threat: lack of money to restore books and furniture.
10. Fire Island National Seashore, New York
Attractions: seashore, dunes, marshes and bays.
Threat: building and development of the sand dunes.

Some national parklands are endangered. They are threatened by building, air, water and noise pollution, and other dangers. You might not notice that these parks are in trouble when you visit this summer, but the dangers are there.
All of our parks need care, but here are the top 10 (from west to east) on a list that the National Parks Conservation Association makes each year.

Site to see: the National Parks Conservation Association at www.nps.com.

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out I am pregnant by my boyfriend, "Andy." I'm about three months along. I intend to keep the baby.

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If Andy won't tell his folks, should I? We certainly can't hide this pregnancy much longer. Wouldn't it be better for us to tell them before it becomes obvious? - Anonymous in the Golden West

Dear Golden West: Telling the parents is Andy's responsibility. He needs to grow up and inform his family at once about the coming event. Are you and Andy considering marriage? If so, you two should tie the knot as soon as possible. The child deserves top consideration now.

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TOO LATES

Garage Sale, Sat & Sun, 7-7. 603 Edwards. Lots and Lots of Great Stuff.

Big

THURSDAY											MAY 3									
	KMID (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (16)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (24)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	TLC (31)	
6:30 PM	News (CC) Fortune	Cosby (CC) Suddenly	Wishbone Zoboanloo	Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Florida Marlins (CC)	Survivor: The Australian	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince Major League	Carita de Angel	Movie: The Other Me (CC)	Miami Vice (CC)	Movie: Payback (CC)	Movie: Caddyshack II (CC)	Update With John Hagee (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Pretender (CC)	Unnatural History		
7:30 PM	Whose Line? Who's Line? (CC)	Vengeance (CC)	Mystery (CC)	Florida Marlins (CC)	Survivor: Reunion	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves (CC)	Abrazame Muy Fuerte	Movie: The Peaches (CC)	Movie: Probable Cause (CC)	Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead (CC)	Movie: The World Is Not Enough (CC)	Hour of Healing	Biography (CC)	Would You Believe It?	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced	Medical Medical		
8:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	Primer Time Thursday	Nanny (CC)	Secrets of the Dead (CC)	Exploring the Unknown	Survivor: Reunion	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Braves Movie: Dead Poets Society	Free (CC)	Dead Man's Gun	Movie: Delta Force 3: The Killing Game (CC)	Movie: Hideaway (CC)	Real Sex 19 (CC)	Update With Jewish Voice	Justice Files	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced	Twins: Medical		
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12:30 AM	Paid Program	Judge Brown Cops (CC)	Red Dwarf Robot Wars	Paid Program	Street Smarts	News (CC) Fortune	News (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Braves Movie: Dead Poets Society	Free (CC)	Dead Man's Gun	Movie: Delta Force 3: The Killing Game (CC)	Movie: Hideaway (CC)	Real Sex 19 (CC)	Update With Jewish Voice	Justice Files	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced	Twins: Medical			

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Does the tooth fairy leave something even if it's not your own tooth?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"My balloon is out of breath and fell down."

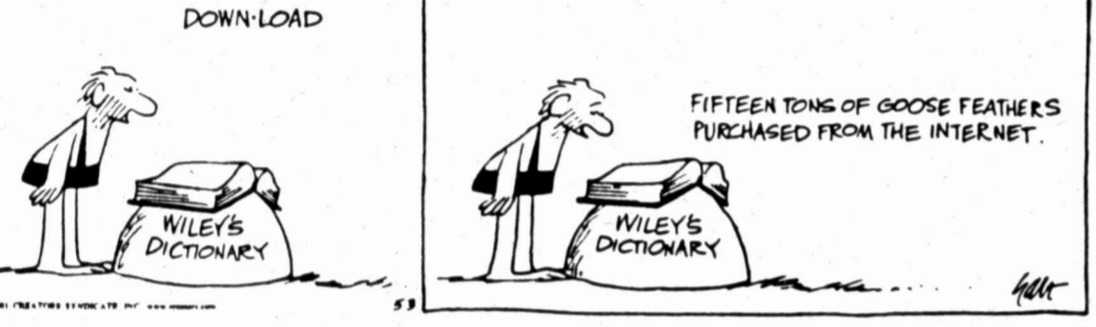
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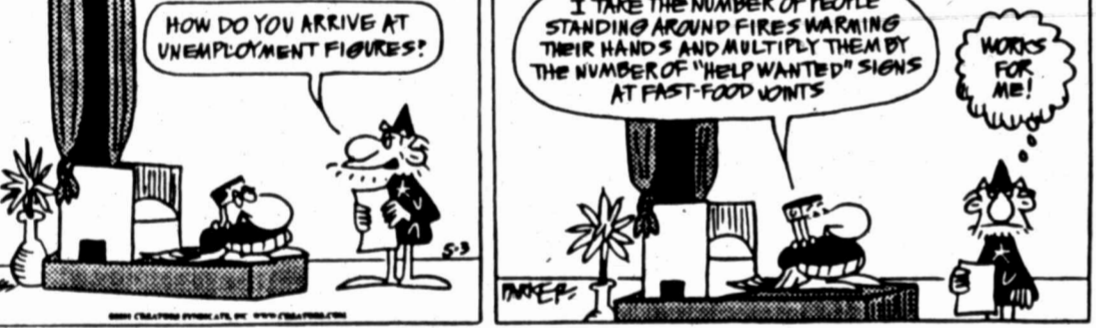
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Thursday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2001. There are 242 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On May 3, 1802, Washington D.C. was incorporated as a city.
On this date:
In 1916, Irish nationalist Padraic Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.
In 1921, West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.
In 1937, Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "Gone With the Wind."
In 1944, U.S. wartime rationing of most grades of meats ended.
In 1945, Indian forces captured Rangoon, Burma, from the Japanese.
In 1948, the Supreme

Court ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.
In 1971, anti-war protesters began four days of demonstrations in Washington aimed at shutting down the nation's capital.
In 1978, Sun Day fell on a Thursday as thousands of people extolling the virtues of solar energy held events across the country.
In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.
In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.
Ten years ago: The government reported the nation's civilian unemploy-

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

HAULS OF FAME by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
1 Door approach
5 Swindle
9 Sierras, e.g.: Abbr.
13 Work too hard
14 Wan
15 O'Neill's daughter
16 Actress Veronica
17 Brainstorm
18 Two-person contest
19 Butch Cassidy's first train haul
22 Sloppy
23 Arm bone
25 Wooden shoes
28 Expressing love
31 Mongolian border river
32 Actor Novarro
34 Proof letters
35 Jesse James' first bank-haul site
39 Mideast nation: Abbr.
40 a million
41 Nagger
42 Signs up
44 Rugged ridges
46 Cong. meeting
47 Squashed, maybe
49 Boston haul of 1950
55 Coll. sports overseer
57 Jason's ship
- DOWN**
1 Serb, e.g.
2 Domesticate
3 Always
4 Tiny missile
5 Twirls
6 Goller's aide
7 Hebrew letter
8 Grist
9 '20s Ford
- 10** Twisty bandage
11 Course dir.
12 Gal in song
13 "nuff!!"
20 Beast of burden
21 Chinese coins
24 Opposed (to)
25 Room, in Rouen
26 Somme city
27 Spa treat
28 Ugandan despot
29 Wall-cal. pages
30 Checks copy
32 Deli slices
33 "dreaming?"
36 Martini's partner
- 37** Explosive letters
38 Type of exam
43 Neighbor of 39 Across
44 From Z
45 Mechanical men
47 NCO ranks
48 Got up
50 Back of the neck
51 Singer Kristofferson
52 Kett of the comics
53 Something hysterical
54 Golf-course units: Abbr.
55 Actor Beatty
56 Civil War side: Abbr.

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