

TUESDAY

March 8, 2005

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 37°-39° TOMORROW 62°-64°

BRIEFLY

Cook-off slated to aid Forsan band

A benefit barbecue cook-off for the Forsan band trip to Washington D.C. is set Saturday at 703 W. Third. Categories are brisket, pork ribs, chicken halves, sausage and jackpot beans.

Cooking will begin early that morning and judging will be at 1 p.m. Dining begins at 1 p.m. also.

Registration is \$10 per category and plates are \$5 per person. Cooks may register now by calling 263-6862.

The event is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 3188, the American Legion Post 506, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks MC and the Big Spring Bass Club.

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Hazel Smith, a longtime music journalist and cookbook author, shares the stars' favorite recipes for Easter.

Hometown Spotlight: For centuries, American Indians have mined Catlinite, a soft red stone, from quarries in Pipestone, Minn., (pop. 4,280) to make pipes for smoking tobacco during religious rituals.

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Near-record inflows boost O.H. Ivie Reservoir

Special to the Herald

Rainfall near the O.H. Ivie Reservoir has resulted in near record inflows for the reservoir for the month of February, while Lake J.B. Thomas and the E.V. Spence Reservoirs experienced a more typical month.

From November through February, the region's average rainfall is less than one inch per month, so inflows are typically small at the Colorado Municipal Water District's (CRMWD) reservoirs. Weather patterns during last month, however, produced a dry line system and overrunning thunderstorms like those normally seen in spring.

Although they were not widespread, intense spring-like storms covered much of Runnels and Tom Green counties. Two heavy thunderstorms in two days and a general rain a few days later produced about 5 inches of precipitation over a five-day period for some locations, according to district officials.

The Ivie Reservoir was the beneficiary of the rainfall since the heaviest rains were located just above the reservoir on the Colorado River and Elm Creek. Slightly less than three inches of rainfall was recorded at Ivie. The heart of the precipitation was in southern Runnels County with Ballinger officially receiving 4.87 inches for the month

RESERVOIRS, PERCENT FULL

Table with 3 columns: Reservoir, 3/7/04, 3/7/05. Rows include J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence, O.H. Ivie.

and surrounding areas reporting five inches or more.

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GETTING READY TO OPEN



Workers unload equipment at the site of the new Leonard's Pharmacy building at Seventh and Scurry streets this morning. Officials say the business will open Sunday.

Snack tax added to finance bill

Legislators scramble for additional funding to support education

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers are relying on some of Texans' biggest vices to try to fund a reduction in school property taxes.

A 3 percent tax on snacks like soft drinks and doughnuts was added Monday to the \$10 billion tax bill intended to reduce school property taxes by a third. The bill also contains a \$1-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax.

The snack tax would be levied on foods such as bakery items, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, tortes, chips, nuts and soft drinks not bought in restaurants.

House leaders spent much of Monday fine-tuning two bills intended to reduce property taxes while overhauling public education in Texas.

The snack measure was added as part of an effort to plug a \$1.2 billion hole that lawmakers were left with when the comptroller's analysis came up short of necessary money to buy down the promised property tax reduction.

To raise more money, the new version also would increase the sales tax to 7.25 percent, impose a sales tax on newspapers and bump a proposed payroll tax on businesses to 1.15 percent.

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Under the proposal, the state sales

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Cox: For Sale

Cable giant puts four systems on the market, including one that serves vast West Texas area

ATLANTA (AP) — Cox Communications Inc. said Monday that it is exploring a sale of four cable operations serving about 900,000 subscribers in California, Texas, North Carolina and several other states.

The proposal is one of several options being considered to reduce debt and accelerate growth, as well as to offer new products and services for remaining cable operations

with about 5.4 million customers, the company said.

Systems under consideration for sale include West Texas, serving the Big Spring, Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, San Angelo and Abilene areas; North Carolina, serving the Greenville, Rocky Mount, New Bern and Kinston areas; Humboldt County, Calif.; and much of Middle America Cox.

MAC is primarily comprised of operations in Texas,

Louisiana and Arkansas and also includes certain systems in Oklahoma, Mississippi and Missouri. Excluded from the potential sale are some operations serving the northwest Arkansas and Lafayette, Louisiana areas.

Cox Communications is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cox Enterprises Inc., which also owns broadcasting outlets and publishes newspapers.

Area-Wide's cover touts hang-gliding

Distribution of multi-county phone book began Monday

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Getting the word out about the upcoming national and world hang-gliding events in Big Spring is now as easy as picking up a phone book.

Big Spring has hosted the national hang-gliding championships the past two years, and is scheduled to be the site of the world championships in 2007. To commemorate the community's rise to the destination of choice in the sport, Area-Wide Phone Books features the

event on the cover of its Western Plains edition this year.

The books, which began distribution Monday, provide phone listings for Big Spring, Colorado City, Sweetwater, Snyder and more than 30 other communities in a six-county area. More than 55,000 books will be delivered to customers this month, said Vickie Stout, sales market manager for the company.

"We always look for ... what we can do to help

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From left, Bobby McDonald, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Vickie Stout of Area-Wide Phone Books and Airpark Manager Jim Little announce that the phone book, which will be distributed to more than 55,000 customers in a six-county area, will promote the upcoming national hang-gliding championships in Big Spring.

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## Obituaries

## Jack E. Cunningham



Jack E. Cunningham, 72, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 6, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Roy Roberson, pastor of Life Church, officiating.

He was born Dec. 15, 1932, in Sweetwater and married Wanda Turner, Feb. 14, 1998, in Big Spring.

Jack had served his country during the Korean War in the United States Army and Air Force. He was a truck driver for Texaco for many years and was an avid competition shooter. He was a good and loving husband and grandfather, who enjoyed his grandkids.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Cunningham of Big Spring; one son, Buddy Cunningham of Big Spring; three stepdaughters, Molly Turner of Big Spring, Carrie Beck of Snyder and Cathy Kligora of Abilene; one stepson, Hal Turner of Abilene; 10 grandchildren, Blake and Brittney Enriquez of Big Spring, Brian and Josh Dunnam of Snyder, Summer and Tanner Potts and Shahala McDowell, all of Abilene, R.J. McDowell of Lufkin and Cheyenne Turner and Marissa Hernandez, both of Big Spring; and one sister, Vallie Flannery of Levelland.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

## John H. Day



John H. Day, 81, of Big Spring died at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Raford Dunagan officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Sept. 30, 1923, in Snyder to Burton D. Day and Cuba Brooks Day. He moved to Howard County in 1933, graduated from Big Spring High School and received an associate degree from Howard College. John married Doris E. Taylor in 1947 in Big Spring, and she preceded him in death May 5, 1993.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps. He attended the Big Spring Bombardier School and was a bombardier in the Pacific. His medals include the Air Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Unit Badge, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, American Theater Campaign Medal and a Victory Medal.

He also played drums in the Military Band. John worked at the Webb Air Force Base Fire Department as a crew chief, retiring in 1965. He also owned and operated Day's Pumping Service from 1960 until 1988. He also served with his wife as a Big Spring State Hospital volunteer for the Chalet.

He is survived by one daughter, Lana Jon Clark and her husband, Bob of Big Spring; two brothers, Burton Day of Safford, Ariz., and Marshall Day of Mayhill, N.M.; two sisters, Christine Ramsey of Stanton and Mary Ruth Young of Copperas Cove; four grandchildren, Jeff Wendeborn of Gustine, Johnny Wendeborn of Andrews, Mike Clark of Midland and Vincent Webber of Houston; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Jo Ann Webber and one sister, Valentine Day.

Pallbearers will be David Rhoton Jr., John Keller, Scott Burt, Jett Hoggard, Greg Biddison and Michael Williams. Honorary pallbearers will be Carl Ford, Wendell Campbell, Leon Alfano and Jim Burt.

The family will be at 902 Brian Road. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Louise Leonard

Louise Leonard, 87, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dr. Jeff Donnell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Andrews, officiating.

She was born Feb. 8, 1918, in Bronte. Louise was a longtime resident of Big Spring and moved to San Angelo in 1995. She was a member of the Southland Baptist Church of San Angelo and a former member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Royce Walker of Big Spring and Paula and Noel Duncan of Okatie, S.C.; one sister and brother-in-law, Jo Marie and K.C. Collier of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Lara Duncan, Doby Walker, Wendy Brown and Cole Walker; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc., One Hanover Park, 16633 N. Dallas Parkway, Suite 600, Addison 75001.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Ruby Greenhill



Ruby Greenhill, 83, of Big Spring died at 10:55 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services are 4 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 23, 1921, in Novice to James and Rose Pope. She married Leon Greenhill, Nov. 4, 1938, in Coleman and he preceded her in death April 5, 1988. She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by six daughters, Aneta Moore of Fort Myers, Fla., Karen Greenhill of Duncanville, Nelda Davis of Ben Wheeler and Cathy Perez and Karla Chavarria, both of Big Spring; four sons, Kenneth Greenhill of LaPine, Ore., Dennis Parks of Odessa and James Greenhill and Ricky Rawls, both of Big Spring; two brothers, David Pope and Wilbur Pope, both of Big Spring; 29 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by one sister, Madie Little and one brother, Lewin Pope.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

## Theo Bowers

Theo Bowers, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 5, 2005, in Odessa. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born Dec. 16, 1922, in Leonard. He served six years in the U. S. Army and 20 years in the U.S. Air Force. After retirement from the military, he lived in Snyder for 25 years and was employed by Patterson Drilling. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He is survived by one daughter, Julie Wallis of Wapanucka, Okla.; one son, Mac Bowers of Clovis, N.M.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

## Gloria Patricia McCombs

Gloria Patricia McCombs, 73, of Corsicana, died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at Navarro Regional Hospital in Corsicana. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with the Rev. Jerry Berry, minister of Kelview Heights Baptist Church of Midland officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

She was born Aug. 3, 1931, in Big Spring. She worked for Kent Oil in Midland and also worked for Webb Air Force Base as an accounting officer.

She is survived by her husband, Owen McCombs of Corsicana; one son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Jeanie Toombs of Weatherford; one grandson; two nieces; and one nephew.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

## Rica Hilario

Rica Hilario, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, March 4, 2005, in Weaverville, Calif. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Lawrence E. 'Larry' McColloch

Lawrence E. "Larry" McColloch, 84, of Odessa died Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez-Texas Veterans Home in Big Spring. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the east after midnight. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 21-22-26-30-35  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 5-17-22-24. Bonus Ball: 19.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$375,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-1-6

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## Police blotter

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

• **DOROTHY SUBLET THOMAS**, 47 of 3702 Connally, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **VERONICA ANN SALGADO**, 18, of 1002 Main Street, was arrested Monday on a Martin County-warrant.

• **JOHNNY LARA**, 40, of 807 Nolan, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, a parole violation and a local traffic warrant.

• **LISA GALE GAMBLE**, 40, of 704 Borden Road, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• **LEANNE CHERISE SIMPSON**, 31, of 1411 E. 15th, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• **RONALD CROCKETT ELDRIDGE**, 43, of Arizona, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PHILLIP ARNOLD PRICE**, 41, of 1526 E. 17th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 19, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department after his arrest on charges of violating promise to appear, evading arrest/detention and consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

• **JAMIE LEE ATKINSON**, 36, was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a warrant charging assault.

• **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 29, was sentenced to 180 days in state jail on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

• **ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 43, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY**, 42, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on driving while license suspended/invalid.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity:

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported Friday morning at the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1100 block of West Fifth St. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported Friday morning on the 2300 block of Lynn St. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Friday afternoon at Third and Lancaster streets. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported Friday afternoon at the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Road. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Friday evening on the 1900 block of Simler Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Friday afternoon on the 2900 block of Sherrod Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Friday evening on the 1600 block of Lark Street. Service was refused.

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• **GRASS FIRE** was reported Friday evening on the 1600 block of Lark Street. The fire was out upon arrival.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Sunday morning on the 100 block of Broadway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Sunday morning on the 3200 block of Parkway Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Sunday afternoon on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VA Medical Center.

• **TRAUMA** was reported Sunday afternoon on the 500 block of N. First Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Sunday afternoon on the 1400 block of W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported Sunday afternoon on the 1000 block of Nolan Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Chris Galloway to Elbow third-donation enable Elbow teacher

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**A HELPING HAND**



Courtesy photo  
**Chris Galloway, right, treasurer of the Elbow Elementary Parent And Teacher organization, presents a check for \$2,100 to Elbow third-grade teacher Diana Newton as other teachers and PAT members look on at the school. The recent donation enabled the school to receive a matching-fund grant from the Texas Education Agency that will furnish each Elbow teacher with \$200 to purchase supplies and educational materials for their classrooms.**

**TAX**

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tax, now at 6.25 percent, would be expanded to include other products and services such as bottled water, billboard advertising, car washes and vehicle repair services. The motor vehicle and boat sales tax would be increased to 7.35 percent.

Meanwhile Monday, House legislators said more money for the costs of busing students to school would be added to the education overhaul legislation.

House debate expected to begin Tuesday on the school finance overhaul could last all week.

The transportation funding wasn't in the original legislation, but was promised in an effort to garner favor with lawmakers from rural areas who said they probably wouldn't have voted for

the measure otherwise. "Running school buses is a major business in rural Texas," said Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa. His Panhandle district has one 92-mile daily bus route. The amendment would give schools money based on the number of miles buses must travel.

Texas' formula for funding school transportation hasn't been updated since gasoline was under a dollar per gallon in 1983. Superintendents in many sparse but expansive rural school districts say that the money allocated for transportation costs can be a fraction of the actual costs of hauling students to and from school every day.

Chisum and a handful of other rural lawmakers said they probably would not have supported the measure without the transportation funding.

But, the promise of additional transportation funding was not enough

to sway all rural representatives.

"I think it's particularly harsh on rural districts," said Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview. "I believe that we have to use an across-the-board pay raise to recruit rural teachers. We're going to lose our base and once we lose that important base for education, we're going to really have a hard time."

Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, said he still has concerns about the impact of the legislation on his rural district.

"This will change on the floor of the House, it will change again in the

Senate and it will change again in the conference committee," Hilderbran said.

"We'll try to improve it on the floor with amendments, but I'll probably vote for it just to keep it alive. There'll be plenty of opportunities to improve it."

Replacing the funding system for public schools is a top priority in the session. Lawmakers are under a court order to funnel more money into public schools, which are now largely dependent on local property taxes. A group of property wealthy and poor school districts

**Man injured in accident**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

charges are pending against Villa.

A Big Spring man sustained serious injuries as a result of a two-vehicle accident on FM 700 Sunday morning.

Christopher Villa, 22, was injured Sunday when the Dodge pickup he was driving struck a Ford pickup driven by Jerry White, 35, of Big Spring. The accident occurred at about 5 a.m. Sunday on the 1400 block of W. FM 700, police records state.

Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness said Monday morning that Villa was traveling east on FM 700 when he crossed over the lane divider, striking White's vehicle head-on.

White, who was wearing his seatbelt, was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Villa, who was not wearing his seatbelt, was initially treated at SMMC, but was transported via helicopter to a Lubbock-area hospital Sunday morning, Chamness said.

SMMC officials declined to reveal any information on Villa's condition.

Chamness said that driving while intoxicated

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John H. Day, 81, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Oddie Sanchez, 87, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ruby Greenhill, 83, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 4:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Theo Bowers, 82, died Saturday. Private Family Services will be held at a later date.

Henry Willess, 84, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Resthaven Chapel in Rockwall, Texas with burial at Parker Cemetery.

Raymond Karnes, 82, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rica Hilario, 80, died Friday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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promote Big Spring and the community," Stout said. "We looked at the hang-gliding championships as one of those 'ah' moments that really describes Big Spring. So we got together with (airport manager) Jim Little and he helped us develop information for the phone book."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said the phone books will help spread the word about the upcoming events. "It's great," he said.

"It's going to give us the opportunity to publicize the event throughout the region."

The phone book will feature an updated Web pages section, plus coupons and green cross-reference pages in the back, along with an area events calendar, Stout said.

In addition, Internet users can access the phone book online at [www.area-wide.com](http://www.area-wide.com).

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com)

**CRMWD**

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At the end of the month, streams and creeks were still flowing above normal. The Ivie Reservoir had gained about 38,000 acre-feet of water from these storms, making February 2005 its second best year on month for inflows. By Sunday, when more rain fell on the watershed, inflows of more than 51,000 acre-feet had already reached the reservoir. Reports were not in for the entire area, but more than 2 more inches of rain fell Sunday at the Ivie dam.

CRMWD officials lauded the news, particularly

concerning Ivie, which rose to more than 297,000 total acre-feet or almost 54 percent of capacity by early Monday. The Spence Reservoir saw only minimal inflows of about 1,400 acre-feet for the month of February while Lake Thomas had only a few hundred acre-feet.

The water supply picture is significantly better than at this time in 2004, since the district also benefited from record inflows last November. Water supplies in all three reservoirs Monday were up more than 188,000 acre-feet compared to a year ago and are currently at about 34 percent of total capacity, officials said.

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## OUR VIEWS

## City, county cooperation simply a must

It is extremely heartening to know that Howard County and Big Spring city officials are interested in working cooperatively as plans are being made for the proposed construction of a new county jail.

Commissioners met in a special session Tuesday morning to discuss the planning phase of a new facility — one of several they are expected to hold in the near future — and some of the information they used during that meeting was developed through meeting with not only city administrators, but with Big Spring Police Department personnel.

Clearly, county officials need to be aware of police department needs and plans.

More importantly, Commissioner Jerry Kilgore has noted that talks are currently on the table between the two entities concerning a joint law enforcement building that would house both law enforcement agencies and one centralized jail.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen has indicated the city is extremely interested in involving itself in the project, noting that it "doesn't make any sense in a county our size to have two separate jails."

The police department is in a position where it is currently bursting at the seams in its present facility, McEwen said, adding that city fathers are going to have to address that problem.

So, to our way of thinking, it only makes sense for the two governmental entities to work together in hopes of lightening the load on taxpayers.

Any time local taxing entities can combine efforts and thereby cut the overall cost of providing services, local residents stand to benefit. And that will become increasingly important at a time when the federal budget deficit continues to increase and the Texas Legislature struggles to rework the state's public school financing system.

One can be relatively certain that neither of those situations will lead to a decreased tax burden.

The reason being, of course, that the cost of providing services continues to climb. Taxes may be restructured or the burden placed at a different level of government, but one thing is certain — all of us will pay the freight.

So, we laud city and county leaders on taking these first steps toward what we believe to be solid fiscal responsibility and encourage them to explore such options at every turn.

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## Affirmative action policies damaged CIA

The Central Intelligence Agency might be the last place in Washington you'd expect political correctness to have taken root. But as Gabriel Schoenfeld demonstrates in a disturbing new article, "What Became of the CIA," in the March issue of Commentary magazine, the agency has turned into "a government bureaucracy like any other, its managers and employees preoccupied with endless reams of restrictive regulations and simultaneously caught up in many of the newfangled pathologies of the American workplace," including affirmative action programs. Is it possible that in its zeal to promote more women and minorities, the CIA compromised its own mission? What role, if any, did affirmative action play in the spectacular failures of the CIA prior to 9/11? And what is being done now to undo the damage to the agency?

Schoenfeld reports that the agency has been under pressure since the early 1990s to reform its "old boy network" image. A 1991 CIA-commissioned study found that women did not achieve "at the same pace or [to] the same degree as men," and received "proportionately fewer awards," missing out on choice assignments in the agency. The report also noted that, "in order to be accepted," female officers tolerated widespread sexual harassment. When Clinton-appointed CIA Director R. James Woolsey took over in 1993, the agency embarked on an ambitious plan not only to break the so-called "glass ceiling" but to identify the top 50 jobs within

each directorate and collect data on how many women and minority candidates applied and were chosen for the slots.

Although Woolsey promised "we have not and will not set down quotas," the affirmative action plan he put in place soon transmogrified into rigid hiring goals. When Woolsey's replacement, John Deutch, took over, one of his first actions was to establish a "strategic diversity plan." By 1995, Schoenfeld notes, "the effort to remake the agency in the name of 'diversity' had intensified markedly."

Deutch appointed Nora Slatkin, a former Capitol Hill staffer and assistant secretary of the Navy, as CIA executive director, the No. 3 job in the agency. Slatkin immediately declared "a goal that one out of every three officers hired in fiscal years 1995-97 be of Hispanic or Asian-Pacific origin." According to Schoenfeld, Slatkin "moved no less aggressively to alter the ethnic and sexual complexion of the CIA's higher levels. In just six months, she was able to report, '42 percent of officers selected for senior assignments ha[d] been women or minorities.'" Nonetheless, Deutch's successor, George Tenet, bemoaned the under-representation of "[m]inorities, women, and people with disabilities" in the agency's mid-level and senior officer positions, and proclaimed diversity "one of the most powerful tools we have to help make the world a safer place."

Obviously, the undermining of the CIA during the Clinton years was not entirely due to overzealous affirmative action. As Schoenfeld points out, the agency's budget suffered large cuts under Clinton and, most importantly, many senior political appointees seemed contemptuous

of the agency's very mission, to gather and protect national security intelligence. Deutch eventually admitted to mishandling highly classified material by storing it on unsecured home computers while he was CIA director. He signed a Justice Department plea bargain admitting his guilt, but the agreement was essentially nullified when outgoing President Bill Clinton pardoned him on Jan. 20, 2001. (Deutch's affirmative action gadfly Slatkin was one of six CIA officials later reprimanded for her role in stalling the investigation into Deutch's abuse of classified material.)

But even if affirmative action was not the primary culprit in the perilous decline of the CIA, it contributed to the problem. Schoenfeld points out, "The drive to hire more 'Asian-Pacific' and Hispanic officers at the very moment the CIA was facing a critical shortage of Arabic speakers, and at the very moment when Islamic terrorism was emerging as the most significant threat to our national security, speaks volumes about how and why the agency failed in its mission of safeguarding the United States."

It's now up to the director of the CIA, Porter Goss; and the newly appointed director of national intelligence, John Negroponte, to put the nation's need for timely intelligence ahead of political correctness.

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## Bad bankruptcy bill gets even worse

Gross! How to take a horrible bill and make it genuinely loathsome. Look at this — look at what they are doing with this bankruptcy bill.

The bankruptcy bill was a gift to big bankers and credit card companies to begin with, in return for copious showers of campaign contributions to our very own elected representatives in Congress. Same old, same old.

The big lenders, the kind who can legally jack up your interest rates at any time for any reason (read that fine print, folks), have a problem. More and more Americans are going broke. So they declare bankruptcy under Chapter 7, which wipes out their credit for 10 years, but gives them a chance to start over without debt. So, naturally, the banks want to make it harder to declare bankruptcy by forcing people to file under Chapter 13, only a partial diminution of debt.

According to a study by two associate medical professors at Harvard, published in Health Affairs, bankruptcies are indeed shooting up. Between 1981 and 2001, personal bankruptcies rose by 360 percent, but those caused by medical debts rose an astronomical 2,200 percent. Only job loss now slightly leads medical crisis as the reason for bankruptcy — it's ahead of divorce.

Another cause, as well as the usual usury, is that the card companies push accounts on people whose credit is only marginal — your teenager has doubtlessly been offered several. Oops, it turns out many of those with shaky credit can't pay (!), so of course the banks want the law changed even more in their favor. Poor little card companies — only \$30 billion

in profits last year.

If you have not lived long enough to know that anyone can be hit by financial catastrophe, just wait. Your job, too, can be outsourced. And if you think health insurance can keep you out of financial trouble if you get sick — surprise! Three-fourths of those who filed for bankruptcy because of medical costs had health insurance.

The study in Health Affairs reports that the middle class actually suffers most from the health crisis, accounting for 90 percent of all medical bankruptcies: Drug costs alone drive many into bankruptcy.

In a classic example of moral accounting, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the bill's chief sponsor, said, "People who have the ability to repay some or all of their debt should not be able to use bankruptcy as a financial planning tool so they get out of paying their debt scot-free, while honest Americans who play by the rules have to foot the bill."

That's a startling example of the "straw-man" school of argument. The study by the Harvard profs shows that in the two years before filing for bankruptcy, 19 percent of families went without food, 40 percent had their phone service shut off, 43 percent could not fill a doctor's prescription and 53 percent went without important medical care.

So, who are these feckless, irresponsible moochers using bankruptcy to avoid paying legitimate debts? Why, look at this: The New York Times reports "legal specialists say the proposed law leaves open an increasingly popular loophole that lets wealthy people protect substantial assets from creditors even after filing for bankruptcy."

What, our Republican Congress passing a bill that favors rich people at the expense of "honest Americans who play by the rules

and have to foot the bill"? If you have a lot of money (most people filing for bankruptcy don't have this problem), you just put it in an asset protection trust and walk away. You don't even have to set up the trust offshore anymore — five states have made it legal to set them up in their borders, and you don't even have to live in any of the five to do it.

If you don't like that feature of the bankruptcy bill, try this one: You may have read of the hardship on the families of those who have been called to fight in Iraq, including, of course, severe financial stress leading to many bankruptcies. Democrats in the Senate tried to put an amendment on this bill exempting military personnel, and the Republicans voted it down.

Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard law professor, pointed out in testimony before Congress that the bill assumes everyone is in bankruptcy because they're spendthrifts. "A family driven to bankruptcy by the increased cost of caring for an elderly parent with Alzheimer's disease is treated the same as someone who maxed out his credit cards at a casino. A person who had a heart attack is treated the same as someone who had a spending spree at the shopping mall. A mother who works two jobs and who cannot manage the prescription drugs needed for a child with diabetes is treated the same as someone who charged a bunch of credit cards with only a vague intent to repay."

But hey, that's the conservative idea of justice — treat 'em all the same, except for the rich.

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## WORLD NEWS

### China steps up pressure on Taiwan; warns outsiders not to interfere

BEIJING (AP) — China unveiled a law Tuesday authorizing an attack if Taiwan moves toward formal independence, increasing pressure on the self-ruled island while warning other countries not to interfere. Taiwan denounced the legislation as a "blank check to invade" and announced war games aimed at repelling an attack.

The proposed anti-secession law, read out for the first time before the ceremonial National People's Congress, doesn't say what specific actions might invite a Chinese attack.

Beijing claims Taiwan, split from China since 1949, as part of its territory. The communist mainland repeatedly has threatened to invade if Taiwan tries to make its independence permanent, and new law doesn't impose any new conditions or make new threats. But it lays out for the first time legal requirements for military action.

Taiwan's leaders warned that the move could backfire by angering the island's voting public.

### Kosovo's prime minister resigns after being indicted by U.N. war crimes tribunal

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Kosovo's prime minister resigned Tuesday after being indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal for his alleged part in atrocities during the fight against Serb forces.

Ramush Haradinaj told The Associated Press he would travel to The Hague, Netherlands, where the court is based, to defend himself.

"I am one of those accused," he said, suggesting others also had been indicted. "As a result of this indictment I have resigned."

Haradinaj said he would voluntarily turn himself in to court authorities in The Hague on Wednesday.

### Bolton faces rocky confirmation hearing for U.N. ambassadorship

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's choice as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, the outspoken John R. Bolton, likely will face a tough Senate confirmation hearing before Democrats who argue that he has disdained the world body and Republicans who are wary of him.

Now undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, Bolton was named Monday for the U.N. post.

Almost immediately, Democrats objected that Bush had chosen a vocal United Nations critic although they see a pressing need to repair international relations. Bolton has criticized the U.N.'s bureaucracy and some of its peacekeeping operations, among other objections he has raised over a decade.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, said he was surprised at the selection and that Bolton's "stated attitude toward the United Nations gives me great pause."

The Republican chairman of the committee, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, told reporters: "I'm going to reserve any comments about the appropriateness or not of the president's choice."

Confirmation hearings are expected next month.

### Brother of Michael Jackson accuser testifies he saw molestation by pop star

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The 14-year old brother of Michael Jackson's accuser described the molestation allegations against the singer for the first time, saying he saw Jackson touching his brother as the boy slept on the singer's bed.

He said that he twice saw Jackson masturbating with one hand while the other was in his brother's underwear. He did not state the dates of the incidents, which the prosecution says followed a February 2003 TV documentary in which Jackson appeared with the boy at his Neverland ranch.

"I didn't know what to do," the witness said, adding that he watched both incidents for a few seconds before going to a guest room. Speaking calmly, directly and unemotionally, the boy said the alleged molestations occurred two days apart.

The defense says the allegations are a fiction created by the children's mother in an attempt to extort money from the pop star. The accuser's brother faced more questioning Tuesday.

The boy said the molestations occurred sometime after Jackson had shown him and his brother sexually explicit magazines kept in a suitcase in his bedroom. "We all looked at them one at a time," he said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Body of missing airman found in stock tank

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Authorities have recovered the body of a missing Dyess Air Force Base airman from a stock tank on a West Texas ranch, his stepsister said.

Staff Sgt. Michael Leslie Severance's body was found in 10 to 20 feet of water in a tank 15 miles northeast of San Angelo, Nicole Leighton said Monday. His body had been weighted with cinderblocks, and his death was ruled a homicide.

Severance, 24, had been missing since Jan. 15. He lived in San Angelo but was assigned to Dyess in Abilene.

Leighton said Air Force officials contacted her family Sunday night saying his body had been found. A Dyess spokesman said he could not confirm the family had been contacted.

Six divers searched about four hours before finding the badly decomposed body, officials said. The Tom Green County Sheriff's Office took the body to the Medical Examiner's Office in Lubbock for positive identification.

According to a police report filed by Severance's wife, the airman had been behaving out of character before he disappeared.

### Two accused of threatening judge at his home

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two women were arrested as they waited for a trial to begin after a judge told prosecutors they had threatened him at his home last week.

Lesha Ferrell, 42, and Rebecca Hanson, 31, were in court on Monday for the trial of Ferrell's son on a drug possession charge.

The trial was postponed after state District Judge Wayne Salvant told prosecutors that Lesha Ferrell and others came to his home on Friday.

Details of the incident weren't immediately available, but Arlington police spokesman Lt.

Blake Miller confirmed that officers were called to Salvant's home on Friday. Miller said investigators are trying to determine if anything criminal occurred.

Ferrell and Hanson were jailed in Tarrant County on Monday night facing retaliation charges. Bail for each was set at \$250,000.

Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said the women apparently are tied to the Republic of Texas, a group that contends that Texas was never properly annexed into the United States and remains an independent nation. They claim not to be subject to Texas laws.

### Man convicted of capital murder in girl's death

SHERMAN (AP) — A man accused of killing his estranged wife, 4-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter was convicted Monday of capital murder.

A Grayson County jury took just 35 minutes to find Andre Lee Thomas guilty in the death of the girl.

Thomas was accused of stabbing 20-year-old Laura Christine Thomas, Andre Lee Boren and Leyha Marie Hughes in the woman's Sherman apartment in March 2004. The victims' hearts were cut out, and two of them were found at Andre Thomas' house.

Thomas walked into the Sherman Police Department afterward and said he had killed his wife. He underwent surgery for his stab wounds and was jailed after he was released from the hospital.

While confined in the county jail last year, Thomas ripped his right eye out of its socket.

### Boeing forces out CEO Stonecipher over relationship

CHICAGO (AP) — Boeing Co. CEO Harry Stonecipher, brought back from retirement 15 months ago to boost the aerospace manufacturer's tainted image, has been forced out because of a new ethics scandal involving an affair he had this year with a female company executive.

In a stunning announcement that left the exact circumstances behind

the ouster unclear, Boeing said Monday the 68-year-old president and chief executive officer, had resigned at the board's request a day earlier for improper behavior while carrying out the consensual relationship.

Chairman Lew Platt said the affair by itself did not violate the code of business conduct at the company, where a string of defense scandals has raised questions about the way Boeing obtains its lucrative contracts. But an internal investigation that started because of an employee's complaint discovered "some issues of poor judgment" involving Stonecipher, who is married.

Platt refused repeated requests to be more specific and did not identify the female executive, who he said remains with Boeing.

Chief financial officer James Bell, 56, will serve as acting CEO until a successor is found but is not a candidate for the permanent job, the company said.

### Country singer Supernaw jailed for public intoxication

BRYAN (AP) — Country music singer Doug Supernaw remained jailed Monday after fleeing from an off-duty police officer who said he was so belligerent and apparently drunk that the cop had to draw his gun.

The off-duty Bryan police officer, Brett Boswell, was working as a security guard at an apartment complex where he saw Supernaw yelling obscenities and making crude gestures.

Supernaw told Boswell he didn't have any friends who could pick him up, so Boswell told him to sit on a curb and wait for an on-duty officer to arrive.

But Supernaw allegedly began walking away and ran despite several orders from Boswell to stop.

Boswell chased the singer, who turned to face him and "got into a fighting posture," Boswell's report said. So he drew his gun and kept it pointed toward the ground. The singer kept his distance and was arrested without incident.

He was jailed on charges of public intoxication and fleeing an officer.

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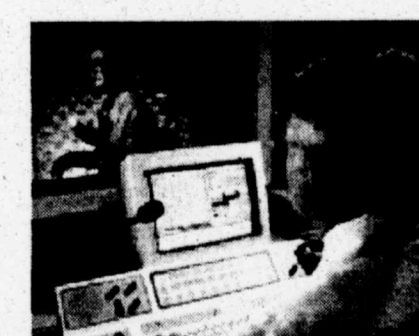
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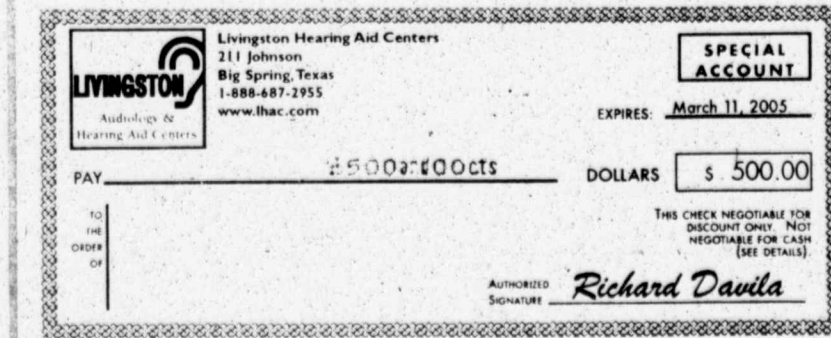


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## CPAs offer financial needs literacy program

Experts say financial literacy has a direct correlation to the economic strength of a society.

An alarming number of Americans fail to make the grade when it comes to financial literacy.

The results of a recent Roper Poll commissioned by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) reveal that many people lack a basic understanding of how to prepare for their short- and long-term financial needs.

For example:

- Nearly two-thirds of Americans 65 and older do not feel fully confident that they have the knowledge they need for adequate retirement planning;

- Three quarters of Americans have never heard of ERISA, the Federal law established in 1974 to protect their pensions benefits;

- Nearly half of those who responded are unfamiliar with the impact a 401K plan can have;

- A quarter of those surveyed said they would file for bankruptcy if faced with an unmanageable financial emergency.

These unsettling statistics have compelled the country's CPAs through the efforts of the AICPA to launch a program to help Americans become more financially astute.

Called "360 Degrees of Financial Literacy," the multi-faceted effort is designed for everyone from school-age children to retirees.

Indeed, the underlying theme of the program is

that financial literacy is a life-long process.

"Beginning with pennies in a piggy bank and continuing to estate planning, Americans need financial knowledge depending on where they are in their lives," said Barry Melancon, President and CEO of the AICPA.

Melancon added that the degree of financial literacy has a direct correlation to the economic strength of our society.

According to U.S. Comptroller General David Walker, CPAs are the right individuals for this task.

Walker himself a CPA said, "Every time CPAs improve a client's financial condition, they are by extension contributing to the economic well-being of our nation."

"360 Degrees of Financial Literacy" will build on earlier AICPA financial-education efforts.

For example, the Institute and the National Endowment for Financial Education last year produced a "Disaster Recovery Guide" to help victims of disasters regain financial security.

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# Pointers For Parents

## More than five fruits and vegetables a day

From the time that my kids were very young, I have tried to include at least five servings of fruits and vegetables into our family menu. Each meal has at least one or two servings, and a fruit or vegetable at snack is pretty common in our house. What you may not know is that men and growing teens need even more than "5 A Day."



MINDY HERMANN

According to the government's Food Guide Pyramid, men, teenage boys, and very active women should eat about four daily servings of fruit and five of vegetables, for a total of nine. According to the National Cancer Institute, getting enough fruits and vegetables can lower a man's risk of many cancers, heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, and diabetes. However, few men reach the suggested goal of nine

daily servings. Men also have higher cancer and heart disease death rates than women do.

Fruits and vegetables are packed with disease-fighting properties.

"Eating a variety of brightly colored fruits and vegetables provides fiber, vitamins, minerals, and phytonutrients, all of which are beneficial for preventing chronic diseases like heart disease and cancer," said Liz Ward, R.D., author of "Healthy Foods, Healthy Kids." Since different fruits and vegetables have different combinations of phytochemicals, the National Cancer Institute suggests choosing a variety according to color: yellow-orange, red, green, blue-purple, and white.

Fitting nine servings into your day is easier than you think. Start the morning with two servings by scattering 12 cup of berries onto your cereal and enjoying a small glass of juice. Add a serving by crunching on carrot and celery sticks for a mid-morning snack.

### A Rainbow of Colors

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Get at least two more servings at lunch with a tossed salad and bowl of vegetable soup. A piece of fruit makes a great snack. Put two different vegetables on your dinner plate and have a fruit dessert.

On the go? Bring raw vegetables in a plastic container. Tuck a small plastic bag of dried fruit in your briefcase. Keep a small can of fruit or vegetable juice in your car. Order fruit, a salad,

or vegetable soup when you eat out.

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## Ode to the sock monster Every pair of socks stolen

The proverbial sock monster came to our house a couple of weeks back and stole every single pair of socks we had.

For two weeks my kids kept complaining, "we don't have any socks!"

The final straw came, however Tuesday morning as I drove the kids to school. I had dug around and ended up with a regular ankle sock for my son, and a scalloped-edged ankle for his other foot.

He didn't notice it until we got in the car, because I was lucky. (I thought.)

Then it began. He couldn't, wouldn't and definitely wasn't going to wear his sister's sock to school.

He started bawling. I tried to tell him no one would notice.

He wouldn't have any of that nonsense. More screeching.

I fumbled with the glove compartment as we flew down the highway. I took out a

little knife we have for just such emergencies.

He handed over the sock and I began to saw the ruffle with one hand and drive with the other. I told him it would look bad, but very manly.

More yelling. Through lots of din and confusion, we made it to the drop-off point at the front entrance of the school.

My oldest hopped out to get to class on time and my son stayed behind while I dashed in (looking like Broom Hilda) and asked for a pair of scissors.

No questions asked, the wonderful lady handed over the sharp instruments.

Back to the car in the 100-yard hurdle, I took the sock, chopped off the feminine evidence and my son willingly placed it back on his foot.

Ah. No noise. My first stop, homeward-bound? Superstore. \$30 later, we have socks.

At least for now.

Christy Alton has two children, works full time and is married to her park ranger, Ron.

Her column appears in the Tuesday edition of the Big Spring Herald.



CHRISTY ALTON

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- March 11 • Friday**
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  - Games - 2:00 pm
  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm
- March 15 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am

- March 16 • Wednesday**
  - Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- March 17 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
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  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm
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- March 22 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - New Mexico Casino Trip 10:00 am
- March 23 • Wednesday**
  - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- March 24 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
  - Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am
  - Dr. Roberts: "Depression" 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- March 25 • Friday**
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  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm
- March 29 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - Supper Club "Cowboy's" 5:30 pm
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## IN B

### Howard to Region V

The Howard men's basketball team secured second place in the West College Conference with a convoluted victory over Midland at the Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks' season is over, but the team will not be disappointed. The Howard team will participate in the V Tournament weekend. Howard's 5, 11-3) will play at 12:30 p.m. Grayson.

If Howard's first-round game will likely play Temple Saturday at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will take place at the Griffin Center.

### Howard rodeo sets crawl

The Howard rodeo team's annual event will be held at the H.C. Rodeo during the college's annual. The cost of which includes into rodeo. For more information, contact the rodeo coach, Kernick at 8-

### Baseball camp for middle

The Mickey Baseball School will take place Saturday at the National Little League South Highways.

The camp will be split into two sessions. The first session will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the second session will be from 1 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session will be broken down into instruction, practice, and participation. One session will be for participants \$10 if registered for March 10.

The first session will cover generation on hitting and throwing. The second session will be instruction for catchers, infielders and pitchers.

The camp will be for ages 12-18.

The camp will be for athletes to own their own glove, ball pants, shoes and gear.

For more information, contact Mickey Owens at School at 1-

### Ragball to set for ear

A ragball to benefit Life has been set for April 2 and Mize Field Comanche.

Registration for the tournament will take place Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

The costs \$10 per player and must have and five wickets.

If interested, more information is available at the ISD bus stop at 4108.

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

### IN BRIEF

#### Howard to play in Region V Tourney

The Howard College men's basketball team secured second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Thursday with a convincing win over arch rival Midland at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks' regular season is over, but the team will now travel to Lubbock for the Region V Tournament this weekend. Howard (25-5, 11-3) will play Friday at 12:30 p.m. against Grayson.

If Howard wins its first-round game, they will likely play No. 2 Temple Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

The tournament will take place at the Rip Griffin Center.

#### Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo.

The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

#### Baseball camp set for middle of March

The Mickey Owen Baseball School will take place Saturday at the National League Little League Field off South Highway 87.

The camp is broken into two sessions as the first one takes place from 9:30 a.m. to noon and the second one goes from 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Each session is broken down into instruction, practice and play. One session costs \$40, but participants can get both camps for \$60. Participants can save \$10 if registered by March 10.

The first session will cover general instruction on hitting, fielding and throwing, while session two is position instruction involving catchers, pitchers, infielders and outfielders.

The camp is for anyone ages six through 12.

The camp advises athletes to bring their own glove, cap, baseball pants, baseball shoes and gym shoes.

For more information, contact the Mickey Owen Baseball School at 1-800-999-8369.

#### Ragball tournament set for early April

A ragball tournament to benefit Relay For Life has been set up for April 2 and 3 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

Registration for the tournament will take place Saturday at 1 p.m.

The tournament costs \$10 per player to play and each team must have five men and five women.

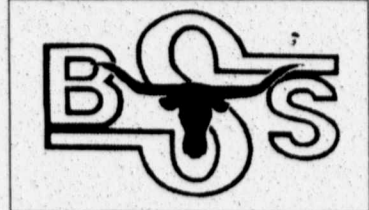
If interested or for more information, call Angel at the Big Spring ISD bus barn at 264-4108.

## Steers win two, lose two at Monahans Tourney



Big Spring's J.W. Beauchamp swings through a pitch in a previous game this year. The Steers traveled to Monahans over the weekend and split four games in the tournament. The defeated El Paso Parkland and Lamesa easily and lost to Presidio and Pecos. Big Spring — now 5-3 overall — travels to Midland today for a battle with Midland High.

• Beauchamp, Murphy lead Big Spring at the plate in victories over EP Parkland, Lamesa



By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

MONAHANS — The Big Spring baseball team improved to 5-3 on the season after splitting four games at the Monahans Tournament over the weekend.

The Steers defeated El Paso Parkland and Lamesa in back-to-back games, but lost to Pecos to open the tournament and were defeated by Presidio to end the tourney.

Pecos defeated Big Spring, 7-5, in the opener as the Steers lost despite a home run from J.W. Beauchamp at the plate. Beauchamp went two-for-three at the plate.

Beauchamp continued his hot hitting in game No. 2 as Big Spring defeated El Paso Parkland, 15-4.

Beauchamp got the win on three-for-four from the plate to lead the Steers.

Lance Murphy also went three-for-four from the plate.

Three hitters recorded more than one hit in game No. 3 against Lamesa as the Steers routed the Golden Tornadoes, 10-2.

Murphy got the win on the mound and went three-for-three with two RBIs from the plate.

Juniors Matt Hilario and Andy Lasater each had two hits at the plate and Lasater also collected two RBIs.

Senior Jerry Doporto went two-for-three with an RBI in game No. 4, but the effort didn't help Big Spring claim the win in the consolation championship as they lost a close game to Presidio, 5-4.

Big Spring travels to Midland High today as the game begins at 1 p.m. The Steers host the Lamesa Golden Tors in Big Spring Friday beginning at 4 p.m.

### Miami takes down Philly

MIAMI (AP) — Looking nothing like a team playing its fourth game in five nights, Miami got 32 points from Dwyane Wade and 25 more from Shaquille O'Neal to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 108-100 Monday night.

The Heat shot 54.9 percent from the field, extended their winning streak to six games, won their 10th straight at home.

Wade made 18 free throws to set a franchise record; he got to the line 23 times. Shandon Anderson had 13 points, and Udonis Haslem had a 12-point, 10-rebound night for Miami (46-16), which has an eight-game lead over Detroit in the Eastern Conference.

Allen Iverson led Philadelphia with 27 points. Samuel Dalembert added 21 points for the 76ers.

## Role players pick up slack for missing superstars as Mavs take care of Raptors

• Daniels, Howard and Van Horn score 32, 22 and 19, respectively, as Dallas takes care of Toronto in 'Big D'

DALLAS (AP) — With Dirk Nowitzki and two other starters out, the Dallas Mavericks needed some of their role players to fill the void.

Keith Van Horn, subbing for Nowitzki, responded with 19 points and Marquis Daniels scored a season-high 32 to help the Mavericks beat the Toronto Raptors 113-105 on Monday night.

Josh Howard had 22 points, eight rebounds and five steals, and Alan Henderson contributed nine points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, who snapped a season-long three-game losing streak.

Nowitzki, averaging 26.9 points and 10.1 rebounds, missed his second straight game because of a bruised left knee.

Dallas starters Michael Finley (bruised calf) and Erick Dampier (stress fracture, foot) also were out along with sixth-man Jerry Stackhouse (groin injury). The Mavericks had only nine players in uniform.

"We had to have it tonight," said Mavs guard Jason Terry, who scored

23 points. "Everybody stepped up and made plays. Our big guys were out so we needed it from everyone. Marquis and Josh really played well in the fourth."

Van Horn went 8-for-13 from the floor in his second start for Dallas since being acquired in a trade with the Milwaukee Bucks on Feb. 24. He had 15 points at the half.

"This was the best I've felt since I've been here," said Van Horn, who shot 37 percent from the field in his first five games for Dallas. "I was more active on both ends. But I had to because when you're missing All-Stars, somebody has to step up."

The Mavericks began the fourth quarter with an 11-5 spurt, capped by Daniels' 15-footer with 7:35 left that gave Dallas a 95-81 advantage.

Toronto got as close as 103-99 on Milt Palacio's basket with 1:35 to go.

But Daniels hit a 15-footer with 1:09 left and had a steal on Toronto's next possession to close out the Raptors.

Coach Don Nelson called plays down the stretch to get shots for Daniels.

"I think (Nelson) is really trying to build my confidence because I haven't been playing that well," Daniels said. "But I got a lot of opportunities

tonight and everything just clicked."

In the second half, Nelson made extensive use of a small lineup that included the 6-foot-9 Henderson at center.

Morris Peterson scored 23 points, and Palacio had a season-high 19 for Raptors, who had won four of their previous six.

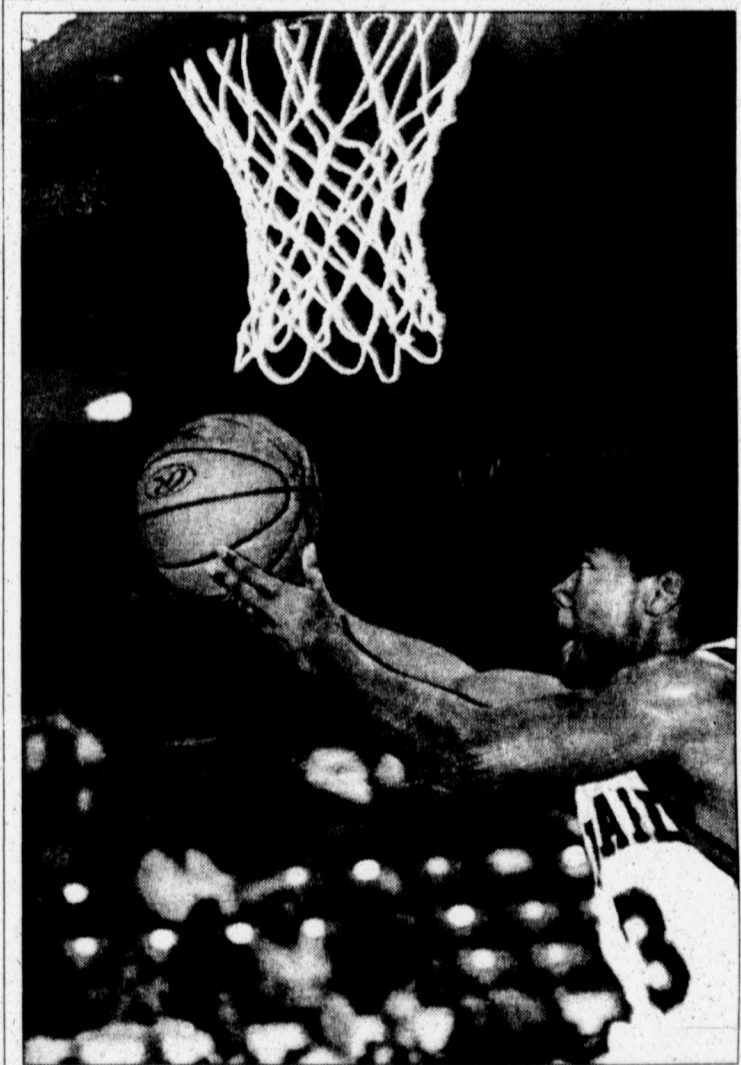
Dallas native Chris Bosh had only 13 points for the Raptors after scoring 33 in Sunday's victory at New Orleans.

"They did a good job of doubling and getting the ball out of my hands," Bosh said. "I struggled all night. But I've got to give them credit. They're quick and they made shots. That's always tough to beat."

The Mavericks ended the third quarter with an 11-4 run to take an 84-76 edge into the final quarter. Dallas was in front by as many as 15 in the second quarter and held a 57-53 halftime lead.

Toronto coach Sam Mitchell said the difference in the game was the quickness and speed of Dallas' young players.

"We've got to give them credit," Mitchell said. "They were short-handed but we had no answer for their athleticism. They had 54 points in the paint, but all of those points were putbacks and layups."



Howard College freshman Rashad Mintz goes up for the reverse layup against Midland last Thursday as the Hawks defeated the Chaps and clinched the second seed out of the WJCAC Conference. Howard takes on Grayson at 12:30 p.m. Friday in the opening round of the Region V Tournament at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

### NJCAA Region V men's basketball tournament in Lubbock

#### Friday's quarterfinal games

Game One: Howard vs. Grayson, 12:30 p.m.  
Game Two: No. 3 Temple vs. South Plains, 2:30 p.m.  
Game Three: McLennan vs. Midland, 5 p.m.  
Game Four: Frank Phillips vs. Weatherford, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday's semi-final games

Game Five: Howard or Grayson vs. No. 3 Temple or South Plains, 12:30 p.m.  
Game Six: McLennan or Midland vs. Frank Phillips or Weatherford, 2:30 p.m.

#### Sunday's championship game

The Region V Tournament championship game will begin at 2 p.m.

\*All games will be played at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock

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**IN BRIEF**

**UNC women end Duke's run at history**

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Fourth-ranked North Carolina put a harsh end to Duke's run at Atlantic Coast Conference history, getting 26 points from Ivory Latta in an 88-67 victory Monday night in the tournament championship game.

The fifth-ranked Blue Devils were seeking to become the first team — men's or women's — to win six straight ACC tourney titles. But they went down with surprising ease despite 26 points from Monique Currie.

Camille Little added 23 points for the Tar Heels (27-3), who won their first ACC tournament in seven years and completed a three-game season sweep of the rival Blue Devils (28-4). Duke had beaten North Carolina 12 straight times entering the season.

After the Blue Devils closed the gap to 44-41 early in the second half, the Tar Heels pulled away with a 27-10 run.

Duke had won 17 straight tournament games and was 19-0 all-time in the Greensboro Coliseum.

**NHL agrees to return to bargaining table**

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL Players' Association accepted an invitation from the league to return to the bargaining table later this week. NHL commissioner Gary Bettman contacted union executive director Bob Goodenow late last week to request the resumption of talks, and the players' association agreed to get together, NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

**Houston uneasy about fifth starter**

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer  
CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies made sure that Astros manager Phil Garner will need more time to settle on a fifth starter for Houston's starting pitching rotation.

Carlos Hernandez, Pete Munro and Tim Redding were all ineffective in a 9-8 loss to the Phillies on Monday, certainly extending the competition for a spot that was in constant flux last season. Philadelphia scored more runs against that trio than it did during a four-game losing streak to open spring training (8).

Normally an affable guy, Garner was clearly not pleased with the continued struggles of those three pitchers.

"That's two outings ... (we) should be in better shape now," Garner said.

With Roger Clemens, Roy Oswalt, Andy Pettitte and Brandon Backe expected to give Houston another dominant starting rotation this season, Garner needs only to find a dependable arm to keep the Astros in close games.

No such luck, thus far. Houston started off last season hoping its pitching package of Clemens, Oswalt, Pettitte and Wade Miller would carry them a long way. But Pettitte and Miller got hurt during the regular season, and the Astros were forced to pitch Clemens, Oswalt and Backe on three days' rest in the playoffs.

The Astros eventually fell to the Cardinals one game short of the World Series, mostly because of their failure to find a fifth starter and a bullpen that coughed up leads in five postseason games.

Hernandez, who spent much of last year at Triple A New Orleans before being called up in August, might have

already pitched himself out of the competition.

Now recovered from surgery on his left shoulder that forced him to miss all of the 2003 season, Hernandez has struggled to regain the form that made him a such a coveted prospect four years ago.

Hernandez gave up two homers in the third inning, a two-run shot to Pat Burrell and a solo home run to Placido Polanco. He finished his first start of the spring by allowing four runs on five hits with three walks and one strikeout.

"I was probably trying to do too much," Hernandez said. "I'm just happy that my shoulder is getting stronger."

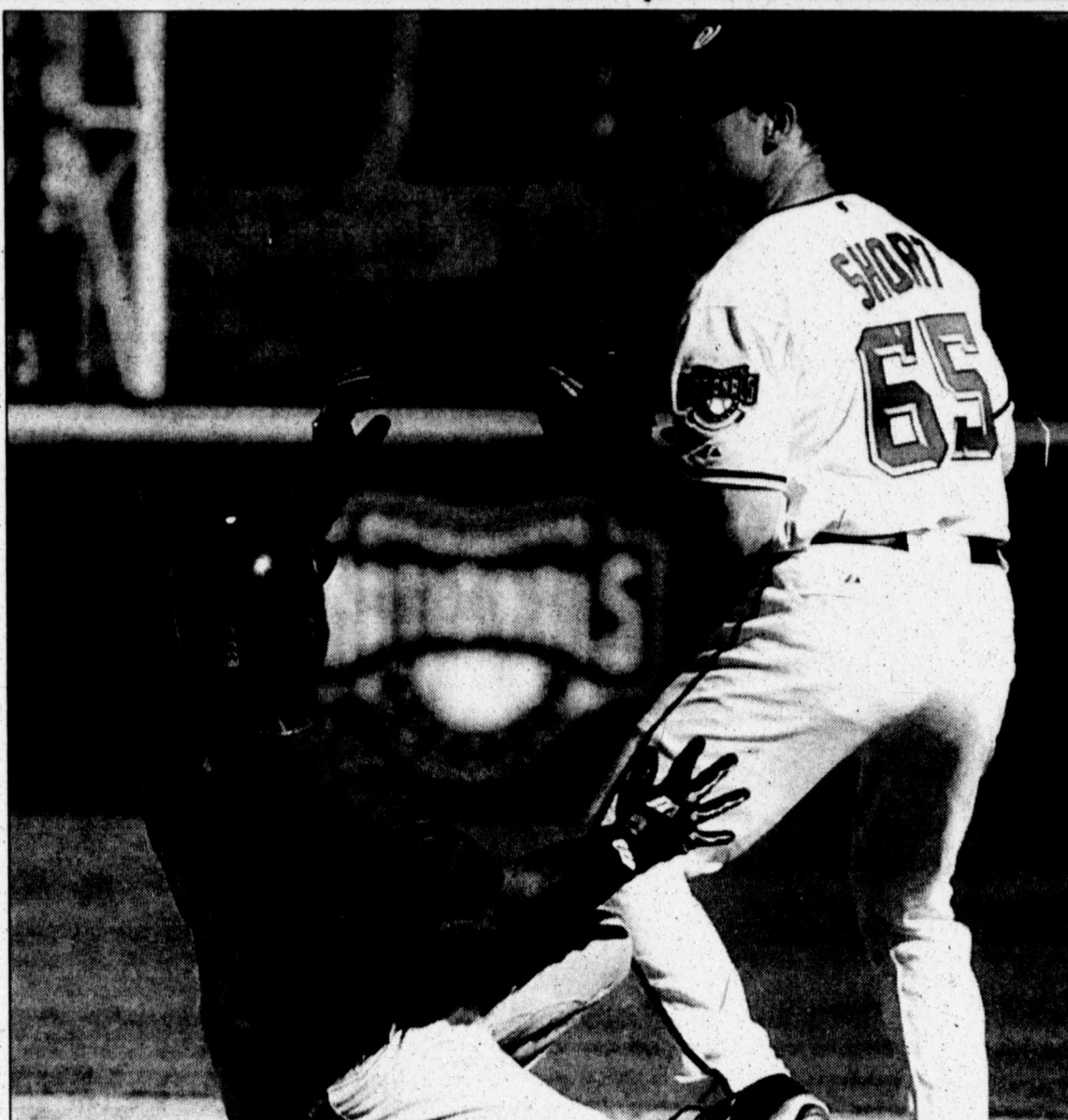
Garner was even more upset by Hernandez's failure to cover first base on a shallow hit to right field by Marlon Byrd in the second inning, allowing Philadelphia's Jim Thome to score.

"Sometimes we have these brain cramps and they don't get there," Garner said. "It's a mental thing that shouldn't happen."

Munro was the early favorite to win the fifth spot after his contribution to the Astros' playoff run last year. He went 4-7 with a 5.15 ERA in 21 games with the Astros, and even made two starts in the NLCS against St. Louis.

But against Philadelphia Monday, Munro gave up two runs on four hits in his three innings. That's not much better than his start against Cleveland last week, when he allowed three runs on five hits in two innings.

Redding, who won the fifth spot in the rotation last spring, has never come close to matching his breakout season in 2003, when he led the Astros with a 3.68 ERA.



Trinidad Hubbard of the Houston Astros is out at second on a fielder's choice as Washington second baseman Rick Short makes the put out during a spring training game at Space Coast Stadium in Viera, Fla., Sunday. The Nationals defeated Houston, 9-4.



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Have you had your bath yet? Are you ready for bed? Good! Now we'll start the story. But after the story, will you promise me that you will hug the person reading this story to you? Promise?

Once upon a time near a great big river, there lived a beaver. His name was Bodie. Bodie Beaver. Bodie loved to build dams that always stopped the river from flowing. He didn't do it to be mean. He just did it because that's what beavers are supposed to do.

Do you know where beavers get their wood from to build the dams? They chop trees down with their teeth. They chew and chew until the trees fall and then take them to the river to start making the dams. But, it sure does take a lot of chewing. And all beavers have something that helps them chew down the trees. Do you know what that is?

great big teeth?

That's right! Bodie Beaver had a big problem! He didn't like to take the time to brush his teeth after every meal. And we all need to brush our teeth, don't we? Bodie went for years and years without brushing his teeth, and one day something awful happened. His teeth fell out of his mouth! Can you imagine a beaver without teeth?

It was the time of the year when Bodie was supposed to be building another dam. Poor Bodie! He is a beaver with no teeth.

Do you know what a beaver looks like? If you don't, when you wake up tomorrow, look in an encyclopedia and see what Bodie is supposed to look like. Close your eyes for a moment and picture a beaver looking straight at you, really, really close up. Now, picture him with no teeth! Does he look funny in your mind? He does in mine!

What will Bodie do? "I know," he said, "I have a human friend who has a chainsaw! I will borrow his saw!" His human friend was named Sean. When Bodie asked Sean if he could borrow his chainsaw, Sean laughed and said, "How will you carry it? How will you start it? Where will you get the gasoline from to run it? Do you even know how to use it?" "I will manage," said

So, off into the woods went Bodie with that chainsaw tied to his back. Picture that in your mind! Bodie found

a tree that was just perfect for building his dam. It was a pretty tree with just the right amount of branches and leaves. It would have even been Bodie's favorite flavor, if he had teeth! Bodie pulled and pulled on the rope to start the chainsaw, but nothing happened! He pulled some more. Then he pulled on that rope even more. He pulled and pulled until he was completely out of breath! Finally, he just lay back on the ground, wheezing, puffing, and trying to get his breath back. Picture that, especially with him having no teeth! Can you see him in your mind?

Bodie took the chainsaw back to his friend, Sean. When Sean saw Bodie coming up the driveway with that chainsaw, he nearly fainted because

he was laughing so hard. "Take your chainsaw back," Bodie said, "I can't manage!"

Bodie saw another human with a bulldozer. Are you thinking what I am thinking? Do you think Bodie can drive the bulldozer? I don't either! But, I said this story was true, so I will tell you what happened. Bodie asked the man to let him borrow the bulldozer just for a little while. "No,

the man said, "Beavers don't know how to run bulldozers, and what happened to your teeth?" "I should have brushed my teeth after every meal, but I just didn't want to," Bodie said.

That night after the bulldozer man had gone home, it became very cold. It was so cold that Bodie started looking for a warm place to sleep. "I know," said Bodie, "The engine from that bulldozer should be nice and warm, so I'll sleep there tonight!" That was a big mistake!

Bodie kept getting closer and closer to the bulldozer to stay warm when it happened! His big beaver tail touched

something and the big bulldozer came to life! It started up very quickly and scared Bodie. The bulldozer pushed down tree after tree and Bodie tried to stop it. He found one lever and said, "This one must be the one to stop this thing!" But, it wasn't! He found another lever and thought, "This one must be the one to stop this thing!" But, it wasn't!

Now, picture this, a beaver with no

teeth, late at night, on a runaway bulldozer!

Finally, Bodie hit the right lever and the big iron animal came to rest. The engine died down and Bodie fainted! Picture this! A beaver with no teeth, late at night, on top of a huge bulldozer, fainted!

When daylight came, Bodie woke up to a happy surprise. He had accidentally pushed down all of the trees that he would ever need! And most of them were real beauties. He could build a dam with the best beavers in the neighborhood now.

This story has a happy ending because bedtime stories are supposed to have a happy ending. But even after that, Bodie always wished that he had brushed his teeth so he would look like other beavers.

I did tell you in the beginning that this is a true story. Do you believe it is? I have an even more important question for you. Did you really brush your teeth before you came to bed?

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Abundant Pisces energy allows for a deeper understanding of what's going well and what still requires attention. The relationships that need healing, asking to be addressed. We're working on many levels, but the most profound is the spiritual realm, where changes can take place in the blink of an eye.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may encounter some form of ageism or perpetrate this prejudice upon your own psyche. You're not too old to pursue your dream. Martha Graham danced professionally at 75 and choreographed through 96.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Attitude drives production - the more you produce, the better you feel. Your winning posture magically connects you to serendipitous opportunities that would not be available to someone of lesser enthusiasm.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Working diligently has brought you results, so you'll continue. But there's no reason to be hard on yourself in the process. Turn nasty inner dialogue in a new direction, or it drags down your progress.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You may not be communicating as fully as you think you are. Ask others to parrot back your message to see if it's really getting through. Every person you deal with needs a different communication approach.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Achievement isn't easy, but it is simple. You tell yourself what to do, and then, you do it. As long as you're judging yourself by your achievements lately, you may as well add something impressive to your list.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Press "pause" on that chaotic realm of your life - you can always get back to it later. In the meantime, return to basics. Talk to a friend, take the dog for a walk, or listen to music. The simplest things give you the most pleasure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take the initiative. When you dare to lead, even if you are only leading yourself, you earn respect. You may be

tempted to ask how you can help, but you won't get answers. Don't ask, just do.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Opinionated people are all around you, making you wonder how to weigh in. Write your manifesto. Research shows that those who have developed their own personal and unique beliefs live longer, more satisfying lives.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you are being neglected, it's time to stand up and say so. Not being heard leads to frustration, hurt, anger and anxiety. Being heard leads to effectiveness, well being, loving exchanges and happiness.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone is trying to love you, and you are not allowing it. Why is that? Let go of past fears. Hanging on to them only increases the likelihood of a repeat performance. Your connection with a Taurus is strong.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's difficult to share reality when you're just not getting where the other person is coming from. Though you are disconnected from the situation that means so much to your significant one, try hard to understand.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Life's puzzles can be sidestepped if you watch where you are going. But if you stare only at the ground, you'll never get safely to your destination. Divert your attention to something grand, whimsical or interesting.

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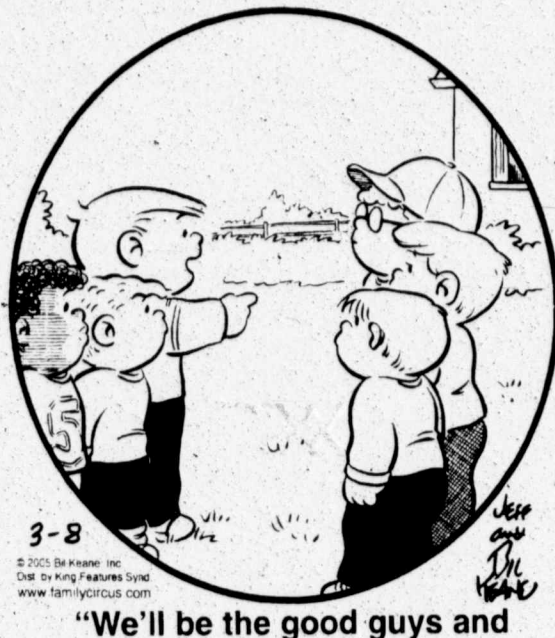
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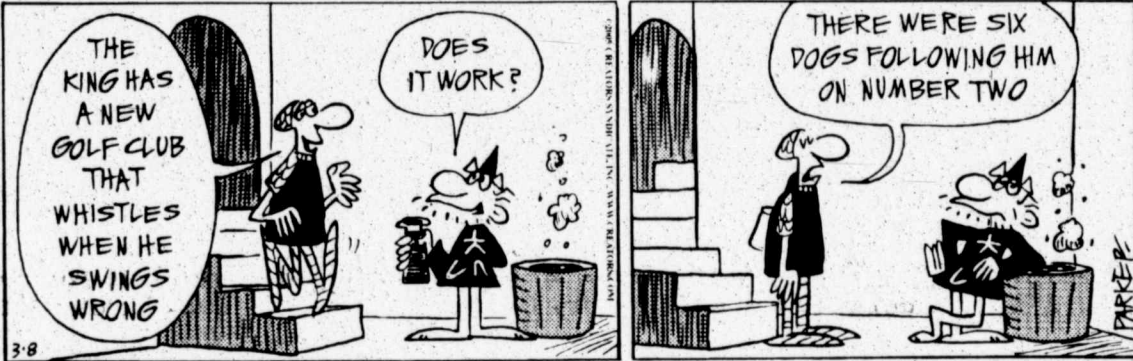
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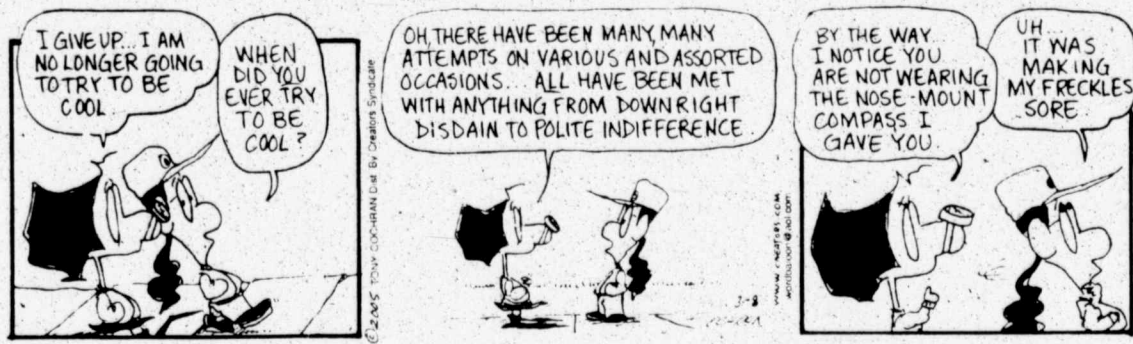
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 8, the 67th day of 2005. There are 298 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 1782, the Gnadenhütten massacre took place as some 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

On this date:

In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1841, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he con-

cluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (so called because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington.

In 1942, Japanese forces captured Rangoon, Burma, during World War II.

In 1965, the United States landed about 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.

In 1999, New York Yankees baseball star Joe DiMaggio died in Hollywood, Fla., at age 84.

Ten years ago: Two United States diplomats were killed, one injured, when their car was ambushed as they were driving to the U.S. Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Sue Ane Langdon is 69. Baseball player-turned-author Jim Bouton is 66. Actress Lynn Redgrave is 62. Actor-director Micky Dolenz is 60. Lyricist Carole Bayer Sager is 59. Baseball player Jim Rice is 52. Singer Gary Numan is 47. Actor Aidan Quinn is 46. Country musician Jimmy Dormire (Confederate Railroad) is 45. Actress Camryn Manheim is 44. Actor Leonid Kinskey is 42. Rock singer Shawn Mullins (The Thorns) is 37. Actress Andrea Parker is 36. Actor Boris Kodjoe is 32. Actor Freddie Prinze Jr. is 29.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

MAN OF THE MONTH by Sally R. Stein  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 The fourth planet
  - 5 Grade less than A
  - 10 Stage phone, for example
  - 14 Actor Baldwin
  - 15 Salary increase
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  - 17 Honoree of 58 Across' best known march
  - 20 Divided Asian nation
  - 21 Most docile
  - 22 Go \_\_\_ (fight)
  - 25 A few
  - 26 Blossom support
  - 29 Monetary obligations
  - 31 Actress Moreno
  - 35 Coffee brewer
  - 36 Barton of the Red Cross
  - 37 Helped out
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  - 54 Shoe bottoms
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  - 5 Bikini part
  - 6 Skillet
  - 7 Jar cover
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  - 9 Altercations
  - 10 Popular banquet entrée
  - 11 Ready for harvesting
  - 12 Poems of praise
  - 13 Annoying one
  - 18 Used a chair
  - 19 Male sheep
  - 23 Not doing anything
  - 24 Instructs
  - 25 Get to work
  - 26 Make a recap
  - 27 Vestige
  - 28 Join a club
  - 30 Wide, as a street
  - 32 Montana neighbor
  - 33 Midmorning
  - 34 Augment
  - 36 Larry King employer
  - 37 Wild equine
  - 39 World Wide Web
  - 40 Ring out
  - 45 Accident
  - 46 Sings like Sinatra
  - 48 Cut (off)
  - 50 Superman's insignia
  - 51 Open a bit
  - 52 Recital performance
  - 53 You, to Shakespeare
  - 55 Waikiki feast
  - 56 NBA cable channel
  - 57 Fresh talk
  - 59 Under the weather
  - 60 Mauna \_\_\_
  - 61 Rural hotel
  - 62 Collie or cockatoo

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From Each Other and Newspapers!

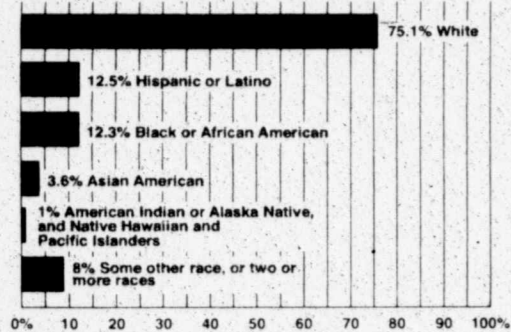
## Learning About US

The first week of March is celebrated as Newspaper in Education week. This special week encourages kids to read the newspaper to learn a lot and to develop a lifetime reading habit.

This year's theme is about using our newspapers to learn about living together in our multicultural country. "Culture" is our way of life. "Multi" means many. In our country, we live with people from many cultures and backgrounds.

### Races and Hispanics

According to the 2000 census, our country is:



(The total is more than 100 percent because some people claim two or more backgrounds.)

Hispanics are people who come from areas once settled by Spain. Many have Spanish, Indian and other backgrounds. They are from several races, so they are not listed as one race but rather as a special group, or population, of people.



A Mexican American family poses for a picture in 1915. Today, Mexicans make up the greatest number of the Hispanic or Latino population. The Hispanic group also includes people from Cuba, Puerto Rico and South and Central America.

### Ethnic groups

Where is your family from originally? Not only are we from different races or special groups such as Hispanic, we are also from different backgrounds or ethnic groups.

Ethnic groups are people who have the same way of life and speak the same language.

When they come to this country, they often bring such customs as:

- holiday celebrations
- religions
- foods.

### Learning from others

By talking with kids and their families from different backgrounds, you can often learn a lot.

TELL ME ABOUT LIFE IN YOUR COUNTRY.



TELL ME WHAT CHICAGO IS LIKE IN WINTER.



You can also learn a lot by talking with kids who have moved from or traveled to other cities or states in our own country.

After you have talked with people who have different backgrounds, you can better understand their country and way of life when you read and study about them.

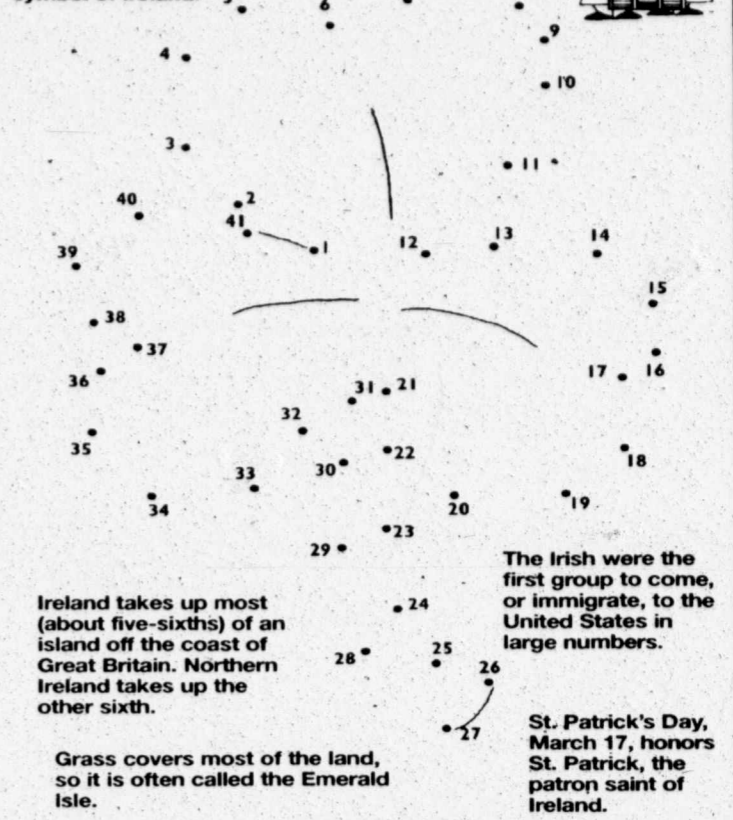
### Learning from papers

Another way to learn about people from other cultures is to read your newspaper.

Through stories and ads in the paper, you can learn even more about people of various cultures, their native countries and the way of life they brought with them.



Go dot to dot and color. The shamrock, a green plant with three leaves, is the national symbol of Ireland.



Ireland takes up most (about five-sixths) of an island off the coast of Great Britain. Northern Ireland takes up the other sixth.

The Irish were the first group to come, or immigrate, to the United States in large numbers.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

Grass covers most of the land, so it is often called the Emerald Isle.

### Rookie Cookie's Recipe Mexican Multi-Layer Dip

#### You'll need:

- 1 (16-ounce) container sour cream
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning mix
- 1 cup salsa
- 1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons sliced and pitted black olives
- vegetables cut in pieces, or tortilla chips

#### What to do:

1. In a medium bowl, mix the sour cream, with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy.
2. Add the seasoning mix and beat until blended.
3. Spread mixture on the bottom of a 9-inch pie dish.
4. In the order listed above, layer the remaining ingredients (except chips and veggies) on top of the sour cream mixture.
5. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours.
6. Serve with cut-up vegetables or tortilla chips. Serves 6.

Note: You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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### Gus Goodsport's Report

#### Supersport: Carlos Arroyo

Height: 6-2 Birthdate: 7-30-79 Weight: 202

For many kids in Puerto Rico, playing basketball in the NBA is just a dream. For Carlos Arroyo, it became a reality. The talented point guard earned a spot on the Toronto Raptors roster four years ago to become just the fifth player from his homeland to make it in the NBA.

Arroyo sparkled for the Utah Jazz last season, ranking third on the team in scoring (12.6 average) and first in assists (5.0 per game). He was recently traded to the Detroit Pistons, where he's expected to give the defending champions a boost in the backcourt.

Arroyo, who lives in Miami in the off-season with his wife, Xiomara, also starred at Florida International College and set school records for assists (459) and steals (177). Overlooked in the NBA draft, Carlos continued pursuing his NBA dream — and saw it come true.

### Meet Parker McKenna Posey

Parker McKenna Posey plays young actress Kady Kyle on the TV show "My Wife and Kids." When she was 2, Parker said she wanted to be an actress. At 4, her mother took her to audition for the part of Kady. Parker likes to act silly with her TV family on the set. Her dad on the show, actor Damon Wayans, enjoys having fun.

Parker has played other roles, too. She has acted with actress Whoopi Goldberg and has also been on several commercials. She was nominated for a Young Artist Award in 2001 and 2002.

Parker, 10, likes spending time with her friends. She also enjoys riding her bike and swimming. She loves animals and playing with her teacup Yorkie named Maxwell. She has one sister and two brothers and lives in Los Angeles.

### MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

The following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Owen: What place sells only knives?  
Olive: A chopping center!

Oscar: Why did the knife sharpener quit his job?  
Oprah: He couldn't take the grind!

Orrin: What did the spoon and fork say about their sharp utensil friend?  
Opal: "He's very knife!"

## Finding Out About US

Every 10 years, we take a census, or count the people in the United States. Here are some fun facts!

What is the population of the United States?  
Answer: 281,421,906

10 languages other than English spoken at home

In many homes, families speak a language other than English. We have given you the number of speakers and how to say "hello" in each language.

<b>Spanish</b> 28,100,000 Hola (OH-la)	<b>Chinese</b> 2,000,000 你好 (high)
<b>French</b> 1,600,000 Bonjour (bon-JOOR)	<b>German</b> 1,400,000 Guten Tag (GOOT-en tag)
<b>Tagalog*</b> 1,200,000 Mubuhay (mah-BOO-hai)	<b>Vietnamese</b> 1,000,000 Chao-em (chow)
<b>Italian</b> 1,000,000 Ciao (chow)	<b>Korean</b> 900,000 안녕 (on-yung)
<b>Russian</b> 700,000 привет (pree-VYET)	<b>Polish</b> 700,000 Dzien dobry (gin-DOBray)

\*Tagalog (tag-GAH-lahg) is one of the two official languages of the Philippines.

The Mini Page thanks Berlitz, Washington, D.C., for help with these translations.

Every state has its own percentage of the races or Hispanics listed in the 2000 census.

These states have the largest percentage of Hispanic people:

- New Mexico: 42.1
- California: 32.4
- Texas: 32.0
- Arizona: 25.3
- Nevada: 19.7
- Colorado: 17.1
- Florida: 16.8
- New York: 15.1

Can you shade in the states in the map above?

### Newspaper in Education TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of many cultures are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: MEXICAN, ASIAN, INDIAN, HISPANIC, HAWAIIAN, CUBAN, AFRICAN, AMERICAN, PUERTO RICAN, WHITE, LATINO, CULTURAL, COUNTRIES, RELIGIONS, HOLIDAYS, BACKGROUNDS.

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NEWSPAPERS ARE IMPORTANT!

### Using your newspaper

With a partner, look through your newspaper and see if you can find these pictures, stories or ads. Talk with a partner about what you discover.

Look for ads for restaurants of the kind listed in the blocks to the left. Have you eaten in any of these?

Find pictures of people from backgrounds different from yours. How are they like you? How are they different?

Study the grocery ads. Find foods that your mother might use to make a favorite family dish. Write down your idea of what the recipe is.

The ratio of the races is different from city to city. For example: Percentage of people who are of Asian background: Houston, Texas 5 percent San Francisco 30 percent

With a partner, look through your paper's entertainment section for movies and television shows. Each partner will make a list of shows he or she likes. They can talk about and compare their differences by using the chart above. This is a good way to compare!

### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are using newspapers in school. See if you can find:

- man in the moon
- number 7
- comb
- pencil
- kite
- cat
- muffin
- key
- feather
- carrot
- letter D
- letter E
- football
- ruler
- sock
- number 8
- letter A
- umbrella

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