

TUESDAY

March 26, 2002

## WEATHER

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## Ag luncheon set Thursday at coliseum

Tickets for the Thursday's Agriculture Appreciation Luncheon are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The tickets are free to area producers and \$8 each for non-producers. U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm will be guest speaker for the event, which will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. Held in conjunction with the luncheon will be the annual Ag Expo, set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the coliseum. There is no admission fee to attend the exposition. To reserve luncheon tickets, call Liz Adamson, Chamber of Commerce secretary at 263-7641.

## WHAT'S UP...

- 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.
  - 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.
  - Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.
- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.
  - Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.
  - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
  - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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## Trustees reach tentative pact to offer bachelor's degree through LCU

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees agreed to enter into a brokerage agreement with Lubbock Christian University Monday to bring a bachelor's degree program for college juniors and seniors to the Howard College cam-



SPARKS

pus. "So many people are place bound," Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "If we could provide an opportunity, this would be a good thing for this area." The agreement would allow LCU instructors to hold classes on the Howard College campus for a specialized accelerated program designed for mature students to earn a bachelor's degree in organizational management.

According to David C. Anderson, chairman for the department of organizational management for LCU, the program is a broad-based business degree.

To qualify, students must be 25 years or older, meet the minimum grade point average and have 60 or more hours in transferable credit hours from an accredited college or post secondary institution.

Students will earn their bachelor's of science degree from LCU in about 18 to 20

months. The finalized agreement will come before the board in the April meeting, Sparks said, and LCU hopes to begin the first class for Howard County and surrounding area residents by September. If finalized, Howard College will receive some revenue from LCU for use of the facilities.

Before approving the agreement, Anderson gave an overview of the program and answered question from the administration and the

board. Anderson addressed a question voiced at the last Howard College meeting by a local resident who was concerned over the age requirement.

"This is an accelerated program that people have to be self-directed to do the work," Anderson said. "We need people with real life business experience."

The program is very discussion-oriented and inter-

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## Though young, 4-H agent knows his stuff

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Howard County's new Texas Cooperative Extension agent for 4-H has a lot of experience in his field.

Although Michael Lynn Brooks of Coahoma is a recent Texas Tech graduate and has never held an extension agent's job before, the new hire grew up in 4-H.

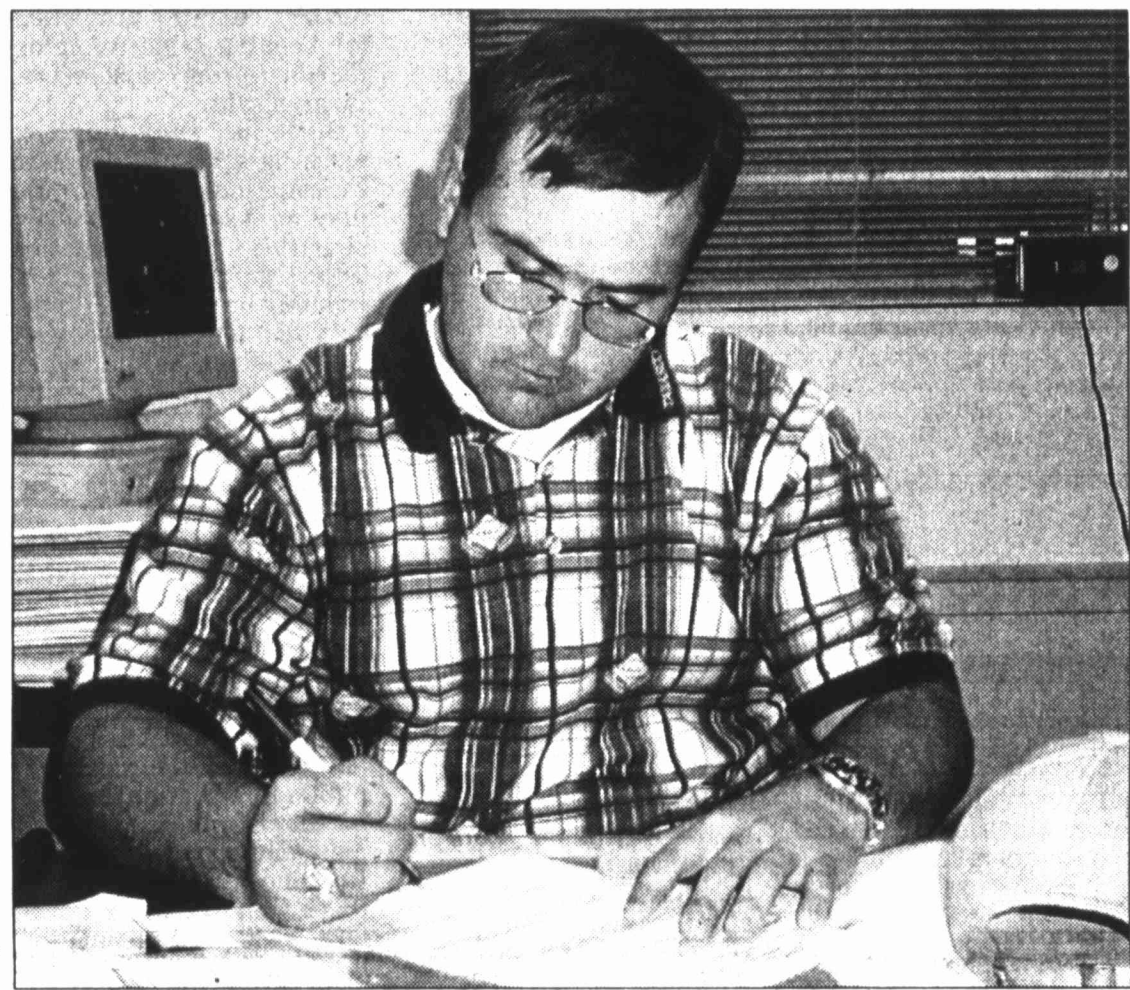
"Stock showing, pigs and steers and lambs," he said. "Livestock judging, shooting sports...I think that's it."

The new agent's agricultural skills were recognized across the state.

"I sold two steers at Houston, I had a second-place at Houston," he said. "I had a class-winning pig at San Antonio, I had a class-winning steer at San Angelo. I was the junior sporting clay champion in shooting sports, that's over the state of Texas. I went to the state judging contest twice as a senior. That's probably the highlights."

After graduating from Coahoma High School, he attended Howard College for two years before obtaining his bachelor's degree at Tech in agriculture and applied economics in December.

Brooks met with the Howard County Commissioners at their meeting Monday, and they approved his hire. His first official day on the job is not until next Monday, but he's



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

New 4-H Texas Cooperative Extension agent Michael Lynn Brooks works on filling out his employment paperwork for Howard County and the State of Texas this morning. Brooks' official first day is Monday, but he's already hard at work coordinating a trip to a district livestock judging contest in Lubbock.

already hard at work filling out paperwork and moving into his office in the courthouse basement.

"I'm filling out paperwork for the county and the state and trying to get that lined up right now," Brooks said, adding that he's also busy preparing for an upcoming

4-H event. "We're getting ready for the district judging contest on the 20th of April."

The contest, in which teams of three or four 4-Hers judge livestock competitively, will take place at Texas Tech University, he said.

"It's the District 6 and the District 2 Livestock Judging Contest, where you qualify to go to the state roundup in June," he said. "They go down there and judge the livestock. If they are in the top team or they

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## Water leaks still plague county library

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Water leaks still plague the Howard County Library's downstairs meeting rooms, commissioners learned Monday.

According to Hollis McCright, librarian, water continues to seep into the downstairs meeting rooms when it rains, causing clean-up problems. McCright added she has had

to cancel or move several scheduled meetings.

The county has attempted to stop the problem with different methods, but to no avail. Phil Furqueron, architect, told commissioners the contractor expects to have an estimation of costs for a special coating that is supposed to seep into the cracks and seal the parking lot that is directly over a portion of the library that is

underground.

In other business, commissioners approved the final bill of \$530 to Renea Hicks, the attorney representing Howard County in the lawsuits over the state redistricting plan that took Howard County away from representation by State Rep. David Counts, State Sen. Robert Duncan and U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm.

A few months ago, commissioners instructed Mike Thomas, Howard County attorney, to tell Hicks to remove the county from the lawsuits. The county has spent more than \$14,000 in attorney's fees.

Also Monday, commissioners hired Michael Brooks for the new 4-H and youth agent position. Brooks, from Coahoma, is a graduate of Texas Tech.

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## Task force makes proposals combatting cyberterrorism

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and his advisory committee on cyberterrorism proposed Monday a state clearinghouse to monitor threats to public and private computer systems.

Water, energy, telecommunications and financial systems are overseen by computers and could be targeted by terrorists, Cornyn said. He called those systems the "central nervous system" of the state's economy.

A terrorist attack on one of these systems in Texas — on its oil and gas pipelines, for example — could have statewide and national consequences, Cornyn said.

"If it fails even for a short time the risk to our state and our nation would be enormous. Some have called attacks on our critical infrastructure 'weapons of mass disruption,'" he said.

His committee, chaired by retired Navy Adm. Bobby Inman, proposed that a state clearinghouse called the Texas Infrastructure Protection Center come up with information-sharing programs and be the central point of contact for government agencies and private companies.

It would operate 24 hours a day and be funded mostly by federal dollars. Cost estimates are still being worked on.

It would be staffed by officials from such agencies as the Texas Department of Public Safety, Department of Emergency Management, Office of the Attorney General and Texas National Guard.

In reaching its final recommendations, the infrastructure protection committee heard testimony

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

American Heart Association board members pose at the group's Saturday night fundraiser, "A Night on Bourbon Street," held at the Big Spring Country Club. Shown, from left, are Pete Thiry, Carmen Brooks, Dale Cox, Vic and Quinn Flourmoy, Laurie Phillips and Judy and Bobby Roever.

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OBITUARIES

Hazel Allred

Hazel Allred, 79, of Ackerly, died on Monday, March 25, 2002, at Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center in Abilene. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall, minister of the Knott Church of Christ and her grandson, Eric Herm, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1923, in Howard County and married Donald E. Allred on Oct. 19, 1942, in Big Spring.

Hazel was a life long resident of Howard County and graduated from Garner High School in Knott in 1941. She was a homemaker and a member of the Knott Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Allred of Knott; a daughter and son-in-law, Don Nell and Eddy Herm of Ackerly; two granddaughters, Michelle Zant and husband, Scott of Ackerly and Deanna Herm of Big Spring; one grandson, Eric Herm of Vail, Colo.; four great-grandchildren, Ethan Zant, Karlye Weaver, Dylan Weaver and Preston Zant; one brother, Delbert Harland of Georgetown; and one sister, Nelda Jo Fuller of Lubbock. She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Dwaine Allred, five sisters and two brothers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center, 6050 Hospital Dr., Abilene 79606.

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

Paid obituary

Harry V. Rawlings

Graveside funeral service for Harry V. Rawlings, 75, of Midland, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2002, at Resthaven Memorial park in Midland with the Rev. Eddie Edwards, associate pastor of Kentucky Street Baptist Church, officiating. Mr. Rawlings died Saturday, March 23, at a local hospital.



He was born on Aug. 29, 1926, in Ripley County, Mo., and married Patsy Perry on June 11, 1954, in Dean. He was born and raised in Ripley County, Mo., and graduated from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls with a major in geology and

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biology. He worked as a U.S. National Park Ranger for Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico, the Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona, Mannassas National Battlefield Park in Virginia, and in Yosemite National Park in California. He also owned and operated Cloud 9 Upholstery Shop in Midland. He was a musician and had several bands. Member of Kentucky Street Baptist Church. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Patsy Rawlings of Midland; two daughters, Judy of Wilson, N.C., and Donna Brownlee of Midland; one son, Harry V. Rawlings II of Midland; one brother, Arthur Rawlings of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Easter Woodruff of Dohiphan, Mo.; and five granddaughters.

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

Kathryn Craig Thigpen

Funeral service for Kathryn Craig Thigpen, 90, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Thigpen died Monday, March 25, 2002, at her residence.

DEGREE

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active with the students and teacher, Anderson said. "Students need to have real world experience in the classroom," Anderson said.

The average student age is 38 and students spend approximately 16 hours of work a week outside of class.

Howard College will receive more money from the legislature, Sparks told board members. The college underestimated its project contact hours for the last spring semester in its base year, officials learned from a legislative enrollment audit adjustment report.

The college will receive \$478,770 to be given in two installments. In addition the college will receive \$18,287 for the college's dramatic growth. The monies will be used across the district's campuses.

The college will also receive money from the state for its dramatic growth in the registered nursing program of \$41,345 to be used for nursing programs on the Big Spring campus.

Howard College will not receive a \$500,000 Telecommunications Infrastructure Funds grant for a community network grant project to link several local entities to broadband Internet access.

Joel Michaelis, the college's associate vice president of workforce development, told board members the college's grant proposal was turned down. Michaelis said the college will attempt to apply for a non-competitive grant from TIF that will be approximately half the amount of funds.

Asbestos removal in the SouthWest College Institute for the Deaf student union building is complete and the general contractor is back to work remodeling the building, according to Phil Furqueron, architect. The

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\$785,000 project — funded through legislative appropriations — includes adding a cafeteria, remodeling the auditorium and some offices.

Furqueron said he expects to ask the board's approval during the April meeting to go out for bid on the SWCID Pedestrian Plaza, a \$94,000 project also funded through legislative appropriations to create walk ways and landscape areas to connect four buildings on the campus.

In other business, the board approved:

- A resolution to call for the May 4 trustee election.
- A 13,505 total bid from Instramed Surgical Association Inc. of Roanoke for a AMSCO surgical table and a cardiothoracic set.
- A \$13,675 bid by PLATO Learning Inc. of Bloomington, Minn., for Plato Software for the San Angelo Campus.
- A \$20,077 bid by Tangent Computer of Burlingame, Calif., for 17 computers for the San Angelo Campus.
- A \$24,127 bid by Permian Micro Mart of Odessa for Cisco Network Equipment.

BROOKS

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are the top individual, they go to state.

Dealing with 4-H is what his job is all about, Brooks said.

"Anything that involves 4-H, ranging from not just stock shows, but leadership, junior leadership, method demonstrations, judging teams, anything that involves 4-H," he said.

CITY

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at the lake free of charge. The city would pay all utilities and a phone, and provide worker's compensation, general liability, property insurance and motor vehicle insurance coverage. The city would also budget funds for maintenance, repair and upkeep of the lake and facilities.

According to the contract, Boiles would keep his current position if he is appointed caretaker of Moss Creek Lake.

The agreement says Boiles "warrants that this contract will not be allowed to interfere with his present employment," and that if it does, the city manager can terminate the contract with 30 days written notice.

In other business, the council will:

- Award bids on a pre-fabricated maintenance shed for the Comanche Trail Park Golf Course, the 2001 roof replacement and repair project, two half-ton pickup trucks, a backhoe lease and a flatbed utility truck.

• Hear a presentation of a proposal for a tennis snack bar and pro-shop at Comanche Trail Park.

• Hear a presentation from the Big Spring Area Community Foundation.

• Hear the first reading of an ordinance granting partial residence homestead exemption, over 65 exemption and disabled exemption.

• Hear the first reading of an ordinance providing an additional 15 percent penalty to defray the cost of collecting delinquent taxes.

• Hear the first reading of ordinances to approve the city's water conservation and drought contingency plans.

• Hear the first reading of a resolution to exempt travel trailers from ad valorem

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TASK FORCE

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from representatives of TXU Corp., Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and Continental Airlines, among others.

The report is being forwarded to Gov. Rick Perry and key statewide and federal officials.

The proposal contains no recommendations for changes to the Texas Public Information Act. The law already contains provisions for keeping sensitive information from disclosure, Cornyn said.

But, he said, entities working with the proposed information-sharing center may be less likely to share sensitive information unless they trust it won't be publicly broadcast.

"The Legislature may want to look at that when they convene next year," Cornyn said. "Obviously, there are competing interests involved, and we need to make sure that the right balance is struck."

Inman, former director of naval intelligence and deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said he was more skeptical and questioned whether the proposed center will be fully effective under current state public information laws.

Federal intelligence agencies and private corporations need to feel confident there won't be an "inadvertent leak" of information, Inman said.

"We're going to go forward and try to make it function within the existing law," Inman said.

BRIEFS

**A BAKE SALE AND** garage sale for cancer victims Matthew, 9, and his father, Marvin Wynn a teacher at Big Spring Junior High School, will be held April 12-13 at the Coahoma Community Center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Items may be donated to the sale and will be accepted April 9-11. An account has been set at the Big Spring and Coahoma branches of First Bank of West Texas. To make a donation call 267-1113 or 394-4256. For more information call 394-4363 or 393-5380.

**HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY** is offering adoptions of all adult dogs 1-year-old or older at a special discount of \$9, which includes shots and vaccinations.

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To become a volunteer or for more information contact the Big Spring office at 263-4162 or the Midland office at 915-683-1114. Visit the website at www.casawtx.org or send an e-mail to voices@casawtx.org.

POLICE

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

• **KIMBERLY MICHELLE BRETZ**, 28, of 605 E. 12th St. was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• **BRANDI LYNN MAYO**, 18, of 1801 State St. was arrested on four local warrants.

• **WILLIAM GRAVES**, 61, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **WILLIAM HALE**, 56, of 1200 Lamar was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LEROY WALLACE JR.**, 30, of 1218 E. 15th Street was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention in a vehicle and for a parole violation.

• **THEFT** was reported at Wal-Mart. Items worth \$40.42 were reported stolen but later recovered.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3300 block of East 11th Place.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1400 block of South Nolan.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported: - In the 1300 block of West Fourth Street. Vehicle parts or accessories reportedly sustained \$80 damage in the incident.

- In the 100 block of Cedar. A building in the area reportedly sustained \$300 damage.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Ann Drive. Someone reportedly entered the vehicle through an unlocked side door and stole items worth \$130.

Mulberry was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of East 14th Street, the 800 block of West FM 700 and the 400 block of South Gregg.

• **DISTURBANCE or FIGHT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Avenue.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700, the 800 block of East Third Street and the 400 block of South Gregg.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset Avenue, the 500 block of Westover Road and the 2500 block of Kelly Circle.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of East Third Street. Office equipment worth \$175 was reported stolen.

• Two instances of **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** were reported in the 1300 block of East 14th Street.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1700 block of South Gregg.

• **HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 1700 block of Purdue Avenue.

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# Shell Oil to buy Pennzoil-Quaker state for \$1.8 billion

HOUSTON (AP) — Pennzoil-Quaker State Co., the nation's largest motor oil maker and parent company of more than 2,000 Jiffy Lube oil change service stations across the country, is becoming part of Royal Dutch/Shell Group in a deal worth \$1.8 billion. The agreement was announced Monday night in Houston, where both companies are headquartered.

While officials at both companies said the familiar Pennzoil and Quaker State brands, the nation's two best selling motor oils, will survive, some jobs will not. "We do expect some reductions in staff," Gail Schutz, a Shell

spokeswoman said.

She estimated 15 percent — or some 1,230 jobs — would be eliminated "within the combined work force of Shell Lubricants and Pennzoil-Quaker State."

Shell has about 7,000 workers in Houston and its Lubricants Group employs about 800 people. Pennzoil-Quaker State has a worldwide work force of about 7,400.

Discussions that led to Monday's announcement started about a month ago when Shell officials approached Pennzoil-Quaker State executives, both companies said. Pennzoil-Quaker State spokesman Ray Scippa said no other oil companies were involved.

The deal, approved Monday by Pennzoil-Quaker's board, is expected to close in the second half of this year. It still needs the approval of shareholders and regulators.

For the Houston economy, the new job losses come amid speculation of additional employment cuts with a merger of Hewlett-Packard Co. with fellow computer giant Compaq Computer Corp., based in Houston. There's also a downturn in the oil patch, where exploratory drilling has declined by some 40 percent from a year ago.

"It comes at a bad time," Bill Gilmer, a Houston economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of

Dallas, said. "It's one more step in the wrong direction for local employment. At other times, we could absorb this and wouldn't miss it, but this isn't one of those times."

It's the latest in a series of mega-mergers within the energy industry.

Just two weeks ago, shareholders of Conoco Inc. and Phillips Petroleum Co. overwhelmingly approved a proposed \$15.6 billion merger, moving the companies one step closer to creating the nation's third-largest oil corporation. The new company will be based in Houston.

In September, the Federal Trade Commission approved Chevron

Corp.'s acquisition of Texaco Inc. Other deals include BP Amoco's takeover of Atlantic Richfield Corp. in 1999 and Exxon Corp.'s acquisition of Mobil Corp., as the world's largest oil companies look for size and breadth to gain a competitive edge.

Pennzoil-Quaker State is the result of a marriage announced in 1998 and completed a year later.

"This is another example of the larger well-financed, well-managed companies aggregating all the resources necessary to compete in a consolidating industry, with the large independents being the most likely targets," David L. Bole, vice president of Randall & Dewey, Inc.

## TxDOT unveils new clean air campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — Singer Rick Trevino lent a hand to state transportation and environmental officials on Monday as they unveiled a new television campaign advising drivers on how they can help clean the air over Texas.

The campaign, called Drive Clean Across Texas, begins Tuesday and features Trevino sitting in what appears to be a countryside as he plays his guitar and sings "Home on the Range." Between each bar of music, Trevino reaches for an oxygen mask and inhales deeply.

Another look at the setting reveals Trevino actually is sitting in a grassy area near to a Texas highway

clogged with traffic.

An announcer then offers Texans tips on how to clean the air in Texas. "Maintain your vehicle. Combine errands. Carpool. And drive the speed limit," the announcer says before Trevino finishes the final stanza of the song as he coughs.

"What we're here today for is to enlist all Texans to this campaign. We're asking all Texans to contribute to protecting and improving the quality of life in Texas," said Robert Huston, chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Several major Texas cities, including Houston and Dallas, no longer meet

the federal clean air standards. State officials are working to try to bring those areas back into compliance by implementing several measures, including reducing the speed limit on Houston area highways to 55 mph.

Citing a recent Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Sharilyn Stanley of the Texas Department of Health said prolonged exposure to polluted air significantly raises the risk of dying from lung cancer.

Plus, if Texas does not clean up its air, it risks losing federal highway money, said Texas Transportation Commissioner John Johnson.

The new campaign puts Texas out front in becoming the first state to develop a comprehensive statewide public campaign aimed at reducing mobile source emissions, said Dan Reagan of the Federal Highway Administration.

Other ways to help clean the air, the officials said, include walking into restaurants rather than idling in drive-thrus, using public transportation and purchasing cleaner-burning vehicles.

The news conference was interrupted by a group of environmentalists who filed behind the speakers and sang a song about diesel pollution to the tune of "Puff the Magic Dragon."

## District attorney's office looking into Russell Yates

HOUSTON (AP) — Less than a week after Andrea Yates began serving life in prison for killing her children, the Harris County district attorney's office said it is looking into whether her husband had any culpability in the drownings.

To call it an "investigation" would be too strong, District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said Monday.

Rosenthal said his office began looking into Russell

Yates at the urging of "gazillions" of e-mails which have arrived in his office inbox in months since the drownings last June 20.

"We're looking into it, because we've been asked to look into it," Rosenthal told The Associated Press.

Russell Yates' attorney, Edward Mallett, said Rosenthal is doing his job.

"He's an elected district attorney," Mallett said. "What's he going to say,

I'm not going to investigate?"

"Of course he's going to investigate."

Mallett said he is confident any probe of Russell Yates will come up lacking any criminal allegations against the NASA computer specialist.

"I am confident that Russell Yates is innocent of any wrongdoing," Mallett said. "It's a tragedy that Rusty now has to defend

himself after standing by his wife."

Andrea Yates, 37, was convicted of two capital murder charges in the drowning deaths of three of her five children March 12. Days later, the same eight-woman, four-man jury panel, took less 40 minutes to recommend a life sentence. Yates had faced the death penalty after jurors rejected her insanity defense.

## STATE BRIEFS

### Franks returning to hometown

MIDLAND (AP) — The head of the U.S. war effort is returning to his West Texas hometown to brief residents on America's offensive against Taliban and al-Qaida fighters.

Gen. Tommy R. Franks, commander of the U.S. Central Command, also was scheduled to throw out the first pitch at an exhibition game Wednesday between the Oakland Athletics and their double-A franchise, the Midland Rockhounds, that will open the city's new baseball stadium.

Recent visits to Russia and Pakistan, Central Command operation and the Al-Qaida terrorist network were to be among Franks' topics at an address Wednesday at the downtown Midland Center.

Franks, as commanding general of Central Command since June 2000, oversees all U.S. military operations in an area stretching from North Africa across the Arabian Peninsula to Pakistan and Central Asia.

### Alanis new education commissioner

AUSTIN (AP) — Felipe Alanis, a lifelong educator who has risen up the ranks of his profession, on Monday became the state's first Hispanic commissioner of education.

Alanis, 53, replaces Commissioner Jim Nelson, who has resigned.

Gov. Rick Perry, who last week announced Alanis as his pick to be the state's ninth appointed education chief, administered the oath of office. The commissioner is responsible for implementing education laws and policies.

Alanis' 30 years of education experience, his success with dropout prevention programs and commitment to high standards and accountability are among Alanis' qualifications, Perry said.

"His appointment signals a continuing commitment to educating every child and advancing every dream," Perry said.

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OUR VIEWS

Help keep Memorial attractive

While the first deadline for purchasing engraved granite bricks for the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial has passed, the opportunity still exists to help a worthy cause and be able to remember loved ones at the same time.

The Vietnam Memorial Committee is still taking applications for the pink Texas granite bricks that can be engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line and are priced at \$30 each. Application forms can be picked up at Athletic Supply in the Big Spring Mall and at the Sparenburg Building downtown.

We can think of no better way to personalize the memorial for the veterans who served in Vietnam, as well as those who served during other wars.

It's also an opportunity for the families of those who died during our nation's wars, were prisoners of war or are still listed as missing in action to honor those sacrifices.

But the person being memorialized doesn't even have to be a veteran. What's important is for the entire community to feel as it's involved.

Plans call for the granite bricks to be used to replace a stone wall that circles the memorial's monolith.

The fundraiser is of paramount importance because the committee needs help in maintaining the memorial that draws visitors from all over our nation. Money is constantly needed for upkeep of the memorial. Many members put their own money into that effort, but there's no way they can shoulder all the burden.

It costs a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay utility bills for the memorial, and that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and perform basic maintenance.

All proceeds from the sale of the bricks will be used by the committee to maintain the memorial's grounds.

So, even if you don't have someone you're interested in memorializing with a brick, we here at the Herald encourage all those who can to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep simply by mailing a donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

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'Mind' over matter makes a good film

The controversy surrounding "A Beautiful Mind" concerns the important issue of truth in filmmaking, a phrase that is certain to elicit snickers at what many people would call an oxymoron. In fact, the old axiom that people believe what they read is even truer about what they hear and see.



JACK ANDERSON

It is what has made Oliver Stone wealthy. The portrayal of the Vietnam War in his film "Platoon" distorted facts and fed preconceptions to the point that one op-ed piece in the Washington Post quoted a boy who had just sat through it as saying he never realized how badly American troops had behaved in the war. The film perpetuated the image of Vietnam veterans as profane, drug-crazed killers.

Indeed the stereotype propaganda continued until the recent film "We Were Soldiers" helped to set the record straight. "A Beautiful Mind" has been assailed because it purported to be the biography of Nobel Prize winner John Forbes Nash Jr., but failed to mention his divorce, paranoia-induced anti-Semitism, and various other aspects of his life. Further, fault is being found in the addition of fictional characters and the merging of other characters.

The problem is twofold. A life captured in hundreds of biographical pages must be condensed to fit into the limited time of a film, and it must be told in a manner that attracts audiences. The honest producers, directors and screenwriters try to hone in on and be true to the essence of the subject. More often, they simply use real people and real events to create fictional stories. One such travesty was 1999's "Elizabeth" starring Cate Blanchett. The film

makers got the famous English queen's name right, and even the names of a few of her associates, but the chronology was so distorted and the events so intermingled that the movie may just as well have been titled "Alice in Wonderland Meets Joan of Arc in the Land of Oz." Any schoolchild who witnessed it required historical deprogramming. "A Beautiful Mind" on the other hand seeks and succeeds in capturing the thrust of its subject, which is the story of an exceptionally bright and unusual man who, despite his paranoid schizophrenia, won the Nobel Prize and regained control of his life. And because Nash is neither a household name nor a historical figure, the poetic license taken in the film actually furthers rather than hinders the story.

Films that do depict historically important events have a greater duty to portray truth. Films such as "A Bridge Too Far" — the story of the World War II Arnhem Campaign — and

"Waterloo" — the story of Napoleon's last stand — did this with mastery.

But perhaps no event resulted in more film-created distortions than Vietnam. Besides "Platoon," these include "Apocalypse Now", "Casualties of War", and "The Deer Hunter" among others. Apparently, some people who opposed the war found it necessary to justify their positions by denigrating those who served. But whatever may have been their motivations, the attempted results have been the same: They have sought to poison the well of truth with vials of lies.

In contrast to this we applaud Ron Howard and Akiva Goldsman for "A Beautiful Mind". They have helped all of us understand the nightmare of schizophrenia and appreciate the Herculean struggle required to control it, and so their film used the man to explain the subject. In this they succeeded admirably, and we were the beneficiaries.

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Might as well call it a guerilla war

The Pentagon has made it quite clear to the press that it does not like the words "guerrilla" or "guerrilla warfare." The Pentagon instead insists on using the words "pockets of resistance."



CHARLEY REESE

It's amazing that a 21st-century bureaucracy loaded with high-tech weapons still believes in word magic. The Pentagon apparently thinks that if it refuses to call guerrilla warfare "guerrilla warfare," then it won't exist. In fact, though, that is exactly the kind of war the United States will have to fight in Afghanistan from here on out.

I think the reluctance of the Pentagon to put the right label on events stems from the last time we fought a guerrilla war. That was in Vietnam, and we didn't do so hot. Pentagon officials prefer to fool themselves and the public into believing there are these little pocket forts

jammed full of al-Qaida and Taliban troops so that all we have to do is go smash them one by one.

The reality is that Afghan guerrillas will practice the hit, run and hide tactics. An ambush here, a roadside bomb there, an assassination here, a tossed grenade there, and so on, indefinitely. The guerrilla never has to win a battle. In fact, his main job is to avoid a battle. All he has to do is just keep on killing Americans. As long as the guerrillas can demonstrate that the United States and its Afghan central government do not control the country, they win.

If these Afghan forces have the discipline to operate in small units and avoid concentration, they should be able to cope with our high-tech weaponry. They should be able to outlast us. After all, they're home, and we are tethered to a multithousand-mile supply line. Our high-tech forces require huge logistics, while the guerrillas need only food and ammunition for light arms. They even have a sanctuary for rest and resupply in the tribal areas of Pakistan.

Those other words "bogged down" and "quag-

mire," might yet come back to haunt us as we find — as every other foreign invader has found — that getting out of Afghanistan is harder than getting into it. We are stuck now. We can't cut and run, leaving the weak central government to die on the vine. That means we are going to have to establish control in every single province of the country. A lot easier said than done.

Don't forget, we have only about 5,000 troops on the ground in Afghanistan, and they are buttoned up inside fortified compounds. There are easily more than 5,000 al-Qaida and Taliban troops left. They can't dislodge us, but then we probably can't exterminate them.

What makes life and history so interesting are all of the unforeseen consequences that pop up and wreck the best-laid plans of political and military hotshots. We can only control what we say and do; we cannot control how others will react to what we say and do.

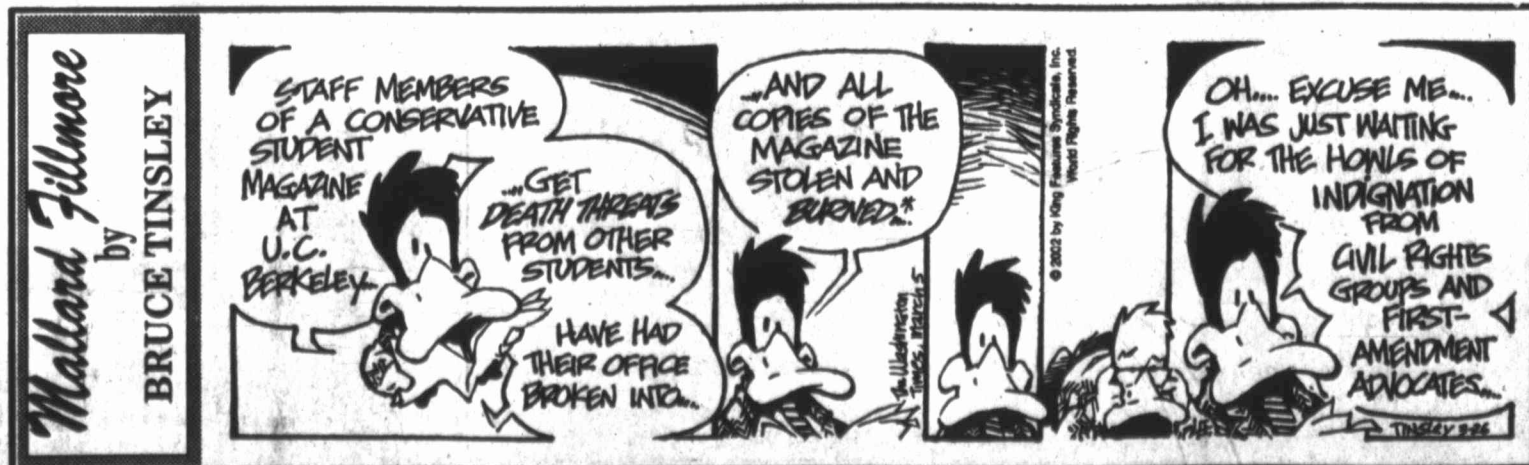
Our political and military leaders have often made the mistake that I call "mirror imaging." By that I mean they have often assumed that our foes were basically just like us and

therefore would react the same way we would react. Lyndon Johnson had built his career with a stick-and-carrot strategy — that is, punishing legislators who disagreed with him and rewarding those who supported him. He thought the same tactics would work on the Vietnamese, so he offered them the choice between heavy bombing and taking billions of American aid. To Johnson's surprise, they didn't play the game. They were willing to take the bombing and were unwilling to sell out for American cash. People from materialistic societies often have difficulty understand people who are motivated by things other than money.

I'm sure nobody in the Bush One administration even dreamed that Saddam Hussein would still be sitting in Baghdad in the year of our Lord 2002. If he weren't 65, I'd ask only modest odds to bet that he will outlast the Bush Two administration.

To end on a positive note, uncertainty is a lot more exciting than certainty.

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Lawyers for Andersen also urged Harmon presiding over the case in Houston future grand jury investigations pany.



## Judge dismisses suit against gun manufacturers in LA shooting spree

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gun manufacturers were not responsible for the 1999 shooting spree by a white supremacist who killed a postal worker and wounded five people at a Jewish community center, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Audrey B. Collins dismissed a civil lawsuit filed by the mother of a slain postal worker and the parents of three children injured in the shooting. Collins ruled that the suit did not show a link between the gun makers and the shooting

rampage by Buford O. Furrow. Attorney Peter Nordberg, who represents the victims' families, said he would talk with his clients before deciding whether to appeal.

Furrow stormed into the North Valley Jewish Community Center in August 1999 and fired more than 70 bullets. Three boys, a teenage girl and a woman were injured.

He then drove away and killed Joseph Iletto, a Filipino-American mailman. He told police he intended to send a "wake-up call to

America to kill Jews." Furrow pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two life sentences without possibility of parole, plus 110 years in prison.

The weapons Furrow had at the time of the shooting included an Austrian-made Glock 9 mm handgun; a 9 mm rifle with an illegally shortened barrel by Norinco, a division of the Chinese military; a .223-caliber rifle from Bushmaster of Maine; three other rifles, and a .22-caliber handgun from Davis Industries of California.

The victims' families accused the gun makers of negligence for producing and distributing more weapons than could possibly be purchased legally by consumers. The suit alleged the gun manufacturers advertised their products with the illicit market in mind.

Collins said the plaintiffs failed to show a link between the gun makers' marketing strategies and Furrow's shooting.

"While it may be foreseeable that some criminals might obtain Glock firearms and use them to

harm others, there was no way of foreseeing that this particular individual would obtain a Glock firearm and use it to injure these plaintiffs," Collins wrote.

Koji Fukumura, an attorney for Norinco, said the judge "came to the only conclusion possible under California law — that these defendants owed no duty to prevent Buford Furrow from committing his heinous acts."

The suit was transferred to federal court — Norinco is owned by the Chinese government.

## Energy secretary got an earful from industry, met no environmentalists, documents show

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham held at least eight private meetings with industry leaders but none with environmentalists as the administration crafted its energy plan, newly released documents show.

The meetings between Abraham and the energy industry executives were disclosed in thousands of papers made public Monday related to agency participation in Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force in early 2001.

Critics of the administration's energy policies have long argued that industry had an open door to top-level administration policy makers, while those advocating conservation, energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy sources were given largely lip service.

Abraham said in a statement that the 11,000 pages of documents — everything from daily schedules to congressional testimony —

"will further confirm" that the administration sought out a wide range of views, including that of environmentalists.

But the papers document no top-level meetings with advocates of energy efficiency or renewable energy sources such as wind or solar power.

The department took pains to note that the documents also catalogue 23 requests that were denied for meetings mostly with industry representatives to discuss the energy plan. Among those turned down were Houston-based Enron Corp.'s Kenneth Lay, chairman, and Jeffrey Skilling, former chief executive officer.

While documents included reams of energy policy statements including some from environmental groups such as the Wilderness Society, it was the industry executives who had the access to Abraham, a key member of Cheney's task force.

In all, three dozen energy executives and lobbyists participated in eight meetings with Abraham from mid-February to late April of 2001. The Cheney energy report was released in May.

He met with a top executive of the American Coal Co.; officials of the Independent Petroleum Association of America; the chairman of Utilicorp, a major power company to discuss electricity deregulation; and with a half dozen utility executives and other oil and gas industry leaders.

A "drop-by" session to "discuss nuclear energy's role" in the Bush energy plan lasted 30 minutes on March 20 and included the head of the Nuclear Energy Institute, chairman of Westinghouse and the chief executives of a half dozen major nuclear power utilities.

Industry's access was shown in other papers among the 3,000 Energy Department documents and 4,000 documents also released Monday by the

Environmental Protection Agency.

In one e-mail to Joe Kelliher, the DOE's point man on the Cheney task force, an official of Southern Company, the Atlanta-based power conglomerate, offers reasons why the administration should revamp a clean air regulation known as "New Source Review" which is at the heart of a series of ongoing lawsuits against Southern and several other utilities.

"I hope this is helpful," the utility official, Michael Riith, wrote Kelliher, adding, "I look forward to lunch on Tuesday."

The Cheney task force called for the EPA to review the clean air regulation — a review expected to lead to an easing of the regulation.

Among the papers also were EPA documents revealing an oil industry push to ease state regulation of so-called "boutique" gasoline blends and auto industry pressure to ease federal fuel economy rules.

## Judge loosens restrictions on access to accused shoe bomber

BOSTON (AP) — A federal judge eased restrictions on defense lawyers' access to accused shoe bomber Richard C. Reid, but banned them from repeating the conversations, saying "we are engaged in a war on terrorism."

The Justice Department had sought to curtail Reid's contact with the outside for fear he would find a way to communicate with other terrorists.

Chief U.S. District Judge William G. Young said Monday that federal prosecutors did not have the authority to limit contact between Reid and his defense, but agreed with prosecutors that the sensitive nature of the case required careful handling of information.

"You get access. You keep what you hear to yourself," Young told Reid's attorneys. "We are engaged in a war on terrorism. (Prosecutors) try to restrict data that if it gets loose might affect national security."

Reid has been in U.S.

custody since Dec. 22, when he allegedly attempted to light explosives hidden in his shoes during a trans-Atlantic flight. He has pleaded innocent to nine charges that include attempting to murder the 197 passengers and crew members.

Monday's emergency hearing was on the 12-page "special administrative measures" drafted Feb. 20 and approved by Attorney General John Ashcroft. The measures prevent attorneys from bringing expert witnesses to meet with Reid and give prison officials latitude to decide whether his attorneys meet with him in the same room.

The measures also prevent Reid from talking or praying with other inmates and require him to speak only in English unless an FBI-approved translator is present.

Associate U.S. Attorney Gerard T. Leone said the restrictions placed a "reasonable limit on his confinement."

## Judge: Mom can't smoke if she wants to visit with son

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge has ordered a smoker to stop lighting up at home or in her car if she wants continued visitation rights with her 13-year-old son who has complained about her pack-a-day habit.

Justice Robert Julian, of Utica, issued the ban although the youth is not allergic to tobacco smoke

and doesn't suffer from a health condition, such as asthma, that would be worsened by it.

Citing studies showing the health dangers of secondhand smoke, the judge's 22-page decision issued Friday said the mother's puffing was not in the boy's "best interests."

Where the child's health

is involved, the judge said, the court would intervene, even if it meant overriding the parents' religious beliefs.

The woman was identified in court papers as Johnita D., 39. The boy lives in Rome, in upstate New York, with his father and his paternal grandparents, none of whom smoke.

## Andersen lawyers urge judge to stop feds from using grand jury

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawyers for bankrupt Enron Corp.'s former auditor want a federal judge to stop prosecutors from using a grand jury to question company witnesses after receiving an indictment for obstruction of justice.

Beleaguered accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP is accused of obstructing justice by shredding tons of documents and deleting computer files related to Houston-based Enron's audits.

Lawyers for Andersen on Monday filed a motion objecting that the federal government is improperly using the grand jury reviewing evidence against the company to give testimony against itself.

Andersen's attorneys told U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon that the government subpoenaed four company partners and employees already interviewed by federal agents, only because prosecutors wanted to strengthen the government's case.

Such uses of grand juries have been banned by courts.

"It is only after obtaining the indictment — and realizing that instead of getting a plea of guilty it might actually have to prove its case at trial — that the government sought to call any fact witnesses" (as opposed to government agents acting as summary witnesses) before the grand jury, the motion states.

Lawyers for Andersen also urged Harmon, who is presiding over the criminal case in Houston, to limit future grand jury proceedings investigating the company.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Bulldogettes roll past Breckenridge

Coahoma's Bulldogettes improved to 11-6 on the season Monday afternoon with a 7-2 non-district softball win over Breckenridge's Lady Buckaroos.

Erin Stovall picked up the win, allowing just two hits, while striking out 10 batters and walking one.

The Bulldogettes committed four errors on the day.

Coahoma scored all the runs it would need in the first inning when they made it a 3-0 game on hits by Ruby Garcia, Ashley Lang, Karen Sterling and Tara Dickenson.

The Bulldogettes added another run in the fifth on an RBI single by Tawna Jacobs.

Breckenridge got its two runs in its half of the fifth, but the Bulldogettes responded with three more runs in the sixth to close the door.

Coahoma host San Angelo Central and Midland Greenwood in games set for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday.

#### Big Spring UGSA registration slated

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled registration for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Fees will be \$30 per player, with additional children being able to sign up for \$25 each.

Parents are asked to bring a copy of each child's birth certificate.

For more information, call Bek Robinson at 263-2474.

#### Teen League baseball meeting scheduled

A Teen-age League baseball meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with the league is invited to attend.

Registration will begin from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and the \$65 registration fee.

For more information, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 5 p.m.

### ON THE AIR

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3:45 p.m. — Plainview Lady Bulldogs at Big Spring Lady Steers, KBST-FM 94.3.

**HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL**  
4:15 p.m. — San Angelo Lake View Chiefs at Big Spring Steers, KBST-AM 1490.

**PRO BASKETBALL**  
6:30 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Milwaukee Bucks, KBST-AM 1490.

**Television**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Men**  
6 p.m. — NIT semifinals, Temple vs. Memphis, ESPN.  
8 p.m. — NIT semifinals, Syracuse vs. South Carolina, ESPN.

**PRO BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Milwaukee Bucks, TBS.  
9:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Clippers at Sacramento Kings, TBS.

**HOCKEY**  
9 p.m. — Dallas Stars at San Jose Sharks, ESPN2.

**TENNIS**  
7 p.m. — Tennis Masters Series, Nasdaq 100 Open, early round men's and women's coverage, ESPN2.

## Howard's Moss, Buckley named to All-WJCAC teams

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

While Howard College found itself in the uncommon position of seeing neither of its basketball teams qualify for the NJCAA Region V Tournament this season, they were not shut out of the voting when Western Junior College Athletic Conference coaches selected their all-conference teams.

In fact, the Hawks managed to place one player on the All-Region V team without making the tournament.

Hawks sophomore Zack Moss, who averaged 16.4 points and 8.29 rebounds per game, was not only an All-WJCAC men's team selection, but was one of 12 players selected to the All-Region V squad.

Moss was one of seven WJCAC players named to the all-region team including Odessa College's Janavor Weatherford and Berry Thompson, South Plains College's

Renaldo Major, New Mexico Military Institute's Travis DeGroot, Midland College's Jeremiah Coleman and Clarendon College's Kris Collins.

Ironically, Collins earned the all-region honor without being named to the WJCAC's all-star team.

The North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference had five players named to the all-region team — Weatherford College's Emigijus Lukosius and Vaidotas Peciuakas, Temple Junior College's Keith Conner and Chris Owens and McLennan Community College's Mike Jones.

Howard's Lady Hawks placed sophomore Shemieka Buckley on the All-WJCAC women's team. She averaged 16.3 points per game during the season, while pulling down 8.62 rebounds per outing.

Two other Howard players earned honorable mention all-conference honors. Rodney Blackstock, who scored 15.9 points per game and

averaged 6.08 rebounds, was selected to the men's squad; while Latasha Matthew earned a spot on the women's honorable mention list by averaging 7.41 points and 3.04 rebounds per game.

Odessa's Weatherford was named the WJCAC's most valuable men's player by the conference's coaches, while NMJI's Reggie Franklin was selected by his peers for men's coach of the year honors.

The All-WJCAC women's team was headlined by Clarendon's Ravon Justice, selected as the most valuable player in the league; while South Plains' Lyndon Hardin was named the women's coach of the year.

Joining Weatherspoon, Moss, Major, DeGroot, Thompson and Coleman on the All-WJCAC men's team were South Plains' Marcus Jackson, Frank Phillips College's Anthony Ighador, Midland's D'Hudson, NMJI's Curtis Marshall and New Mexico Junior College's

Tareick Leach.

Others earning honorable mention on in the men's balloting were South Plains' Allen Haynes and Francois Merieux, NMJC's Victor Colon, NMJI's tandem of Kari Nickerson and Jon Arthur, Midland's Bob Raladokubo and Frank Phillips' Andrew Harlie.

Those joining Buckley on the All-WJCAC women's team were South Plains' foursome of Eldra Raixao, Melissa DeGrate, Carla Sintra and Natalia Tsurbarova; Midland's Amisha Carter; Clarendon's Sancho Little; NMJC's Tiffany Washington, and Frank Phillips' Quamesha McDowell and Danisha Garrison.

Women's honorable mention selections included Matthew; NMJC's Brittany Crouch and Zanetta Lane; Odessa's Crystal Blue, Alicia Coppola and Sherinnea Cook; Midland's Chanie Sutherland, Brooke Campbell and Jacquanda Amacker; Clarendon's Nidia Garcia and Frank Phillips' Alma Softic.



Big Spring second baseman Ragan Phillips waits on the throw from catcher Taylor Fraser, as an Andrews runner slides safely into the base with a steal during Friday's District 4-4A game at Steer Park. The Steers will try to rebound from the loss to Andrews today when they play host to San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs at 4:30 p.m. That game will be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490.

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## Final Four not enough for Hoosiers

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The Indiana Hoosiers dreamed all season about reaching the Final Four.

That's not good enough in Bloomington anymore.

Now that Indiana has advanced to its first Final Four since 1992, the Hoosiers made it clear Monday that they are expanding their horizons and adjusting their goals.

"We have a chance to win this game and be in the title game," said Dane Fife, one of two seniors on the team. "We want to be remembered for winning a championship, not getting to the Final Four."

To achieve that, the Hoosiers must first knock off Oklahoma on Saturday — a task that will not be easy.

The Sooners are quick and physical, and if the Hoosiers are without starting point guard Tom Coverdale, who sprained his left ankle in Saturday's 81-69 victory over Kent State, the challenge will only be greater.

Coverdale did not practice Monday and hobbled around campus on crutches.

But while few people expected Indiana to still be playing on the final weekend of the college season, the Hoosiers are viewing the Final Four as an opportunity to show they belong.

"This week is a very good chance to come out and show everyone how we've worked all year," Big Ten player of the year Jared Jeffries said. "I really felt like our team was coming together to make a push in this tournament, and we've done that."

The Hoosiers have been able to succeed in different ways.

Against Duke, Indiana relied on its inside game. Two days later, their outside shooting took care of Kent State.

That was by design. What isn't by design is the fact that they are the lowest remaining seed — a No. 5 — heading to Atlanta. Again, Indiana is the underdog.

"Being the underdog right now is a good thing because

### THE FINAL FOUR

**Semifinals**  
**Saturday, March 30**  
Indiana (24-11) vs. Oklahoma (31-4), 5:07 p.m.  
Maryland (30-4) vs. Kansas (33-3), 40 minutes after conclusion of Indiana-Oklahoma game.  
**National Championship**  
**Monday, April 1**  
Semifinal winners, 8:18 p.m.

we're trying to prove a point," Davis said. "My point is that close is not good. You have to win."

By winning four straight NCAA tournament games, Indiana's recent history of first- and second-round exits has been all but forgotten.

The Hoosiers avenged their first-round exit last season by defeating Kent State. They need just two more wins to claim their sixth national championship.

"Who would have thought this would happen?" Fife said. "I remember sitting here, playing with these guys and we dreamed all the time, but now that we're really here, it seems like a dream come true. I'm so excited for this team and this state."

The Hoosiers got a glimpse of the excitement this weekend when they returned from the South Regional in Lexington, Ky., with their first regional title since 1992.

Large crowds showed up at the airport and Assembly Hall to greet the team.

So what would happen if the Hoosiers returned from Atlanta with a national championship?

"They'd probably have a parade for us," Fife said. "To see the smile on everyone's faces again would be great."

They got another glimpse of the Final Four treatment Monday when they endured interview sessions that lasted more than three hours.

But nobody's complaining and now that they've finally achieved one goal — getting to Atlanta — they can concentrate on another.

"We're going all the way down there, we might as well win the thing," forward Jarrad Odle said.

## Grizzlies stun Trail Blazers with second-half comeback

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anyone who walked out of the Rose Garden in the third period had to be stunned at what the Memphis Grizzlies achieved after that.

In the greatest comeback of their history, the Grizzlies climbed back from a 25-point deficit in the third quarter and a 19-point hole in the fourth to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 103-100 Monday night.

All Memphis had done recently was lose six straight and 15 of 17. All Portland had done was win 17 of 19 to climb into the fifth playoff spot in the Western Conference.

"This was unbelievable," Memphis coach Sidney Lowe said. "This was just a great effort by our guys, just hanging in there and continuing to play and not giving in."

Rodney Buford scored 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as the Grizzlies outscored Portland 39-17. Lorenzen Wright scored 21 points to lead the Grizzlies.

"At the end, it felt like we were in the driver's seat,"

said Grizzlies rookie Shane Battier. "If we can keep that feeling, we can start winning some games."

The Blazers won plenty of games lately, but they were caught underestimating their opponent.

"We stopped playing with probably 10, 11 minutes left in the quarter," Portland's Steve Kerr said. "They're like any other team in the NBA, they've got some talented players. They may not have a good record, but they have guys who can play, and we let them believe they could win."

Never had the Grizzlies overcome such a deficit.

"That is not indicative of our team," Portland coach Maurice Cheeks said. "We clearly didn't want to look past Memphis, because they are an NBA team, and an NBA team beat us tonight."

Elsewhere, San Antonio clinched a playoff berth for itself and for Dallas with a 91-85 road victory over the Los Angeles Clippers. Seattle beat Utah 106-90; Boston took Miami 87-82; Phoenix defeated Cleveland 102-96; and Denver won at New York 84-83.

#### Spurs 91, Clippers 85

Tim Duncan had 33 points and 13 rebounds, and David Robinson added 19 points as the Spurs ran their winning streak to 13. San Antonio had to rally from a 13-point deficit in the third quarter to keep the NBA's longest victory string of the season going.

Michael Olowokandi had 26 points and 17 rebounds for the Clippers, who remained 2 1/2 games behind Utah for the West's final playoff berth. Elton Brand had 15 points and 10 rebounds, his 50th double-double of the season and four short of the franchise record.

#### SuperSonics 106, Jazz 90

Rashard Lewis scored 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter in Seattle's first win over Utah in more than two years. Lewis also grabbed seven of his 11 rebounds in the final quarter.

Gary Payton added 24

See NBA, Page 7

## Special Olympians bring home awards from Water Valley meet

HERALD Staff Report

**WATER VALEY** — Members of the Howard County Special Olympics team took part in a track meet Saturday and walked away with a number of top finishes.

The team's award-winning performances began in the field events where Tommy Lasater and Flora Wells earned first-place prizes in the ball throw for distance. Cheyenne Kingsley and Arturo Rios finished second in that event and Valerie Heflin and Josh Hughes finished third.

In the softball throw, D'Lene Wylie and Wayne Criger took first-place awards, while Carrie Parker, Antonio Calvio, Charles Wallace and Thomas Foster finished second. Third-place finishes were recorded by Lettie Anguiano, Frank Wurtz, Bobby Dancer, Raymon Holguin, Stacy Wells and George Rojo; and fourth-place ribbons were earned by Choyia Baker, Cathy Garrard, Cindy Lee, Jeb Mullin, Steven Mills, Cody Porter, Charles Thomas, Aurlio Cortez, Monroe Faubion, Stephen Lawson and Robert Edwards.

Marty Thurston and Bobby Emerson won first-place medals in the standing long jump, while Tommy Lasater won the 25-meter assisted walk. Valerie Heflin finished second in the 25-meter wheelchair race, while Arturo Rios as third.

In the 50-meter walk, Frank Wurtz and Choyia Baker took first place, while Bobby Dancer, Monroe Faubion and George Rojo finished second. Third place went to Lettie Anguiano, Raymond Holguin and Wayne Criger, while Carrie Parker, Flora Wells and Cody Porter finished fifth. Cindy Lee and Cathy Garrard were sixth.

Cheyenne Kingsley, Jeb Mullin and Charles Wallace finished second in the 50 meters, while Marty Thurston, Josh Hughes, Antonio Calvio and Charles Thomas were third. Aurlio Cortez finished fourth and Steven Mills was fifth.

In the 100 meters, Bobby Emerson was second, Stephen Lawson third and Thomas Foster fourth. And in the 400-meter race walk, Stacy Wells won the event, while Robert Edwards and D'Lene Wylie finished second.

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Friday, March 22  
Connecticut 71, S Maryland 78, Kent  
Championship  
Saturday, March 24  
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**SOUTH REGIONAL Semifinals**  
Thursday, March 21  
Indiana 74, Duke  
Kent State 78, Pitt  
Championship  
Saturday, March 23  
Indiana 81, Kent

**MIDWEST REGIONAL Semifinals**  
Friday, March 22  
Oregon 72, Texas  
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 27:**  
 Strike out on your own, especially professionally. Getting a consensus, if working within a partnership, could be nothing less than difficult. Communication often goes off the deep end. Develop a sense of humor, especially when zeroing in on what you want. Your home life proves to be a source of renewal, rewards and happiness. You might even want to work from home if you can effectively learn to screen calls and your many pals who want to visit. If you are single, relationships will have an unstable but exciting quality. In August, you'll find many prospects on the horizon. If you are attached, your family will appreciate all your efforts. Make your sweetie the focus of your attention. VIRGO helps you organize.  
 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) \*\*\*\* Abundance marks an option. You clearly see where you are going, though you might not be sure of yourself. Confusion surrounds work, no matter what you do. Think independently, making firm decisions. Your nerves work overtime. Tonight: Put up your feet.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Your words fall on the right ears. You could make something more important than it really is, though it certainly spells good news. Someone could challenge your creativity and ideas - let him or her. Listen. Tighten up your ideas. Tonight: Focus on a loved one.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Spending money in a foolish manner will backfire, no matter how good your idea might be. Your nerves are unusually jangled. As a result, you could overreact or make a hasty decision. Slow down. Look at the big picture. Tonight: Soak away stress.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Speak your mind, but don't be surprised if another has a strong reaction. Listen to someone who easily makes a money expenditure. You might want to shake your head and say "no." Responsibilities challenge the frivolity. Tonight: Slow down.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Financial pressure could make you uncomfortable. You have so much to do and so much you would like to do. Ask another, who seems able to do nearly everything he or she wants, for advice. You can learn a lot from this person.

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* The power of your personality impacts not only those in your immediate circle, but also a close associate. Brainstorm with others, and you'll come up with remarkable ideas. Allow someone to understand more of what motivates you. Tonight: Let the other party make the call.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Carefully listen to another who sometimes makes you ill at ease. This person might be in your day-to-day life or someone you know from work. Brainstorm with bosses, discussing many potential options. You don't always need to run with the ball. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* You might understand what is happening. Aim for more of what you want. Your nerves could become frayed when dealing with a child or loved one. News from a distance comes your way, impacting your work choices. Slow down, please. Tonight: Follow the gang.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Recognize another for all that he or she offers. Abundance and good will lead you in a new direction. Don't allow a skeptic in your life to color your thoughts. Good news follows those who are open and work with opposing facts. Tonight: Talk to an associate.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Reach out for more information, especially in the face of conflicting opinions. You might not be sure of someone's logic. In fact, ask more questions and you'll get better answers. Confusion might be the result of too much information, too fast. Tonight: Take in a movie.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Reach out for another at a distance. Though you might be surprised at his or her reaction, you find out what all this person. Meanwhile, keep a stern eye on your spending. Excess can only get you into trouble right now. Play it conservative. Tonight: Allow your sweetie to have more of what he or she wants.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Others might not hear what you say as clearly as you would like. You might be asked to clarify yourself a few times, don't lose your patience. Use your diplomatic style, touched with creativity. Your message gets through. Tonight: Let someone other than you dominate.  
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 My wife and I have been friends with Bill and his wife for over 10 years, and we both have young children. Bill's little indiscretion happened while his wife was in the hospital recuperating from back surgery. He went to a party where alcohol flowed freely, and he overimbibed. I told Bill to stop the nonsense immediately. I explained that his short-term fun could cause a great deal of long-term pain and would destroy his family.  
 Here's the problem: Several mutual friends saw the way Bill behaved at the party, and rumors have been circulating that he is having an affair. My wife has noticed how distracted I've been and wants to know what's going on. I normally do not keep secrets from my wife, but I am unsure about sharing this information. I believe I would be betraying Bill's confidence if I told her.  
 Please, Ann, help me do the right thing. — East Coast Friend  
 Dear East Coast Friend: It is perfectly OK to tell your wife you are worried about Bill without divulging the details of his confession. Meanwhile, I hope your friend has the sense to listen to your advice. If not, he is headed for trouble.  
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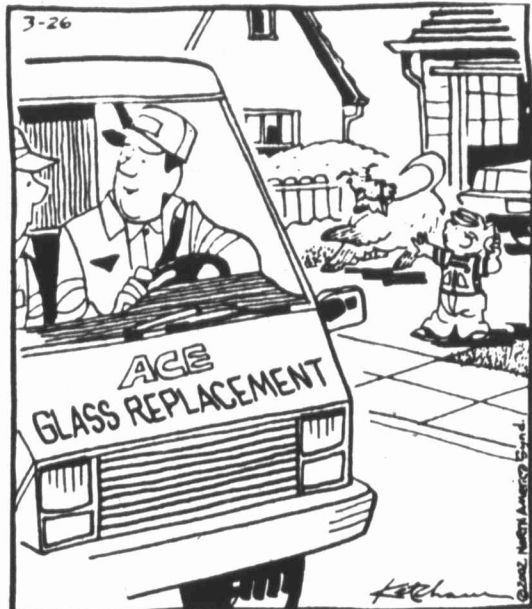
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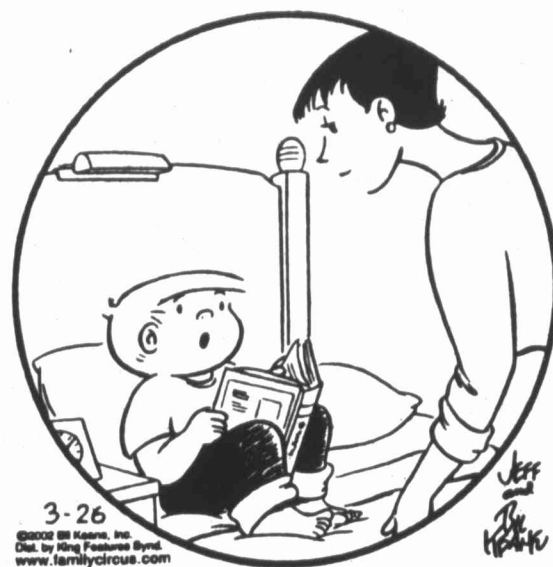
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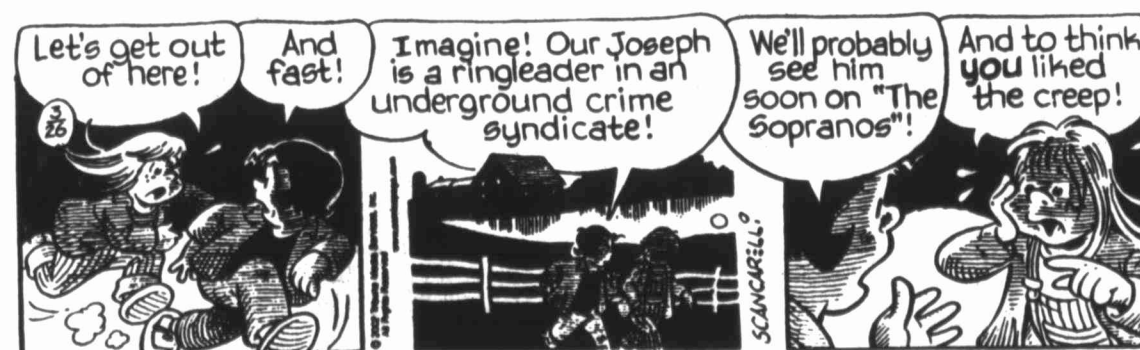
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, March 26, the 85th day of 2002. There are 280 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Twenty years ago, on March 26, 1982, groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. On this date: In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Territory of Orleans and the District of Louisiana. In 1827, composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna. In 1875, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco. In 1885, the Eastman Dry Plate and Film Co. of Rochester, N.Y., manufactured the first commercial motion picture film. In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden,

N.J. In 1911, playwright Tennessee Williams was born in Columbus, Miss. In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court gave federal courts the power to order reapportionment of seats in a state legislature, a decision that eventually led to the doctrine of "one man, one vote." In 1964, the musical play "Funny Girl" opened on Broadway. In 1971, East Pakistan proclaimed its independence, taking the name Bangladesh. In 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the White House. Ten years ago: A judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson ended up serving three years.) Five years ago: The bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd committed suicide were found inside a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. Today's Birthdays: Retired Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland is 88. Conductor-composer Pierre Boulez is 77. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is 72. Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 71. Actor Alan Arkin is 68. Actor James Caan is 62. Author Erica Jong is 60. Journalist Bob Woodward is 59. Singer Diana Ross is 58. Actor Johnny Crawford is 56. Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 54. TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 53. Singer Teddy Pendergrass is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle. A crossword grid with letters filled in for the previous puzzle's answers.

Newsday Crossword

HAVE A BALL by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Clues include: 1 Poodle or parakeet, 4 Hungry feeling, 8 Hasbro competitor, 14 Abel's mom, 15 Regretful one, 16 Dr. Jekyll's alter ego, 17 Prohibit, 18 Singer Adams, 19 Stephen King's first novel, 20 Contagious, 22 Serbs' neighbors, 23 Come next, 24 Imperfection, 25 Cask, 29 Jeweled headgear, 33 Do 2+2, 36 Was abundant, 38 Middy, 39 Noose, essentially, 41 Uncle Tom's Cabin author, 42 Pesty insect, 43 Word form for "all", 44 Does 2+2, 46 Before, in poems, 47 Molars and incisors, 49 Makes a new knot, 51 Price paid, 53 Lariat, 57 Formal headgear, 60 Tom Jones author, 63 Do as requested, 64 Wander around, 65 Corn unit, 66 Hot dog, slangily, 67 Water pitcher, 68 Compete, 69 Produced a play, 70 Repairs, as a roof, 71 Overhead trains, 9 Ark's landing spot, 10 Losing deliberately, 11 Supermodel Banks, 12 Prepare for publication, 13 Robert E.'s family, 21 Young grizzly, 24 Headed quickly towards, 26 Time off, 27 Snappy comeback, 28 Overact, 30 Top-rated, 31 Crowd sound, 32 Poker ritual, 33 Considerably, 34 Capitol feature, 35 Completed, 37 Food shop, 40 Trying to make a sale, 45 Inspector Clouseau portrayer, 48 Submarine sandwich, 50 Feeling blue, 52 Fine horse, 54 Strainer, 55 Slow-moving one, 56 Meanies, 57 Pulls from behind, 58 Newspaper notice, 59 Court action, 60 Worry, 61 Dubuque's home, 62 At any time.