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## Counts: Rumors that Big Spring State Hospital is closing are nothing more than rumors

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Rumors that Big Spring State Hospital will be closing were being laid to by State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, when he recently paid a visit to Big Spring to address mem-

bers of the Texas Public Employees Association and the Texas State Employees Union.

Counts was at the Corral addressing questions pertaining to the closure of the hospital as well as issues concerning state pay raises.

Counts said, "It is important that the employees of the state

hospital and the community know that when I heard this, I investigated all sources of these allegations, and found them to be rumors."

He added, "I feel very confident in telling you that the Big Spring State Hospital is not going to be closed. I realize the value of the hospital to the

community and to the field of mental health, and I'm totally committed to doing whatever is necessary to support it."

Also, in the recent Texas Performance Review by Comptroller John Sharp, it was reported that substance abuse services are being review, and may be returned to the Texas

department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Counts said he knows Big Spring had an outstanding program and would like to see the program returned to the state hospital.

State hospital Community Relations and Information Officer Kathy Higgins said, "We

don't know where the rumors started, but this something that happens from time to time."

She added, "David (Counts) thought it would be a good idea to go ahead and track the rumors and put the issue to rest."

### READING TIME



First grade teacher Andi Mason reads a book to her class as the students follow along with the pictures at the Stanton Elementary School.

## 25th Ag Dinner March 21 at HC

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The 25th Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for March 21 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and area farmers are urged to pick up their tickets for the event early.

The dinner, which begins at 6 p.m. is part of the West Texas Ag Expo that will run through March 22.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Program Coordinator Debbye Valverde said the dinner is free to all area farmers and ranchers but they must pick up their tickets as soon as possible because a food count has to be given to the caterer by Friday.

The expo will be open to the public from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and entertainment will be provided by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

Also as part of the entertainment for the 1996 Ag Expo will be The Swing Riders.

During the trail drives of the Old West, the most respected positions were those of the Swing Riders. They were responsible for turning the herd in the right directions, crossing obstacles, and reaching destina-

tions others dared not even visualize.

The Swing Riders performing at the Ag Expo will be father-son team, writer Mike Blakely a western novelist, and profes-

### West Texas Ag Expo

25th annual Ag Appreciation Dinner  
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March 21-22  
Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

sional speaker Doc Blakely.

The idea of The Swing Riders performing at the Ag Expo was conceived

in the mind of Mike, published author of six western novels, currently under contract to Tor Publishers.

The idea behind The Swing Riders was to take listeners on a figurative trail drive, telling tales with the humor, songs, and tunes that characterized the trail drive era, 1866 to 1885, when 3.5 million longhorns were driven up the Chisolm and Goodnight-Loving trails.

Mike Blakely is also a songwriter on the staff of Texasongs, Inc. and Rival Records out of Austin.

Doc Blakely is a veteran professional speaker with 25 years experience on the corporate circuit and makes more than 100 appearances a year and has won the highest honors of the National Speakers Association.

The Blakelys have traveled from Texas to New York and from Florida to Oregon, sharing their unique brand of humor.

## Knox: Meals local students provided are quality

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Chocolate milk is good food and Big Spring Independent School District food service director Joanne Knox said approximately 90 percent of the milk the district serves is low fat chocolate.

Besides providing milk, BSISD participates actively in school lunch and breakfast programs.

Last week marked the 50th anniversary of the National School Lunch Program. Since 1853 public school food service in the United States has evolved from a philanthropic program, unique to New York City, to a program available to 92 percent of the nation's children. Over 93,000 schools participate in the national federally-funded school lunch program, which was

signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1946.

According to Knox, over 60 percent of Big Spring ISD students qualify for free or reduced-price meals, with an average 2,800 lunches and 1,200 breakfasts served each day. "The challenge of serving nutritious foods that students will eat is never-ending, but one we are working to meet. We know that hungry children can not learn and Big Spring ISD food service department is dedicated to serving nutritious, good-tasting meals to our students," she said.

Knox said the food service department puts extra thought into the selection of foods for students, concentrating on keeping the children's preferences in mind. "Our menus follow the food choices that are made by students and not necessarily the preferences of adults. Keeping the student preferences in

mind, the dietary guidelines are followed and menu items are selected," Knox said.

The dietary guidelines the lunch and breakfast menus emphasize are: offering a variety of foods; maintaining a healthy weight, a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol, with plenty of vegetables, fruits and grain products and use of sugars, salt and sodium in moderation, she said.

Knox said, in an average week BSISD provides students with 25,895 pouches of milk and 23,306 of those pouches are chocolate. She said 1995-96 is the first year BSISD has offered low-fat chocolate milk to students. "When we had our audit by the Texas Education Agency last spring they asked 'Where's your chocolate milk,'" Knox said. She said the TEA wasn't concerned about its absence, but were simply curious

because nutritionally, chocolate milk is just as good as white and student consumption of milk generally increases when chocolate milk is offered as an option, Knox said. Since offering low-fat chocolate milk Knox said consumption of milk by BSISD students has increased. "Where we're seeing the biggest increase is at secondary schools, junior high and high school levels. ... Now their getting chocolate milk instead of a soft drink," she said.

Stephanie Smith, information specialist for DairyMAX, formerly Associated Milk Producers, said when children fail to eat a healthy breakfast they tend not to ingest enough calcium. The National Institutes of Health have studies that show that individuals with low calcium intake tend to have low

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## Kiwanis Pancake Supper set for Friday from 5-8 p.m.

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will be flipping pancakes for charity at the Howard College Cafeteria from 5-8 p.m. Friday. The cost will be \$4 per person.

The supper will benefit community youth work, of which the high school Key Club is a part.

Kay Barnett, faculty advisor of the Key Club, said the Kiwanis Club and its youth division, the Key Club, sponsor several annual fund raisers for their club programs as well as community services. "Our motto is; caring, our way of life," Barnett said. She said the Key Club has participated in the Heritage Museum fund raiser, Around the World in 80 Bites; the Big Spring Trail of Lights; the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, as well as several other community service fund raisers.

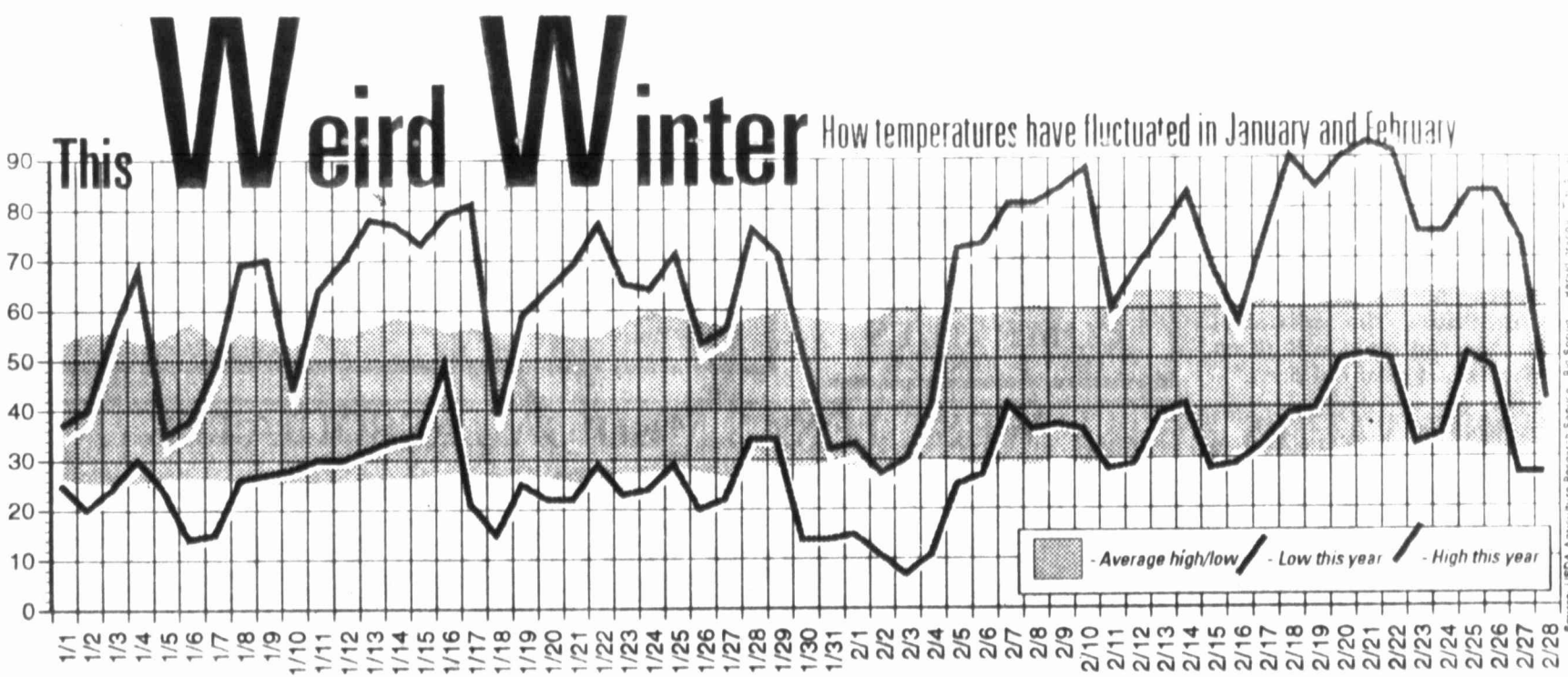
Barnett said the Key Club

recently earned \$187 for the Kids Zone project by taking up collections at high school basketball games and during school lunches. "The Key Club's major emphasis this year is 'Kids First,'" She said. Big Spring

High School's Key Club is 105 members strong, Barnett said. "We're ranked eighth in the

Texas-Oklahoma District." Barnett said she spoke with Principal Royce Cox of Runnels Junior High about creating a Builder's Club, or Junior High level of the Key Club. She said Principal Cox likes the idea and they will be working on getting a club chartered. She expects the club will be up and running by the beginning of the 1996-97 school year.

Part of the proceeds from the pancake supper will go towards funding a Key Club trip to the Texas-Oklahoma convention in Corpus Christi planned for April. The pancake supper will include sausage and bacon and will be served from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., cost is \$4 per person.



**Howard Co. Trivia**

When was the order for the first telephone at the Howard County courthouse issued?  
Aug. 26, 1899

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**NATION/WORLD**

**Chinese warn Washington**  
The Chinese government warns Washington to not get involved in the increasingly tense confrontation between China and Taiwan. Page 3.

**Recipes sought**  
The Herald is seeking recipes from readers for the resumption of our monthly recipe page. Recipes must be original and cannot have been published elsewhere.

**STATE**

**Bid process probed**  
The state of Texas is investigating the bid procedure as it currently stands for the state prison system. Page 3.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today  
77 <sup>▲</sup> Highs **46**  
Lows <sup>▼</sup>

**Sunny**  
Highs in mid-70s. Lows 45-50. Light winds this afternoon, fair tonight.

Tonight  
**Permian Basin Forecast**  
Tuesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in lower 80s, low 45-50. Wind 15-25 and gusty.  
Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High near 80, lows 50-55 and windy.

OBITUARIES

Berniece Cosby

Service for Berniece Lynn Cosby, 92, Lubbock, were 10 a.m. today at the Southcrest Baptist Church, Wayland Edwards Chapel, with Rev. David Wilson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Mrs. Cosby died Friday, March 8, 1996, in Lakeside Rehabilitation & Care Center.

She was born on Oct. 23, 1903, in Bronte, and moved to Lubbock in 1958. She grew up in the Midland/Lamesa area. She married J.J. Flint Cosby on Sept. 21, 1922, in Lamesa. They worked on ranches in the area until his death on Feb. 25, 1954. She then moved to Lubbock and worked at the Lamphouse for many years. She was a charter member of Southcrest Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school since the 1930's.

Survivors include one son: Steve Meeks, Duncanville; and three daughters: Frances Baxter, Kimberly Fiveash, both of Lubbock, and Betsy Vandevender, Albuquerque, N.M.

The family suggest memorials to be made to the Southcrest Baptist Church Mission Fund. Arrangements under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Juan Franco

Funeral service for Juan P. Franco, 94, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Elder Eliseo Gamboa, of The Jehovah's Witness congregation, officiating.

Mr. Franco died Sunday, March 10, at the Big Spring Care Center after a long illness.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1902, in Redford. He married Lupe Hernandez in Marfa in 1923. She preceded him in death in 1936. He later married Margarita Cervantes in 1936 in Marfa. She also preceded him in death in 1975. He moved to Big Spring from Marfa in 1943. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witness congregation and had been employed by the City of Big Spring, retiring in 1968.

Survivors include five sons: Raul Franco, San Antonio, Ruben Franco, Little Rock, Ark., Manuel C. Cervantes, Big Spring, Juan Cervantes, Midland, and Rodolfo Cervantes, California; three daughters: Rosa Brown, New Mexico, Maria Diaz, Big Spring, and Lupe Chavarria, Midland; 37 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Clifford Price

Service for Clifford Price, 90, Kingsland, and formerly of Big Spring, were 10 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Kingsland with Rev. Walter

Knight officiating. Graveside service will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum, in Big Spring with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Big Spring, officiating.

Mrs. Price died Sunday, March 10, in Kingsland.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1905, in Temple and married Thomas Kent Price on May 15, 1926, in Abilene. He preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 1983. Mrs. Price was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and A.A.R.P. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Kingsland and was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include one daughter: Shirley Boggus, Kingsland; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

Arrangements under the direction of Waldrop-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home in Kingsland, Texas.

Frank P. Gibson, Jr.

Frank P. Gibson, Jr., 72, of Midland and formerly of Big Spring, died on Friday, March 8, 1996, in a Lubbock hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. James Otterness and Rev. Bill Shine, retired ministers from Midland, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 26, 1923, in Dunn, Texas and married Ruth I. Fritts on July 3, 1952, in Lovington, N.M.

Mr. Gibson came to Big Spring in 1952 from Colorado City. He had worked at Big Spring Hardware as the manager of the Furniture and Appliance Departments and then later co-owned and operated Trantham Furniture for five years before starting his own store, Gibson and Cone Furniture, which he operated for several years. He later worked at Thornton Furniture Store as the assistant manager until the store closed in the late 1970's. Mr. Gibson also farmed in Glasscock County until retiring in 1991 at which time he moved to Midland.

He was a member of the Church of Christ and was a former member of the Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Gibson of Midland; three sons, Gary Gibson of Midland, Vernon McCree of Mayfield, Ky., and Tim Gibson of Florida; one daughter, Janette Meeks of Lovington, N.M.; one brother, Marlin Gibson of Lake Matthews; one sister, Faye Martin of Colorado City; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son Arleigh McCree and eight brothers and sisters.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Raney, Kenneth Gibson, Darrin French, Donnie Lee Gibson, Dub Wooddell, Winfred Martin, Tommy French, James G. Wooddell and Dale Wooddell.

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

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•ALLEN RAY MAYO, 38, no known address, was arrested for assault and family violence.

•BARBARA QUERNHEIM, 30, of 2904 Cherokee, was arrested on local warrants.

•LUCIAN LLOYD SOBOLOWSKI, 41, of 3304 W. 80, was arrested on local warrants.

•LUIS MOLINA, 34, of 507 E. 15th, was arrested for assault and family violence.

•JANIF MOLINA, 24, OF 507 E. 15th, was arrested for assault and family violence.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1500 block of Bluebird.

•THEFT at 22nd and Goliad.

•THEFT in the 1500 block of E. 17th.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2000 block of Gregg.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1500 block of E. 17th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 600 block of N. San Antonio.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2200 block of Runnels.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•JOHN THOMAS LEWIS, 49, of 2980 W. Hwy. 80 #34, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•ANDREW AGUIRRE JR., 24, Rt. 1 Box 381, was arrested for driving while intoxicated (2nd offense) and released on a \$2,000 bond.

MEALS

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intakes of other nutrients, Smith said. According to the NIH, dairy foods are the richest source of calcium, providing 75 percent of the calcium to the U.S. food supply. For the 6-10 age group, NIH recommends three to four servings of dairy foods a day and for 11-to-24-year-olds, four to five servings a day, Smith said.

She said, according to National Dairy Council studies, when given a choice, 57 percent of milk drinkers prefer chocolate milk. However, Smith said, this is not a bad thing. Flavored milk, or chocolate milk, has about the same amount of nutrients as white milk, she said. The main difference between the two is about 60 extra calories. The average seven- to 10-year-old requires about 2,000 calories a day, so 60 extra calories can easily fit into their total diet, Smith said.

Another chocolate milk myth is that it is high in sugar and contributes to hyperactivity in children, she said. This is false, chocolate milk has two fewer teaspoons of table sugar per eight ounce serving than soda pop, and a recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine confirmed that sugar does not cause mood swings, including hyperactivity in children, Smith said. She added, "Soft drinks may contain up to 10 times more caffeine than chocolate milk! The amount of caffeine in chocolate milk is too small to affect most children."

•ANNA MARIE MORAN, 27, of 1902 Mittel, was arrested for driving while license suspended and released on a \$1,000 bond.

•SHILO ALLEN HARRIS, 21, no known address, was arrested for driving while license suspended and released on a \$1,000 bond.

•CHRISTOPHER M. SANDOVAL, 17, of 1206 Ridgeroad, was arrested for theft over \$50 and released on a \$1,200 bond.

•RUBEN RAMON GAMBOA, 40, of 1902 Mittel, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and driving while license suspended and released on bonds of \$5,000 and \$1,500.

•EL WARD VINCENT MENDEZ III, 21, of 2613 N. Lamesa, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and released on a \$3,000 bond.

•ELAINE MONFER KRISTIN, 21, of San Marcos, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and released on a \$1,200 bond.

IN BRIEF

Herald seeking recipes so that recipe page can resume

The Herald is currently seeking input from our readers to begin a recipe page scheduled to be published the second Wednesday of each month, beginning in April

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions for the first recipe corner need to be in the Herald office no later than April 1. It is scheduled for April 10.

For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331.

Business After Hours set March 19 at Best Western

Business After Hours will be March 19 from 5:15 to 7 p.m. at the Best Western Mid Continent Inn on the North Service Road of I-20.

There will be refreshments and door prizes. Bring a guest and your business cards.

Business After Hours is a program of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and is specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors. There is no charge to attend. This is the first of many for 1996, with a different sponsor and location each time.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY  
•Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Clarence Hartfield, 267-1806.

•New Voice Club of the Big Spring area, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, will meet 6:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, Whipkey Drive in Comanche Trail Park.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weight-in is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 6 p.m. Carrilage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NO SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•A1-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

TUESDAY  
•Diabetes support group, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

•Human Services Council, 10 a.m., Chamber of Commerce boardroom, Contact Debbie Jensen, 263-8351.

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South.

•High Adventure Explorers Post 519, 7 p.m., VA Medical Center room 212, ages 14-20.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th

and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 83.55 cents a pound, down 16 points; April crude oil 19.74, up 13 points; Cash hog steady at 49.50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 60 cents even; April live hog futures 49.15, up 25 points; April live cattle futures 62.25, nc.

Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Prime Rate 8.25%

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Nalley-Pickle & Welch FUNERAL HOME

906 Gregg St. Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

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# China warns Washington not to get involved in dispute over Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Warships from the U.S. Seventh Fleet staked out the international waters around Taiwan today, even as China warned the United States to stay out of its sovereignty dispute with the island.

On Taiwan, alarm over Chinese war games just off the coast fueled a sharp stock market drop and a run on U.S. dollars today.

Tensions between Taiwan and China are at their highest in 15 years, as China seeks to quell independence sentiment on the island with a military show of force. Chinese missile tests are under way off Taiwan's main ports, and China has said it will begin live-ammunition war games off Taiwan on Tuesday.

"Taiwan is a part of China and not a protectorate of the United States," Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen declared at a news conference in Beijing. "If foreign forces invade Taiwan ... we will not sit idly by," Qian promised. He added, however, that China wants peace.

Calling China's attempt to intimidate Taiwan "reckless,"

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced the dispatch of a battle group led by the USS Independence.

The destroyer Hewitt and guided-missile frigate McClusky joined the Independence north of Taiwan today, the Seventh Fleet said from Yokosuka, Japan. The guided-missile cruiser Bunker Hill took up a position south of the island to monitor China's missile tests, the Navy said.

The United States intended the warships to be "in a position to be helpful, if they need to be," Christopher said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Christopher did not say how the U.S. would respond if China were to attack Taiwan, or how close to Taiwan the battle group would go. The Seventh Fleet said all the vessels were in international waters.

Taiwan's main stock index fell 98.08 points, or 2 percent, closing at 4,711.43 today. Taiwan's financial markets have plunged repeatedly since July, when China began what proved to be the first of three rounds of missile tests.

"Investors are worried that China has pushed their military threats to the extreme, and if tension continues to escalate, the next move would be war," said Thomas Chien, president of Wardley James Capel Ltd.

Leading banks like the Bank of Taiwan and Bank of America reportedly brought in emergency supplies of American cash, sought by the Taiwanese as a hedge in case of troubles with China.

The Central Bank of China, Taiwan's central bank, urged the public to stop the panic buying. Deputy Governor Paul Chiu said his bank won't allow the U.S. dollar to strengthen above 27.5 Taiwan dollars while the Chinese military threat persists.

On Sunday, Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui said the nation's economy this year "may open low, but will surely finish high" if Taiwanese stand united.

The war games off the Chinese coast are seen as potentially more menacing to Taiwan than the three missiles that landed in nearby waters Friday, which were thought to have

dummy warheads.

Most believe that neither side wants a war that would interrupt Taiwan's and China's multibillion-dollar trade, and that China is simply trying to scare voters away as Lee seeks a new term in elections March 23.

But the rectangle of ocean designated for the exercise lies uncomfortably close to Taiwanese territory — 30 to 45 miles from its islands of Quemoy and the Pescadores.

Its edge touches the mid-point of the Taiwan Straits, which the two sides have long treated as an unofficial border, not to be crossed by either side.

China's Nationalists fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war on the mainland to the Communists.

Beijing has been trying to wipe out what it sees as a Taiwanese drive to dump the doctrine of reunification with China and declare itself an independent state.

"It's not that Taiwan does not want reunification," Lee said during a day of presidential campaigning Sunday. "It's just that Taiwanese people do not

want to live under a communist system."

He downplayed the threat to Taiwan.

"People do not have to be afraid of the mainland's exercises, because the government has prepared measures in response," Lee said. "Everybody can relax and go about their business."

But Taiwan declared the war

games zone a dangerous area, and advised airliners flying to and from Hong Kong to divert south by at least 16 miles. More than 300 daily flights could be affected by delays of up to 10 minutes, officials said.

"We have alerted all pilots to make security their top concern," said Steve Yang, spokesman of Taiwan's China Airlines.

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## State prison board questioning bid procedures practices

AUSTIN (AP) — Although the state prison board's reach extends to matters as mundane as the location of vending machines, state law doesn't require board approval of multi-million-dollar contracts like the one that spawned a recent controversy.

Questions about proper oversight arose after Andy Collins, then-executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, authorized a \$33.7 million contract for VitaPro meat substitute last year without informing the board and without seeking competitive bids.

He then retired from his state job Dec. 31 and went to work for VitaPro in early January as a part-time consultant making \$1,000 a day. He later resigned after the VitaPro deal hit the headlines.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that of the 28,199 contracts awarded by the criminal-justice agency last year to 8,203 vendors, 90 were for \$1 million or more — including the one for VitaPro. Federal and state authorities are investigating irregularities in the VitaPro contract. The state has sued the Montreal-based company and seeks to nullify the contract, which the state claims was entered into illegally. Under pressure from VitaPro executives, Collins resigned from his consulting job after the suit was filed.

Since then, an angry Gov. George W. Bush and legislative

leaders have demanded the criminal-justice board more closely monitor the operations of Texas' largest state agency.

Board members have endorsed much closer scrutiny of agency business, complaining bitterly that top agency officials signed the VitaPro deal without their approval.

But some people worry privately that it could be too time-consuming for the volunteer citizen board to review every large contract — and might hamstring agency operations as well.

"The key here is to find the right balance," said John Ward, a board member from Gatesville. "We're going to have to find the line between proper oversight and micro-management."

But Board Chairman Allan Polunsky is adamant.

"We are going to have greater hands-on in the operations of this agency, even if that means that board positions will become full-time positions for a while," he said.

The issue surfaced last fall, after Collins authorized the agency to buy \$9.2 million worth of high-tech security fencing without seeking competitive bids. Several board members called for all multimillion-dollar contracts to be approved by the board.

But Collins cautioned that such review would be a time-consuming chore for a part-time board that oversees the agency,

which has a \$2.5 billion annual budget and about 40,000 employees.

To John David Franz, a board member from Hidalgo who has advocated greater board scrutiny of agency contracts, the present policy seems strange.

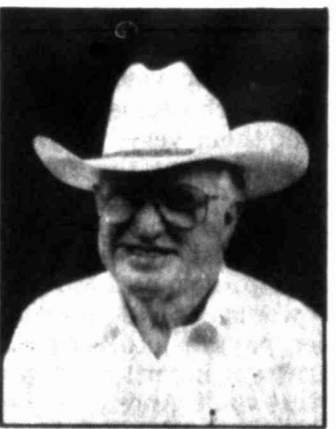
"The answer in the past (from agency staff) has been, 'You're going to be buried in paper-

work. You don't want to know all those details,'" he said. "And I never have understood that."


"I don't consider a \$33 million, five-year contract to be minuscule. Or a contract for several million dollars for fencing. If the board isn't reviewing those kinds of things, what do we need a board for?"


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## Our commitment to Taiwan, peace

Often when two countries clash, it's hard to root for a winner. In the case of Communist China, a belligerent dictatorship, and Taiwan, a peace-loving democracy, the choice is clear. As the mainland splashes unarmed M9 missiles around the island like a Wild West tough shooting at the feet of a law-abiding citizen, Washington should unambiguously take the part of 21 million Taiwanese.

After Tiananmen Square, China has extinguished dissent at home and has intermittently menaced Taiwan, which it regards as a renegade province, with missile tests and war games. But these crude efforts to reverse Taiwanese democracy and prosperity don't exhaust China's sins. A new administration report faults China for selling the organs of executed prisoners, forcing women to have abortions and using slave labor. All this dashes the facile supposition that, as the West developed stronger economic ties with China, it would behave more agreeably. In fact, China's new affluence fuels its aggression.

Taiwan presents a much different picture. Though once a police state run by the losers in China's civil war, in recent years it has developed political pluralism and a free press. The island on March 23 will hold the first popular election for a head of state in 4,000 years of Chinese history. It is Taiwan's unflattering reflection on them — sharpened by the coming election — that enrages the mainland tyrants.

Morality aside, America has a legal obligation to defend Taiwan. The 1979 Taiwan Relations Act pledges the United States to view with "grave concern" hostile acts, such as embargoes, against the country. China's saber-rattling depresses commerce and plays havoc with Taiwan's stock market.

The act also promises Taiwan "arms of a defensive nature." Some more of those would come in handy about now. Despite their numbers, the Mainland Chinese cannot make a human bridge across the Taiwan Strait ala Leiningen's ants. But they could isolate the island with their 50-plus submarines and thousands of planes. The sub imbalance is insurmountable for now. But America could sell Taiwan anti-aircraft missiles, especially shoulder-mounted Stingers. China dreams of a blue-water navy. If it harasses Taiwan with planes, it should get a blue-water air force.

Beyond that, American warships should make way for the western Pacific, as they have in the past when China threatened. Gunboat diplomacy is justified when the other sort fails.

## OTHER VIEWS

### "Clean" debt limit bill proposal anticipated

Chastened congressional Republicans seem to have learned their lesson about recklessly threatening to push the United States into default.

Their leaders have quietly agreed to pass a "clean bill" to extend the debt limit through March 29. The better course would be to extend the debt limit into early next year, well past the presidential election.

Without an extension of the debt limit, the Treasury cannot continue redeeming and paying interest on bonds, effectively stuffing those who have lent money to the United States.

Egged on by the House Republican freshmen in full rule-ruin mode, the GOP leaders until quite recently had hoped to bludgeon President Clinton into signing legislation they couldn't pass otherwise by attaching it to a bill, like the debt limit, that he dare not veto.

The result, two government shutdowns and a couple of close brushes with default later, is the current stalemate between Clinton and Congress.

A "clean bill," in congressional jargon, is free of such extraneous legislation, in this case, welfare reform, Medicare reform and tax cuts. Those battles will have to be fought in other arenas.

The congressional Republicans do not have the overwhelming legislative victories, such as an enacted Contract With America, that they so confidently predicted last year when, heavily loaded with freshmen, they were newly in the majority.

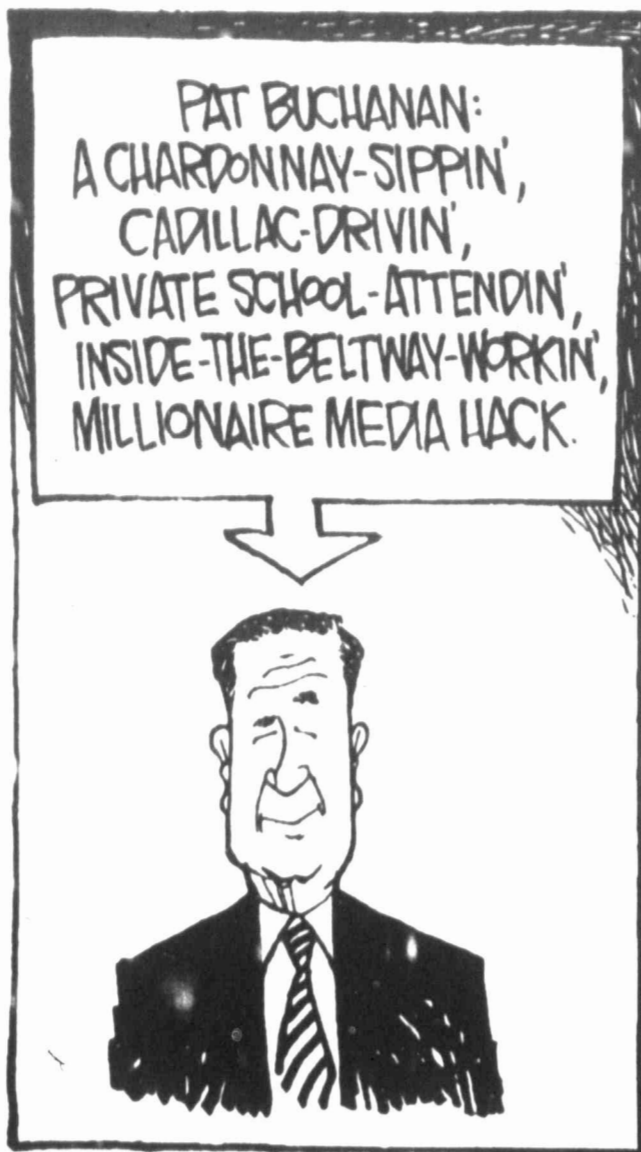
But if the Republicans are to stay in the majority perhaps they have earned something even more valuable: Experience.

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## The parental rights amendment

By BONNIE ERBE  
Scripps Howard News Service

Since when has the right of parents to raise children as they see fit been under siege by anybody?

So far 29 states are considering bills that would, or so they say, guarantee parents' rights. Great idea! Only one problem. They are solving a problem that doesn't exist.

This not-so-veiled attempt at a silent ambush is couched innocently enough. The amendment is usually worded as follows: "The right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children shall not be infringed." Nothing objectionable there, right? But wait a minute, you might ask, who is infringing on these rights?

According to the amendment's sponsors, plenty of people, mainly public school administrators. They have the audacity to distribute condoms in the schools and provide students with courses that teach them about human biology. What

nerve! This shoot-'em-in-the-back attack by the evangelical right reminds me of their campaign four years ago when they backed candidates for local school boards who purposefully disguised their religious agendas. After they won, they tried to ban sex ed and institute the teaching of creationism as science and implement, unconstitutionally, their version of religion as a part of public schools. They won some early rounds through stealth, but were swiftly and unceremoniously dumped from office when their agenda became public knowledge.

Now the so-called Parental Rights Amendment is their latest attempt to control or demolish institutions within American public education that have accomplished much good. Sex education, for example, when taught in a professional manner and matter-of-factly, (free from political or "values"-laden political messages) benefits teenagers. It also, quite frankly, relieves a lot of uncomfortable parents from the burden of having to teach their children about the birds and the bees.

It is understandable, however, that if parents object to their children participating in sex ed classes they should have the right to withdraw them. Guess what? They already do. Almost

all schools offering sex ed allow parents to "opt out" by sending the principal a letter stating they don't want their children taught that course. Voila!

Problem solved. But not in the minds of the evangelical right. The mere fact it is offered to the children of parents who want it taught makes them recoil in horror.

The hidden agenda of Christian Coalition's political activists sorely needs to be revealed. An Of the People press release gives us greater clues as to the amendment's true purpose. It states, "The Amendment will make public schools more accountable to parents by giving them greater oversight of academic standards and by helping to ensure that values taught at school don't conflict with values taught at home."

Translated, that means the evangelical right will use this new-found power, if states give it to them, to file lawsuits against school textbooks with which they disagree, that the proselytizing army of the right will launch legal challenges to abolish sex education in public schools and, finally, will try to require public schools to abandon courses in evolution, and instead teach "creationism."

Again, the sermonizing minority will try to force its ideology down the gullets of an unsuspecting mainstream majority.

Liberal opponents of the amendment say it could lead to parents blocking state's attempts to rescue abandoned, neglected or abused children. Perhaps that, too, is accurate, but it seems a remote possibility. More likely, it would simply allow a minority of zealots to impose their view on the majority.

There are reasonable grounds for compromise for those parents who object to certain public school courses if and when it conflicts with their religious doctrines without resorting to the tactics of the extremists.

First, parents may opt their children out of courses to which they object. Second, they can go through the system and try to have the courses expunged (the evangelical right tried this and lost because they lacked majority support). Or they can send their children to private religious schools.

But to agree to make sure the average American child is taught evangelicals' understanding of Genesis as science seems absurd. Worse yet, it's downright un-American.

(Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary" and legal affairs correspondent for the Mutual/NBC Radio networks, writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

## The fear of others getting rich is misplaced

By JAY AMBROSE  
Scripps Howard News Service

If Puritans, as H.L. Mencken once said, are people afraid that someone, somewhere is having fun, populist politicians can surely be described as people afraid that someone, somewhere is getting rich.

America didn't become brawny and prosperous by cramping the chance for material abundance. She did not derive her boundless energy from a lack of opportunity. But take your wit and industry to the marketplace today, begin to accumulate more wealth than most of your fellows and there are those who would tie you up, beat you up and shake you down, at least if it earns them a vote or two.

Even though the freedom to make scads of money is scarcely the sum of the audacious experiment on these shores for the past 200 years and more, it's inseparable from the other freedoms that do constitute the most precious part of our heritage. Hack away at property rights and you simultaneously tear asunder liberty in general.

It's nevertheless as evident as a dollar bill pasted on the nose of your face that this country is headed for a new spate of efforts to legislate anti-rich, anti-corporate, redistributionist regulations into law.

One indication was the way even Republicans jumped on Steve Forbes when he suggested capital gains shouldn't be taxed twice. Then there was Pat Buchanan indulging in yahoo

yelps about corporations laying people off in order to enjoy obscene profits.

Both Bob Dole and Bill Clinton have been engaging in less inspired but equally misplaced rhetoric. Academics have been worrying aloud about a growing inequality of income. And The New York Times recently fed populist enthusiasms with a book-length series saying millions of jobs have been lost since 1979 and that actual wages have been in decline over that period of time.

As others have noted, most of this yapping is balderdash. Corporations are adjusting to economic circumstances and a changing marketplace. While layoffs are always sad, the net gain in jobs since 1979 has actually been about 30 million. A less ideological reading of the statistics shows the baby boom crowd substantially better off than their parents. The middle class is not disappearing, and the poor are not nearly as poor as they used to be.

The facts aren't likely to squelch attempts to give gov-

ernment pounce on the supposed miscreants however, for a reasonably free, growing marketplace will have some sad dislocations and, yes, it's true, there are rich people out there, some of them very, very rich, and that eats at the souls of some among us.

The sorts of solutions the displeased most often propose won't help, of course. More savings would create more and higher paying jobs, but more government intrusion in corporate life won't. And if economic history has proven one blessed thing over the past century and more, it is that coercive governmental programs to redistribute wealth more or less evenly produce the inevitable consequence of diminished wealth for all. The rich get poorer, but so do the poor.

The defenders of heavier taxes on the rich tend to view the economy as something static: There's just so much to be had, and if rich Mr. Jones gets a lot of it, poor Mr. Smith will get little. But a modern, industrialized economy is only static if

government makes it so. A free economy is dynamic, the pie is constantly growing and, by allowing Mr. Jones to get an especially big piece, you usually make it possible for Mr. Smith to get a bigger piece than he ever dreamed of.

In a democracy, the less pecunious majority have it in their power to take money from the more pecunious minority, but Americans have by and large resisted this socialist impulse. An often cited reason is that ours is not a class-bound society; the poor have a chance to get rich themselves, and they understand that they are stealing from their own possibilities when they in effect outlaw wealth.

Believe me, I am not some fat-cat millionaire. Getting there is not even a particular ambition of mine. But I like knowing it

could happen, and I appreciate the liberty and material benefits of a society that permits it.

(Jay Ambrose is chief editorial writer of the Scripps Howard News Service.)

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Diplomacy is a skill you will need this year, because your self-expression could be erratic. You experience many conflicting feelings as you go after what you want. You will get where you want to go, but you will need to do some processing. Get plenty of rest so you can deal with stress and issues in your day-to-day life. If you are single, your desirability isn't the question. The concern will regard your desires. If attached, positive, sensitive communications are necessary. SAGITTARIUS can tweak you.

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) You are in the limelight and manage a lot very efficiently. Stay on top of the positives. You have drive, but someone could misinterpret it. Conduct research, and check in with someone who is far away. The possibility of travel lurks. Tonight: Reach out to someone.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) One-to-one relating is highlighted. Settle an immediate hassle. A friend wants to engineer a certain scenario, but it puts you in direct conflict with a change or an opportunity. Examine your options with a partner who has good intentions. Tonight: Have fun.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Defer to partners in your quest for solutions. What you are hearing could change, especially when the boss flips his lid. Take a quick course in diplomacy, and you'll come out flying. Maintain a sense of humor, and you'll have a lot to laugh at. Tonight: Be out and about.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Focus on getting the job done, and you might be able to bypass some of the unexpected hassles of the day. News may force a change in plans. Remain confident, and explore options. Challenges surround you; they may be a gift in disguise. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Your imagination knows no limits. Figure out how to help someone understand you. A miscommunication could have financial implications. Be careful when dealing with a child or a romantic attachment. Do what you can to remain secure. Tonight: Go for a romp.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be sure of yourself, don't let a partner get to you. A positive

attitude goes far in making what you need happen. Get in touch with a family member who has a different point of view. Someone's attitude will pass. Check out an investment. Tonight: Do for yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Reach out to others. Comprehending a change will help you interact with someone. Follow your instincts with a difficult situation that has an impact on your work. Rethink how you approach your life and expectations. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be clear about your financial choices. Changes empower you. Minimize a liability that is starting you in the face. A risk could backfire in an unforeseen way. Be more open to the positive things in your life. Tonight: Maintain a low profile.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be upbeat about what is happening with a partner who may be having a difficult time dealing with changes. Family, home and your personal life are highlighted. Revamp a plan. Be more in sync with what is going on. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Misunderstanding plagues your thoughts and ideas. Listen more carefully to a child or loved one, yet be firm when requesting what is important. Do not expect resolutions today; this situation is about establishing your boundaries. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be in touch with your goals as you deal with a friend. You are trying too hard to make what you want happen. Evaluate where you are coming from in this relationship. Be careful about spending, because it is easy to go overboard. Tonight: Go for what you want.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay on top of changes; your style of adjustment could use some brushing up today. Try to understand where someone is coming from. Your way certainly isn't the only way. Loosen up, and work better with a boss or partner. Tonight: You're in the limelight.

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**Autos for Sale 016**

1986 Plymouth Barracuda. 1982 Desats. 1983 Caddy. All in good mechanical condition. Call 267-5388.

1976 MG, red, excellent condition. \$2900. Call 267-2032.

**Child safety training course gives parents peace of mind**

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, "S.O.S. (Sleepless Over Safety)" expressed concern that



Abigail Van Buren  
Columnist

her mother-in-law had little knowledge of child safety, and she was fearful of leaving her 2-year-old twins in her care.

You advised "S.O.S."

to seek safety training for her mother-in-law and mentioned several sources. I would like to add another — the American Heart Association.

AHA offers a Pediatric Basic Life Support course. It is a combination of child and infant safety, CPR and obstructed airway procedures. In a few hours, anyone can learn to handle a pediatric emergency.

I know a new mother who had just finished the course and excitedly told both sets of grandparents about it. Looking forward to caring for their new grandchild, all four enrolled in the next class. As soon as they had completed the course, the grandparents gave the new mom and dad their first (worry-free) night without the baby.

If your readers call 1-800-242-8721, they will be routed to an American Heart Association division office where trained staff can offer information on training availability, as well as on heart disease and strokes. We spend no money on advertising, so a mention in your column will help spread the word. — PAUL GIGUERE, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, MANCHESTER, CONN.

DEAR MR. GIGUERE: I'm happy to mention such a worthwhile organization. Parents, grandparents and anyone involved in child care should take note. AHA also urges persons at high risk for heart attacks and their spouses to learn CPR. It can mean the difference between life and death.

DEAR ABBY: I just returned from the post office after mailing a letter to my aunt in New Zealand. While there, I thanked the two women who work for the postal system. I told them that it never ceases to amaze me how a letter can get across this vast country of ours in one or two days. I thanked them for a postal service that is unmatched by any country in the world. I cannot get letters to France in a timely manner. I pray over letters to Milan, Italy, and Cairo, Egypt.

Most Americans have no idea what it's like to deal with a postal service that is slow and unpredictable. Excuses can be invented to confiscate one's mail in another country — or you may get your mail, but with a few items missing.

Everyone in the U.S.A. should thank our hard workers for doing a grand job. In fact, I think we should designate the day after Christmas as "Thank Your Postal Worker Day."

These men and women work and move like highly trained soldiers in combat. So please be nice to them and say, "Thank you for a job well done." Because it is my real name, you may sign me ... LIGHT-FOOT IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR LIGHTFOOT: Speaking as one who receives bushels of mail daily — I couldn't agree more!

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Found Pets 381

FOUND: Medium size male mixed breed dog. If not claimed will give to good home. Call 267-6934.

Lost & Found Misc. 393

LOST IN SANDSPRINGS! Black Angus heifer. 750lbs. Last time seen going across Midway Road extension. 393-5584.

LOST!! Savings Bonds & Important Papers in a blue bank deposit bag. Reward!! 263-6878, 264-4827.

Lost- Pets 394

LOST! Black & White Female Screw-tail bulldog. Area of South Main. REWARD!! 267-3664.

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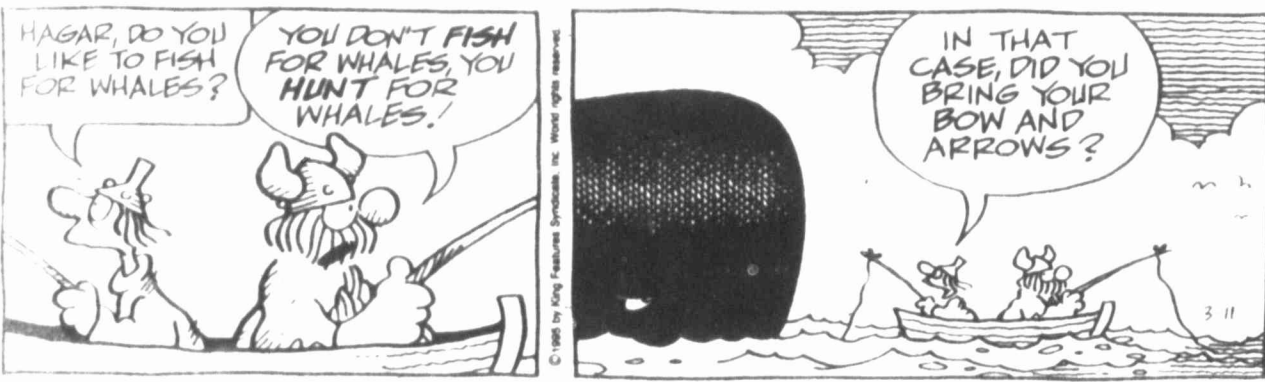


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6 PM	News Fortune	Simpsons Home Int.	News Letter	Walton's (695633)	News (7814) Ent. Tonight	News (8362) Seinfeld	News (8362) Seinfeld	Home Videos Home Videos	Lazos de Amor (88053)	Almost Home Spellbinder	Dukes of Hazzard	(05) Movie: An Innocent Man (44471695)	Home (CC) (61866291) The Duck and the Bear	Kids in Hall	Light of the Southwest (87094) Jay Sekulow	Equalizer (413091)	Invention Movie Magic	In the Heat of the Night	H.S. Extra College	(226053) Basketball	(825072) June Allyson	Out All Night Benson
7 PM	Second Noat (CC) (5,24)	Melrose Place (CC) (93850)	Lewis and Clark	Highway to Heaven	Ninny Almost Perfect	Second Noat (CC) (62966)	Fresh Prince Brotherly Love	(05) Figure Skating	Cumpo y Alma	Avonlea (CC) (5558527)	At the Rymen (183512)	Man (44471695)	Movie: Natural Born Killers (CC) (660072)	Kids in Hall	Biography (615362)	Wid Discovery	Thunder in Paradise	Basketball Jr. Regional	Up Close Special	Movie: Pony Soldier (385430)	Video Soul (608188)	
8 PM	High Incident (CC) (5,72)	Red Stacey Partners	Jerry Baker Gardens	Rescue 911	Murphy Brown Good Co.	High Incident (CC) (71614)	Chicago Hope (CC) (70782)	Movie: A Face to Die (130188)	For (CC) (130188)	05: Movie: Matlock (CC) (51850)	Picture (4761546)	Noticiero Uni P. Impacto	(19911424)	Real Sex Wild Cards	Law & Order (614633)	Wid Discovery	Movie: Private Wars (638607)	Basketball Jr. Regional	Final Press Box	Madness I Running	Screen Scene Jazz Central	
9 PM	Murder One (CC) (2508)	One West Waiki	Jerry Baker Gardens	Three Stooges	Bonanza	Married With Children (3129091)	Late Late Show	Desperate Deception	The Thief of Bagdad	Prime Time Country	Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)	Movie: Romeo Is Bleeding (1825817)
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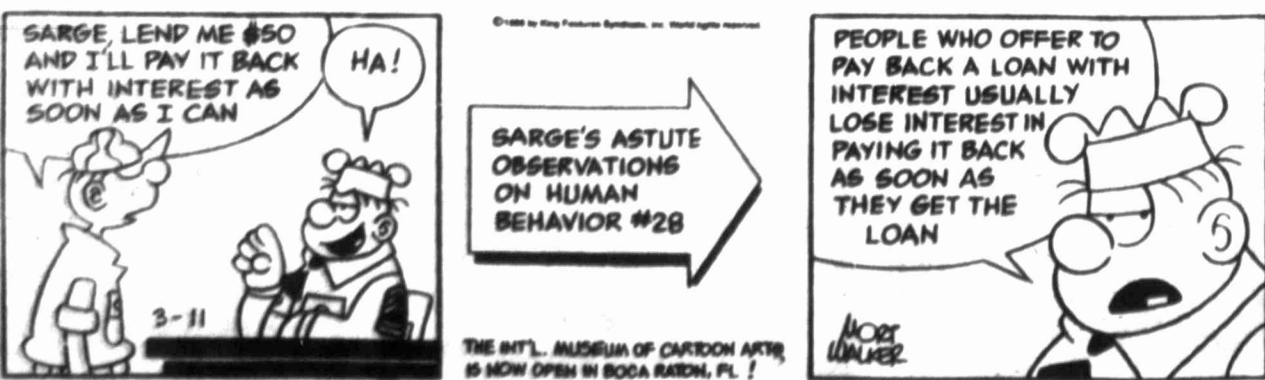
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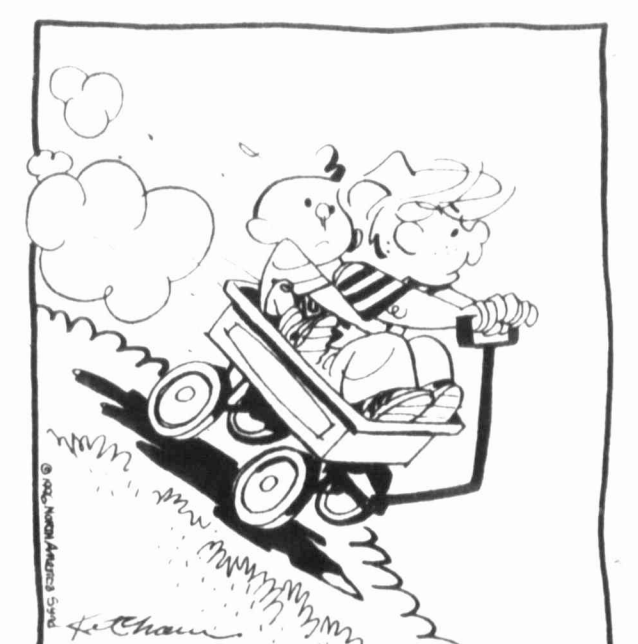
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 11, the 71st day of 1996. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, vowing: "I shall return."  
On this date:  
In 1810, Emperor Napoleon of France was married by proxy to

Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.  
In 1861, the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala., adopted a constitution.  
In 1888, the famous "Blizzard of '88" struck the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.  
In 1941, President Roosevelt signed into law the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.  
In 1954, the U.S. Army charged Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee.  
In 1959, the Lorraine Hansberry drama "A Raisin in the Sun," starring Ruby Dee and Sidney Poitier, opened at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theater.  
In 1965, the Rev. James J. Reeb, a white minister from Boston, died after being beaten by whites during civil rights disturbances in Selma, Ala.  
In 1977, more than 130 hostages held in Washington D.C., by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.  
In 1985, the Soviet Union announced the death of its leader, Konstantin U. Chernenko. Politburo member Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed Chernenko as Communist Party General Secretary.  
In 1990, the Lithuanian parliament voted to break away from the Soviet Union and restore the republic's independence.

THE Daily Crossword by Dorothy B. Martin

ACROSS

- 1 Stinging insects
- 6 Italian wine center
- 10 Rooster
- 14 Inconsistent
- 15 Tresses
- 16 Pearl Buck heroine
- 17 Hindu queen
- 18 Cartoon dog
- 19 Pianist Peter
- 20 Deviation
- 22 Decree
- 23 Moreno or Gam
- 24 Builds
- 26 Subside
- 29 Grows weary
- 31 Boxer Max
- 32 Federal agents
- 34 Fall flower
- 38 Bing Crosby, for one
- 40 Emanate
- 42 Fox trot or waltz
- 43 Stuntman
- 44 Knievel
- 45 Nuncupative
- 46 Circumvent
- 48 Ultimate
- 50 Kind of salad
- 53 Satirical piece
- 55 Iowa college town
- 56 Restraint
- 62 Hindu garb
- 63 Chocolate cookie
- 64 Wed in secret
- 65 Opera singer
- 66 Pinza
- 67 Tall tale
- 67 — eaters (daydreamers)
- 68 Witnessed
- 69 Greek peak
- 70 Banquet

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- 1 District
- 2 Jai —
- 3 Warble
- 4 Equal
- 5 Scoffs
- 6 — of golden daffodils (Wordsworth)
- 7 Surlit
- 8 Former Yugoslav dictator
- 9 Clothes press
- 10 Statement acknowledging guilt
- 11 Kind of acid
- 12 Gem weight
- 13 Tangles
- 21 Beleaguerment
- 25 Peruse
- 26 Zhivago's love
- 27 Long, long time
- 28 Parade
- 30 Concerning
- 31 Alphabet fun
- 33 TV's talking horse
- 35 Scarlett's home
- 36 Catchall abbr.
- 37 Kinsman: abbr.
- 39 River to the Gulf of Finland
- 41 Burt Bacharach song
- 44 Evening Prayer
- 47 Gulch
- 49 Reflexive pronoun
- 50 Crates
- 51 Astound
- 52 Uncanny
- 54 Swedish money
- 57 Historic periods
- 58 Wild plum
- 59 Speck
- 60 Musical composition
- 61 Hotbed

Saturday's Puzzle solved:

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Robin Williams in  
THE BIRD CAGE R  
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All shows feature 8 pm TV  
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11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20-10:00  
**\*HOMEBOUND 2 (G)**  
11:30-1:50-4:10-7:00-9:20  
**HAPPY GILMORE (PG-13)**  
11:00-2:10-4:20-7:10-9:40  
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