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The Howard County 9-1-1 District will convene at noon Tuesday in the district office at 610 S. Main in Big Spring.

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Following the dinner, a program stressing the importance of accident prevention will be held.

To RSVP or for more information, call 800-982-8752 or visit the Pipeline Group's Web site at [www.pipeline-group.com](http://www.pipeline-group.com).

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## Big Spring ISD gets reprieve from 7 percent cut... for now

*Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series detailing how Howard County educational institutions are dealing with a 7-percent budget cut requested by the state.*

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Public school districts are taking a shaky breath of relief after learning they are not faced with a possible 7 percent cut in state funding from the current year budget — a very shaky breath.

"Our budget for this current year is pretty well on track and we're not looking to cut anything else from this year's budget," said Sandra Waggoner, Big Spring Independent School District business manager. "It's a good thing because we cut so much at the first of the year,

there's not a lot left but we're in good shape."

In response to the state's predicted \$1.8 billion shortfall at the end of this year, Gov. Rick

to submit a plan by Feb. 6 to reduce their current-year budgeted state funds by 7 percent.

Although the Texas Education Agency is faced with a \$62 million reduction if the plan is implemented fully, the Foundation School Fund, the main source of public school money, is exempt from the cuts.

"TEA took the 7 percent cut internally and didn't pass them on to the school districts," Waggoner said.

Rural public school boards and administrators are seasoned veterans when it comes to tightening their financial belts. For the last several years, rural schools have watched student enrollment slip as the popula-

**"We're hoping that they'll leave our state funding the same. That's sad because it really is not adequate but that's the best we're hoping for right now."**

Sandra Waggoner,  
BSISD business manager

Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick sent a letter to all state agencies requesting them

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Goliad teacher Danna Mahaffey helps fifth grader Eddilisa Saidivar with her computer work Friday as classmates Justin Soliz and Elise Salazar work on their own. Like other school districts, Big Spring Independent School District is facing financial restraints.

## 'Flavors of West Texas' draws hundreds of nibblers

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

They came, they saw, they ate.

More than 400 people packed into the Heritage Museum Saturday, to nibble on all types of bite-sized treats during the annual "Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites."

"This is the best year ever," said Nancy Raney, museum director. "We had more booths this year and more people."

The fund-raiser boasted 35 booths sponsored by

businesses and area chefs, all offering unique Texas cuisine.

"The events committee has really made this a success," Raney said. "Next year we may be looking at possibly another location because it's gotten so large."

Handing out slices of cake, Brook Bayes, a Big Spring wedding cake designer, kept hearing one question all night long.

"I'm so impressed," said one patron. "Do you have a business?"

"We've had a lot of people ask us if we have a business," said Audrey Bayes, Brook Bayes'



RANEY



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Making their famous cherry-lime drinks, the Sonic booth was a popular spot Saturday during the Heritage Museum's annual "West Texas Flavors in 80 Bites." Pictured are Arthur Barrera, manager of the Gregg Street Sonic, left, and employees Felicia Guerra and Susie Briseno. Owner Mike Abussab observes.

## As expected, unemployment takes slight dip

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Not surprisingly, the unemployment rate fell slightly for both Howard County and Big Spring for December.

The drop, from 4.9 percent in November to 4.4 percent, was attributed to the holiday season.

"As expected, we saw an increase of workers enter the labor force for the month of December. This

is caused by the opportunities made available to seasonal and holiday workers during that month. The trend is evident in the rest of the Permian Basin," said Virginia Belew, Big Spring area Workforce Network manager.

Statistics from the state show that Howard County had a civilian labor force of 14,487 in November. Of that number, 13,784 were employed. In December,

the labor force grew to 14,592, of which 13,943 were employed.

Contrasting those numbers are figures from December 2001. At that time, unemployment was at 3.4 percent. However, the county showed a smaller labor force, 13,924, with 13,456 employed.

The city of Big Spring had an unemployment rate of 5 percent in December compared to 5.4

percent in November. The city labor force was 10,039, up from 9,971 the month before. Of those,

9,540 were employed in December; 9,431 in November. Unemployment a year ago, December 2001, was at 3.8 percent. Again, there were fewer workers at the time — 9,207 — for a labor force of 9,567.

Unemployment for the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area in

December stood at 5.1 percent.

Unemployment in the Howard County area shaped up like this:

Andrews County	4.9
Borden County	1.0
Dawson County	3.9
Ector County	6.5
Glasscock County	2.4
Midland County	3.7
Martin County	3.0
Texas	5.7

matching the rate nationwide.

## No parking on the grass: City to consider ordinance

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

The issue of Big Spring citizens parking on their lawns will again raise its head at the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

The Council will discuss a proposed ordinance on the issue at its regular meeting, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The issue was brought up several months ago during discussion on Mayor Russ McEwen's

**The proposed ordinance would require city residents to park their vehicles in designated parking areas and not on the grass.**



DARDEN

"Clean and Green" initiative.

"Several months ago the council instructed the staff to form a committee and come up with a recommendation to the council," said Public Works Director Todd Darden.

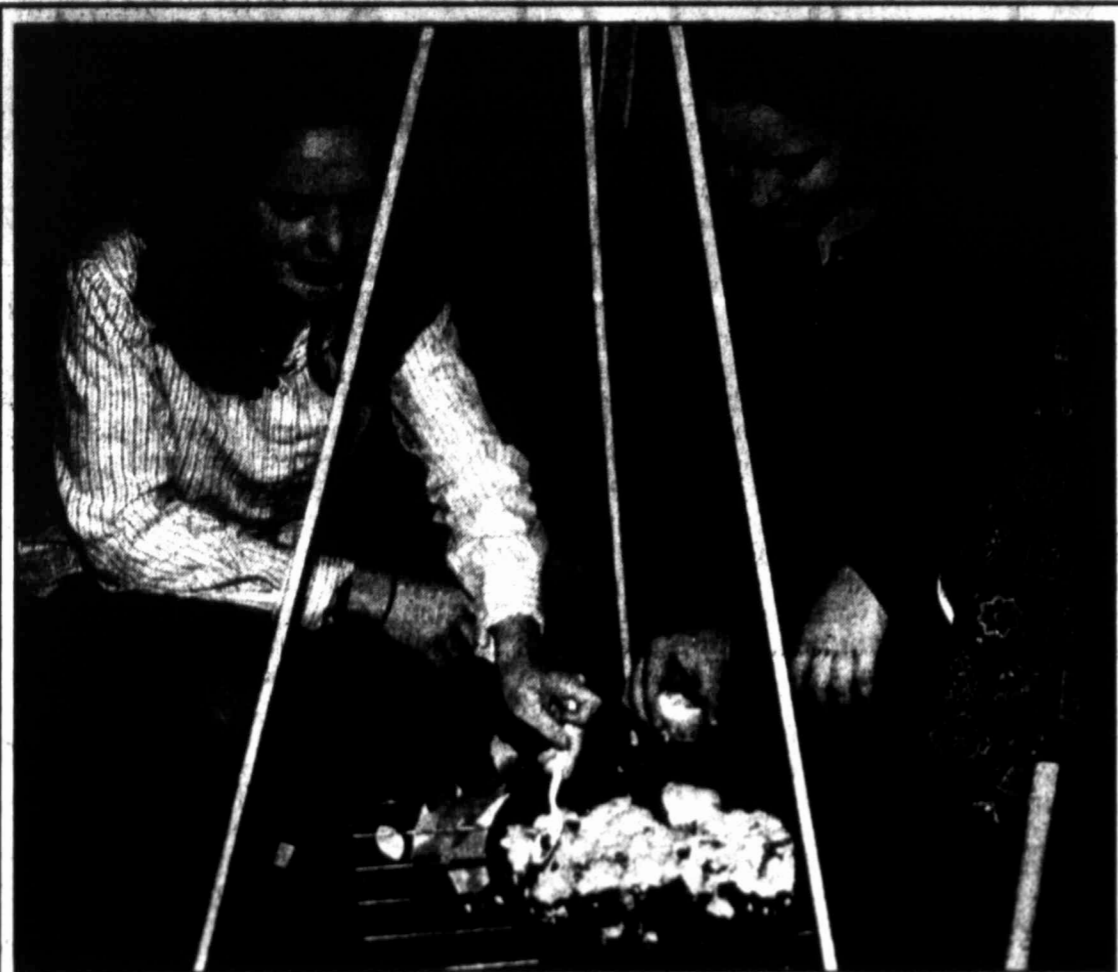
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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Dr. Keith Graumann, Big Spring Symphony and Chorus conductor, shakes hands with Ed Corneisen, concertmaster, at the end of the symphony's performance on Saturday. People packed the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium for the concert, which featured the Big Spring Chorus, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and the All-City Children's Honor Choir.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Mmm cobbler.** Fifteen-year-old Aarika Thixton and 14-year-old Grace Walker dish out a sample of "campfire cobbler." It was one of 35 booths set up for the "Flavors of West Texas in 80 Bites," at the Heritage Museum on Saturday.

**COUNCIL**

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"We met and the city attorney (Jean Shotts) provided us with a draft of a 'No parking on the grass' ordinance. We went through the draft and made a few amendments to it and this is what we're suggesting or recommending to the council tomorrow night."

The proposed ordinance would require city residents to park their vehicles in designated parking areas and not on the grass.

"No operator of a vehicle other than an authorized emergency vehicle may park a vehicle on any portion of any lot zoned for residential purposes within the city unless such vehicle is parked upon a paved surface or designated unpaved parking area as defined (in the ordinance)," says Sec. 18-144a-2 of the ordinance.

The ordinance defines a "designated unpaved

parking area" in an area with curbs and gutters as "the area perpendicular to the street between the curb cuts and extending to the garage or if there is no garage to the residence. If the area does not front either a garage or residence, the area shall be as described, but in no event may it extend further than 70 feet into the lot from the center of the right-of-way."

In an area with no curbs and gutters, the ordinance says that the property owner may designate a parking area 22 feet wide and up to 70 feet long, perpendicular to the street, for parking. The area need not be improved or marked.

The ordinance would not affect parking on paved areas or on the street, Darden said.

The item is on Tuesday's agenda as a discussion item only. No vote on the ordinance will be taken.

In other business the council will:

- Hear the first reading of an ordinance calling for the regular election to be held May 3.

- Hear the first reading of a resolution authorizing an agreement with First Southwest Asset Management for arbitrage rebate services.

- Consider replacing two main lift pumps at the wastewater treatment plant.

- Consider emergency repairs for the landfill baler belt.
- Hear a presentation of a racial profiling report by the Police Department.
- Hear the annual report of the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District.
- Hear citizens' input.

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**BUDGET**

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tion in Texas shifts toward the Interstate 35 corridor.

A large part of state funding is based on the weighed student daily attendance. Fewer students means less state funding and the trend is not predicted to end for rural schools in the near future.

Coupled with the state's financial woes, Waggoner is pessimistic about receiving any state relief this biennium.

"We're hoping that they'll leave our state funding the same," Waggoner said. "That's sad because it really is not adequate but that's the best we're hoping for right now."

Already at the state tax rate cap, BSISD is limited in revenue and its option now is to make an already lean budget even more lean.

Last year, the district cut \$1.2 million from the budget. That was accomplished by closing a school, not replacing 28 faculty positions, deep cuts in maintenance and an across-the-board reduction.

"With this shortfall, whatever the legislators do will be over a two-year period," Waggoner said. "If we have to cut a percentage this year and another percentage next year, plus declining enrollment, it going to get to the point we're really going to have to look at everything — do whatever we can to make ends meet."

As of August 2002, the school district had \$2.5 million in the general fund and Waggoner expects the number to grow by another \$2 million this year with the settlement from the Big Spring Junior High lawsuit.

However, \$4 million is still not three months reserve to run the district and Waggoner hopes they aren't forced to dip more into the fund balance.

As state agencies carefully watch while Austin grapples with its financial crisis, Waggoner looks toward next year with questions.

"If they're having to do a 7 percent cut this year, how can they keep the same budget for next year?"

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
**Golfed Fifth Grade teacher Kelly Beauchamp helps her students wrap up an art project Friday afternoon.** Shown, from left, are Vanessa Saigado, Matt Ritchie, Veronica Ruiz and C.J. Burleson.

**BITES**

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daughter-in-law who was helping her with the event.

Their reply? "Soon." Bayes plans to open a sweet confection shop in the next few months to go along with her catering business.

An hour after the event began, cooks were beginning to run out of samples.

"I ran out of everything to give away," said Betty McCristian, who was offering bite-sized pecan rolls and picante sauce.

Meanwhile upstairs, 15-year-old Aarika Thixton and 14-year-old Grace Walker were serving up samples of "campfire cobbler."

"This is great," Thixton said. "It fun to talk to everyone. This is the first time I've made cobbler in my life. We were going to

make it over a real campfire but the weather got too bad."

Those who tasted the girls' creation didn't seem to mind.

This year, the Heritage

Museum awarded prizes to the top three chefs. They were Marie Daniels, first; J&R Caffey, second; and Brook Bayes, Christene's Cafe and Quail Dobbs, a three-way

tie for third.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Water still a priority for Texans

Within the next 50 years, almost 900 Texas cities will have to either reduce their demand for water or develop new sources of it. We must balance the water needs of rural and urban areas and follow the planning process we created with Senate Bills 1 and 2 — the most comprehensive reforms to water management and planning in Texas history. Rural and urban Texas have a reciprocal relationship in which the success of one benefits the other.

Rural Texas will be forced to reckon with depleted groundwater resources and an increase of those resources by urban areas. At the current rate of usage, parts of West Texas could fall short of irrigation needs by an estimated 856,000 acre-feet per year. That would reverberate across the state's economy through the loss of thousands of jobs and millions of dollars.

If the water needs of our urban neighbors are met through investment in strategies such as conservation, reuse, desalination, and brush control, the pressure on groundwater in aquifers could be relieved.

It is vital that groundwater conservation districts continue to provide local control of groundwater, and it is of equal importance that these districts be supported and funded locally.

Texans have to stick together and think both progressively and pragmatically about water issues. To provide more public input and attention to water issues, we created the Texas Water Advisory Council, a 13 member group of legislators, elected officials, agency leaders, and public members. This council, which I am honored to chair, guides state water policy initiatives and is developing recommendations for the Legislature.

Water is a multifaceted issue, and several of its levels will arise during this session, including: conservation, desalination, reuse, infrastructure improvement, marketing, environmental and in-stream flows, condemnation of surface water rights, border water disputes, long-term financing strategies to help communities pay for water projects, and protection of our state's rivers.

Water will be a salient concern for this and every future Legislature. Texas regulations, laws, and institutions must evolve to keep pace with — and at times, even encourage — new developments in technology. Texans must increase their understanding of the complex issues involved in maintaining our natural resources so they may continue to sustain the state and its economies.

Among the most precious of our resources, water is critical to all of Texas. Our state has policy challenges ahead, and overcoming them will require diplomatic resolve, judicious policies, and responsive institutions. Water is like blood, not oil. This resource sustains more than livelihoods — it maintains life.

— SENATOR ROBERT DUNCAN, R-LUBBOCK

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we look at our lives  
we marvel at the treasures you have given us.

Amen

## The Slight Edge - It only takes 2 percent

In these modern times when millions of Americans are all wrapped up in sports, we hear a lot about "winning" and "losing", but have you given much thought to the difference between the winners in life and the losers? Well, believe it or not, the difference is very little. In fact, it can be as little as 2%. Some time ago I ran across a very timely article by Gene Emmet Clark, D.D., titled "The Slight Edge - It Only Takes 2 percent." If you are striving to reach some goals that seem to be just beyond your reach, I believe this article will help you see that if you do just a little bit more, it could mean the difference between winning or losing, success or failure, mediocrity or greatness. The remarkable thing about the principle involved here, is that it's true regardless of how well you are presently doing.

Dr. Clark makes a good case as he relates this principle to his own personal success. He begins by asking the question: "Have you been working like a horse?" Well, I've been thinking about that expression and at least one horse I can name has earned a pretty fair

hourly rate. Someone figured up that the race horse Nashua earned more than a million dollars in a total racing time that added up to less than one hour. Now I believe you will agree — that's pretty good pay!

Of course we know that many long hours went into preparation for that winning hour of racing, but here's something else that's important to understand that makes this horse so valuable. You would probably pay a hundred times as much for a horse like Nashua as you would for just an ordinary race horse, but is this horse a hundred times faster? Of course not. What makes the difference is the fact that a horse of this caliber finished just ahead of the rest on a consistent basis. All he had to do is win by a "nose" a good share of the time to be worth a hundred times as much as an "also ran."

Here is the reason I wanted to share this with you and it's the unmistakable point of Dr. Clark's article. The principle we see illustrated here with Nashua the race horse is the same with human beings who are on top in the game of life. The difference between achievement and mediocrity is that extra 2 percent in study, application, interest, ambition and effort. It's that one extra story for a writer, that one extra call for a sales person, that one extra putt

for a golfer, and it's that extra hour of practice for the athlete who wants to compete in the Olympics. In short, it's that little "extra" — that 2 percent — that often makes the difference.

When it comes to applying this principle to our own lives, the most important advice I could ever give you or anyone else is to use your common sense. The Bible says there is a time and a season for everything under heaven and this is certainly true here. I want to make it perfectly clear that I never advocate having an all-consuming goal that drives an individual to work day and night at the expense of everything else in his or her life. The problem for most people is that they waste too much productive time. We should balance our activities in light of our current responsibilities, our age, our health and the commitments we have to God and our families.

As I've said before, we can never be defeated if we take the long range view. We should view life over the long term and give that extra 2 percent all along the way. We should also take time off for a vacation on a regular basis. When we do that and keep our priorities in the right order, we can become a real "winner" in the game of life and still have good health to enjoy it.

JIM  
DAVIDSON



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"OK ... I don't even want to hear about your day, pal..."

## What Greenspan really meant

Fragile support for President Bush's tax plan was dealt a potentially serious blow last week when it was reported that Alan Greenspan disapproved. Opponents rejoiced, and supporters wavered. In truth, however, what the immensely influential Federal Reserve chairman said was favorable to the proposed repeal of taxes on dividends.

All evidence is that Greenspan was sandbagged. Invited by a bipartisan self-styled "centrist" group for a supposedly off-the-record session, Greenspan was asked what he thought of the Bush plan. He responded that it would not provide much short-term stimulus (as, indeed, is not its intent) but would be beneficial to the economy in the long run. With lightning speed, the first half of Greenspan's formulation was leaked, leading Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle to declare on national television that Bush's package is "dead on arrival."

Alan Greenspan is the modern Delphic oracle, whose approval has been sought by Democratic and Republican presidents alike for both tax increases and tax cuts. While his blessing invariably has been gained, it is always qualified — wrapped in impenetrable prose recalling his ancient predecessor of Delphi. Greenspan normally protects himself by making ambiguous declarations on the record, but this time he left himself open to distortion by talking off the record.

He accepted an invitation to meet on Jan. 23 with the bipartisan Centrist Coalition, a dozen or

so senators headed by Democratic Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana. The group was formed by Breaux and the late Republican Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island during the Clinton administration in an unsuccessful quest for a health care compromise. Its current members range across the ideological spectrum from Republican Sen. Robert Bennett of Utah on the right to Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California on the left.

Staff members were excluded on Jan. 23, and the senators were pledged to secrecy. Nevertheless, four days after the meeting, last Monday's edition of The Wall Street Journal reported that Greenspan had said Bush's tax plan "would provide the economy with little near-term effect." The report quoted unnamed senators as concluding "from the session" that Greenspan "wants Congress to pass a much smaller stimulus package or none at all."

That conclusion was passed on to Daschle by Democratic members of the Centrist Coalition, who were acting more like partisans than bipartisan centrists in giving their party leader ammunition for his Jan. 26 appearance on CBS's "Face the Nation." "The stock-dividend approach is dead on arrival," proclaimed Daschle, based in large part on Greenspan's perceived opposition.

Greenspan-watchers suddenly attached new importance to the unexplained cancellation of his scheduled Jan. 14 appearance before the Senate Budget Committee. Was it because he did not want to speak out publicly against Bush?

On the day after The Wall Street Journal report, the weekly luncheon meeting of Republican senators erupted with bitter complaints

that Greenspan had been grossly misrepresented. Their version sounds plausible and is more in keeping with the Fed chairman's style.

According to the Republicans present, Greenspan lectured the senators about basic economic theory. Monetary policy, conducted by the Federal Reserve, can achieve short-term success in stimulating the economy. Fiscal policy, conducted by the president and Congress, exerts a long-term impact in promoting economic growth. That analysis is shared by authors of the Bush economic team.

As for ending taxation of dividends, Greenspan indicated that this structural change is desirable in ending a form of double taxation and should promote long-term growth. Such an assessment would be expected from any conservative economist.

As for the Jan. 14 Budget Committee hearing, it was cancelled because of Democratic obstruction to reorganizing the Senate that had not been resolved up to that point. Seven new members of the committee were not yet permitted to attend, and the Republican leadership called off the session.

Greenspan, renowned as the world's most politically savvy central banker, surely knew that he could expect neither confidentiality nor accuracy from a dozen U.S. senators. If Greenspan really chose to break with the president on taxes, there are many better ways that he could have sent a more precise message. Instead, he was engaging in unrestricted Greenspan-speak, and Democrats determined to checkmate George W. Bush capitalized on his carelessness.

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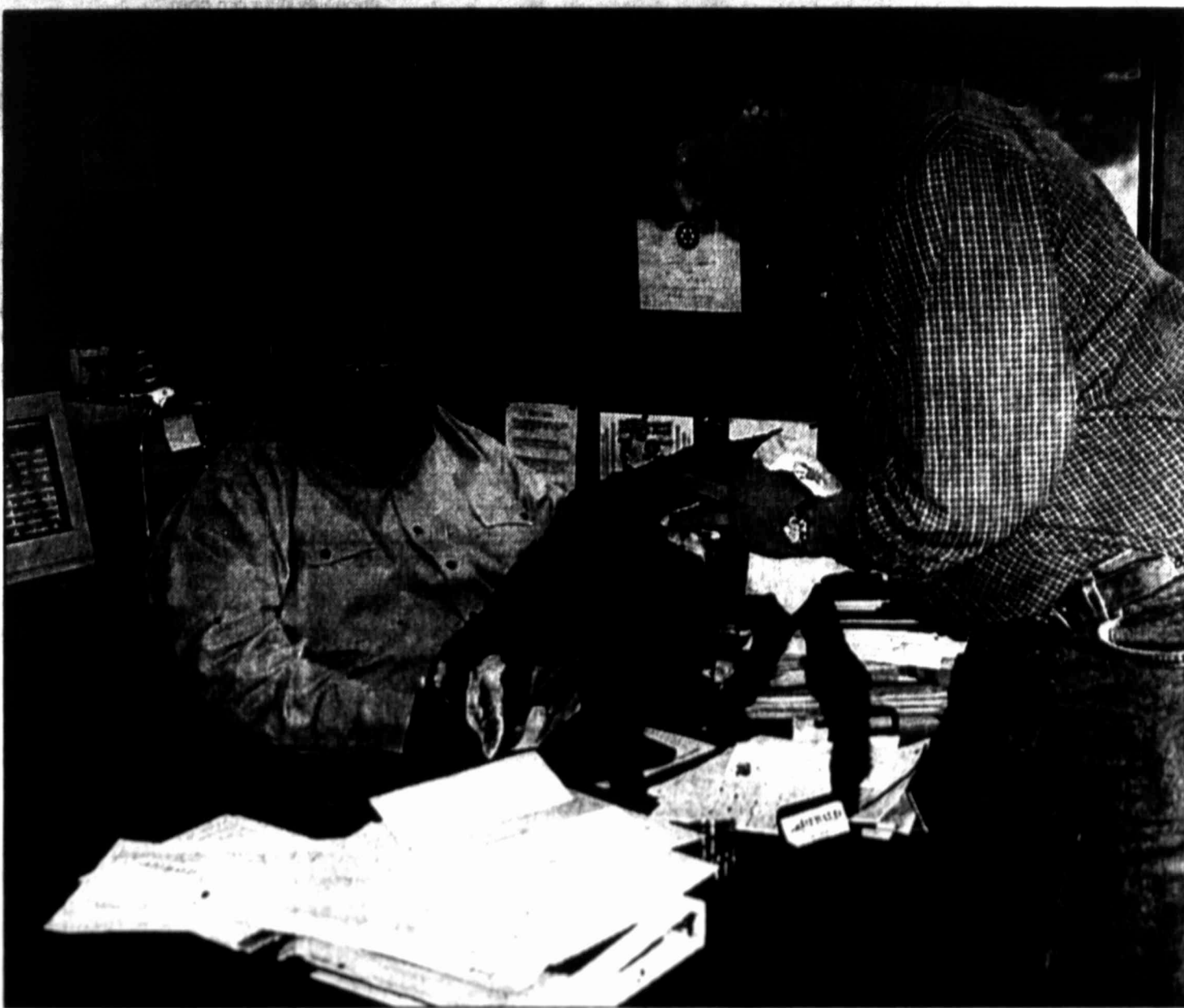
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Howard College Rodeo Team's "Give Your Friend A Goat" fund-raiser, which wrapped up last week, raised more than \$1,800. All proceeds will go to the production cost of the Howard College Rodeo, scheduled for April 10-12 at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. During the fund-raiser, citizens could pay to have the goat delivered to someone, who in turn would have to pay to have the goat passed on to someone else. Above, a rodeo team member presents a goat to Herald Managing Editor John A. Moseley.

**VITA volunteers at Senior Center on Mondays to assist with returns**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

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**Davidians pursue claims**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A brutal and ultimately deadly confrontation transfixed the nation for weeks in the spring of 1993, as government agents faced a fanatic cult leader and his followers in Waco, Texas.

Almost 10 years after the fire that ended the standoff and killed Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and scores of his disciples, survivors and their families are still pushing claims against the federal government.

They are scheduled on Monday to make a last-ditch effort before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here, seeking to have the judge removed from their wrongful-death lawsuit and asking for a new trial.

**Man faces racketeering charge**

CHICAGO (AP) — Enaam Arnaout says his charity raised millions of dollars to help widows, orphans and the poor in Muslim lands ravaged by war and famine.

Prosecutors say he duped well-meaning U.S. Muslims into giving to a charity that was secretly used to support Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network and other violent groups.

Arnaout, a U.S. citizen who was born in Syria, faces racketeering and fraud charges in what would be the first U.S. trial since the Sept. 11 terror attacks of anyone with alleged links to bin Laden. Jury selection was scheduled to begin Monday.

Arnaout, 40, is not accused of having anything to do with Sept. 11 or other specific acts of terrorism. But prosecutors hope to present evidence showing

contacts between Arnaout and bin Laden's network going back to the late 1980s to bolster their case that he supported al-Qaida, as well as Chechen rebels fighting the Russian army and armed violence in Bosnia.

**Mezvinaky never expected it**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — On his last day as a free man, former congressman Edward M. Mezvinaky said he had never expected to get caught and sent to prison for defrauding investors of more than \$10 million.

"I had thought it would all work out," Mezvinaky said on the eve of his flight early Monday to Eglin Federal Prison Camp in Florida, a minimum-security facility where he will serve an 80-month term. "I thought that they (the business deals) would succeed."

Prosecutors said the former Iowa congressman began soliciting cash for fraudulent schemes in the 1980s and eventually collected millions for business ventures that never materialized, including an oil deal, a coin trading company and an effort to sell bracelets in Africa.

**Bush pushes social services**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is stepping up efforts to get religious groups involved in the delivery of social services while pushing new initiatives for mentoring children and helping drug addicts.

Bush on Sunday urged Republicans in Congress to work with him on several areas he considers key components in his vision of "compassionate conservatism."

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### Missouri's five-man game too much for Tech

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Missouri's five-man game beat Texas Tech's one-man show, keeping coach Bob Knight stuck on 800 wins. Arthur Johnson had 23 points and 13 rebounds to pace a dominating inside effort, three other players reached double figures and the 21st-ranked Tigers had 19

assists in an 82-73 victory on Sunday. That more than compensated for a career-high 34 points by Texas Tech's Andre Emmett. "Missouri played very well," Knight said. "I haven't seen them play before today, but I was impressed with how they played. They played hard on defense, they played with real purpose and played unselfishly on the offensive end."

Missouri (14-5, 5-3 Big 12) out-rebounded the Red Raiders 38-21, getting 13 on the offensive end. Rickey Paulding added 20 points, Ricky Clemons had 14 and Travon Bryant 13, and reserve Josh Kroenke had seven assists. Coach Quin Snyder said unselfish play was critical. "The key for this team is not to have anybody think about getting going," Snyder said. "When

you start thinking about the name on the back of the jersey instead of the name on the front, you've got problems." He said the Tigers helped themselves on the boards by working the shot clock and breaking down the Texas Tech defense. "When you take good shots, it's amazing how many more oppor- See TECH, Page 7

### ALL-STARS

### Garnett, West get Jordan's thunder in double OT win

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA - Michael Jordan lowered his head, gave a slight shove with the forearm and flung his aging body into the air. The ball left his right hand, rotating perfectly in a towering arc we'd all seen so many times before, barely touching the twine as it fell through for the winning basket.

The perfect ending to Jordan's final All-Star game. Only it wasn't.

A few seconds later, Kobe Bryant was sprawled on the court, sent flying by Jermaine O'Neal after flinging up a desperation 3-pointer. Bryant made two free throws to force a second overtime, and the West beat Jordan's East team 155-145 Sunday night.

His Airness sat glumly on the bench for the final five minutes, the farewell script ruined by O'Neal's silly foul or overzealous officiating, depending on your point of view.

"I wanted to win the game," Jordan said. "I felt like we had a chance to win and I was a part of it. I think everybody wanted me to be a part of it."

At the end, he wasn't. In an appropriate passing of the guard, Kevin Garnett dominated the second overtime, finished with 37 points and took home the MVP award.

Jordan was just one of the guys, watching along with the other stars as Garnett - 13 years younger - accepted his trophy.

Garnett was an astonishing 17-of-24 from the field. And Jordan? He missed his first seven shots, had four others swatted away, blew a dunk and was 9-of-27 overall.

Only the sheer volume of shots - three more than anyone else - allowed him to score 20 points and surpass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for most points in All-Star history.

Jordan shrugged off a performance that would have been totally forgettable if not for his 15-foot fadeaway with 4.8 seconds left in the first overtime.

"I have not played since Tuesday," he said. "I have not picked up the ball. So it took me a while to get a rhythm. I know everybody wanted me to take shots and make a lot of shots, but I'm no different than guys who have had four days vacation. Sometimes you come back to work and you've got a lot of paperwork on your desk." See NBA, Page 7

Jordan, pushing 40 in his second comeback, insists he will put away his sneakers for good at the end of the season. Naturally, this game meant so much more than his mediocre line on the stat sheet.

Just before the East team took the court, Vince Carter insisted on giving up his starting spot to Jordan. After rebuffing offers from Tracy McGrady and Allen Iverson, Jordan accepted this one.

Carter was criticized for saying he wanted to keep his spot out of deference to the fans who voted him to the starting lineup, even though he has played only 15 games because of knee problems.

"When it all boiled down to it, this is a storybook ending for Michael Jordan," Carter said. "I'm sure I'll have another opportunity to be in the All-Star game. He's supposed to be out there on the court."

At halftime, Mariah Carey belted out "Hero" and memorable moments from Jordan's career were shown as Bryant, Yao Ming and basketball's future stood and watched. When No. 23 finally took the microphone, the building shook with an ovation that lasted more than a minute.

"I leave the game in good hands," Jordan said. "Now I can go home and feel at peace with the game of basketball."

But there was still some basketball to play on this night. Jordan kept on shooting, missing a jumper that could have won the game at the end of regulation. He got another chance in the first overtime, creating a little space on Shawn Marion and launching a shot that just cleared the defender's hand and swished through the net, giving the East a 138-136 lead as Jordan stumbled into a row of photographers.

Suddenly feeling young again, Jordan bumped chests with Iverson - who led the East with 35 points - and slapped hands with the rest of his teammates.

"He shot it real high," Marion said. "I didn't think it was going in, but it went in."

There were still almost five seconds left to play. The West inbounded, the ball was knocked away and Bryant chased it down in the corner. The Los Angeles Lakers star threw up a desperation 3-pointer that was well



Howard College forward Finlay Brashears (15) puts up a shot during the Hawks' Jan. 30 game against South Plains College. The Hawks will try to rebound from a loss to Odessa College in the last outing tonight when they play host to Clarendon's Bulldogs.

### Hawks again trying to get back on track

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

Winning is nothing short of crucial for Howard College's Hawks tonight as they play host to Clarendon College's Bulldogs in Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball action.

When the Hawks step on to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum floor around 7:50 tonight, they'll find themselves in a position few could have imagined a couple of weeks ago.

That's because two weeks ago, the Hawks were unbeaten - one of only two Division I junior college teams in the country that could claim that distinction - and ranked No. 2 in the National Junior College Athletic Conference men's basketball poll.

Howard's unbeaten status evaporated with a last-second loss to South Plains College's Texans on January 30. After rebounding for a

road win at New Mexico Military, the Hawks traveled to Odessa on Thursday night to play third-place Odessa College's Wranglers and suffered a shocking defeat.

Hawks head coach Chris Jans knew going into that game he had reason to be worried about the Wranglers, even though Howard had rolled to a seemingly easy 26-point win over Odessa in the WJCAC opener at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in January.

That's because he knew the Hawks weren't playing the same OC team. "They'd developed a chemistry they didn't have early on," Jans said of the Wranglers, who opened conference play with four road games - the first two being the loss to Howard and an 11-point loss to South Plains.

But on Thursday, it was clear the Wranglers had gotten a couple of

injured players healthy, solved a couple of eligibility problems and are playing much better basketball than they did early in the season.

"They're playing very well together," Jans noted as he prepared for tonight's game against a Clarendon team that gave the Hawks plenty of trouble in the two teams' first meeting of the season.

"That's pretty much the way it's going to be for everybody we play in the second half," Jans added. "Everyone's betting better at what they do and everyone's battling for those four spots in the Region V tournament."

Indeed, Odessa is a perfect example. The Wranglers have now won six straight and have a 6-2 conference record, and have pulled into a second-place tie with Howard in the WJCAC men's standings. See HAWKS, Page 7

### IN BRIEF

**Playoff games set this week at college**  
A Class 1A girls' bi-district basketball playoff game pitting Roby and Iraan has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. According to Howard College Sports Information Director Stan Feaster, the coliseum will also be the site for a Class 2A girls' area round-playoff game that has been tentatively scheduled for Wall's Lady Hawks and Stanton's Lady Bufaloes at 7 p.m. Friday.

**Class 3A playoff slated here tonight**  
A Class 3A girls' basketball bi-district game has been scheduled for 7 tonight in Big Spring. Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs will square off against Monahan's Lady Loboes in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium. Ticket prices are set at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

**'Hawk Talk' will air Feb. 12 on KBST**  
Hawk Talk, a live radio show dealing with Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Sam Stephens will host the show.

**Clay shooting event slated for Stanton**  
The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windwalker Farms in Stanton. The event will consist of four-person teams using Lewis Class scoring. For more information contact 1-915-570-0172.

**Hawks baseball schedule changed**  
Due to repairs being made at Odessa College's field, a schedule change has been made in the Howard College Hawks' baseball schedule. The Howard College Hawks will host the Wranglers on Friday and Saturday at Jack Barber Field. The conference doubleheaders each day will begin at noon. The Hawks will then travel to Odessa on March 31-30.

Also, the Lady Hawks softball team will play at home on Saturday, Feb. 22, against the Colorado Buffaloes at

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# Yao winds up struggling in his first appearance as All-Star

By KEITH PARSONS  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Yao Ming's first All-Star game started off well enough, when he outjumped Ben Wallace for the tip. From there, it all went downhill. Yao had only two points and two rebounds as a starter, and sat out the

fourth quarter and both overtimes. He played 17 minutes as the West beat the East 155-145 in double overtime Sunday night. The game ended a wild weekend for Yao. A horde of cameras followed him everywhere, and despite his humble statistics, he was part of the postgame news conference. "In the last three days, it

was like a carousel," Yao said. "It has been turning round and around all the time." His most fun moment? "That I only had one practice," he joked. The 7-foot-6 Yao rarely looked to shoot when he had the ball, making his only attempt. His lone basket was a dunk 65 seconds into the game after

an alley-oop pass from Houston teammate Steve Francis. Yao even had to be prodded to step into the tip-off circle by West teammates Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett. "He was trying to get one of us to jump for him and we were trying to convince him that he was 7-8 and he could win the

tap," Duncan quipped. "So it went back and forth for a little while." The No. 1 overall pick by the Rockets, Yao became the first rookie to start in the All-Star game since Grant Hill in 1995. His selection was helped by ballots printed in Mandarin for the first time; he outpolled Shaquille O'Neal by near-

ly a quarter-million votes, even though Shaq averages nearly 27 points and Yao just 13. "It's got to be really overwhelming for him," West coach Rick Adelman said of Yao. "His first experience like this and the attention that he garners, you've got to give the young man tremendous credit."

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tunities you get to rebound," Snyder said. Emmett scored 16 of Texas Tech's first 21 points, helping the Red Raiders (13-6, 3-5) lead by as many as seven points in the early going. Two straight baskets by Emmett cut the gap to 42-40 with 16:54 remaining, and the last time Texas Tech was in striking distance came when Emmett

drove the baseline to make it 53-50 with 12:36 remaining. Emmett's previous career best was 33 points against Colorado on Feb. 16, 2002. He scored 31 points in consecutive games earlier this season against New Mexico and New Mexico State, and leads the Big 12 with a 21.7-point average. "I was really, really pleased with Andre, because we've been trying

to get Andre to play with patience and to have more movement without the ball," Knight said. "I thought we did both things today." But he got little support, with Will Chavis (12 points) the only other player in double figures. Kasib Powell, who averages 16 points, was held to nine on 3-for-10 shooting. And Missouri manhandled Texas Tech's front line. The Tigers pounded

the ball to the 6-foot-9, 260-pound Johnson whenever they needed a basket. Johnson didn't score for the first 7 1/2 minutes of the second half, then scored six straight points in a two-minute span to give the Tigers a 59-50 lead with 10:25 remaining. It was the 13th double-double for Johnson and his third in four games. "I feel like every day could be a big day for me," Johnson said.

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short of the basket, but O'Neal gave him a body shot that sent Bryant tumbling out of bounds. Ted Bernhardt — who didn't get the Jordan script, apparently — immediately whistled for a foul, brushing off the complaints of East coach Isiah Thomas and sending Bryant to the line for three shots with a second remaining. Ever the competitor, Jordan stepped in close to Bryant and mumbled

some trash talk after the second free throw clanked off the rim. "I didn't want him to make it," Jordan said. "I was needling him to miss it." Even Bryant was torn about ruining Jordan's perfect ending, but the last free throw dropped through the hoop to tie it at 138. Jordan had a third chance to win it, but his 21-foot turnaround jumper was partially blocked by Marion and collapsed well short of the rim.

That was it. The final All-Star shot for the greatest player of the generation — maybe ever. Jordan went to the bench and didn't return. "I had a job to do because I'm in the situation where I need to make the free throws," Bryant said. "But the other part of me was like, I just didn't want to do it, to be honest with you." In the second overtime, Jordan watched Garnett dominate, outscoring the East all by himself with nine points.

The crowd felt cheated, but not Jordan. He didn't want anything handed to him. Outside of Carter's generous gesture, nothing was. "The important thing, as I told my teammates and everybody should have known, I wanted to be competitive," Jordan said. "I didn't want it to be where one guy let one guy score and then let the other guy come down and score." Even if one of those guys was Michael Jordan.

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That puts added pressure on the Hawks tonight. "You always have to be concerned when you're playing on the road in this conference, but you absolutely have to be able to defend your own floor," Jans cautioned. With Odessa playing as well as it is right now and the Hawks still facing a Feb. 24 trip to face South Plains in Levelland, there's no margin for error.

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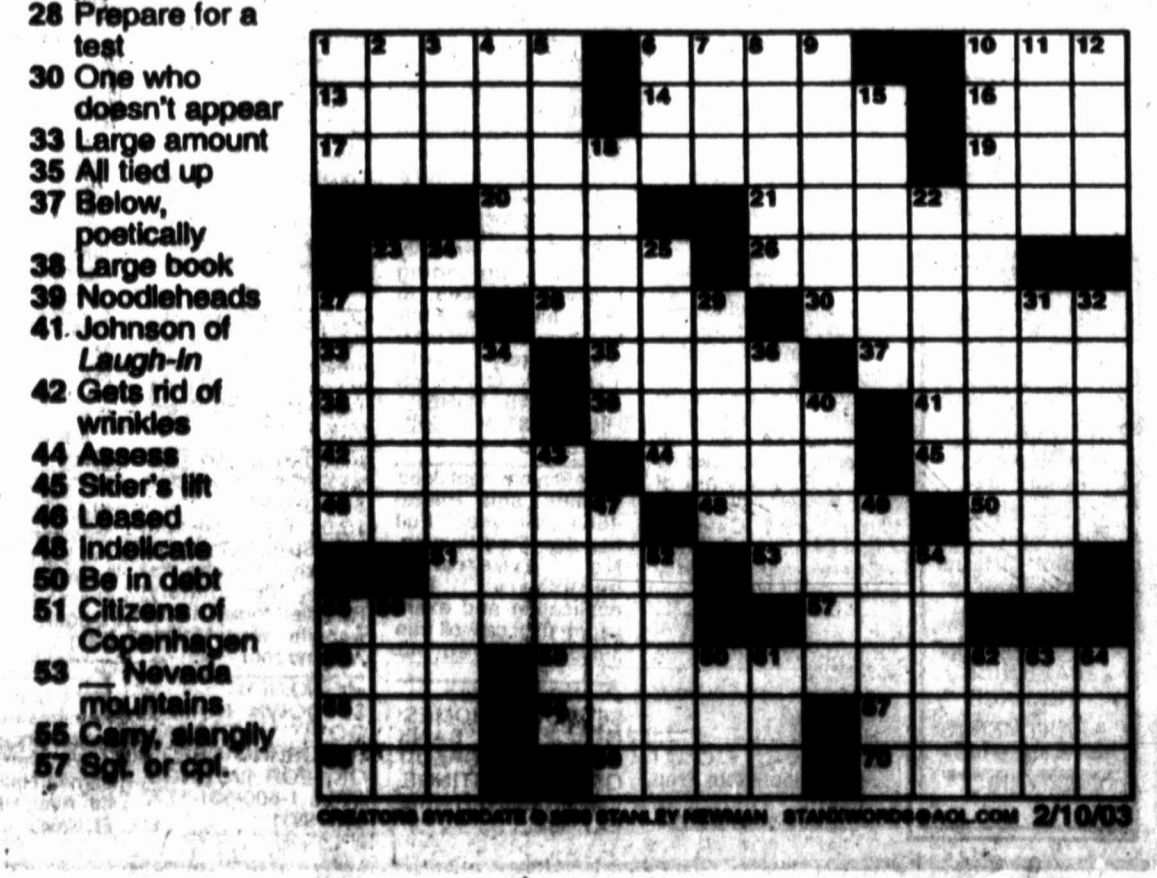
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