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Tonight:



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Chamber meets noon Wednesday

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Wednesday in the chamber board room.

Routine reports on various activities are on the agenda, including an update on Big Spring Day in Austin and a planned visit by U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm.

WHAT'S UR..

TODAY

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex community room, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

□ Scenic Mountain Medical Center community blood drive, first floor classroom. Call 268-4960 for an appointment.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Rackley-Sworens Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Masonic Lodge NO. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Charles Bailey at 263-1067.

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin Iron Restaurant.

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, open from 1-5 p.m.

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Howard Countians lift their voices in prayer, thanks for the rain

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

More than 600 people gathered in song, prayer and testimony Monday evening to express their appreciation to God for the rains and other blessings they had recently received.

Though Howard County had experienced only minimal moisture in the two weeks that had passed since the West Texas Rain Rally, there was no doubt of the strong faith expressed during the gathering, which was held at First Baptist

Church.

"We are thankful to the Lord for what he gives us," said Ed Williamson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. "I know people say He could have given us a lot more ... but we are thankful for at least a symbol."

"Lord, we look forward to the time when your blessed rain will come," he prayed.

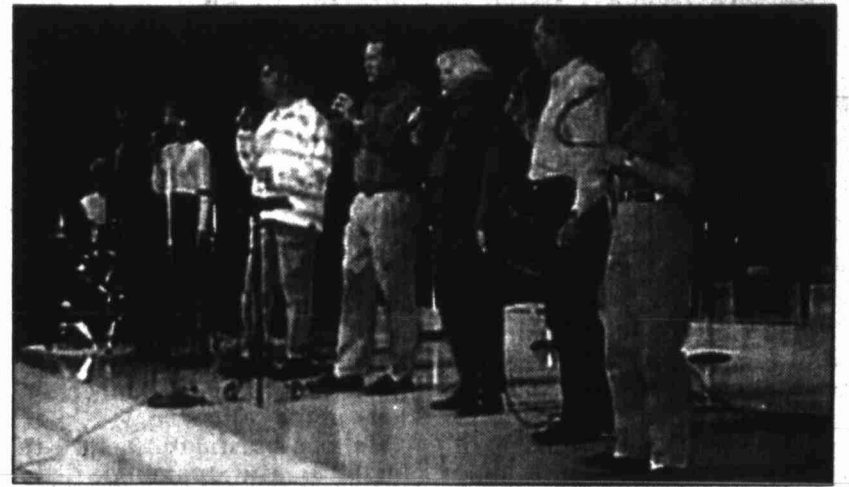
Songs of worship filled the sanctuary and a dozen people spoke, led in prayer or read scripture. Among them was Loren McDowell, who said of

the gathering, "It's more than just us agreeing together. It's us agreeing with God."

"Something more than rain happened," at the West Texas Rain Rally, said Rev. Tubbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church. "People began to examine their relationship with God."

He told those present that for some, it would not matter how much rain was received, or how much their crops grow or their business thrives. "They will still

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Producers hear boll weevil message again

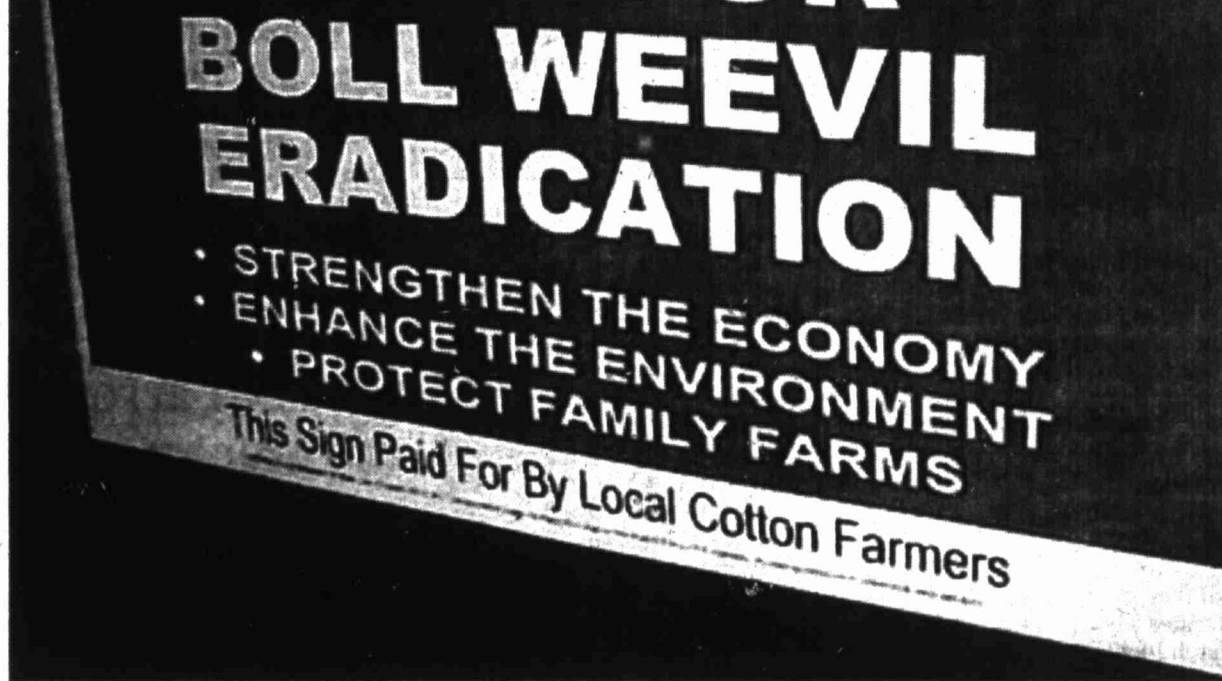
By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

About 40 cotton producers, land owners and representatives of affiliated businesses, such as banks and seed dealers, heard from representatives of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone (PBBWEZ) advisory committee this morning at Howard College.

The meeting was the sixth in a series of seven educational meetings being held around the six-county zone, which includes all of Howard, Martin, Dawson and Ector counties and the majority of both Borden and Dawson counties.

The final meeting will be at 8 Wednesday morning at the Stanton Community Building. Just as they have in previous meetings, representatives of the PBBWEZ as well as the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and the Texas Department of Agriculture explained how the program was developed and how it would work.

In addition, they pointed out the current program has nothing in common and is in no way connected to a previous program in the area. David Kight, Howard County Extension Agent Agriculture, opened the meeting by telling producers and landowners that when he first came to Howard County two years ago, "I felt



One of the signs being placed around the six-county Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone encouraging cotton producers and land owners to support the referendum. Ballots will be mailed out on Thursday.

there was one thing that could really make an economic impact for us and that was boll weevil control."

Kight said he still believe that and encouraged the group to listen to the presentation so that they might make an informed decision regarding the upcoming vote on the program.

"We'll be voting for three things," PBBWEZ chairman Eddy Herm explained, "For the program, for the assessment

and for a director on the foundation."

Ballots will be mailed Thursday from Austin to each of the approximately 3,600 cotton producers and land owners in the six-counties.

A two-thirds vote is required to enact both the program and the assessment, which has been set at \$6 per acre for dryland and \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton.

The Southern High Plains-Caprock Region recently voted

on a zone and assessment, with the initiative failing after getting 63 percent of the vote.

Acreage to the east, south, southeast and west-northwest of the Permian Basin Zone have all either approved weevil eradication programs or have some type of weevil control program in place.

The Western High Plains Zone, which includes Andrews and Gaines counties, has

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Glasscock County, Forsan ISDs get more candidates

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Glasscock ISD will have candidates for its May 1 school board election, though it won't actually have to hold one if no one else files.

Two farmers, Carl Hoelscher and Jimmy Aggemeyer, have filed for the two at-large seats up for election. Neither of the incumbents, Lillie Havlak and Jimmy Bednar, had filed for re-

election as of mid-morning today.

School districts that have no contested races may waive their scheduled elections. The filing period continues through the close of business Wednesday.

In Forsan, there are three at-large positions up for election, currently held by Donnie Andrews, Domingo Rios and Dale Humphreys. Andrews, a pilot with Partee Drilling Co. Inc., and Humphreys, who is employed by the Colorado River

Municipal Water District, have filed for re-election. Also seeking election are Marty Whetsel, oilfield worker, and Robert Stapp Jr., a fireman.

Coahoma has seven candidates seeking one of two trustee

positions up for election. They are Larry Cordes, a pharmacist, David Higgins, who is self-employed, Cindy Neff, a Mental Health/Mental Retardation worker, Eddy Corse, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Joe Mansfield, with Sid Richardson;

John Wayne Metcalf, a city employee; and Ronnie Dodson, who is employed by Saga Petroleum.

Neither of the incumbents — Brian Marlar and Bill Gressett — has filed.

Grady ISD has its first contested race. Tony Sawyer, incumbent for District 3, has filed for another term. The area farmer will be challenged by oil field worker Johnny Cox.

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City

Big Spring and Forsan may waive elections
HERALD Staff Report

With just one day left in the filing period for city council, Big Spring and Forsan are poised to waive the May elections.

The filing period ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday and if there are no contested races, cities may cancel their election, by law.

Unless someone quickly backs down, however, that won't be the case in Coahoma, where two men are seeking the mayor's post. They are the current Mayor, Bill Read, who is seeking his fourth term, and challenger Richard Hicks.

Coahoma city council incumbent Bruce Allen, a Fina employee, has filed for another term. Seeking the other council position up for election is firefighter/paramedic Craig Ferguson. The other incumbent, Warren Wallace, has not filed for re-election. City council positions at Coahoma are all at-large.

Incumbents have been the only ones to seek election in Big Spring and Forsan.

Chuck Cawthon, who represents District 3 on the Big Spring City Council, and Stephanie Horton, council woman representing District 1, are unopposed to serve another term.

District 1 encompasses county election precincts 1011, 1021, 1061 and 3011 within the city limits. District 3 encompasses county election precincts 1073 and 3033 within the city.

The seats are for three-year terms. A candidate for Big Spring City Council may reside anywhere within the city limits.

At Forsan, incumbents have also been the only ones to file. Up for election are three alderman positions currently held by Clarence Williams, a truck driver; Mary Gressett, a custodian at Forsan ISD; and Fred

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Blood needs are critical as drives about to begin

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Howard County residents will have ample opportunity to help save the lives of others this week and next as United Blood Services has scheduled four blood drives in the area.

"We are still recovering from a severe shortage last month," said Ann Phillips, UBS community relations representative. "Many of our regular donors were ill and unable to give; however, a large number of people — including first-time donors — stopped up and rescued us."

"We don't want to see another shortage again this month, so we could really use some extra donors," Phillips said.

The first of the drives will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. That afternoon and early evening, Coahoma

UBS BLOOD DRIVES

Wednesday, March 17

• 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center

• 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Coahoma Church of Christ

Saturday, March 20

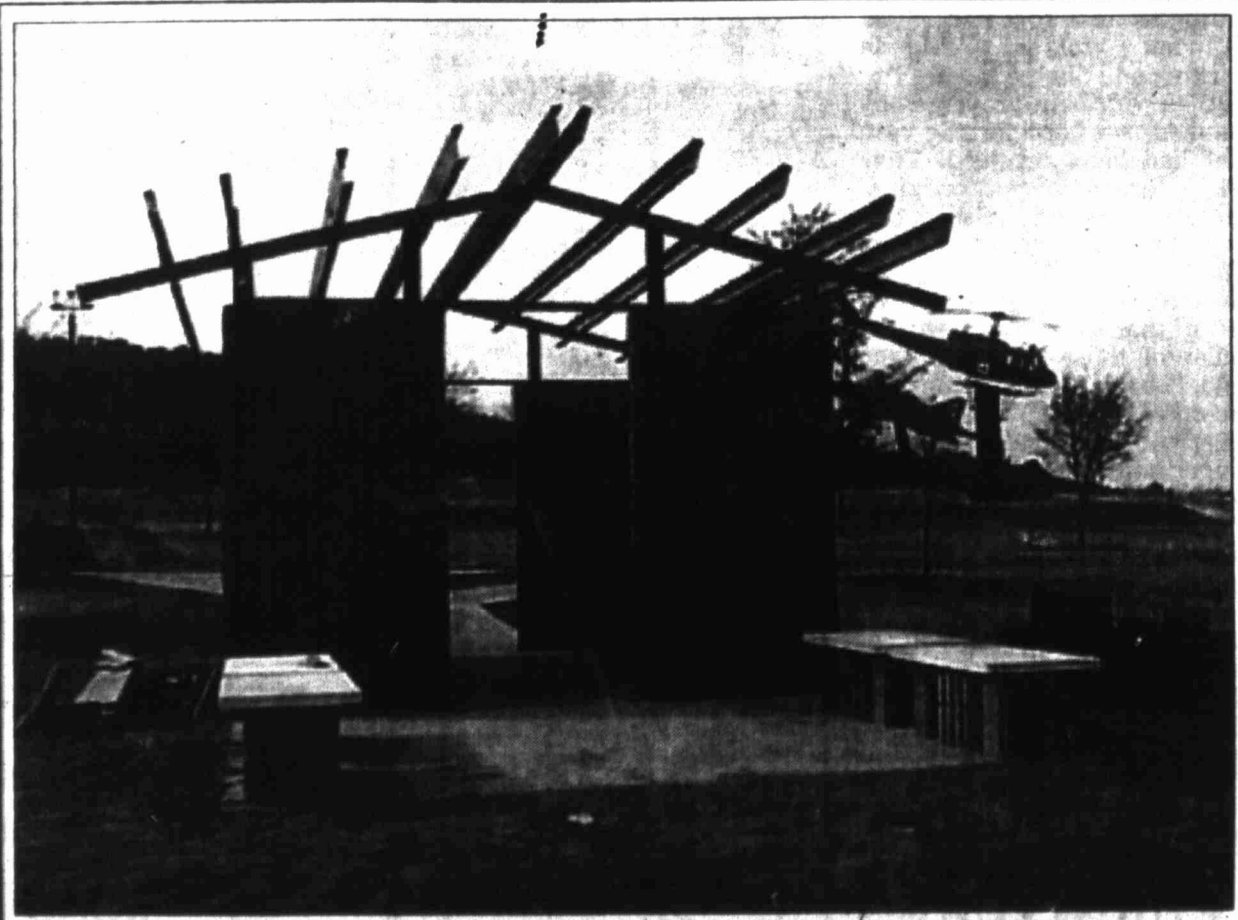
• 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Big Spring Mall

Tuesday, March 23

• 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Lakeview Head Start

Church of Christ will be the site of a blood drive from 4 to 8 p.m. For those who are busy at mid-week, another drive will be held from 1 until 5 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring Mall.

The final drive is set Tuesday. See BLOOD, Page 2



Steel girders to support the roof on the chapel being constructed at the Vietnam Memorial were positioned on Monday. The roof work will continue this week.

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OBITUARIES

Carl O. Davis

Memorial service for Carl O. Davis, 55, Abilene will be 4 p.m. today at North's Memorial Chapel in Abilene with Dennis Hayes officiating. The body will be cremated under the direction of North Funeral Home.

He died Monday, March 15, 1999, in an Abilene hospital.

Mr. Davis was born in Arizona and served in the Air Force in the 1960s. He married Aurora Marquez in 1963 in Big Spring and came to Abilene in 1992. He worked at Dyess Air Force Base as an aircraft equipment specialist. He was with civil service for 37 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Aurora Davis, of Abilene; one daughter, Denette Landin of Big Spring; one son, Carl A. Davis of Denver, Colo.; a brother, James Davis of Chicago, Ill.; two sisters, Denise Sklaenar and Bernice Kramer of Chicago; and three grandchildren.

Ottis T. "Jack" O'Brien

Graveside services for Ottis T. "Jack" O'Brien, 89, of Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Rev. David Harp officiating. Services will be directed by Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

He was born Jan. 18, 1910, in Eastland County and was married to Beatrice Marie Powers Jan. 18, 1948 in Colorado City. They moved to Lenora in 1949 and to Stanton in 1953.

He was a veteran of World War II and was a retired dirt contractor.

Survivors include: his wife, Beatrice O'Brien of Stanton; two sisters, Lorene Thompson of Lewisville and Vernell Edwards of Abilene; a brother, Willard O'Brien of Fort Worth and a half-brother, H.V. O'Brien of Eastland.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Bess Stewart

Funeral service for Bessie Elizabeth "Bess" Stewart, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 17, 1999, in the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with Rev. Skip Hodges officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

She died Sunday, March 14, 1999, in Midland. Mrs. Stewart was born April 14, 1902 in Stanton and grew up there and in the Courtney community. She married Joseph Arthur Stewart June 24, 1921, in Stanton.

She was named Martin County's Outstanding Older Texan in 1980 and was given an Outstanding Service Award for her work in the Martin County Old Settlers registration department. She was a charter member of the First United Methodist Church in Stanton, a member of the Stanton Home Demonstration Club, Stanton Garden Club and Stanton Study Club.

Survivors include: two daughters.

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Alden M. Thomas, 90, died Saturday. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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ters, Virginia Collins of Midland and Barbara Jane Smith of Plainview; a son, Edward Glenn Stewart of Midland; 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Martin County Historical Museum, P.O. Box 929, Stanton, 79782.

Abraham F. Juarez

Service for Abraham F. Juarez, 69, of Meadow, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Brownfield, with Father Reynaldo Reyes. Burial will be in Meadow Cemetery under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, March 14, 1999, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 3, 1929 in Milano, and married Lilly Constancio on March 18, 1950. He moved to Meadow in 1932.

Survivors include: his wife, Lilly Juarez; three sons, Abe Juarez Jr., Big Spring, Richard Juarez and Carlos Juarez, Meadow; three daughters, Esmeralda Sanchez, Brownfield, Rosemary Infante, Andrews, and Liza Wylie, Meadow; a brother, Steve Juarez, Amarillo; 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home, Brownfield.

BLOOD

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March 23, at Lakeview Head Start from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

"Today, we're issuing another critical appeal for O-negative blood because we've run out," said Phillips. "We are in a severe situation. If someone needs that blood type, we don't have it."

Phillips said that in the series of drives coming up, UBS only averages about 15 units of blood at each location. That's very low for a city the size of Big Spring, she said.

"We are seeing less and less people donate as years go by," Phillips said. "What we are finding is that people who were in the World War II era were really dedicated to it. Baby Boomers are not as much so, and Generation X hardly at all."

"Fewer people are willing to come in and take the time without getting paid for it. We've got to change people's thoughts about giving blood because the only place you can get it is from humans."

She noted that UBS must collect more than 300 units of blood weekly in order to supply 18 area hospitals.

Those wishing to donate must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more. Some form of identification is also required, such as a driver's license or Social Security card. Anyone taking medications needs to be prepared to give that information to UBS personnel.

Appointments are recommended for those on a tight schedule, but are not necessary. Call the following numbers to schedule an appointment in advance: Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 268-4960; Coahoma Church of Christ, 394-4277; Big Spring Mall 267-3853; Lakeview Head Start, 267-7452.

Anyone having questions or needing more information is invited to call 1-800-756-0024.

WEEVILS

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passed the program and is waiting for it to get under way while the Southern Rolling Plains (Concho Valley) and Rolling Plains Central (remainder of Borden County, plus Mitchell, Scurry and others) have overwhelmingly renewed their programs.

In addition, the St. Lawrence Zone, while not opting for an eradication program, has had an active suppression program in place for about 15 years.

Lindy Patton, executive director of the Eradication foundation, told the group that the foundation's "technical committee has recommended this as a high-priority area because of

the proximity to the other zones where programs are under way."

Patton explained that eradicating the boll weevil "is a numbers game."

"You kill 90 percent the first year, then 90 percent of the remaining weevils the next year and so on... it's a four-year program," he said, adding that every four years, producers and land owners will vote as to whether or not to continue the program.

Dawson County IPM agent Tommy Doederlein gave the group numbers to show the cost-effectiveness of the effort.

"We're not talking about new production, but rather cotton we're protecting," he said. "It doesn't take a whole lot of damaged cotton out there to offset the cost of the assessment."

"This is damaged cotton we should be getting to the gin that the weevil is taking from us."

COUNCILS

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Holguin, an employee at Apache Drilling. All candidates are at-large.

Candidate filing in Coahoma is conducted at the city office. In Big Spring, it is at City Hall. Those wishing to file in Forsan should go to the Forsan ISD business office.

Early voting in all three elections is April 14-27, with election days — for the entities that will have them — set for May 1.

THANKS

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be no better off, if they don't have Jesus," he said.

"Two weeks ago, we didn't just come to pray for rain. We came to repent," Tubbs said.

He invited those who wanted to pray to do so, and many came and knelt at the altar. When that space was filled, others stood behind them, heads bowed, eyes closed, asking God to be in their hearts.

In between prayers and scripture, Stan Hanes, minister of music at First Baptist, led the group in songs such as "His Name is Wonderful" and "Standing On The Promises." Jody Nix, who first suggested having a rain rally, joined Hanes and his wife, Carol Hanes, in testimony in song.

In testimony, John H. Walker, managing editor of the *Big Spring Herald*, told the audience that the two rallies have made a changed in his life.

"I didn't have any idea why Jody called me to speak at the Rain Rally. I am the most unlikely person to be sitting up here," said Walker. "But then I found out why he called me."

Walker related that he was reared in the South with a family that was close to God. He said he had drifted from the Lord, but that the experience he received at the Rain Rally had touched him deeply and brought him back.

Those people who were disappointed that Big Spring didn't receive more rain don't understand, Walker said.

"They missed what the Lord was doing. He was reminding us that we are to be repentant to Him," Walker said.

"He was letting us know He is there for us, and that He will do as He promised."

Carol and Joyce Choate read from Psalms 98 and Gibson Feagins led the gathering in a prayer of thanksgiving for God calling them all together.

Linda Walker, Rhonda Harding and Sherree Moates lifted their voices in prayer. They thanked the Lord for the rain that had been received. They asked for patience, for guidance, for peaceful hearts, for forgiveness.

In a strong, clear voice, Moates said it is not cotton nor cattle that puts food on the tables of those who work the land. "That's not their source of income, Lord, it's you."

Carroll Kohl gave the closing prayer and asked those present to turn to the Lord.

"It's easy to say 'I love you, Jesus.' It's a lot tougher to let him love us," Kohl said.

"As we look for the blessing of rain, as we look for the blessing of new life, as we look for the blessing of renewed life... we must remember to turn to Him in hope... And in His time, the

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AROUND THE TOWN

blessing comes," said Rev. Williamson.

SCHOOLS

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The other Grady ISD board incumbent facing re-election, Brad Tunnell, is unopposed as yet for his District 4 seat.

Big Spring ISD incumbents Irene Bustamante, in District 1, and Larry McLellan, in District 3, are still unopposed.

Stanton ISD's District 3 seat is a contested one as Sandy Turner, service manager for White Motors, is challenging long-time incumbent Johnny Louder.

Louder is a farmer who has served on the board since 1986.

Todd Smith, a lineman for Westex Telephone Co-op, has filed for another term in District 4. On the board since 1991, Smith is still unopposed. The other seat up for election on the Stanton ISD board this year is District 7, an at-large seat to complete an unexpired term. Rocky Barnes, service manager for Wheeler Motor, has filed for that spot, currently held by Randy Moore.

At Sands, there are two at-large seats to be decided at the polls. They are currently held by Billy Reed and Martin Nichols. Reed has filed for a second term.

Early voting in the May 1 elections will be April 14-27.

Child's tip
leads to arrest
of three on
murder charges

CHICAGO (AP) — Three men wanted for two rape-slayings were arrested after the 10-year-old daughter of one of the suspects recognized her father on television, police said Monday.

The suspects, including the girl's father, Ronald Hinton, were ordered held without bond Monday on charges of rape and murder.

The photo identified by the girl was taken by a surveillance camera at an automatic teller machine at the moment that one of the slain women's card was used. The photo was broadcast on television, and the girl told her teacher it was her father. School officials contacted police.

"It's fascinating that a very evil crime spree was basically stopped by something as innocent as a third-grader having a conversation with her teacher," said Assistant State's Attorney Thomas Epach.

Charged with first-degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault and home invasion were Hinton, 26, Ronald Sanders, 25, and David Wales, 26, all of Chicago.

All three are accused of raping and strangling Mercedes Ares, 31, who was killed Feb. 13 in her apartment in Rogers Park, a neighborhood of Chicago's north city limits.

Hinton and Sanders are additionally charged with the rape and slaying of 36-year-old Keary Gagnier in Rogers Park in August.

Hinton is accused of using an ATM card belonging to one of the victims. Police picked up Hinton over the weekend based on his daughter's statement, which led to the arrest of Sanders and Wales.

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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

BSPD responds
to injury to
a child report

Big Spring Police responded to a call of injury to a child Sunday.

About 6:45 a.m., officers were called to a residence on the northside of Big Spring, where they received a report of an assault on an adult and a juvenile. It was reported that a man had struck the child, 13, with his hand, causing minor injuries.

Reports said the child was in good condition.

The suspect was not present when officers arrived, but a case is being prepared to file with the office of the District Attorney.

CLARIFICATION

The Kelly Hankins who wrote a letter to the editor on March 1 is not the same Kelly Hankins who works at Malone & Hogan Clinic, or who was incorrectly referred to in a letter appearing on March 10.

MARKETS

May cotton 61.10 cents, up 24 points; April crude 14.33, down 12 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 25 cents even; cash steers steady at 66 even; April lean hog futures 40.85, down 22 points; April live cattle futures 66.47, up 12 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

• **CHERIE MICHELLE LITTLE**, 29, was arrested on warrants.

• **DENNIS RAY NIXSON**, 40, was arrested on warrants.

• **ALBERTO RAYGOZA**, 25, was arrested on local warrants.

• **CYNTHIA JEAN WHITE**, 34, was arrested on local warrants.

• **ISHELL L. WILLIAMS**, 31, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

• **JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENEZ**, 27, was arrested on warrants and motion to revoke probation.

• **JOHN E. SANDERS**, 20, was charged with evading arrest.

• **PROCURRO HERNANDEZ**, 26, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces in a drug-free zone.

• **DEMETRIO HERNANDEZ MACEDA**, 38, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• **FELIPE MARTINEZ**, 34, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• **GEORGE YOUNG**, 57, was arrested for possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **ALBERTO RAYGOZA**, 25, was arrested for parole violation.

• **JESSIE ESPINOZA MAR-**

TINEZ, 44, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• **CHAD DEWAYNE BRAKE**, 20, was arrested for no driver's license and minor under the influence of alcohol.

• **JOSEPH YANEZ**, 26, was arrested for bondsman off bond and motion to revoke probation.

• **RAYMOND ANTHONY ACEVEDO**, 30, was arrested on warrants.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between Monday at 8 a.m. and Tuesday at 8 a.m.:

• **GREGORY MARTINEZ**, 19, was arrested on local warrants.

• **JESSIE TARIN**, 38, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **MINOR ACCIDENTS** were reported in the 500 block S. Birdwell and 3200 block Parkway.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block Aylesford.

• **FRANCISCO CANTU**, 18, was arrested for assault, family violence.

• **JOHN FIERRO**, 33, was arrested for Class C Assault, family violence.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3400 block of W. Highway 80. A business reported someone took candy and loose change totaling about \$30 from a machine.

• **A WEEKEND SUMMARY** released by the department lists the following activity over the weekend: two assaults; six cases of family violence; four burglaries of homes; one burglary of vehicle; three criminal mischief reports; one driving while license invalid arrest; one evading arrest; two forgeries; one injury to a child; two runaways; eight thefts, five from convenience stores, four accidents, all minor.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

MONDAY
7:47 a.m. — 1900 N. Monticello, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:20 a.m. — 1100 block E. 11th Place, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:04 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:58 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:03 p.m. — 2100 block Johnson, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

RECORDS

Monday's high 78
Monday's low 46
Average high 69
Average low 39
Record high 86 in 1966
Record low 18 in 1923
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.03
Month's normal 0.30
Year to date 0.28
Normal for the year 1.54

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Hope dwindles as search for dead goes on at Amtrak derailment site

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. (AP) — Rescue crews climbed through the twisted hulk of an Amtrak train today, hoping to find survivors after a fiery derailment killed at least five people and injured more than 100 others taking a ride on the City of New Orleans.

As many as 21 people were missing and feared dead, said Mike Harshbarger, the Bourbonnais fire chief.

"To find survivors in the wreckage would be pretty unlikely," he said.

He said 188 of the 214 people

on the train had been accounted for at hospitals and shelters. It was unknown whether the missing were all passengers.

The train had 18 crew members.

"I was trying to go to sleep. Then all of the sudden everything just started crashing and catching on fire and people hollering and running. It was awful," said Blanche Jones, a passenger from Memphis, Tenn.

"We were trying to get out. We couldn't get out, couldn't find a way out. That was the most devastating thing of all," Jones said

as she limped out of a school that served as a temporary shelter.

"By the grace of God, I just went down a stairway and found a way to get out and let everybody know how to get out," she said.

The train, bound from Chicago to New Orleans, careened off the tracks shortly after 9:30 p.m. Monday after it slammed into a semitrailer loaded with heavy steel bars at a crossing 50 miles south of Chicago. The truck was leaving a nearby Birmingham Steel Co.

facility.

"The windows rattled," said Don O'Dell, who lives a block away from the scene and was watching TV when he heard the crash. "We got up and looked around to see what was going on."

Crew members clambered atop overturned cars and two derailed engines — one was split in half — searching through an eerie, smoky haze for trapped passengers. Firefighters doused flames on one of the engines and another car.

Alan Ramsey, chief of the fire department in nearby Herscher, said eight cars derailed, with three of them ending up on their sides. Amtrak officials said two engines and 11 cars derailed.

Police Chief Joseph Beard said most of the injured were in a sleeper car, which Amtrak officials said was behind the engines and a baggage car. Some of the rescuers peeled off their coats for the victims.

Authorities said 101 people were taken to two hospitals in nearby Kankakee, and at least

11 were in critical condition. One was airlifted to Loyola Medical Center in suburban Chicago.

The condition of the truck driver wasn't immediately known, Beard said, though the cab of the truck was not struck by the train.

Authorities said they were investigating whether gates and lights were working before the collision.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board were also being called to the scene.

Private retirement savings plans gain steam

WASHINGTON (AP) — To help Americans improve their anemic savings for retirement, several bipartisan proposals are circulating in Congress to increase limits on contributions to 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts.

There also is growing support to remove obstacles to creation of workplace pension plans for small businesses.

"We face a major retirement challenge in this country," said Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, co-sponsor of one major proposal. "While we need Social Security reform, we need to go well beyond that."

Congress and President Clinton have pledged to reserve

62 percent of projected budget surpluses to keep Social Security solvent into the next century. But that program provides only about 40 percent of a typical retiree's income.

Aging baby boomers, who figure to live longer than their forebears, have a low savings rate.

"As a generation, they have not saved adequately for their retirement," said Matthew Fink, president of the Investment Company Institute, which represents nearly 8,000 investment firms.

Last June, the amount of money Americans were saving as a percentage of their personal disposal income dipped into

the negative range for the first time since 1933, according to the Commerce Department. Although the rate has since crept up, analysts estimate that about half of all Americans have less than \$10,000 in savings.

In addition, half of all workers have no pension plan, and only 20 percent of businesses with 25 or fewer employees offer one.

One popular answer has been the 401(k) plan created in 1978, in which 25 million Americans — often with an employer match — have \$1 trillion in tax-deferred contributions invested in mutual funds and elsewhere. And millions of people have IRAs, which also grow through investments.

But limits on how much people can contribute hamper the growth of these retirement nest eggs, particularly for older Americans who need to save more money quickly and women who missed workplace pension years while at home raising children.

For example, there is a \$2,000 annual limit on tax-deductible IRA contributions, \$10,000 for a 401(k).

Several pieces of legislation introduced in Congress would raise these limits. The bill sponsored by Portman and Rep. Ben Cardin, D-Md., would boost the 401(k) limit to \$15,000 and the IRA ceiling to \$5,000, for example.

Medicare commission lacks votes for new plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a year of work, the commission charged with overhauling Medicare is poised to adjourn without making any formal recommendation, though leaders say they'll renew the fight for their ideas in Congress.

On the eve of today's final vote, the panel's leaders said they remained one vote shy of the 11 votes needed to make a formal recommendation to Congress.

Ten of the 17 members of National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare support a plan that would inject competition into the health insurance program for the elderly by letting seniors choose from a menu of options.

The panel, which includes Republicans, Democrats, members of Congress and private economists, hoped to rise above politics and offer Congress a blueprint for overhauling a program that has been a magnet for partisan warfare.

But in the end, the plan is largely supported by Republicans and backed by just two Democrats — Louisiana Sen. John Breaux, the commission's chairman, and Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

Breaux and his co-chairman,

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., promised to fight for it in Congress, saying they hoped to move legislation this year that would make their ideas law even without commission endorsement.

"What do you do? Do you just cry about it or do you introduce legislation based on this?" Breaux said Monday. "What we've got is very important. ... We've changed the debate in a major, major way."

He predicted the plan would attract at least 60 votes in the Senate, enough to overcome any filibuster. Thomas was less confident about its prospects in the House, though he said there was substantial support.

President Clinton has remained on the sidelines publicly, though all four of the people he appointed to the commission have declined to support the Breaux-Thomas plan.

Thomas has accused those commissioners of bowing to White House pressure, but Clinton spokesman Barry Toiv said Monday that the president did nothing to influence them.

As for the plan that emerged, Toiv said Clinton has not had a chance to review it and would have no comment.

Cornyn asked to look at above-ground waste storage

LUBBOCK (AP) — Legislators have asked Attorney General John Cornyn to rule whether above-ground storage of radioactive waste is legal under a disposal compact signed by Texas, Maine and Vermont.

"Somebody needs to tell us if this is a form of disposal that we can pursue," said Rep. Gary Walker, a Plains Republican who requested Cornyn's opinion.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, is sponsoring a bill that would allow low-level radioactive waste to be in "assured iso-

lation," which is above-ground storage.

The bill also would keep the license for disposing of the waste in the state's hands.

Another bill by Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, would let private companies be licensed for radioactive waste disposal.

Both bills are pending in the House Environmental Regulations Committee, which Chisum chairs. Chisum said he expects the committee to act on the legislation in about two weeks.

Andrews County officials

have been lobbying to have the waste disposal site located in their county since last October, when state regulators denied a license for the state's site near Sierra Blanca in far West Texas.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority chose the Sierra Blanca site in 1991.

Two firms in Andrews County — Waste Control Specialists and Envirocare of Texas — are vying to get the disposal contract.

If the low-level radioactive

wastes can be held permanently above ground, a number of communities likely would be interested in becoming the site, Walker said.

Chisum said his chief concern is to make sure the radioactive waste is disposed of in as safe a manner as possible, without fear that it could be dislodged by an earthquake or that waste could contaminate underground water.

Environmental and citizens' groups have protested the presence of waste dumps in West Texas on those grounds.

Bill to protect nursing home residents headed to president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress sent to the White House on Monday a measure that would bar nursing homes from evicting residents who rely on lower-paying funding from Medicaid.

The bill, approved by voice vote in the Senate, says nursing homes that decide to withdraw from the Medicaid program may not expel or transfer current residents who pay through the government health insurance program for the poor. The bill was approved by the House last week in a 398-12 vote.

The White House said in a statement that it supports the legislation because "America's nursing home residents must not live in fear that they will be evicted solely because they rely on Medicaid to pay for their care." It also has strong backing from senior citizen groups.

"America's seniors should be treated with reverence, not handled like refuse," said Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., a chief sponsor of the bill. The House sponsors are two Florida lawmakers — Republican Mike Bilirakis and Democrat Jim Davis.

Florida legislators pushed for the measure after a nursing home operator, saying it was doing renovations, sought to remove more than 50 Medicaid patients from a home in Tampa, Fla.

The company, Louisville, Ky.-based Vencor, later reversed that decision under public pressure.

Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., also became involved when the same operator told Medicaid

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residents to leave a home in Indianapolis.

"Once a nursing home accepts a patient, it should fulfill its promise and allow the patient to remain a part of the nursing home community, regardless of payment status," Bayh said.

The Health Care Financing Administration, which oversees Medicaid, estimates that 58 nursing homes a year are withdrawing from Medicaid, which generally pays less than people who pay with their own money.

Under the measure, nursing homes could still choose to leave the Medicaid program, but they could not oust current residents and they would be required to tell incoming residents that Medicaid payments were no longer acceptable and they might be asked to leave if they later came to depend on Medicaid.

Two-thirds of elderly nursing home patients rely on Medicaid to pay for their care. With nursing home costs averaging \$40,000 a year, about half of residents who begin by paying with their own money and health insurance must turn to Medicaid within three to five years.

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OUR VIEWS

We should all remember to be thankful for much

This time, instead of a community in need, it was a community in thanksgiving. More than 600 people gathered Monday to express appreciation to God for the rains and other blessings they have received.

The rain we received recently may have been described as "minimal," but that fact didn't dampen spirits of the community's faithful.

As First Baptist Church pastor Eddie Tubbs said, what happened in our community was more than just rain. He said the March 1 Rain Rally, which drew 800 to the church in prayer and song, had also brought many people to examine their relationship with God.

With song, prayer and thanksgiving, the faithful gathered again Monday. Many said their lives had been changed at the first rally, and they were returning to thank God for that.

Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, reminded those present that God does answer prayer.

"As we look for the blessing of rain, as we look for the blessing of new life, as we look for the blessing of renewed life...we must remember to turn to Him in hope... And in His time, the blessing comes," Williamson said.

Events like this one, and the rain rally earlier in the month, can serve as reminders that — in the busy pace of everyday life — we often forget about those things that really matter. We have to come back together as a community now and then and focus our attention where it should be focused — on our faith and our families.

Both rallies brought together Christians from many local churches. They came without selfish concerns or petty disagreements; they had one goal in mind. For one evening they left their labels behind and got on their knees in prayer. Men, women and children prayed and sang together, some in family groups, others surrounded by strangers.

In a community with dozens of churches, it is important to remember that we can unite around the things that matter. We can — and should — be thankful together for the many blessings we all share.

And yes, we still need rain. We probably will be watching the sky in anticipation for a long time to come. But our way of life is wonderful, and we are blessed many times over and in many ways.

As Sheree Moates said at the event, it is not cotton nor cattle that puts food on the tables of those who work the land. "That's not their source of income, Lord, it's you."

OTHER VIEWS

With the Washington spotlight on Social Security and tax cuts, Medicare is getting all the attention of a bit player who arrives at a theater just as Madonna and Leonardo DiCaprio step into a swarm of paparazzi.

That's too bad. Medicare, like the anonymous extra, could use the buzz.

The 34-year-old health insurance program for the elderly will dip into the red in 2008, even before it is hit by a tidal wave of baby boomer retirements.

As the Commission on the Future of Medicare works toward a salvage plan, some things are clear: The time for reform is now.

An accelerated move into managed care is inevitable, but fee-for-service should remain an option for current recipients. And a prescription drug benefit is desirable, but it could break the bank.

Newsday, Long Island, N.Y.

If you take a gander at your calendar, you will find that the month is March and the year is 1999, quite a distance from the presidential election in November 2000.

The Sun, Lowell, Mass.

Clinton-Congress Kosovo feud follows tradition

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the long, unequal struggle between the White House and Congress over the power to send American troops to danger zones abroad, presidents insist they can act without asking.

And that they have done, since World War II.

President Clinton's Kosovo peacekeeping mission fits the pattern, although it would begin with grudging House approval he didn't seek and didn't want debated in advance. The Senate may consider the Kosovo mission this week.

The administration was wary of House action, fearing that a rebuff would undermine Kosovo peace efforts in Paris.

When he won, 219 to 191, Thursday night, Clinton said it was broad bipartisan support for the commitment he'd made a month before. It came with conditions — including a report to Congress on how long the mission would last, a problem for Clinton since he set a deadline on another peacekeeping mission to the Balkans and couldn't meet it.

Neither the approval nor the conditions are binding. It's a message, not a law.

But the three-year peace deal that would put a NATO force in Kosovo, including 4,000 Americans, still hasn't been settled. The Yugoslav side in the civil war is resisting, and Clinton said Monday that unless the Serbs yield, there would be little option but to punish them with airstrikes.

All of this comes at a difficult point for Clinton, with Republicans bearing down on criticism of his foreign policy over Chinese nuclear spying, Iraq and deployments in the Balkans.

But he isn't yielding on his war powers. "Every president has reserved the right to both receive the support or endure the opposition of Congress, but not to give up the constitutional responsibility to deploy United States forces in peacetime," he said.

"And I think my predecessors were right about that."

Congresses have tried, fruitlessly, to find a way to share that power in the era of undeclared wars. There's a system on the books requiring approval to keep Americans in areas of possible conflict for more than three months after a president orders them there, but it never worked.

Hence the debate.

What we have continually done over the past six or seven years is when the president has moved troops into some place, we have acquiesced, just nodded our heads and done it," House Speaker Dennis Hastert said. Congress later has to appropriate the funds to pay for the missions, but at that point, the argument is that to deny it would be to withhold support from American troops.

Presidents, Clinton included, promise to consult with Congress on military missions abroad. But not to seek clearance. Clinton ordered airstrikes against Iraq two days before he was impeached on Dec. 19, raids that delayed that vote and led the House to adopt a resolution backing U.S. forces in action.

When Clinton sent peacekeeping forces to Bosnia in late 1995, Congress approved in a resolution agreeing "notwithstanding reservations" and pointedly calling it the president's commitment.

That measure also cited Clinton's pledge to have the troops out in a year, which remains unmet, as the administration acknowledged when the deadline came and went. The force has been cut by about two-thirds, but more than 6,200 Americans are still there.

On Kosovo, Clinton is being more cautious, noting that he is in "sort of a double bind," given that experience and the demands for a deadline now. "The exit strategy should be defined by the missions," he said, and added:

"I don't intend to make an open-ended commitment."

That is not easily avoided when trying to make peace among the ethnic enemies of what was Yugoslavia.

In the House debate on Kosovo, one Republican invoked the judgment of British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli, who said in 1878 that Serbia, Bosnia, and other Balkan provinces were a region of "political intrigues, constant rivalries, a total absence of public spirit, hatred of all races, animosities of rival religions, and an absence of any controlling power."

"Nothing short of an army of 50,000 of the best troops would produce anything like order in these parts."

NATO would have more than 60,000 in those parts, with both a new Kosovo peacekeeping mission and the multinational force in Bosnia.

Walter R. Mears is vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press.



Keeping America's Golden Door open

For a while, it looked like Americans were ready to slam shut the Golden Door on immigration

and penalize those immigrants who are already here.

Californians enacted a ban on welfare for illegal aliens and threatened to prevent their children from attending public schools in the state.

Congress enacted strict limits on welfare benefits for legal aliens, and even President Clinton talked tough about better enforcement of the U.S. border with Mexico.

Lately though, few politicians — other than Pat Buchanan — bother to raise the issue. Why? Certainly a booming economy — coupled with a severe labor shortage in some areas of the country — has quieted the concerns that immigrants were costing Americans jobs. But just as important, immigrants themselves responded to the anti-immigrant backlash by curbing behaviors that could exacerbate those sentiments. A new study from the Urban

Institute illustrates the most striking example.

The study, by Michael Fix and Jeffrey S. Passell, looked at declining welfare rates among citizens and non-citizens following the welfare reform debate from 1994 to 1997. Much of the resentment of immigrants, especially illegal aliens, stemmed from the perception — albeit incorrect — that many of them take advantage of U.S. welfare programs. In 1994, Californians passed Proposition 187, which sought to outlaw benefits to illegal aliens, including public education.

Although stymied in the courts, the measure nonetheless expressed widespread voter suspicion that many immigrants come to the United States not to work but to receive public assistance. The Urban Institute study shows immigrants themselves are fighting hard to prove those suspicions wrong.

According to Fix and Passell, poor non-citizens are significantly less likely than poor U.S. citizens to be on welfare in the first place: 14.5 percent of non-citizens versus 18 percent of citizens who live in households that subsist on incomes below 200 percent of the official poverty level. But more importantly, since 1994 non-citizens have been leaving

the welfare rolls in droves.

In fact, non-citizens accounted for a disproportionate share of the decline in overall welfare benefits between 1994. The decline in public benefits among non-citizens during this period — 35 percent — was more than twice the decline among citizens — 14 percent.

And these changes occurred even in those programs that were unaffected by the welfare reforms enacted in 1995 and among groups that continued to be eligible for benefits.

An earlier Urban Institute study of welfare in California found an even more impressive drop in welfare use by non-citizens in that state — a 71 percent drop in Medi-Cal and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families among legal non-citizens compared to no decline in use of these programs among citizens.

Ironically, the Urban Institute — an old-fashioned liberal outfit — warns that their studies demonstrate that the debate over welfare reform in the U.S. has had a "chilling effect" on welfare use among non-citizens.

Well, yes — and rightly so. The United States has no obligation to take the poor of other nations if they cannot support themselves and their families by working here.

Indeed, most immigrants

come here wanting to work.

And they largely succeed, as their labor force participation rates — which are higher than those of the U.S.-born — prove.

Welfare has often been associated with great shame by immigrants, most of whom come from countries without systems of public assistance. But, in recent years, as welfare programs both expanded and lost much of their former stigma, immigrants became increasingly likely to take advantage of the programs when times got hard and jobs disappeared.

Unfortunately, this sometimes led to long-term dependence, which often sapped the very drive and ambition that led immigrants to come to the United States in the first place.

If the harsh rhetoric of the 1990s encouraged many immigrants who were receiving benefits to leave the welfare rolls, it could turn out to be a huge blessing in disguise — not just for taxpayers, but for the immigrants themselves. Americans will continue to welcome immigrants only so long as they believe the newcomers will be productive members of this society.

Anything that discourages immigrants from becoming public wards will keep anti-immigrant sentiment low and America's Golden Door open.

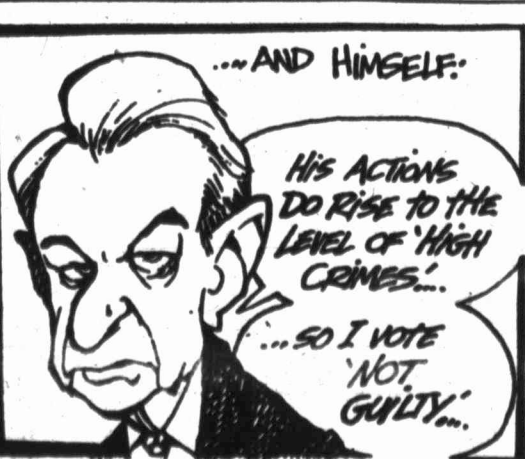


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Big Spring UGSA registration

Officials with the United Girls Association have that registration will be until April 9 at Sports, formerly Sporting Goods.

Parents should child's birth certificate registration fee of signing up their child in the league.

Fundraiser tour scheduled for April

The Ballapalooza and Ragball Tour benefit youth sports and the Roy Complex has been scheduled for April 3.

Games will begin each day and end midnight.

Entry fees for the softball tournament will be \$100, while a fee of \$50 will be required to be on the team ragball tournament.

The deadline for teams will be March 15. For more information, call Chris at 264-2100 or Earle at 800-734-7644.

YMCA extends for roller hockey

The Big Spring YMCA extended registration for roller hockey.

Play will be staggered by age groups: kindergarten, first graders, second graders, and fourth graders in the fifth through eighth grades.

Players will need sticks, a helmet, knee and elbow pads, gloves or wrist pads. Fees will be \$15 members, \$27 for non-members and \$32 for non-members.

The seven-week league will have its first game on March 27.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8100.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

4 p.m. — Sweetwater Lady Steers at Big Spring Lady Steers.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

4:30 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogs at Cowboys.

Big Spring Steers at Greenwood Rangers.

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8:30 p.m. — NIT, round, California at Rutgers, Ch. 30.

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Lady Hawks return from tourney with sights set on Midland

HERALD Staff Report

PHOENIX — Howard College's Lady Hawks made an impressive run at the Phoenix College Invitational Fastpitch Tournament on Sunday, winning three straight games before running into eight-time defending national champion Central Arizona.

Although the Lady Hawks made their exit from the tournament with a 10-1 loss to Central Arizona, Howard coach Andy Mace was nothing but upbeat.

"That score looks bad, but it was a lot closer game than that indicates," Mace explained. "We're playing much better than we have been ... hitting the ball

much better and playing better defense, too."

Mace made it clear he believes the Lady Hawks need a good fan following this weekend when they play host to Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) rival Midland College's Lady Chaparrals.

"We need to have a good following out there Friday and Saturday," Mace explained. "There are only 12 conference games and only the top two teams are going to advance into the playoffs. That makes every game extremely important and we need to make sure we have an edge at home."

The Lady Hawks will take on the Lady

Chaparrals in a pair of doubleheaders set for 1 p.m. starts on both Friday and Saturday.

Although Howard found Central Arizona too tough to overcome, the Lady Hawks took a 3-2, extra-inning win over No. 15-ranked Utah Valley in the third round of the tournament behind an impressive pitching performance by Maria Lopez.

Lopez scattered eight Utah Valley hits and struck out eight in improving her record to 12-5 on the season.

The Lady Hawks punched across the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning on a squeeze bunt by Becky Holland.

Howard had opened tournament play Sunday with a 5-2 win over South Puget Sound (Wash.) Community College as Lopez struck out six and allowed four hits.

Freshman Teresa Johnson led the way offensively, hitting her fifth home run of the season.

The Lady Hawks followed that success with a 7-3 win over South Mountain (Ariz.) Community College, as freshman Brandy Smith, who would suffer the loss to Central Arizona later in the day, struck out three and scattered six hits in going the distance.

The loss to Central Arizona left Smith with a 10-5 record on the season.

Lady Steers open 5-4A play today

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Now it's for real.

While his Lady Steers have put together a solid 17-6 record to date, Dan Arista is telling his team that it can forget everything they'd done to this point — both the good and the bad.

With the Lady Steers opening District 5-4A play hosting Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs at 4 p.m. today, Arista wants his team only focused on the business at hand.

"It doesn't matter whether we've won 17 games or none right now," the first-year Big Spring coach said as he looked forward to the Lady Mustangs' visit to the new Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

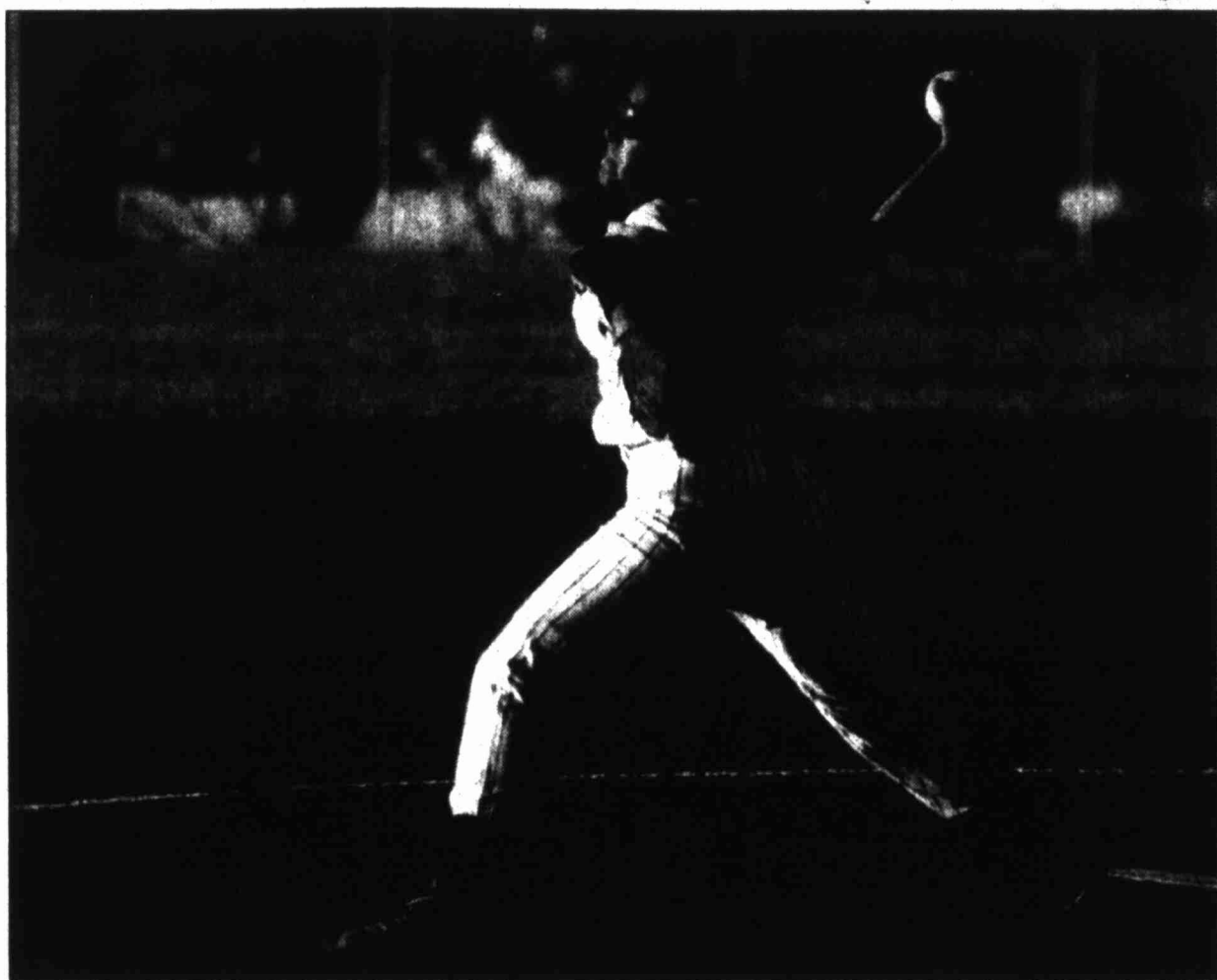
"It's time for us to realize that we're 0-0 ... just like everybody else in the district," Arista explained. "What matters now is playing the best softball we're capable of playing."

To Arista's way of thinking, the Lady Steers still have a long way to go before reaching their potential.

While he'll admit his season was supposed to be a rebuilding process for the Lady Steers and that injuries have forced him to use even more young, less experienced players than he'd like, Arista is frustrated by the number of errors his team continues to make.

"We're just making way too many errors ... that's what killed us in that last game in Snyder on Saturday," he explained, remembering the Lady Steers' 3-1 loss to Midland Greenwood in the consolation finals of the Canyon Reef Invitational Tournament.

"Greenwood scored two unearned runs ... we just can't afford that," Arista continued. "If we play error-free defense, it's a 1-1 game and we could still be playing. They (Lady Rangers) had a great pitcher ...



Big Spring pitcher Kaci Aciri delivers a pitch during the Lady Steers' game against Lubbock Monterey on March 2. Aciri, who saw a pair of unearned runs cost her in a 3-1 loss to Midland Greenwood in the consolation finals of the Canyon Reef tournament in Snyder on Saturday, is expected to start in the Lady Steers' District 5-4A opener with Sweetwater today.

probably the best we'd seen since our scrimmage against Midland Lee ... but we were playing well, battling her. The problem was we took away our chance to beat them with those errors.

"We just couldn't put the ball in play enough," he added. "We got good pitching from Kaci (Aciri) and Jessica (Canales), but we didn't back them up well enough."

The Lady Steers' simply couldn't muster the offense necessary to win. Canales managed a single and stole two bases before scoring Big

Spring's only run of the game on a Cecily Paradez single.

Big Spring's only other hit, a Leticia Hernandez triple, went for naught.

The Lady Steers opened the tournament with a 4-2 loss to Bel Air, then rebounded with a 4-3 win over Clyde as Juanita Valdez and Vanessa Rodriguez paced a 7-hit offensive attack.

Big Spring reached the consolation final with a 13-1 romp over Hermleigh with Canales going the five inning distance and allowing just three hits.

She also figured heavily in the Lady Steers' potent offen-

sive production, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

Valdez, Paradez, Rodriguez and Lindsey Marino were also 2-for-3 offensively, Paradez driving in three runs and Valdez added a pair of RBIs.

"We're not going to have a lot of games like we did against Hermleigh," Arista said. "We're just not that dominating ... offensively or defensively. That's why we've got to stay focused and play good solid softball in every phase of the game. If we let our guard down, we're going to get beat ... it's that simple."

NFL's owners unable to make up minds yet

PHOENIX (AP) — Pick a subject, and NFL owners are likely to be stalemated on it.

Expansion? Many of them want to add a 32nd team to begin play in 2002. Many aren't so sure.

Los Angeles or Houston? It will take a two-thirds majority (24 votes) of the owners for one of those cities to be accepted once a recommendation comes from the expansion committee. On Monday, the committee couldn't even come up with a preference.

Instant replay? While it looks good for reinstatement for the

first time since 1991, the debate on what kind of system would work best has been exhaustive.

The sites for Thanksgiving Day games? This might be the most contentious issue of all, with Detroit and Dallas desperately wanting to remain hosts, and several other clubs, citing competitive inequity, seeking a rotation.

"There are 31 owners," Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt said. "That means 31 opinions."

Bob McNair, head of the Houston expansion bid, has been a highly visible presence

all week. His bid has a solid financial arrangement, including civic support, and an impressive stadium proposal.

Neither of the two Los Angeles groups, headed by Michael Ovitz and Eli Broad, brought anywhere near as strong a presentation as Houston. The league is concerned about community commitment as well as uncertain stadium situations.

Yet it appears the expansion committee is eager to find a way to recommend Los Angeles, the nation's No. 2 television market, which lost the Rams

and Raiders in 1995. Thus the delay.

"We don't have 24 votes to go to 32 teams, we don't have 24 votes to go to Houston and we don't have 24 votes to go to Los Angeles," said Jerry Richardson of Carolina.

"We don't have 24 votes for Bob McNair, we don't have 24 votes for Michael Ovitz and we don't have 24 votes for Carson and we don't have 24 votes for the Coliseum," he added, referring to three of the prospective owners in the two cities and the two Los Angeles sites.

TCU ends Nebraska season with strong second half

FORT WORTH (AP) — A phenomenal shooting performance by Texas Christian has spoiled the Nebraska Cornhuskers' dream of repeating their 1996 feat of winning the National Invitation Tournament.

TCU (21-10) hit 77 percent of its shots in the second half, most of it while star Lee Nailon was on the bench with four fouls, and beat Nebraska (20-13) by 101-89 Monday night.

So, it's the Horned Frogs who will advance instead to a quarterfinal NIT game against Oregon, which beat Wyoming 93-72, also Monday night.

The Texas team will host Oregon, with tipoff set for 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"TCU definitely played their A-level game," Nebraska coach Danny Nee said of his team's defeat Monday.

"We really would've liked to have gone back to New York, but there really isn't much you could say when they were clearly the better team tonight."

Both teams rained 3-pointers.

Nebraska made 10 of 20 and TCU 9 of 21. Freshman Cary Cochran, who led the Cornhuskers with 23 points, hit 7-of-10 from 3-point range, including three late in the first half that helped the Cornhuskers to a 43-41 lead at intermission. A long 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds remaining by another Nebraska freshman, Louis Truscott, capped the wild first half.

The score was tied at 55-55 with 15:02 remaining when Nailon left after being whistled for his fourth foul. But it was the Horned Frogs who seized the momentum at that point, and by the time Nailon returned with 2:26 left in the game, TCU was on top 88-77 to the cheers of a sellout crowd of 7,166.

Andy Markowski's short jumper gave Nebraska a 67-66 lead with 10:06 remaining, but TCU's Prince Fowler sparked the Horned Frogs on an 18-4 run that turned that into an 84-71 lead, that the

Cornhuskers weren't able to make up.

"That probably is the best second half we have played all year," TCU coach Billy Tubbs said, reflecting on one key play after another, then noting that his team made 20 of its 26 field goal attempts in the final 20 minutes.

Fowler teamed with Vladimir Jaksic outside while Marquise Gainous and reserve Shannon Long dominated the inside.

"The way Shannon Long and Prince Fowler started driving the lane for buckets gave us a much-needed lift after Lee went out," Tubbs said.

Gainous led the Horned Frogs with 30 points and nine rebounds. Nailon added 20 points and five assists. With Nailon on the bench, Gainous was 5-of-5 from the field in the second half, while Fowler accounted for 12 of his 17 points and Jaksic for 11 of his 15.

Cookie Belcher hit two straight 3-pointers around the five-minute mark that

pulled Nebraska to within five points at 88-83.

"It was a good thing we were hitting from the outside, because they kicked our fannies inside," Nee said.

Venson Hamilton had 19 points and a game-high 10 rebounds for the Cornhuskers before fouling out, but TCU controlled the boards, 37-32. Ryan Carroll and Long had six rebounds each, and Nailon and Jaksic had five rebounds apiece.

"We fed off the crowd and off each other," said Fowler, who tied Jaksic with seven assists each.

Even with Nailon on the court only 28 minutes because of foul trouble, only six players saw action for the Horned Frogs. Jaksic was also saddled with four fouls down the stretch.

Gainous made 12 of 18 field goal attempts, Nailon 7 of 9, Fowler 6 of 10, Jaksic 5 of 10, Carroll 4 of 8 and Long 2 of 3.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***New beginnings are possible, but you might not want to reveal what is on your mind just yet. Do needed research and sort through options. Communication is active. Use extra time to clear your desk and return calls. Events are about to take off. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***Remain focused on what you want. Emphasize your ability to visualize and create. You have high energy and the ability to recruit others to your team. Keep certain perceptions to yourself, however. Use your diplomatic skills. Tonight: Beauty sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***You are finally getting somewhere. Stay focused; know what you want. A friend or associate shares important information. You might not want to act on it now; just mull it over. Make time for an important get-together or meeting. Afternoon is important for social matters. Tonight: Let the party begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***Taking an overview helps materialize a long-term desire. Get in there and take action. Don't settle for less than what you want. Talk to a boss directly, but later in the day, if you can. Your sense of responsibility elicits trust from others. Tonight: Don't count on getting to bed early!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*****Listen to feedback. Remain in contact with a key associate. Together, you are an unbeatable force. Think before taking action. Talks give both of you an even better sense of direction. Explore travel options or other expansive experiences. Tonight: Celebrate St. Patty's.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***Strong personalities seek you out, wanting your feedback. Relax and observe. Interpersonal relations could be stressful if you permit them to be. Make a point to talk to a key person in private. One-on-one discussions prove successful. Tonight: Wherever the party is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***Get as much work done as possible. You might be surprised by your energy and enthusiasm. Starting a new project is exciting, but complete what remains to be done on another first. Allow more spontaneity and fun into your life; don't be rigid. Tonight: Paint the town green.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***You'll want to be Irish today, even if you aren't. Early celebrations and a sense of fun mark your interactions. Be sensitive to a child or loved one who might feel a bit left out. Co-workers find your mood contagious; nevertheless, try to get some work done. Tonight: Out with co-workers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***Think before confronting anyone right now. If you play the waiting game, you'll gain. Listen to instincts with others to fully understand where they are coming from. Creativity surges. Brainstorm; you prove once more that two minds work better than one. Tonight: Put on your green dancing shoes and...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***Reach out for others. Conversations have an unusually animated tone. You actually could be floored by another's enthusiasm. Be realistic, but play along. Return calls. Think about long-term implications. Take time for a personal matter. Tonight: Close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) ***Finances are your highest priority. A decision could have stunning results. Consider how

much money motivates you. Allow your more social, gregarious self to come out with others. Others have a lot to share. Be a good listener. Tonight: You don't have to go far to have a good time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***You are personality plus. Allow others greater freedom to express where they are coming from. Humor presently plays a big role. Others respond to your ideas and suggestions, and to you in general. Zero in on what you want. This is no time to be shy! Tonight: Major indulgence.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a male friend who is a nonstop talker. He talks constantly during a meal and doesn't even stop when eating. He's so rude that he won't let a person finish a sentence. At meetings, people

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Sexual crimes can be very debilitating to the victims, as is evidenced in the letter of the girl who wrote to you. I would urge her to quit that job immediately and get her parents and the police involved. Sexual criminals usually have many victims. Not only would she be helping herself, but many other past, present and future victims. — TONY BRITTON, EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR TONY: I have received a bushel of mail in response to the letter from the sexually harassed teen-age girl in Toronto. Several were from law enforcement personnel such as yourself, and an astonishing number came from women who had also been sexually harassed by their employers as inexperienced teen-agers.

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2 bedroom stove & refrigerator furnished. 1009 Nolan (rear house). 263-4410.

2/2 bedroom unfurnished houses with carpet & storage. \$250/mo. each. \$100/dep. each. 267-8754.

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3 bd., 1 bath. 1304 Colby. Central heat & air. HUD Approved. \$385/mo. 915-362-8942.

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3 bedroom, 2 bath. 421 RENTED Call 267-7099.

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TOO LATES

1997 Pontiac Firebird. Teal. Must sell, take over payments. 263-8393 or 267-7641 ask for Mandy.

Wedding dress by Lili. Size 6-8. Venetian lace / Pearl halter with high neck. 6 layer tulle bouffant skirt w/Cathedral train. Never worn. Paid \$900., asking \$500. 264-3641 or 267-6259 ask for Gwen.

HOUSE FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 4 car garage. 3214 Cornell. \$525/mo. \$300/dep. 263-8448 or 267-3437.

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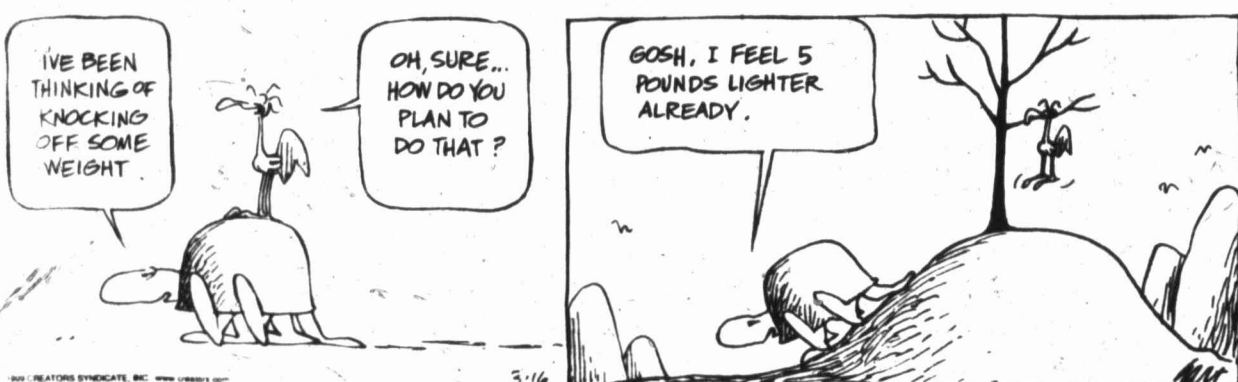
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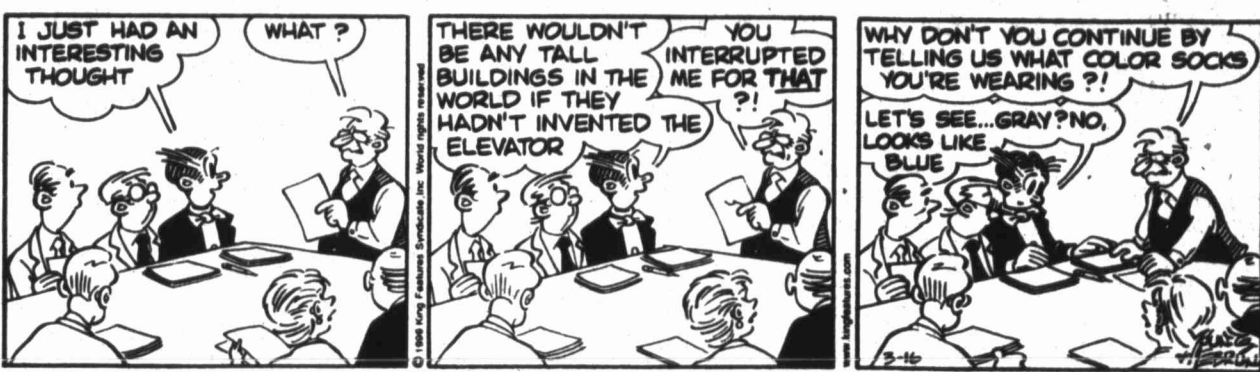
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 16, the 75th day of 1999. There are

290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 16, 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.On this date:
In 1751, James Madison,

fourth president of the United States, was born.

In 1836, the Republic of Texas approved a constitution.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission was organized.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler scrapped the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lt. William L. Calley Jr.

In 1969, "1776," a musical about the writing of the Declaration of Independence, opened on Broadway.

In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1991, Americans Kristi Yamaguchi, Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan swept the World Figure Skating Championships in Munich, Germany.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee approved sweeping agricultural reforms and elected the party's 100 members to the Congress of People's Deputies, a new legislative body.

Five years ago: Figure skater Tonya Harding pleaded guilty in Portland, Ore., to conspiracy to hinder prosecution for covering up the attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan, avoiding jail but drawing a \$100,000 fine. Russia agreed to phase out production of weapons-grade plutonium.

One year ago: In a long-awaited document that Jewish leaders immediately criticized, the Vatican expressed remorse for the cowardice of some Christians during the Holocaust, but defended the actions of Pope Pius XII.

Today's Birthdays: Statesman Mike Mansfield is 96. Actor Leo McKern is 79. Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 73. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-New York) is 72. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 59. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 58. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 57. Country singer Robin Williams is 52. Actor Erik Estrada is 50. Actor Victor Garber is 50. Actress Kate Nelligan is 48. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 45. Golfer Hollis Stacy is 45. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 44.

Thought for Today: "The only joy in the world is to begin." — Cesare Pavese, Italian novelist (1908-1950).

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Recorded on film
- Ciao on Kauai
- Verdi opera
- Saintly
- Hemispherical roofs
- Wound covering
- Grp. of oil producers
- States with conviction
- Rose or Sampras
- 1988 baseball film
- Feline
- Tobacco kilns
- Baby's word
- Signal for help
- Decay
- People with a gender bias
- Video-game hit of the '80s
- Went first
- Pack away
- Cultural values
- On the contrary
- Actress
- Diamond
- Light gas
- Soggy ground
- Coarse sieve
- Pressed underfoot
- Train unit
- Iniquity
- Meat cut
- Soft drinks
- Took a chair
- Bodybuilding film of 1977
- "Vissi d'arte," e.g.
- Augusta's state
- Dullard
- Discerns
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