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## WEATHER

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## Howard College students need dental patients

Howard College dental hygiene students are seeking patients in need of teeth cleaning or X-rays for the dental hygiene clinic.

The cost for teeth cleaning is \$6 for children and \$10 for adults. A full set of X-rays costs \$15. Second year dental hygiene students perform all services.

The dental hygiene clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 264-5075.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

□ Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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## Big Spring Symphony to present 'Rhapsody in Blue'

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Guest pianist Cynthia Bauhof Williams will join the Big Spring Symphony on Saturday for a performance of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

"Rhapsody in Blue is one of the first jazz piano pieces to be orchestrated for a traditional orchestra," said

Keith Graumann, second vice president of the symphony board.

The piece helped bridge the line between Gershwin's jazz and classical careers, Graumann added.

The performance is set for 8 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium and will be the third of the symphony's season.

Williams, a free lance musician in the Los Angeles

area, performs regularly with members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Pacific Symphony and Long Beach Symphony.

Also returning for the second time this season is guest conductor Gary Lewis of the Texas Tech University School of Music.

Lewis directed the symphony's Christmas program.

Everyone is invited to

meet both Williams and Lewis at a reception following the concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall, located on the corner of Ninth and Gregg. Refreshments will be served.

The reception is hosted by the Big Spring Symphony board of directors and Symphony Guild.

Tickets for the performance are available at the Howard County Courthouse. See SYMPHONY, Page 2

## Early voting is under way

Early voting in the March 12 Republican and Democratic Party primary elections began today on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

Registered voters may cast a ballot weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Seussathon: A Cat in the Hat Day

Local leaders to read popular children's books Friday at library

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Do you like green eggs and ham? Are you always looking for a cat in the hat? Do you know any grinchers? Does the sight of the Lorax sitting on a tree stump bring a tear to your eye?

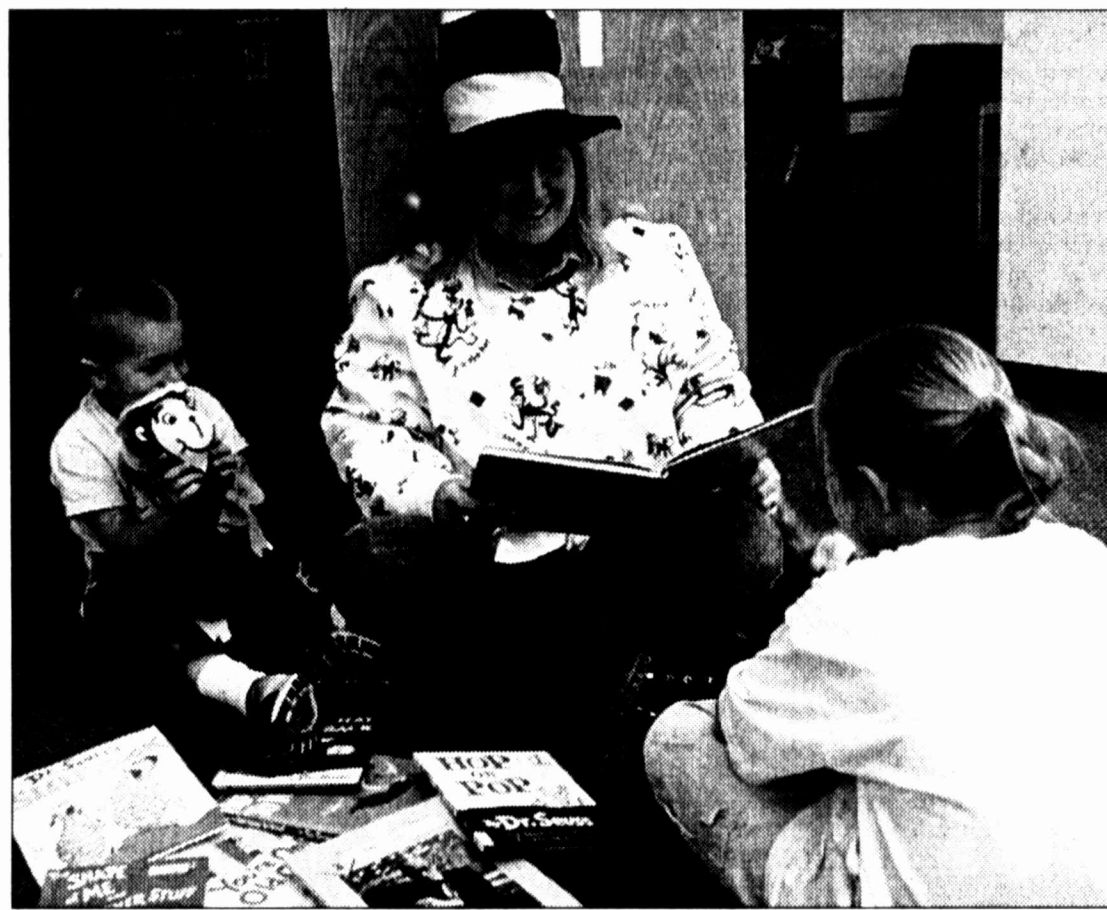
Those who can't get enough of the rhyming works of Dr. Seuss will have a chance to indulge in the Howard County Library Seussathon Friday for Read Across America.

"The goal is to have every child in America either reading or being read to for at least 15 minutes that day," said Howard County Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre.

To celebrate the famous children's author's birthday and encourage people to read, volunteers from a president of a college to media personalities have been brushing up on their Seussisms preparing to read some of Dr. Seuss' popular works.

The free public event begins at 4:30 p.m. in the library's children's room and Gale's Sweet Shop is providing "green eggs and ham" sweets.

Theodore, the troublesome puppet, will "help



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Four-year-old Cole, left, and 7-year-old Eilyn Avery get a jump start on Friday's Seussathon for Read Across America as Howard County Librarian Karen McIntyre reads a Dr. Seuss favorite "Green Eggs and Ham." Local celebrities will be reading Dr. Seuss books for the event that begins at 4:30 p.m. in the library children's room. Also, Theodore that troublesome puppet, will be "helping" the guests tell the story. The event is free to the public and Gale's Sweet Shop will be providing green eggs and ham treats.

the guests tell the Dr. Seuss stories and Bartholomew Cubbins is expected to make an appearance.

Guest readers include Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker reading "Gerald McBoing Boing" and Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen with the story of the "Cat in the Hat," a 50-word book Dr. Seuss wrote as a result of a bet between

him and his publisher.

For those who love "Green Eggs and Ham," Esthela Aguirre, Big Spring Independent School Board assistant superintendent, will retell the classic story in Spanish.

Radio personality Mike Klass of KBST plans to read "Fox in Socks" and Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John Moseley will

tell the story of "The Lorax."

Big Spring DARE officer Greg Williams, Goliad Principal Brenda Gainey, Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks and KBST news reporter Lisa Brooks will also be participating.

Those who answer correctly the trivia questions on Dr. Seuss and his books will earn a book.

## Police urge caution

## Thieves hit vehicles on east side of Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department reported a rash of automobile burglaries occurring in the east side of town over the weekend.



SWEATT

According to Sgt. Roger Sweatt, Big Spring Police Department

public information officer, police received at least 16 reports of burglary of an automobile.

"At least six or eight of the burglaries appear to be connected," Sweatt said.

Residents on Alabama Street from the 1700 block to the 2200 block seemed to be hit the hardest with at least eight reports.

Police received two reports in the 2000 block of Morrison and two in the 600 block of East 13th.

Police also responded to incidences in the 800 block of East 11th Place, the 1400 block of Dixie and the 500 block of Westover.

Several vehicles were damaged in the burglary.

Victims reported credit cards, money, wallets, purses and compact discs among the list of stolen items.

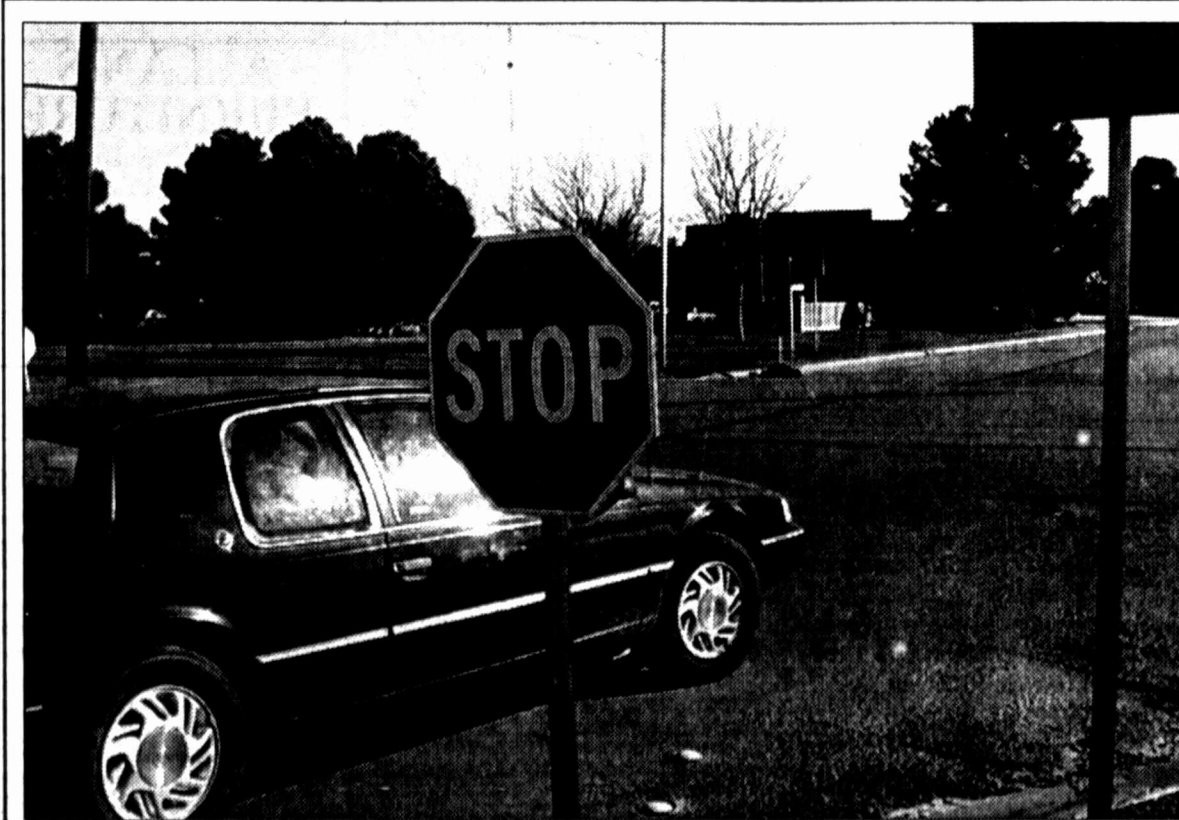
Sweatt said many times would-be thieves see items left out in the open and given the opportunity will steal what they can quickly

get their hands on.

Sweatt recommends taking a few precautions when leaving valuables in the vehicle.

"If a thief doesn't see the valuables it is not in his or her mind to get them," Sweatt said. "If people don't take their valuables out of the car every day then they should hide them or put their purses or items in the trunk."

The burglaries are currently under investigation.



High winds caused traffic signal lights to fall at Birdwell and 11th Place last week. City crews have installed stop signs at the location until new lights can be purchased. Officials said lights should be up within a month. Motorists are urged to use extra caution because it is a five-way intersection.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Games

After fun, scandal, and controversy, Olympics end on high note

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The world came together for fun and games, only to get a big dose of scandal along with it. American athletes soared and the home crowd cheered anyway, refusing to let anything spoil their party.

The Olympics came to a close Sunday after more than two weeks of memorable performances. Cold War flashbacks and one big tizzy over two figure skating gold medals.

On the snow and ice, athletes displayed brilliance and human frailty. Boosted by huge flag-waving crowds, the home team won medals at a rate beyond their wildest expectations — and a black athlete claimed gold for the first time ever at the Winter Games.

"The field of play was superb," Salt Lake Olympic chief Mitt Romney said.

Behind the scenes, though, the games couldn't escape controversy, turning ugly at times with accusations of favoritism and influence that raised questions about the ability of the 77 countries to come together in harmony.

Canadians were awarded a second gold medal after a French judge was accused of misconduct in scoring the pairs skating final. Russia was so angry it threatened to pull out of the games in the final days because of decisions that may have cost the country two gold medals.

And, even as Canada celebrated its first hockey gold in 50 years Sunday, Olympic officials said they threw two cross-country skiers out of the games and stripped each of them of a gold medal for using a performance-enhancing drug.

The figure skating mess loomed large, and Russia was so upset that President Vladimir Putin suggested the Americans and Canadians were being favored.

For 17 days, it wasn't always magical. Sometimes it got downright vicious.

But it was always entertaining — and a hit with the 1.6 million spectators and huge audiences that followed the sometimes soap-opera-like happenings on NBC.

By the time KISS rocked a closing ceremony Sunday night that began with 'N Sync singing the national anthem, all seemed forgiven. The Russian team frolicked with other nations in the stadium, and fireworks illuminated the Wasatch Mountains.

"We are extremely pleased," said International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge. "They have done superb job. The venues were superb. The crowds were warm and sup-

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OBITUARIES

Arnold Lee

Graveside service for Arnold Lee, 83, of Colorado City was at 2 p.m. today, Feb. 25, 2002, at the Colorado City Cemetery with Dr. Bentley Gwyn officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Lee died on Saturday, Feb. 23, at his residence. He was born on Oct. 20, 1918, in Seagraves. He had been a resident of Mitchell County most of his life. He married Artie Cherry on April 24, 1947, in Westbrook. He was a Baptist and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabees.

Survivors include his wife, Artie Lee of Colorado City; a son, Henry Lee of Colorado City; two daughters, Mary Farmer and Ivy Carrigan, both of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Josephine Rubio

Funeral service for Josephine Rubio, 68, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Mrs. Rubio died on Monday, Feb. 25, at her daughter's residence.

Lydia Marquez Montano

Lydia Marquez Montano, 55, of Big Spring died at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at her residence following a short illness.

A vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1946, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic church.

Prior to her illness, she was employed by Girling Home Health Service. Her hobbies were sewing and art

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24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Sally Ann Bristol, 67, died Friday. Memorial services will be at 1:00 PM Monday at First United Methodist Church.

Gary Kinard, 52, died Thursday. Funeral services will be 4:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Lydia Marquez Montano, 55, died Saturday. A vigil service will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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and crafts.

She is survived by two daughters, Crystal Doport and her husband, John, of San Antonio and Deborah Hicks of Big Spring; three sons, Johnny Hicks and his wife, Robin, and Ernest Hicks and Robert Hicks, all of Big Spring; four sisters, Mary Lou M. Recio and her husband, Gilbert, Viola M. Carrillo and her husband, M. Carrillo and her husband, Lupe, all of Big Spring, and Juanita M. Hand and her husband, Billy, of Coppell; one brother, Daniel Marquez and his wife, Benita, of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Leslie, Jessica, Kelsi and Andrew Hicks, all of Big Spring, and Krysten and John-Thomas Doport, both of San Antonio; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Miguel J. Marquez and Victoria Martinez Marquez; two brothers, Ricardo and Andrew Marquez; and one grandson, Jose Miguel Doport.

Palbearers will be Lupe Ontiveros, Tony Ontiveros, Raymond Ontiveros, Jessie Carrillo Jr., Roy Carrillo, David Marquez, Joe L. Carrillo and James Carrillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

GAMES

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portive. The athletes were very happy. Through it all, the 2,526 athletes who came with Olympic-sized dreams were content to perform. And, boy, did they ever.

Americans had expected to do well, but never expected this: A country that had never won more than 13 medals in the Winter Games exploded for 34, much to the delight of fans who braved security checks to pack mountain slopes and city arenas.

Crowds cheered loudly for Americans, but also cheered Russians, Norwegians and Lithuanians.

The Mormon Church kept its pledge to keep missionaries from spreading the word among Olympic visitors. In return it got a public relations bonanza from journalists who found a church that didn't seem as weird as they had believed.

"Some of the misconceptions that people have about the church have made a giant step forward," said apostle M. Russell Ballard, one of the church leaders. "I think that we've made a lot of friends. I hope we have."

An Olympics that cost a record \$1.9 billion to stage went off almost perfectly, but there were some things organizers could not control.

"There will always be controversy about judging and refereeing and doping," Romney said. "That will be with the games forever. It won't characterize or distinguish one games from another."

What organizers could control, it turned out, was the safety of the athletes and fans attending the games. A massive effort involving 15,000 police, troops and security volunteers worked so well that by the end of a quiet first week some volunteer officers were already leaving.

Athletes who had voiced fears of marching in the opening ceremony shed them quickly. The Olympics had a military presence, but it didn't have a military look.

"As a template it is the best one I've ever seen, period," said David Tubbs, executive director of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command.

The snowy Wasatch mountains provided a gorgeous backdrop and the city down below bustled with spectators and ticket scalpers. Volunteers were as cheerful on the last day as they were on the first and even the weather cooperated beautifully.

At night, Salt Lake City parted as never before, with nightly concerts at the

Olympic medals plaza and bars packed with fans who grumbled about \$6 beers but drank them anyway.

The games began on a high note with a tribute to past athletic glory as the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team lighted the glass and water filled torch over Rice-Eccles Stadium.

America's athletes then set out on making some glory of their own. Freestyle skier Shannon Bahrke won the country's first medal the first day of competition.

In one of the most homogenized places in the country, America's minority athletes shined. Bobsled pusher Vonneta Flowers became the first black ever to win a gold medal in the Winter Games, and Hispanic speedskaters Derrick Parra and Jennifer Rodriguez earned a couple of medals of their own.

The United States finished second in the medal count behind Germany, separated by a lone medal. Traditional winter power Norway was well back with 22, while Russia and Canada had 17 apiece.

Organizers were proud to have salvaged a games that teetered on the brink of ruin a few years earlier, mired in scandal and with a horribly unbalanced budget.

Taking no salary, Romney came in and turned things around. By Sunday, he had earned the right to brag a little.

"It was more wonderful, more significant than we ever imagined," he said.

SYMPHONY

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mance are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Advance tickets for the concert can be purchased at the Big Spring Symphony Office, 808 Scurry Street; Blum's Jewelers in the Big Spring Mall; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third; Dunlap's, 111 E. Marcy; First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM-700; Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; and Faye's Flowers, 1013 Gregg.

Who says American's aren't saving? It's in the counter jug, the sock drawer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's lurking out there in sock drawers and coffee cans, ash trays and cigar boxes, wicker baskets and coconut shells. And, yes, in piggy banks.

By design or neglect, Americans have tucked away loose change to the tune of an estimated \$7.7 billion, enough to pay for the war in Afghanistan for nearly eight months.

Call them what you will — hoarders, accumulators or simply disorganized. An estimated 56 percent of Americans build up their change rather than spend it day to day. As many as 77 percent have a jug of coins around the house, worth an average \$30 to \$50.

The figures are all courtesy of the folks at Coinstar, who have turned the coin-caching habit into a business by installing machines at supermarkets that will count your coins and turn them into cash. For a cut of the take, of course.

The company cashed in \$1.2 billion in loose change for Americans last year.

People seem to have their own systems for handling change.

Madeleine Albright, when she was secretary of state, was seen hauling a wicker basket into a Georgetown bank to redeem \$38 in rolled coins.

Washingtonian Luis Medina leaves his coins in the car to pay for the morning newspaper and coffee, and to bail him out in emergencies.

"Once I even used the change I collected there to fill up a tank of gas," he said.

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change to a post-Sept. 11 party to benefit a rescue fund. They wound up with a haul of more than \$1,500 from boxes, cookie jars, Ziploc bags, an old sock and even a hollowed-out coconut head. Cashing it in was no small feat.

"I had to make eight trips to Riggs bank with a dolly," Kailian recalled.

In building up their coins, Americans are fairly typical of people around the world who can afford to leave loose change lying around, says Steve Bobbitt, a spokesman for the American Numismatic Association, the largest association of coin collectors.

"Change becomes something that they like to have, but it also becomes a nuisance because of its weight," he said.

So much so that a fair amount of it actually winds up in the trash, says William Rathje, an archaeology professor at Stanford and author of the book, "Rubbish, The Archaeology of Garbage." His study of a Massachusetts incinerator found that the million people it served were leaving about \$8,000 worth of coins in their garbage every day.

"I think it tells us that we're pretty well off," says Rathje. "Number two is that we're often pretty careless about the way that we handle money."

And so, the U.S. Mint keeps making more.

The Mint expects to produce about 15 billion pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters in the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30. That is down from 24 billion in the previous 12 months.

While the Mint supports coin-collecting as a hobby (139 million Americans are collecting the new quarters featuring different states), spokesman Mike White said that overall, "We prefer that people circulate coins" rather than toss them aside.

Although there is no research to support the theory, some observers think one reason for the reduced demand for coins is that more Americans are rounding up their loose change and cashing it in.

Beth Deisher, editor of the weekly newspaper Coin World, said that in the last half-year, there have been growing reports of unusual coins such as buffalo nickels and early quarters turning up back in circulation.

"People are going back into that stash or cache of coins," she said. "When they start the penny-pinching, if you will, they start looking at those coins they've discarded and realize 100 of them make a dollar."

No end in sight to search for corpses near crematory

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — Searchers discovered a new pit containing five corpses and investigators said there is no end in sight to their gruesome task of finding discarded bodies on the grounds of a Georgia crematory.

"The magnitude of the situation has not yet been totally determined, and will not be for some time," said David Ashburn, the Walker County emergency management director.

joined residents of Walker County at church services Sunday, using their faith to respond to crisis.

"How would you explain what happened back here?" Charles Cornwell, pastor of Center Point Baptist Church, said as he stretched his arm in the direction of the nearby crematory. "I think it could be summed up in one word — sin. Sin does two things. Sin blinds us and sin makes us do dumb things."

The crematory operator, Ray Brent Marsh, remained in jail pending a judge's decision on whether to grant him a bond. There was no word on when the decision might come.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity.

Thursday  
4:15 a.m. — 6200 block Walter Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:08 a.m. — 1900 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:18 a.m. — 1800 block Donnelly, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:51 a.m. — 300 block Scurry, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:32 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:37 p.m. — 1900 block Simliar, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:14 p.m. — Flightline, medical call, patient transferred to the Big Spring State Hospital.

4:02 p.m. — 600 block Edwards, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:41 p.m. — 1310 Donnelly, trauma call, patient refused service.

10:25 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

11:35 p.m. — 800 block Willa, trauma call, patient refused service.

Sunday  
12:43 a.m. — Glenwick Cove, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:47 p.m. — Sherrod Road, trauma call, patient refused service.

5:55 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, structure fire, fire was extinguished.

10:15 a.m. — 1000 block of Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:17 a.m. — 700 block of W. 15th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:45 p.m. — 2500 block of Ent, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:09 p.m. — 200 block of east Fourth, Forsan, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:18 p.m. — 2900 block of Anderson Road, traffic accident, patient refused service.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

• **FRED CASTILLO**, 55, of 3001 Cactus was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, second offense and driving while license invalid.

• **KAREN ANN RUIZ**, 24, of 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 29 was arrested for local warrants and on charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

• **SHERRIE ANN THOMPSON**, 17, of 2401 Brumley Road was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and consumption of alcohol-minor.

• **BRANDON RAY ANDERSON**, 17, of Stanton was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and consumption of alcohol-minor.

• **TULLIE CLAYTON LOUDER**, 17, of Stanton was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and consumption of alcohol-minor.

• **NOYLA McVEA**, 28, of 908 NW Second was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **ROBERT DONALD GILBERT**, 33, of 2007 Morrison was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DARRIN LEE WEBB**, 31, of 422 Ryon was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MARY MENDEZ**, 40, of Sterling City was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MARCUS HATTEN-BACH**, 30, of 1806 E. 15th was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of east 11th Place, two incidences in the 600 block of east 13th, the 1400 block of Dixie, the 500 block of Westover, five incidences in the 1800 block of Alabama, the 1700 block of Alabama, the 2200 block Alabama and two incidences in the 2000 block of Morrison

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of west Highway 80, the 1500 block of Kentucky Way, the 2500 block of south Gregg, the 2400 block of south Monticello, the 700 block of Lorilla, the 1600 block of Bluebird, the 800 block of Nolan, the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1100 block of north Lamesa Drive.

• **ROBBERY** was reported in the 400 block of south Gregg St.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF and CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER** were reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.

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Enron

WASHINGTON Enron Corp. has federal agency to insurance claim power plant in In ject financed in still-outstanding ment-backed loan.

The relationship Enron and the li Overseas Investment Corp strates the comp prong goverment strategy. In the United energy giant has free power comp regulation. But in ally, Enron has government hel form of loans and protection.

Murder-suicide

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THROCKMORTON — The three child slain in the bac father's car h uncomfortable — ful — in previ with him, their u

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WASHINGTON Senate could co finance change Majority Leader

"If we can get take the bill up like to do that," said Sunday of Week." "I'm hope the Republican s to get the bill up good debate abou

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Dear Ann Landers: I have gotten myself into a ridiculous situation, and I don't know how to get out. Please help me.

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I have tried to this relationship won't let it go. I to come clean other people in room will know will lose their This widow is a woman, warm a and I enjoy cha her, but she will hurt if I conf have done.

# Enron was one of government loan agency's biggest customers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Enron Corp. has asked a federal agency to pay a huge insurance claim on an idled power plant in India, a project financed in part by a still-outstanding government-backed loan.

The relationship between Enron and the little-known Overseas Private Investment Corp. demonstrates the company's two-prong government-relations strategy.

In the United States, the energy giant has sought to free power companies from regulation. But internationally, Enron has embraced government help in the form of loans and insurance protection.

OPIC is still owed \$453 million in payments for Enron-related projects. Another U.S. agency, the Export-Import Bank, is due \$512 million. The two agencies made \$1.2 billion in loans on Enron-related projects overseas.

"They're definitely among our top 10 borrowers," OPIC spokesman Larry Spinelli said.

Although Enron has filed for bankruptcy protection, four of its projects financed by OPIC are making payments on time.

Enron and two other U.S. corporations are trying to get OPIC to pay off a \$200 million insurance policy on a fifth project, the financial-

ly troubled India power plant.

OPIC provided \$160 million to Enron and two other corporations to help build the \$2.9 billion Dabhol, India, plant, which isn't producing any power because prospective customers don't want it.

In December, the same month it filed for bankruptcy, Enron and the other two companies filed a claim on their "political risk insurance" policy asking OPIC to pay \$200 million.

The companies say the Indian government has broken promises to stand behind the project, in effect denying the U.S. corporations their asset and there-

fore requiring OPIC to pay the insurance policy.

The claims process will take months to resolve.

Ex-Im Bank says it is still owed \$203 million on the India project, but that it can call on guarantees from five Indian financial institutions for repayment if necessary.

The four Enron-related power plants that are operating now are in the Philippines, Turkey, Venezuela and Guatemala. The payback comes from revenue from power sales.

Ex-Im Bank's Enron-related projects are in Colombia and at the same plants that OPIC is helping in Turkey and Venezuela.

Enron's bankruptcy

stopped two OPIC applications in their tracks: a pair of power projects in Brazil that would have received \$390 million in OPIC loans. Those applications have been abandoned.

OPIC "gave hundreds of millions of dollars in loans and other support to Enron-related projects during the Clinton administration," said Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

"These projects obviously were a tremendous benefit to Enron's operation. The disclosure of this information sheds light on the government's actions in support of Enron over the

years," Grassley added.

OPIC and Ex-Im Bank are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

Although it has just 200 employees, OPIC has deep pockets — a \$4 billion reserve that comes from the user fees U.S. businesses pay for its loans and insurance. OPIC operates at no net cost to taxpayers; the business fees cover its expenses and it earned \$215 million last year.

In terms of size, OPIC and the Ex-Im Bank are like David and Goliath. OPIC's loan and insurance portfolio totals \$14 billion, while the Ex-Im Bank's is more than four times bigger.

## Murder-suicide in Throckmorton

### Children apprehensive about visitation with dad

THROCKMORTON (AP) — The three children found slain in the back of their father's car had been uncomfortable — even fearful — in previous visits with him, their uncle says.

"Those kids did not want to go with him," uncle Clay Gober said Sunday as the family of Corie Smallwood, 10, Casey Smallwood, 4, and Chase Smallwood, 3, mourned their deaths.

Police say James D. Smallwood Jr., of Bedford shot and killed the children before returning them to their mother, Beth, and fatally shooting himself outside the home she and her children were sharing with her parents in Throckmorton.

Beth Smallwood had filed for divorce in November after what she said were years of abuse and threats to kill the family. She said her husband physically and emotionally abused the children and her after the first year of their 11-year marriage. He isolated them from her family and she was beat-

en, kicked and choked, she said.

In May, she said, James Smallwood held a gun to her head for five hours while their children slept. "I told him I wanted a divorce and that's when he pulled the gun," she said.

She said a judge granted James Smallwood unsupervised visits with the children in January, despite testimony from several witnesses that he had threatened to kill the family.

At one of the hearings, Beth Smallwood asked San Angelo Judge Rae Leifeste to order psychological counseling for her husband, "but he didn't do anything," she said.

"My children's blood is on his hands," the 33-year-old mother said without expression as she fidgeted with her sunglasses during an interview with The Associated Press. "I begged him for his help because I was worried about the kids."

Leifeste said Sunday night that he wanted to respond to

the mother's comments, but could not since the Smallwoods' divorce is pending in his court.

"It is a terrible tragedy it always is," the judge said. "My heart goes out to the family."

James Smallwood was to have returned the children to their mother Sunday night at a prearranged spot in Jacksboro.

Instead, police said he killed his children in his car Saturday night, then drove to Throckmorton, where he killed himself.

Beth Smallwood's uncle, Jay Gober, said the murders could have been avoided and the family wanted to share the story of what led up to the deaths.

"Rather than a gruesome tragedy that shouldn't have happened, we wanted to try to share why it shouldn't have," he said.

Beth Smallwood said her mother and brother came to help her and the children leave their home in San Angelo in November, where the family had lived for sev-

eral years.

"We didn't pack," Beth Smallwood said. "We just got out with the clothes off our backs and the kids."

"This is beyond my most horrible nightmare," Polly Voss, Corie's fourth-grade teacher, said. "Some people are falling apart and some people are keeping their emotions all inside. Me? I'm falling apart."

Voss left the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in tears. She said Corie, one of 14 students in her class, was a good student who worked hard.

"She was a little blond angel," she said. "I think tomorrow is going to be a difficult day at school."

Three local pastors are to help provide counseling services at the Throckmorton schools as students return. Corie was the only one of the three Smallwood children enrolled.

"People are upset," diner Mattie Barrington said at the Ranchers Restaurant in the town of 935. "A whole family has been wiped out."

## Lubbock County may be first to empanel jurors electronically

LUBBOCK (AP) — Lubbock County could become the first nationwide to impanel prospective jurors using the Internet, shortening the time-consuming process citizens face before entering a courtroom.

District Clerk Jean Anne Stratton is proposing a system that would allow potential panelists to report for jury duty on her office's Web site.

By doing so, holders of jury summonses could skip the impanelment process where citizens are greeted en masse and given opportunities to tell the court if they can't or aren't eligible to serve.

Those registering online, according to the proposal Stratton has submitted to a three-judge panel assigned to study the issue, would instead be directly notified what time to report to a specific courtroom for voir dire, or jury selection.

"If the judges have any qualms, I want them to address them," Stratton told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "I

want them to feel good about it."

District Judge Jim Bob Darnell, a member of the committee, said the primary concern is the diversity of panels that would assemble.

Even though Internet use among people with less education and lower income is growing, it is far behind use by people with college educations and high incomes.

"We see a lot of people who never graduated from high school," Darnell said. "I can't see all of them jumping at the chance to learn to use the Internet, even though I wish they would. It's a great resource."

Stratton's plan would not eliminate traditional jury impanelment, and she said those people could be blended with the "e-jurors" to diversify the panels.

The judges' committee will meet for the first time in about three weeks, Darnell said. Until then, he intends to solicit input from lawyers and other judges.

## Daschle says Senate could take up campaign finance bill this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate could consider campaign finance changes this week, Majority Leader Tom Daschle says.

"If we can get an agreement to take the bill up quickly, I would like to do that," Daschle, D-S.D., said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "I'm hopeful that I can get the Republican support necessary to get the bill up and to have a good debate about it."

Not so fast, said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., leader of Senate opponents who contend the measure infringes on the right to free speech.

On CNN's "Late Edition," McConnell conceded it is "not possible now" to stop the bill. But he also argued that "there's no particular urgency" since the measure under consideration wouldn't take effect until Nov. 6, after this year's congressional elections.

McConnell said he would have enough senators to stage a successful stalling tactic "to ensure we have the time to get it in a little better condition."

The other side would need at least 60 votes to overcome a filibuster or other such maneuver, and Daschle said supporters of the bill have a good chance of getting there. "It looks like we may have 60 votes," he said.

If a filibuster is avoided, the bill

would need a simple majority to pass and be sent to President Bush, who has not committed himself on it. While he joined congressional Republicans opposed to its passage, his senior advisers have indicated that he would sign it.

Two weeks ago the House passed a bill that would ban corporations, unions and individuals from making large, unregulated "soft money" donations to political parties.

The measure, sponsored by Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan, D-Mass., also would restrict unions, corporations and some independent groups from broadcasting issue ads within 60 days of an election or 30 days of a primary.

The Senate, led by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., passed a similar bill last April on a 59-41 vote.

## Many find it easy to reinvent themselves online

Dear Ann Landers: I have gotten myself into a ridiculous situation, and I don't know how to get out. Please help me.

Six months ago, I bought a new computer. My husband and children taught me how to go online, and I soon began to meet people in chat rooms. It was great fun, but a lot of the men in these chat rooms tried to flirt with me, and some made sexual comments, which I found distasteful.

I decided to make believe I was a man online and gave myself a different persona. I pretended to be a good-looking male, kind, considerate, polite and gainfully employed.

Unfortunately, several of the women I became friendly with thought this would lead to something more. One of these ladies, a widow with young children, fell in love with me.

I have tried to break off this relationship, but she won't let it go. I don't want to come clean, because other people in the chat room will know I lied, and I will lose their friendship. This widow is a charming woman, warm and caring, and I enjoy chatting with her, but she will be terribly hurt if I confess what I have done.



ANN LANDERS

Please tell me how to get out of this mess gracefully without ruining my online reputation. I promise never to let it happen again. — Messed Up in Denver

Dear Denver: You are not the first person to make up tall tales in a chat room, and unfortunately, you won't be the last. Many people find it easy to reinvent themselves as attractive, rich and young over the Internet. At least you have the decency to be ashamed of yourself for the deception.

Tell this woman that you are happily married and not interested in a relationship. (You don't have to tell her your gender.) Then, extricate yourself from this chat room as soon as possible. If you don't want to lose the friendships, go back online as your true self and start over. You'll feel better.

Dear Ann Landers: You occasionally print a letter about someone's "pet peeve," and I hope you will mention mine. If the manufacturers see it in your column, perhaps the companies will make some changes.

I am fed up with toothbrushes that have handles too fat for the built-in bathroom holders, bread slices too wide for a standard toaster and cereal boxes that won't fit into my kitchen cabinets. What kind of homes do these designers live in? Don't they have any idea what

size appliances are?

While I'm at it, I'm also annoyed with billing statements that are too large for the return envelopes. It is nothing more than common sense to make the payment slip fit the envelope. Why is that so difficult?

I suspect nothing will come of my complaints, but I appreciate the opportunity to sound off. Thanks, Ann. I feel better already. — Mad in Massachusetts

Dear Mad: You have made some excellent points, and I hope the manufacturers

will listen. Sometimes bigger isn't better.

Forget to save some of your favorite Ann Landers columns? "Nuggets and Doozies" is the answer. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Macabre tale in Georgia taints many

The macabre tale unfolding in Northwest Georgia would give Stephen King pause: A crematory, run by a well-established business family, reportedly had a problem with its incinerator. But, rather than stop taking bodies — or, for that matter, just repairing the oven — someone dragged the deceased into a nearby 16-acre woods and left them to rot.

Or packed the accumulating corpses in concrete burial vaults as though these mourned mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and children were so much embalmed cordwood.

And this went on for nearly 20 years. ...

Yet Georgia, where no law prohibits the desecration of an unburied corpse, finds itself able to charge the crematory's manager only with theft by deception. Further, the state, with more than 700 crematories and only two inspectors, demands inspections only at those facilities that deal directly with the public. Tri-State, since it handled only remains on consignment from other funeral establishments, bypassed even this cursory check. ...

Much remains to be learned about the Georgia horror, how a pillar of his community such as the Tri-State manager was said to have been could have allowed such a violation of human decency to become his way of doing business. But as this sordid story unfolds, every person involved in the funerary professions will find renewed cause to reassure those who grieve that their loved one's remains will be treated with respect.

THE PLAIN DEALER, CLEVELAND

## YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
If you are as upset as I am regarding Cox Communication not airing WFAA, Channel 8, full time, I have obtained the following information for you to write or call. This change was made at the request of KMID-TV in Midland which the local office of Cox Communications is required to honor by FCC regulation unless KMID drops its demand.

The local office of Cox Communication is man-

aged by Michelle Harper from Abilene office, and she can be contacted at (915) 437-4403.

You can also voice your opinion to Mark McKay, General Manager of KMID in Midland, by addressing your letter to P.O. Box 60230, Midland, 79711, or call him at (915) 563-2222. His fax number is (915) 561-5413. His e-mail address is: feedback@big2.com.

If enough people write or call, this can be changed.

CARL REYNOLDS  
BIG SPRING

## LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor. Please:

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## It takes a few dollars and a dream

When our forefathers were establishing this nation, they never intended we should all be equal. Rather, their goal was for every individual to have equal opportunity. This simple philosophy or concept has produced more "rags to riches" success stories than any other economic system in the history of the world. If we don't see opportunity all around us, in most cases it's not because it is not there; it's because we cannot see it. Do you have any idea what it takes to get ahead financially in this country? Well, I can answer this question in just six words: a few dollars and a dream.

There is a story behind these six words that has given them a very special meaning and I believe it

will also give you something worthwhile to think about. When the United States of America was celebrating the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty, many true life stories came to light about people who had come to this country with little more than the shirts on their backs, but over the years they had become highly successful. The story I mentioned is about Casey Rowe. Casey Rowe came to America from South Korea some time after the great depression. At the time, all he had was a wife, seven children and \$700. As he said, all he had was "a few dollars and a dream." He had no job, no friends, and except for a few personal items, he had nothing else. Casey's first job was as an axe grinder. At night he would come home so tired he would literally cry himself to sleep, only to get up and do it all over again the next day.

But Casey Rowe did not give up and he worked and worked, and saved a small portion of what he earned. His close family relationships gave him great emo-

tional strength and courage and before many years had passed, he had saved enough money to go into business for himself. Today, if you go to the Terminal Building in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, you will find Casey Rowe and his family hard at work in the produce business — at 4 a.m., and the whole family works. They do over a millions dollars worth of business each year!

I'm sure many people who do business at their produce market have no idea of the tremendous struggle and the years of hard work it took for their business to prosper as it is doing today. It's easy for the casual observer to say, "Oh, these people are hard workers" or "They had money to begin with" or "They inherited the business." For people who have never achieved financial success, they either don't want it or haven't been willing to pay the price for it. The saddest part of all is that there are millions of people who have opportunity all around them, but have never been able to see

it or develop a sufficient belief in themselves to go after it.

The fact that Casey Rowe came from another country may have been an asset, because life where he came from may have been harder than it is here. On the other hand, we know of thousands of people who came from other countries who don't achieve financial success. Many of these people have returned home broke and discouraged, while others stay but have to struggle to survive.

The message of Casey Rowe's story is simple. If you want to achieve greater financial success, all you need is a few dollars and a dream, and then be willing to work hard for the next 10 to 20 years to make your dream come true. As Elbert Hubbard once said, "Success is the realization of the estimate which you place upon yourself."

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

JIM  
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## Do we have to pollute the truth too?

One rarely sees a thoroughly bad idea advanced by government. Lots of stuff from silly to smelly gets done, but somebody usually benefits, even if it's not the American people. But can anyone see an upside to having an office of government propaganda with an official license to lie?

They say if you fight someone long enough, you become like your enemy, but this Soviet notion is such a bumner it was useless even to them back in the day. But the Bush administration is apparently determined to bring us not one but two bureaus of propaganda. The "Office of Strategic Influence" — isn't that a beauty? — at the Pentagon will use "the media, the Internet and a range of covert operations to try to influence public opinion and government policy abroad, including in friendly nations," according to The New York Times. "Strategic Information" will include both information and disinformation.

Disinformation, in case you haven't figured it out, is made of lies.

Then on top of that gem, the Bush administration also proposes "a permanent office of global diplomacy to spread a positive image of the United States around the world and combat anti-Americanism." This would include "intense shaping of information and coordination of messages" to ensure that "foreign correspondents in Washington as well as foreign leaders and opinion-makers overseas understand Mr. Bush's ideas and policies."

Let me go not very far out on a limb to predict this will be a disaster. It will wreck our credibility in no time. Sheesh, when will they ever learn? There are several documented cases of "blowback" from the Cold War, when we spread some lie and it came back to bite us in the rear. As any journalist can tell you, when you put out misinformation, all it does is poison the well of public debate.

The Bushies are great believers in "message discipline" — they practiced it endlessly during the 2000 campaign. O, but facts are troublesome things. Not even giant public relations campaigns can make them go away. Did you sign up anywhere to have your tax dollars used for govern-

ment propaganda? Do you like the idea? Let's kill this before it multiplies.

If Bush wants to do something about anti-Americanism abroad, he could:

— sign the Kyoto Accords on global warming and help save the world.

— stop our blind support of Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians and get serious about forcing a settlement in the face of that yawning disaster. We are more pro-Israeli than the Israelis, who have a humongous public debate about their own policies, which rather clearly aren't working worth a damn.

We could quit doing dumb stuff like:

— outraging world opinion by saying we won't treat the prisoners at Gitmo as POWs under the Geneva Convention.

— appointing John Negroponte, a major figure in the Iran-Contra mess, as ambassador to the United Nations.

— appointing Otto Reich, another high-level Iran-Contra figure, as assistant secretary of state for Inter-American Affairs.

— adding to the global warming problem by rescinding rules for improving energy efficiency in air conditioners and heaters, dropping Bush's campaign promise to regulate carbon dioxide and

canceling the 2004 deadline for automakers to develop prototype high-mileage cars.

— pushing for development of small nuclear weapons in violation of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

— banning federal aid to international family planning programs that offer abortion counseling with separate, independent funding.

— appointing John Bolton, who opposes non-proliferation treaties and the U.N., to under secretary of state for Arms Control and International Security.

— continuing our own production of biological, chemical and nuclear weapons while lecturing the rest of the world for doing the same thing, including naming Iran, Iraq and North Korea an "axis of evil" for doing exactly what we do. What does that make us?

— Screwing up our ally South Korea's long-held plans to make some accommodation with the North.

We can all think of several other things America could do to improve the opinion the world holds of us — but running a propaganda campaign is not among them. Isn't it bad enough that we lead the world in contributing to air pollution — do we have pollute the truth too?

Mallard Fillmore  
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### IN BRIEF

#### Steers go 1-3 at Mineral Wells

Big Spring High School's Steers went 1-3 in the Mineral Wells Tournament over the weekend.

The Steers defeated Graham 10-7, Dustin Beauchamp picked up the win.

Losses came at the hands of Brownwood, 5-3; Fort Worth Northside, 3-2; and Mineral Wells, 8-2.

Next action for BSHS is 4 p.m. Tuesday at Midland High.

#### Little League sign-up scheduled

All boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 interested in playing on a Big Spring Little League team can sign up from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today through Friday through at the Big Spring Mall.

The final registration session will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Players must bring their birth certificate.

#### Planning meeting slated for Tuesday

Parents of youth attending Elbow or Forsan School interested in getting baseball/softball for the district are encouraged to attend a planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Brandin Iron. For more information, contact Mike and Brenda Parker at 263-4528 or Bobby and Ronda Doe at 263-8813.

#### Industrial softball league sets meeting

The Big Spring Men's Industrial Softball League will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at John Wesley's.

Anyone interested in having a team is encouraged to attend.

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

#### Softball tournament scheduled in Stanton

The "Pre-Spring Bash for Cash Men's Softball Tournament" has been scheduled for March 2-3 in Stanton.

Fees are \$110 per team and a 6-home run format will be used. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

For more information, call Michael Paul at 631-4361 or call Jose at 631-2846.

#### Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for March 2-3 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete the TP&WD course by state law.

For more information, call Hale or Pointevint at 267-7891, 264-7033 or 267-6957.

#### Little League umpires needed

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League baseball is encouraged to contact David Roman at 263-1631 (work) or 263-4688 (home, after 6 p.m.). First meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Little League Field.

## Kenseth rallies for Subway victory

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — A charge from fourth to first late in the race gave Matt Kenseth the victory Sunday in the Subway 400 at North Carolina Speedway.

Kenseth's Roush Racing Ford was among the fastest cars throughout the 393-lap event and his crew, which won the annual pit crew contest here last October in record time, kept him in front of the pack most of the day.

"We were slamming and banging out there and we just got real lucky," Kenseth said after driving to his second career victory and first since the Coca-Cola 600 in May 2000.

This one was completed under yellow after NASCAR officials threw a caution flag for debris with just five

laps remaining.

Kenseth built leads of more than 4 seconds after taking the top spot during a stop under caution on lap 257. He remained out front until pole-winner Rick Craven, who had fallen behind after leading the first 104 laps, regained the lead on lap 365 by staying on the 1.017-mile oval while the other leaders pitted under the eighth of nine cautions.

Marlin, who finished second, took over the series lead by 18 points over Daytona winner Ward Burton, who finished 13th on Sunday.

Labonte wound up third, followed by Tony Stewart, bouncing back from a last-place finish in the opener, Craven, Jeff Burton, defending series champion Gordon and Wallace.

### PGA Tour

## Canadian 1st-time Tucson winner

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Ian Leggatt ended a decade of frustration Sunday, carving out a two-shot victory over Loren Roberts and David Peoples in the Tucson Open for his first victory on the PGA Tour.

Leggatt is the third straight first-time winner at Tucson and the 11th in the tournament's 56 years.

The 36-year-old Canadian, who attended Q-school last year after just failing to keep his card as a top 125 money-winner in his rookie season, tied his career-low with a final-round 8-under-par 64.

He had a 72-hole total of 20-under 268, the lowest score at Tucson

since David Frost's 266 in 1988.

Roberts fired a 66, but hurt his chances with a late bogey and four makeable putts in the last six holes that wouldn't drop.

Peoples shot 67.

Kenneth Staton and Fred Funk came in at 271, Staton after a 64 and Funk after a 68.

Spike McRoy (64), Cameron Beckman (67), Russ Cochran (67), Chris Smith (68), Shigeki Maruyama (68), Bob Tway (69) and Greg Kraft (69) were grouped at 272.

The \$540,000 winner's purse is more than Leggatt's combined earnings since turning pro in 1990.

## Americans close successful Winter Games

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The closing weekend of the Winter Olympics was a bit of a letdown for the host country: The men's hockey final didn't turn out the way the Americans hoped. Neither did Apolo Anton Ohno's last two short-track speedskating races. Or Bode Miller's slalom finale.

But, all in all, the last 17 days were a spectacular show for the United States. When the Olympic flame was doused Sunday night, 34 medals were hanging from the necks of American athletes, including two won Saturday that ended a long drought in bobsledding glory. The total is nearly triple the previous best of 13 and well above the U.S. Olympic Committee's expectations — a public prediction of 20 and a fingers-crossed goal of 27.

Americans won 10 golds (four more than ever before), 13 silvers and 11 bronzes. Germany was the only country that did better, winning 35 medals (12-15-7), six more than any country had ever won at a Winter Olympics.

"I feel like a very proud mother," USOC president Sandy Baldwin said. "We all put a lot of work into these games. This is not serendipity."

The closing ceremony was a big relief for Salt Lake City organizers. They made it — safely — through more than two weeks of playing host to the world in the wake of Sept. 11.

"People of America, Utah and Salt Lake City, you have given the world superb games," IOC president Jacques Rogge said.

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"You have reassured us that people from all countries can live peacefully together."

Unfortunately, the games that were scandalously given to Salt Lake City, and were marred by judging turmoil, ended with another smudge Sunday: the first drug case at a Winter Olympics since 1988 — and there were three of them, including two gold medalists.

**HOCKEY:** Sunday truly was a golden anniversary for the Canadians. Exactly 50 years since an amateur team called the Edmonton Waterloo Mercurys won Canada's last men's gold medal, a group of millionaire

NHL players beat a similar collection from the United States 5-2 in the final event of the games.

The Americans led early and tied it at 2 in the second period, but the Canadians answered quickly. After the United States failed to score on a power play late in the third period, Canada added two goals in the final four minutes.

The result set off a wild celebration north of the border.

**BOBLED:** A former football player and an Olympic veteran ended the United States' 46-year medal drought in men's bobsled.

Todd Hays' four-man crew took silver and Brian Shimer's squad won the bronze Saturday, wrapping up a phenomenal perfor-

mance by Americans in all sliding events on the 15-curve canyon course at Bear Hollow. "That was amazing!" said Hays, who played linebacker at Tulsa. "If I hear 46 years again, I think I'm going to pass out."

The gold went to Olympic rookie Andre Lange and Germany-2. Hays barely held off Shimer, who staged a stunning rally to win his first medal in his last Olympic race. He's been trying since Calgary in 1988.

The 19-year-old short-track speedskater who came to Utah hyped as a favorite for four medals left with two after getting thrown out of the 500 for an illegal move in the semifinals and finishing fourth in the relay because teammate Rusty Smith stumbled over a lane marker.

Smith, however, won bronze in the 500 behind Canadians Marc Gagnon and Jonathan Guilmette. Claudia Pechstein of Germany won the final event on the long track — taking the 5,000 meters in world-record time, the eighth standard set at these games — and Yang Yang (A) won 1,000 meters, the final event on the short track.

**SLALOM:** With Picabo Street hanging up her skis, Miller is certainly the heir to her title as the nation's most charismatic — and best — slopes star. However, his go-for-broke attitude didn't do any good Saturday when all he needed was a clean second run in the slalom for his third medal of the games, maybe even a gold. He wound up finishing 10th.

## Ex-NBA star Williams turns himself in to state police

FLEMINGTON, N.J. (AP) — Former NBA star Jayson Williams turned himself in to state police today in connection with the fatal shooting of a limousine driver.

Williams, accompanied by two men, walked through a back entrance into the state police barracks at

Kingwood. He didn't comment as he entered the building and authorities did not say what charges he would face.

Costas Christofi, 55, was found shot to death at Williams' 65-acre estate in Alexandria Township on Feb. 14. Christofi's nephew

Chris Adams said today that the family had been briefed by prosecutors over the weekend and Williams will be charged with manslaughter.

Hunterdon County officials scheduled a news conference for this afternoon about the shooting.

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven Lember did not immediately return a call. He said over the weekend he would not confirm or deny reports about the charges.

Williams' attorney, Joseph Hayden, did not immediately return a call.

## Lady Steers go two for two in Midland tourney

### HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring High School's Lady Steers went 2-2 in the Midland Softball Tournament over the weekend, defeating El Paso High and Snyder and losing to Midland Lee and Odessa Permian.

**Big Spring 21, El Paso 0**  
The Lady Steers routed El Paso in the tourney opener. Nicole Chesworth pitched a perfect game. She faced nine batters and struck out seven. She gave up no walks and no hits in her shutout.

Big Spring put across two runs in the first inning, seven in the second and 12 in the third before time expired. Bridget Cain had an inside-the-park grand slam home run in the second inning. Leina Braxton, Lindsay Shaffer and Melissa Ray had two rbi's each while Laura Olaque had three.

**Midland Lee 2, Big Spring 1**

In the second game, Midland Lee scored one run in the sixth inning to claim the victory.

Lee scored its first run in the first inning on a series of errors committed by the Lady Steers. Big Spring tied the game in the second inning when Alex Watkins hit the ball down the third base line and Lee's left outfielder misplayed the ball.

In the sixth, Lee scored on a lead-off double, a bunt and another double. A solid play from Padilla to Cain to Trista Casey got another runner out on third and ended the inning, but the Lady Steers could not come up with a tying run in the bottom of the sixth before time expired.

Watkins faced 26 batters and struck out two, allowing four hits and one earned run. The Lady Steers out-hit the Rebels, with eight hits. Whitney Hufford and two doubles and Casey had two singles.

**Big Spring 7, Snyder 3**

Big Spring scored two runs in the first inning. Hufford reached base on an error by Lady Tigers' shortstop. Leina Braxton doubled to push Hufford to third. Olaque then singled in both runners.

In the third, Watkins tripled and Cain also hit a three-bagger for one run. Cain then scored on a sacrifice fly by Olaque.

Snyder cut the Big Spring lead to one point in the bottom of the third when the Lady Tigers scored a trio of runs.

Big Spring rallied in the fourth as Nichole Chesworth singled and Braxton doubled her in. Olaque then reached base on an error, which allowed Braxton to score. Watkins then doubled to push Olaque home.

Watkins went the distance for the Lady Steers and struck out eight batters.

Odessa Permian 4, Big Spring 0  
Permian scored all of its

## Lady Hawks to host OC on new field

### By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
A week ago, the Howard College softball team was sitting 3-6 ready to embark on a three-day weekend road trip with No. 7 Navarro College and the always-tough Cowtown Classic Tournament in Fort Worth.

But the Lady Hawks are sitting 11-8 after splitting with Navarro and winning the championship in the 27-team field, which featured several nationally ranked teams.

"We played very, very well," said first-year Head Coach Dawn Wuthrich. "It was a great team effort this weekend from the players who played and those on the bench."

"We earned and made a name for ourselves so far this year. People, I think are going to be talking about Howard for awhile."

Howard went 7-1 in the tournament. The Lady Hawks were fueled by stellar pitching performances from freshman Jennifer Reed of Rio Rancho, N.M., and sophomore Amanda Michael of La Mesa, Calif.

The Lady Hawks open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Tuesday at 1 p.m. with a double-header against Odessa College on Foundation Field.

This will be the first league game played on the newly constructed field, said longtime Howard College trustee Harold Davis. Howard staged its home games on the Big Spring Independent School District softball diamond for the past three years.

"We have been very appreciative of the high school for letting us do that, but this will be so much more convenient," said Davis, who coached the Hawks basketball team from 1947-59 and was a former coach of the University of Texas-El Paso.

"It will help 100 percent because the girls will be able to work out where they're playing. It makes such a better situation to have your own field, and it's going to be a nice one."

The ball field is completed, and fans will be accommodated by alternative seating arrangements as construction workers continue to work on permanent seating arrangements. Eventually, other items will be added, including concession stands.

"I know it will help with our recruiting, and I can't wait to see it Tuesday."

The field is about 25-30 yards due east of the American League baseball field.

The Lady Hawks have a perfect chance to get off on the right foot with eight home games this week. Odessa follows Tuesday's home opener with a double-header on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Midland College, ranked fourth in the nation, visits Friday and Saturday with 1 p.m. start times.

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|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
|       | Midland                     | Odesa                    | Dallas               |                                      | Odesa                    | Dallas                        | Midland             | Atlanta                             | Spanish                    | Premium                          | Nashville                   | Premium                      | Premium                              | Premium            | Odesa                      | New York                   | Discovery                  | Atlanta           | Learning Ch.          |
| 6 PM  | News Fortune                | King of the Hill Raymond | Cyberchase ZOOMALOO  | Funnest Home Videos                  | News Ent. Tonight        | News (CC) Fortune             | News Seinfeld (CC)  | Friends (CC) Roseanne               | Intrusa                    | My Date- President's             | Fame for 15                 | (10) Movie: Diggstown        |                                      | Bad Guy (CC)       | Update With John Hagee     | Law & Order (CC)           | Fast Food                  | Pretender (CC)    | Medical Medical       |
| 7 PM  | Be a Millionaire            | Boston Public (CC)       | Antiques Roadshow    | Jennifer Lopez in Concert            | King Yes, Dear           | Be a Millionaire              | Fear Factor (CC)    | Movie: The Golden Child             | Amigos y Rivalres (SS)     | Daughter (40) Movie: Next Gener. | Star Trek: Next Gener. (CC) | Movie: The Impossible 2 (CC) | Movie: Mission: Impossible 2 (CC)    | Die (CC)           | Light of the Southwest     | Biography (CC)             | Building Hoover Dam        | Law & Order (CC)  | Junkyard Wars         |
| 8 PM  | Movie: Practical Magic (CC) | Aly McBeal (CC)          | Margaret Royal Rebel | Whose Line? Whose Line? Theatre (CC) | Raymond Becker (CC)      | Movie: Practical Magic (CC)   | Thud Watch (CC)     | Golden Child                        | Salome                     | Brink! (CC)                      | WWF Raw (CC)                | Movie: The Mirus Man (CC)    | Impossible 2 (CC)                    | Real Sports (CC)   |                            | Investigative Reports (CC) | Engineering the Impossible | Law & Order (CC)  | Surgey for the Unborn |
| 9 PM  | News Nightline              | Jerry Springer (CC)      | (DVS)                | 700 Club (CC)                        | News (35) Late           | News (CC) Nightline           | News (35) Tonight   | Bueller's Day Off                   | P. Impacto Noticiero Univ  | Flash (CC)                       | Star Trek: Next Gener. (CC) | Movie: Short Cuts (CC)       | (CC)                                 | Time Machine Janet | Hour of Healing            | Law & Order (CC)           | Justice Files (CC)         | Law & Order (CC)  | Junkyard Wars         |
| 10 PM | Politically Inc. Cheers     | Suddenly Mad Abt. You    | News Lehrer          | Wonder Years Who's Boss?             | Show (CC) (37) Late Late | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | Show (CC) (37) Late | (45) Movie: En las Mejores Familias | So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson | Robot Wars Ultimate Rvng         | Movie: I Got the Hook-Up    | Movie: I Got the Hook-Up     | Jackson: In Concert From Hawaii (CC) | Update With Church | Biography (CC)             | Building Hoover Dam        | Movie: Moonstruck          | Movie: Moonstruck | Labor & Delivery      |
| 11 PM | Paid Program                | Spin City (CC)           | Nova (CC)            | Paid Program                         | Street Smarts            | (12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)    | Night (CC) Frasier  | The Golden Child                    | Maria la del Barro         | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse          | (12:05) Baywatch (CC)       | (45) Movie:                  | Hawaii (CC)                          | Faith Pleases God  | Investigative Reports (CC) | Engineering the            |                            |                   | Surgey for the Unborn |

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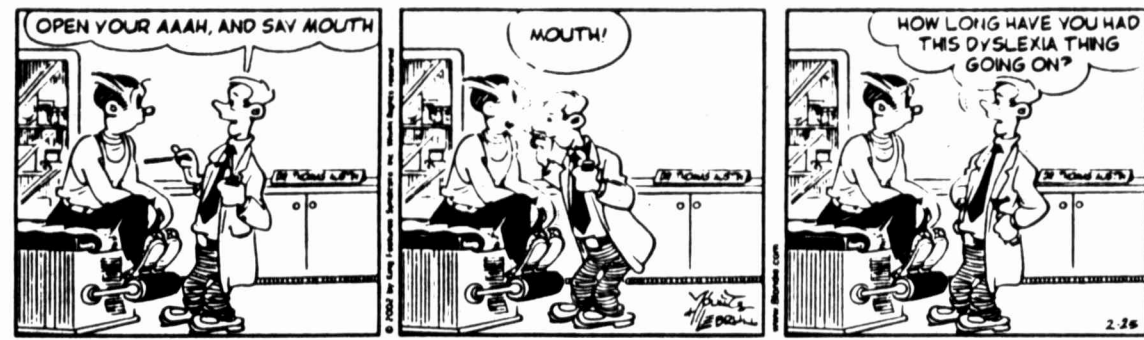


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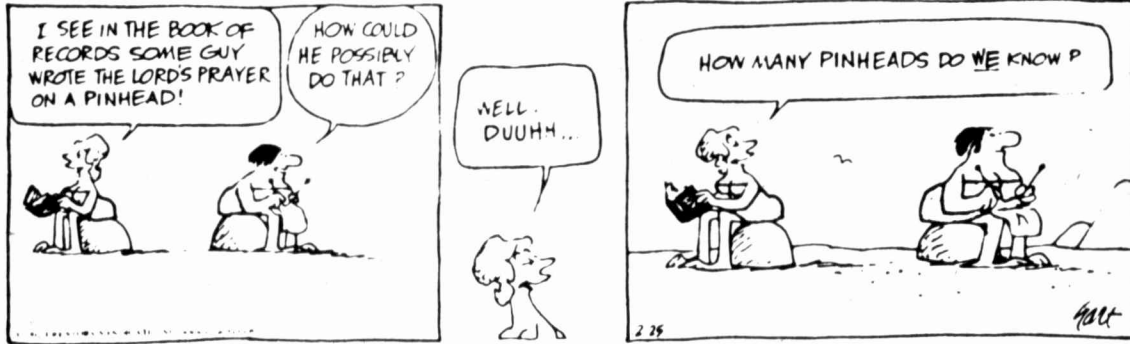
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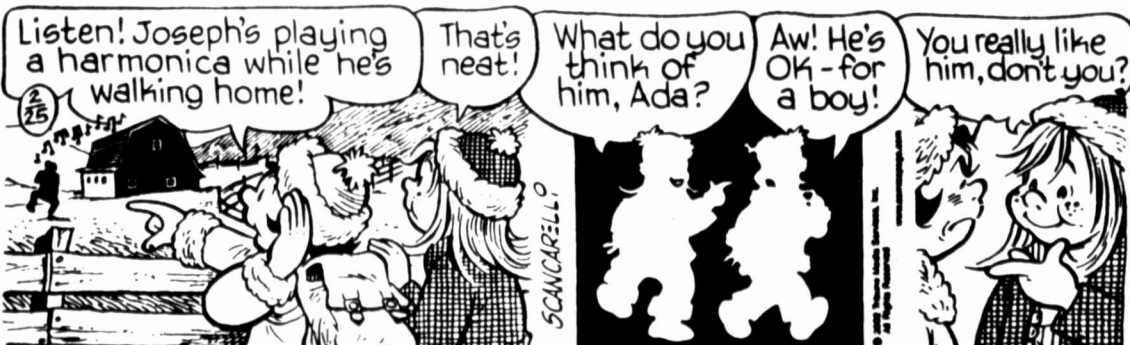
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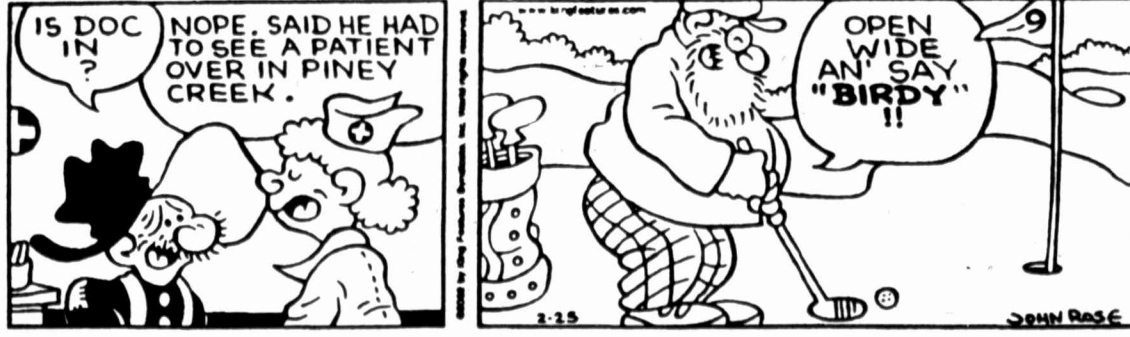
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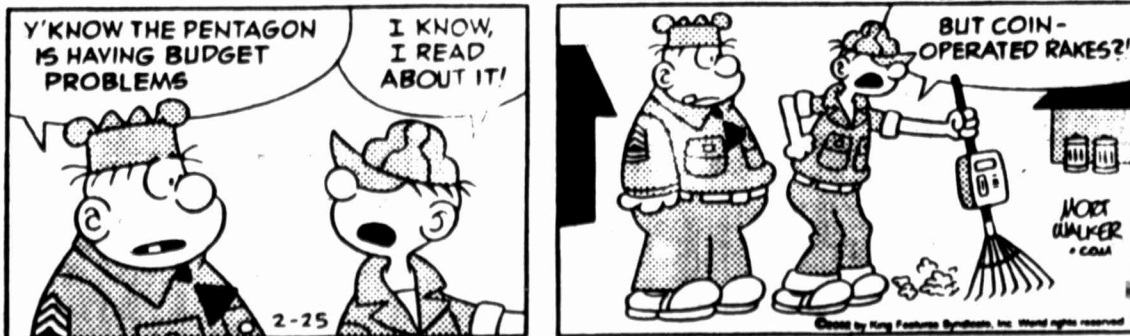
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2002. There are 309 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Purim begins at sunset. Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date: In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1950, "Your Show of Shows," starring Sid

Caesar, Imogene Coca, Carl Reiner and Howard Morris, debuted on NBC TV.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1990, Nicaraguans went to the polls in an election that resulted in an upset victory for the alliance opposed to the ruling Sandinistas.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, American-born Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers.

Ten years ago: President Bush won the South Dakota Republican primary. Bob Kerrey the Democratic primary. The Supreme Court ruled prison guards who use unnecessary force against inmates may be violating

the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment even if they inflict no serious injuries. Natalie Cole won seven awards at the 34th annual Grammys, including best album for "Unforgettable."

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 75. Producer-writer Larry Gelbart is 74. Musician Tommy Newsom is 73. Actor Tom Courtenay is 65. CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 65. Actress Diane Baker is 64. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 59. Actress Karen Grassle is 58. Movie director Neil Jordan is 52. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| ACTRESS | JOINDER   |
| BURUNDI | ENDORSE   |
| ERISTIC | ATOMIST   |
| LANES   | KEN LEVER |
| ACTRESS | TESLA     |
| RAT     | JONQUIL   |
| DORSEY  | CREATED   |
| GOUTS   | CARL      |
| CATBERT | WORKING   |
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Newsday Crossword

WEARABLES by Daniel R. Stark  
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

1 Actress Bancroft  
5 Atlas items  
9 Melville sea captain  
13 Authentic  
14 Arkin or Thicke  
15 Ear part  
16 Staff member  
17 Skirt length  
18 Hunger for  
20 Karate award  
22 Fall flower  
23 Nanette  
24 Prepares an apple  
25 Come up  
29 Meal leftovers  
32 Christmas songs  
34 Jay follower  
35 Knife handle  
39 Made into law  
41 Recover from  
43 Kitchen basin  
44 Month after Feb.  
46 Singer Easton  
47 Parts of the eye  
50 Ore examination  
51 Strong suit  
54 Unskilled worker  
56 Radiates  
57 Diminishes  
62 Piece of turf  
63 Italian city  
64 Model Macpherson

**DOWN**

1 Kuwaiti, usually  
2 Playwright Simon  
3 Nothing, in Mexico  
4 Power supply: Abbr.  
5 Ballroom dance  
6 UFO crew  
7 Theft protection  
8 Omery mood  
9 Li'l Abner cartoonist  
10 Backyard game  
11 Let up  
12 Slant  
19 Speaker's pauses  
21 Prepared to propose  
25 Poker pair  
26 Princess of India  
27 Tehran's land  
28 Laugh-In catchphrase  
30 Dusting cloth  
31 Affirmative votes  
33 18-wheeler  
36 Currier and

**ACROSS**

65 Not wild  
66 Environmental sci.  
67 Close at hand  
68 Snow vehicle  
69 Comic Carvey  
70 Word near this clue

**DOWN**

37 Actress Olin  
38 Waiter's burden  
40 Prosecutors: Abbr.  
42 Show gratitude  
45 Exact copy  
48 Took it easy  
49 Add salt to  
51 Served dinner to  
52 Fails to name  
53 Competitor  
55 Florida city  
57 Risked a ticket  
58 Drop in the mail  
59 Butter substitute  
60 Imperfection  
61 Seedless plant

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