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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 48°-50° TOMORROW 65°-70°

BRIEFLY

PANCAKE SUPPER

The Coahoma Lions Club will hold its annual pancake supper from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today at the Coahoma Elementary cafeteria.

Price is $3.50 for the all-you-can-eat event. Pre-school children can eat free.



HAWKS SENDOFF

There will be a send-off for the Hawks basketball team on Thursday as they travel to Dallas for the Region V Tournament. The send-off will be at 12:15 p.m. in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks' first game will be on Friday at 3 pm vs. Temple College at the University of Texas at Dallas Activity Center in Richardson.

VITA READY TO HELP

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

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

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City council races get tighter

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council District 2 race recently lost a candidate, but gained a new challenger.

Ronnie Carter, who announced last week that he planned to run in District 2, the seat currently held by Oscar Garcia, has switched his focus to District 6, now held by Greg Biddison.



CARTER



RAMIREZ

The total number of candidates in District 2 remains at three, however, with political newcomer Manuel Ramirez Jr. filing for the seat Monday. Incumbent Garcia and challenger W.A. "Woody" Jumper have also filed for the position.

Ramirez, a computer assistant at the VA Medical Center, said the council needs fresh faces.

"It's something I've been thinking about doing for about 12 years," Ramirez said. "I don't have anything against Mr. Garcia, but change is always good. I want my voice to be heard. I'm vice chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, but I just wanted something more."

Ramirez said current political turmoil over issues like the 9-1-1 Communication District Board's financial woes isn't good for the city.

"Turmoil, be it within the council or the 9-1-1 board or the school board, that's not good for the city," he said. "I have lived in Big Spring all my life. I lived in District 2 about 32 years and I know what the people of the district need. I've got friends... I'm involved in Little League baseball and Little League football. They're always telling me what they need, what

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Compassionate about education

Teaching values is important to Green

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Tabitha Green doesn't need a spell or even a twitch of her nose to bewitch her third grade Bauer Elementary Class; all this hometown girl needs is love.

"She's one of those teachers you could never, ever be mad at even if she yelled at you or sent you to the office," wrote seventh-grader Macie Gonzales, a former student of Green's, in her nomination letter.

A second-generation teacher, Green is compassionate about education and her students.

"My son, Corey, is my world and I believe in treating my students how I want my son to be treated at school," Green said.

Education goes beyond lesson plans and homework.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Teacher of the Week recipient Tabitha Green explains some of the different types of rocks to a few of her Bauer Elementary third grade students. Also pictured are from left, C.W. Kinney, Brian Beauchamp, Zach Hernandez, Lauren Puga, Kirsten Esparza, Bryce Green and sitting, Lydia Hernandez.

"Everything I teach them, everything I experience with them, goes far beyond these four walls of the classroom," Green said. "I want them to learn the importance of education, honesty, integrity and taking pride in their difference and their accomplish-

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GALA

Reservations due for annual Denim, Diamonds

HERALD Staff Report

It's once again time to kick up your heels and benefit a worthy cause.

That's right, the 17th annual Denim & Diamonds Gala, sponsored by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Council, is scheduled for Friday, April 11, but those planning to take part in the festivities must make sure they secure their place at the table this week.

Friday is the absolute deadline for donations to be recognized on the formal invitation.

The gala will be held at Big Spring Country Club, and the magical evening will begin with an hors d'oeuvre buffet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Then the fun continues with door prize drawings, music and dancing to Jody Nix

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Howard joins nationwide rural initiative

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College has been chosen to join in a nationwide initiative aimed at fostering community development and economic growth.

"We are excited about the selection of Howard College as a participant in the next phase of the Rural Community College Initiative," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "Howard College will become one of only three community colleges in Texas and one of only 32 in the nation to participate in this program initiated in 1994 by the Ford Foundation.

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Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president

"Participation in the RCCI program will enable Howard College to develop new strategies and partnerships to address the growing needs of rural communities in our 13-county service area.," Sparks continued.

The RCCI is designed to accelerate the ability of rural community and tribal colleges to meet the expanding needs of communities located in their service areas.

"At this point any new resources or any new way of thinking to help rural development is welcome."

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Coahoma students gather to offer prayers for peace

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

As the sun herald the beginning of a new day, a group of Coahoma residents gathered around the high school flag pole to pray that peace will prevail in the world.

"There are many armies in the world fighting but there is one army in the field fighting for the good cause and that's the Christian army," prayed Coahoma High School senior Josh Bishop, co-organizer of the student-led service. "We need to stand all together."

Around 25 people, ranging from junior high and high school students to community members, attended the 7 a.m. service held Monday.

"This was a time to come together and pray for either a peaceful solution or that everyone comes home safe."

Josh Bishop, Coahoma High School senior

The purpose was to pray for a peaceful resolution to issues that threaten war with Iraq.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma High School students Callie Price, Meagen Lee, Josh Bishop, Kara Smith and Kimberly Baugus pray for peace at an early morning prayer service Monday. Around 25 community members attended the 7 a.m. service.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Vernon Walters

Vernon Walters, 86, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, March 2, 2003, in a local hospital.

Graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2003, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on December 27, 1916, in Simpson County, Miss., and married Pauline Batemen on September 17, 1955, in Greenville, Miss.

Vernon had lived in Big Spring since 1974. He was an automotive mechanic for 51 years. He enjoyed gardening, working with animals, reading and loved his family.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, from 1940 to 1945. He was a sergeant and served in the Pacific Theatre at Iwo Jima, Guadacanal and Bougainville.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Walters of Big Spring; his daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Scott Lindsey of San Angelo; two grandchildren, Tanner Gross and Chelsea Meyer, both of San Angelo; one brother, Exvelon Walters of Jackson, Miss.; and one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joyce and Gene Schell of San Diego, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and five brothers.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Gene Merrick Dyer

Gene Merrick Dyer, 85, of The Woodlands, formerly of Big Spring, passed away peacefully, after a wonderful start to the day, midmorning on Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, in The Woodlands.



Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on March 20, 1917, in Nolan County. She married Elmer C. Dyer on Jan. 29, 1943, in Houston and enjoyed a devoted and fulfilling marriage until his death in 1993.

Gene and Elmer lived for many years in Big Spring, while farming in Martin County. After retiring, they lived in Lubbock.

Survivors include one son, Joe Liberty of Midland and one daughter, Linda Kay Dyer of The Woodlands; three grandchildren, Carey Kint of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Todd Liberty of Dallas and Blake Liberty of Littleton, Colo.

Her pride and joy were her seven great-grandchildren, Beth, Rachel and Kristen Liberty of Dallas, Matthew and David Kint of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and Jayden and Joseph Liberty of Littleton, Colo.

Everyone who knew "Gene" loved her. Her sweet smile and friendly disposition drew people to her immediately, wherever she went. She will be missed by everyone.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Barbara Puckett

Barbara Puckett, 72, of San Angelo died Monday, March 3, 2003. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2003, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Puckett was born on June 19, 1930, in Winters. She was retired from Ethicon and a member of the Ethicon Retiree Club. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Fay Hightower and a grandson, Jacoby Lynn Bishop.

She is survived by her husband, Carroll. C. Puckett of San Angelo; two sons, Larry A. Bishop of San Angelo and Gary L. Bishop of Big Spring; one daughter Jacqueline D. Garland of San Angelo; six grandchildren, Brandon Bishop of Omaha, Neb.; Molly Falter of Fort Worth, Karma Chogyal of Cap Breton, Nova Scotia, Joshua L. Bishop, Christopher K. Bishop and Tamara L. Bishop, all of Big Spring; two great-grandchildren Audrey Bishop of Omaha, Neb., and Michael Joseph Falter of Fort Worth.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of a favorite charity.

Arrangements are by Johnsons Funeral Home.

Lou Reed



Lou Reed, 70, of Big Spring, died at 6:25 a.m. Sunday, March 2, 2003, at Mountain View Lodge in Big Spring following a long illness.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix and the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

She was born April 1, 1932, in Hamlin. She was the daughter of Margaret Lorene Parker Branscum and James Arliss Branscum. She married Sam Reed Oct. 15, 1949, in Hamlin. They moved to Big Spring in 1958. Mr. Reed preceded her in death May 28, 1988.

Mrs. Reed graduated from Howard County Junior College School of Nursing in 1963. She was a licensed vocational nurse having worked at Malone-Hogan Hospital and later Scenic Mountain Medical Center from 1963 until 1994.

She was a member of Midway Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Sammy Reed and his wife, Susan, of Midland; two daughters, Nancy Reed of Big Spring and Sandy Halfmann and her, husband, Gene of Tulsa, Okla.; six grandchildren, Robert Reed, Scott Reed, Amy Cantrell, David Booth, Donny Booth and Lorie Long; and one sister, Frances Labowski of Midland.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Nadine Johnson.

Pallbearers will be David Booth, Donny Booth, Arnold Tonn, Daniel Labowski, Jim Dickens and Sammy Hannah.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Dorothy Coates

Dorothy Coates, 76, of Washington, Pa., formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, in Pittsburgh following a sudden illness. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 11, 1926, in Pekin, Ill. She was the daughter of Thelma Elsie Nixon Soldwedel and Paul Soldwedel.

She was a resident of Big Spring from 1952 until 1980 when moving to San Angelo. She moved to Washington, Pa., in September of 2002. She was a homemaker. She and her husband, W. Dub Coates farmed in Howard County for 23 years.

In addition to cotton farming, they also had caged hens and Mrs. Coates sold eggs to area grocery stores. She was later employed at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital and the Big Spring State Hospital. She was a member of the Congregational Church.

She is survived by one son, Dub Coates of Austin; five daughters, Donna Gannaway of Big Spring, Peggy Lee and her husband, Ray, of Coahoma, Debbie Livolsi of Washington, Pa., Barbara Jones and her husband, Dennis, of Tacoma, Wash., and Patricia Winkler and her husband, Ronnie, of San Angelo; one brother, Don Soldwedel of Tucson, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren, Jay, Greg, and Ryan Gannaway, Brandy, Maegan and Kelly Janea Lee, Sean Livolsi, Niki Fields, Carly and Cassandra Jones, Rea and Brooks Wrinkle, Rachael Winkler; four great-grandchildren, Tori and Joseph Livolsi, Isabella Fields, and Sailor Lee; four nephews and one niece.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kelly Marie Jones.

Pallbearers will be Jay Gannaway, Greg Gannaway, Ryan Gannaway, Rea Wrinkle, Brooks Wrinkle, and Wendell Shive. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Bob Coates, Daryle Coates, Roger Coates and Joe Soldwedel.

The family suggests memorials to Make a Wish Hawaii, P. O. Box 1877, Honolulu, Hawaii 96805 or the American Cancer Society, Box 2121, Big Spring 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Breezy early with lows near 50. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph early...Decreasing to 10 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs 65 to 70. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph..Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs near 70.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 70s.

Monday...Clear. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-8-6

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 4-10-25-27-32

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-4

Support groups

MONDAY

❑ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

❑ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

❑ New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

TUESDAY

❑ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

❑ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Coahoma Elementary School open house, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring High School Band Boosters, 6 p.m., high school band hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for dinner meeting to follow, First St. and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Police blotter

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

- **ALLAN GENE SUMMITT,** 41, of 1700 Donley was arrested on a Nolan County warrant and a Sebastian County, Ark., warrant.
- **MORMA BUSTAMANTE LOPEZ,** 34, of 1003 N.W. First St. was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **MATTHEW CASEY OBRIEN,** 24, of 513 E. 16th St. was arrested on charges of theft less than $50 and evading arrest.
- **SEAN JUSTIN QUENGA,** 21, of Odessa was arrested on city warrants.
- **JAMIEL TYRONE WRIGHTSIL,** 20, of Addison was arrested on a charge of failure to identify and possession of marijuana two ounces or less.
- **AMAND GAIL EGGLESTON,** 24, of 605 Scurry was arrested on city warrants and possession of marijuana two ounces or less.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1400 block of South Nolan Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth Street, the 2600 block of South Gregg Street, the 3200 block of Parkway Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2300 block of Carl Street, the 800 block of East 20th Street
- **THEFT** and **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** were reported in the 900 block of Willia Street. Alcohol worth $39.98 was reported stolen from a convenience store in connection with the incident.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of West 16th St. Lawn equipment worth $150 was reported stolen from a home in the area.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT:** 1
- **ASSAULT:** 2
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE:** 1
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:** 1
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:** 1
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** 3
- **DEADLY CONDUCT:** 1
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:** 1
- **DRIVING WITH AN INVALID LICENSE:** 2
- **HARRASSMENT:** 1
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE:** 1
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA:** 1
- **POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA:** 1
- **RUNAWAY:** 1
- **THEFT:** 11
  - Convenience Store Thefts: 8
  - Beer Thefts: 1
  - Gasoline Drive-offs: 7
- **INCIDENTS:** 12
- **ARRESTS:** 17
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"In the same respect, I want them to respect these qualities and attributes in others," she continued.

For the brown-eyed, black-haired beauty, teaching doesn't begin or end with the school day.

"Whenever I have students participating in scouts or the livestock shows or in any sporting activity I try at watch them at least once a year," she said "I want to show them that I value what they do."

It's a lesson she learned from one of her strongest role models.

"My mother (former Big Spring Junior High School teacher Carol Green) volunteered for Special Olympics in addition to teaching," Green said. "I just saw how much compassion she had for her students with learning disabilities. She also showed me that what is taught in the classroom, you need to be able to transfer it to real-world applications.

"Seeing her as a teacher, as a Special Olympics coach, as a great mother at home — it just made me want to be like her."

The oldest of three, Green attended Big Spring schools where several other educators had an impact on her life.

"Kathleen McFarland, who still teaches at the junior high, and her husband, James McFarland (were inspirations)," she said. "I had both of them in eighth grade. They were so structured that you knew what was expected of you. They only expected high things of you that just made learning more challenging but yet more rewarding."

After graduating in 1937, Green attended Howard College and then the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, chasing after her dream of becoming an educator with the support of both her mother and father.

It's a dream she has never regretted.

"I feel it's just a different blessing to be a part of children's lives," she said. "I feel this is where God wants me to be and I'm very appreciative of it."

Nominator



GONZALES

I would like to nominate Ms. Tabitha Green for Teacher of the Week. She is a third grade teacher at Bauer Magnet Elementary School. She was my third grade teacher in the 1998-99 school year.

The reason I am nominating her is because she is a great teacher. She is the nicest person you could ever meet. She's one of those teachers you could never, ever be mad at even if she yelled at you or sent you to the office.

Another thing that is so great about Mrs. Green is that she always remembers you.

For example, she was my teacher four years ago and she still says hi and gives me a hug in the store. So I would just like to say that Mrs. Green is the best teacher I've ever had.

I would also like to tell you, Ms. Green, that your are the best teacher I've ever had. I love you bunches and I hope you never forget the student who nominated you teacher of the week even though you should be teacher of the year.

Macie Gonzales,
Big Spring Junior High
School seventh grader

Besides being nominated by her former student, Green was also nominated by her entire third-grade class.

They are Brian Beauchamp, Rebecca Dominguez, Kirsten Esparza, Monica Garcia, Adrian Garza, Austin Goswick, Bryce Green, Ashley Hembree, Lydia Hernandez, Zachary Hernandez, Laura Herrera, Bianca Hilario, C.W. Kinney, Richard Lewis, Lacy McMurtrey, Moncada Mercedes, Sara Overby, Austin Pierce, Joseph Porras, Lauren Puga and Reba Smith.

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and the Texas Cowboys from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The roundup will celebrate the 17th year the Big Spring community has supported this event. The Volunteer Services Council uses it to fund activities and projects that benefit Big Spring State Hospital patients and their families. This adds to the ongoing list of support given to the facility by the community.

This year's goal is to raise funds to begin a new project to be chosen from a list of several, in addition to the $20,000 needed annually to support the council's existing volunteer activities that provide many personal touches and benefit the patients.

Last year's Denim & Diamonds proceeds helped construct an outdoor youth recreation area, two courtyard renovations and add an updated walking track at the hospital — an indication of the types of projects being studied for the coming year.

Carol Scott is chairing this year's fund-raiser with the help of Denim and Diamonds committee volunteers Shirley Bodin, Hank Bond, JoAnn Forrest, Robin Hallman, Kim Howell, Doris Huibregtse, Jay and Judy Jarmes, Cynthia Scott and Ruth Stephenson.

This year's theme is utilizing the legendary denim with a splash of sparkle and diamonds.

Dress for the evening will see plenty of denim, as well as a dose of fashion from those who enjoy dressing up in their "Sunday best" or party attire. It's a setting where everyone feels comfortable and enjoys meeting and visiting with friends, dancing or perhaps just tapping their foot to the beat of the good ol' western swing tunes.

Donors will receive their invitations for two with the admission card in mid-March. You are invited to join the celebration with your tax-deductible donation by being a Benefactor with a donation $500 or more; a Patron by giving $200 to $499; a Sponsor by donating $100; or a Friend with a $50 donation.

You may also request that your donation remain anonymous.

The Volunteer Services Council, as well as the state hospital, appreciates any donation made to benefit the patients.

To help and support by taking part in the Denim & Diamonds Gala, call Billie Russworm at 268-7535 or Carol Scott at 264-9604.

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A Big Spring native, Ramirez attended Howard College and Texas A&I University in Kingsville.

None of the District 2 candidates presently live in the district, but District 2 residents will be the only voters eligible to elect them.

Carter's change of district will give incumbent Greg Biddison a challenger for the District 6 seat.

"We really need new people in there all the way around," Carter said. "There's two (challengers) in there running for Garcia's chair. There wasn't anybody going for Biddison's chair. The way I see it, the people aren't getting represented very good by the people we've got on the council right now. There's a lot of controversy going on, so I think it's time we get us some new blood up there that's got some new ideas and maybe freshen up the town a little bit."

In District 4, Gloria McDonald is currently running unopposed. Incumbent Tommy Tune has said he will not seek re-election to the seat.

The deadline to file for the city election is 5 p.m. March 19. Early voting will begin April 16 and end April 29.

PRAYER

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come together and pray for either a peaceful solution or that everyone comes home safe," said Bishop, a member of Coahoma First United Methodist Church.

The sunrise service begin with the pledge of allegiance, followed by signing "America the Beautiful" and "Amazing Grace."

Then, each member of the group was given an opportunity to voice the name of a person from Coahoma who was serving in the military.

"We lifted up all the people in the military and our nation," said high senior Kara Smith, co-organizer of the event and a member of Midway Baptist Church.

Following the service, orange jucie, donuts and coffee were offered to those who attended.

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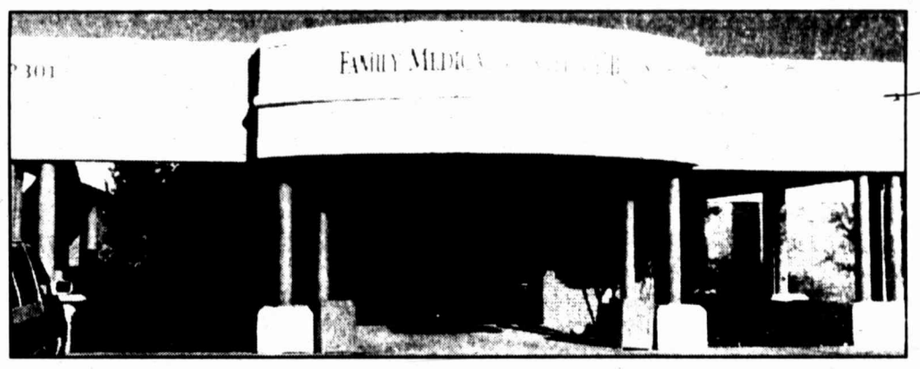
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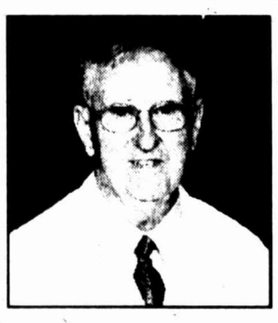
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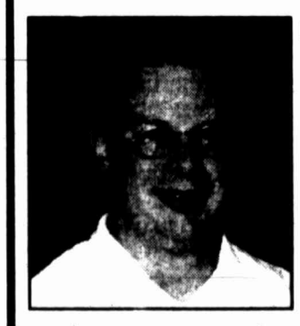
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OUR VIEWS

Friday is deadline for donations to Denim and Diamonds

Big Spring has many opportunities in which citizens can show their support for worthy causes and enjoy themselves at the same time and the annual Denim and Diamonds Gala, hosted by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Council, is no exception.

Although the 17th annual event is still more than a month away — April 11 — now's the time to make your donation. Friday is the absolute deadline for donations to be recognized on the formal invitation.

Money raised by the Denim and Diamonds affair goes to fund activities and projects that benefit Big Spring State Hospital patients and their families.

This year's goal is to raise funds to begin a new, as-yet-unannounced project in addition to the $20,000 needed annually to support the council's existing volunteer activities that provide many personal touches for the patients.

The gala will be held at Big Spring Country Club, and the magical evening will begin with an hors d'oeuvre buffet from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Then the fun continues with door prize drawings, music and dancing to Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Last year's Denim & Diamonds proceeds helped construct an outdoor youth recreation area, two courtyard renovations and updated a walking track at the hospital — an indication of the types of projects being studied for the coming year.

Kudos to Carol Scott, chairperson of this year's fundraiser, and the Denim and Diamonds committee volunteers Shirley Bodin, Hank Bond, JoAnn Forrest, Robin Hallman, Kim Howell, Doris Huibregtse, Jay and Judy Jarmes, Cynthia Scott and Ruth Stephenson.

Donors will receive their invitations for two with the admission card in mid-March. You are invited to join the celebration with your tax-deductible Benefactor's donation of $500 or more; Patron's donation at $200 to $499; Sponsor's donation of $100; or Friend's donation of $50.

To help and support by taking part in the Denim & Diamonds Gala, call Billie Russworm at 268-7535 or Carol Scott at 264-9604.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our faithfulness to you, Lord, is the most important task we can conquer.

Amen

Blair showing true leadership



DEBRA SAUNDERS

He used to be dismissed as Tony Blinton, a Clintonesque slave to polls and public opinion. Now British Prime Minister Tony Blair is taking heat for not bowing to public opinion and instead steadfastly supporting George W. Bush on possible war with Iraq.

Now he's my hero. And I'm not the only American grateful to Blair for showing true leadership – he has the courage to take a political risk for the greater good.

Which made me wonder how Bob Mulholland, the California Democratic Party bad boy who has served as an adviser to Blair and his Labor Party, was juggling his support for Blair as Blair supports President Bush. Mulholland, you see, loves Blair, but not Bush.

Or "Bush Jr.," as Mulholland calls him.

So I went to Democratic Party headquarters to ask Mulholland about Blair and his role as the new best buddy of President Bush.

Is Blair right to support the United States on Iraq? Yes, Mulholland replied.

Is Bush right on Iraq? Mulholland said that he doesn't know. Blair's spot on. Bush is iffy.

Blair, Mulholland predicted, will survive politically because it's the end game that counts in military matters.

Mulholland added that Bush erred when he walked away from the Kyoto global-warming pact. Bush angered Europe, now America is paying the price – a split in Euro-think over the Iraq situation.

To my surprise, I have come to agree with Mulholland on that. As policy, Bush was right to reject Kyoto. But as a matter of politics, he should have pretended that he really wanted to meet Kyoto's greenhouse-gas reduction goals, while doing as close to nothing as a president can do to not meet them. That's what President Clinton did – and it worked for him.

Then Mulholland faulted Bush for not knowing how to talk in a way that appeals to Europeans. It was mistake, he argued, for Bush to say Osama bin Laden was wanted "dead or alive."

White House aide Tucker Eskew responded to Mulholland's dig, saying: "Hard-core partisans will always struggle to find criticism of a successful leader. If that's the best he can do, he's reflecting that struggle."

Mulholland's not the first Democrat who knew better than to attack Bush on a war the public supports, so he stooped to saying that Bush failed to sell the use of force against Iraq. It's not what Bush is doing, but how he's doing it.

Disappointed Democrats sigh that it's too bad Bush is not as articulate as Blair.

Except that across the pond, the same chorus is being sung by Blair's critics. A recent Guardian headline read: "Blair hasn't even convinced his own security establishment" on Iraq. "You cannot just take people for granted," a Conservative Party spokesman complained to The New York Times.

The problem isn't Blair's delivery; it's that there are Europeans who won't be persuaded by any argument or fact.

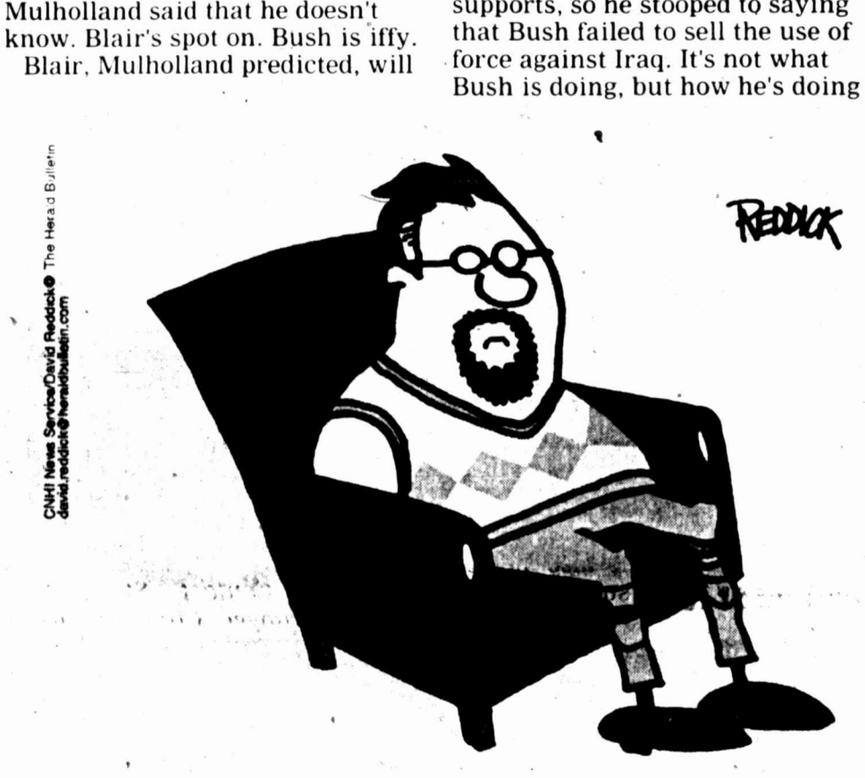
Mulholland pointed to a recent poll in Germany by the independent polling agency Forsa. When asked who was the "greatest threat to world peace," 38 percent of Germans said Hussein, 37 percent said Bush. Forsa also found that 57 percent of Germans believe the United States is "a nation of warmongers."

Mulholland interprets the poll as saying "that these people have been our friends since the end of World War II. We, with the Marshall Plan, rebuilt them. They became the (world's) third-largest economy. It says that we may be talking (wrong) and doing the wrong things."

We're wrong? No, they're ingrates, I retorted.

"Typical American," Mulholland fired back at me.

Guilty as charged.



Just Bob's luck. He was the only one to show up at the 'People Who Suffer From Chronic Loneliness' seminar.

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Democrats need a winner



ROGER SIMON

Democrats are getting so confident that their 2004 presidential nominee will be something other than a punching bag or a sacrificial lamb that they are starting to recycle an old joke:

Q: Will George Bush be a one-term president? A: Yeah – I think he'll last that long.

It has been a rough couple of weeks for Bush: Abroad, a chunk of the free world seems to think it is a toss-up between Bush and Saddam Hussein as to who is the greater threat to world peace, and at home Bush hardly seems to be the political juggernaut he once appeared to be.

(Even those reporters who worship at the feet of his political guru, Karl Rove, may be forced to admit that losing an election by 500,000 popular votes to Al Gore is not a sign of genius.)

This could all change very quickly – a successful war, the death or capture of Osama bin Laden (remember him?) and a booming stock market would help – but, still, Democrats sense that they have a chance.

Only one problem: They need a candidate. Scratch that: They need a winner; they have plenty of candidates.

A slew of them spoke at the Democratic National Committee meeting last week, and while it was hard to pick a winner, there seemed to be one big loser: Joe Lieberman, who is currently leading in the national polls.

As has been said many times, early polls are based almost entirely on name recognition, and so it is no surprise that Lieberman led the field in a recent national poll with 16 percent, followed by Dick Gephardt at 13 percent, John Kerry at 8 and John Edwards at 7.

Whatever their validity, these polls are helpful in raising money, and Lieberman can put together a impressive packet of them. He is expected to be at the top or near the top in terms of fund raising, and even though running for vice president is almost nothing like running for president (it is a two-month sprint with much less media scrutiny), it still gave him experience at being in a national campaign.

There is a problem, however: Even though presidential politicking is made up of many elements, public speaking is the primary one. You can have nifty issue papers, super TV commercials and a crackerjack staff working behind the scenes, but getting votes is still largely a matter of giving speeches.

Whether people access those speeches in person or via the media, they still get their impressions of candidates exactly as they have since the time the Republic began: by hearing the candidates stump.

And Lieberman suffered in comparison to the other Democratic speakers at the DNC meeting.

Lieberman was quiet, reasoned and substantive – everything he is in real life – but his speech did not excite or inspire. When he was done, there was applause, but the "wow" factor was near zero.

Unfortunately for him, others did wow. Dick Gephardt gave one of the best speeches he has ever given. The content was not new, but the delivery was. Gephardt has learned how to work a crowd from the podium, milking a laugh-line here, extending the cheers there and passionately gripping the front of the lectern exactly as Bill Clinton once did.

Gephardt got a couple of standing ovations (Lieberman got none), and after the speech people came forward to shake his hand and embrace him.

Gephardt was followed by Howard Dean, whose high-energy, staccato-style can bring down the house. On Friday, audience members beat their hands together and roared their approval so loudly that they sometimes drowned out Dean entirely.

It is important to remember, however, that the crowd was not made up of average citizens or even average Democrats. The audience was made up of members of the Democratic National Committee, who are politically savvy and are quite capable of roaring for one candidate and supporting another.

Why would they do that? Electability. They are not going to support the candidate who can speak best; they are going to support the candidate who has the best chance of beating George Bush.

The two qualities may be linked, however, and those candidates who claim they can win over the nation are first going to have to show they can win over an audience.



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By ROGER CLI
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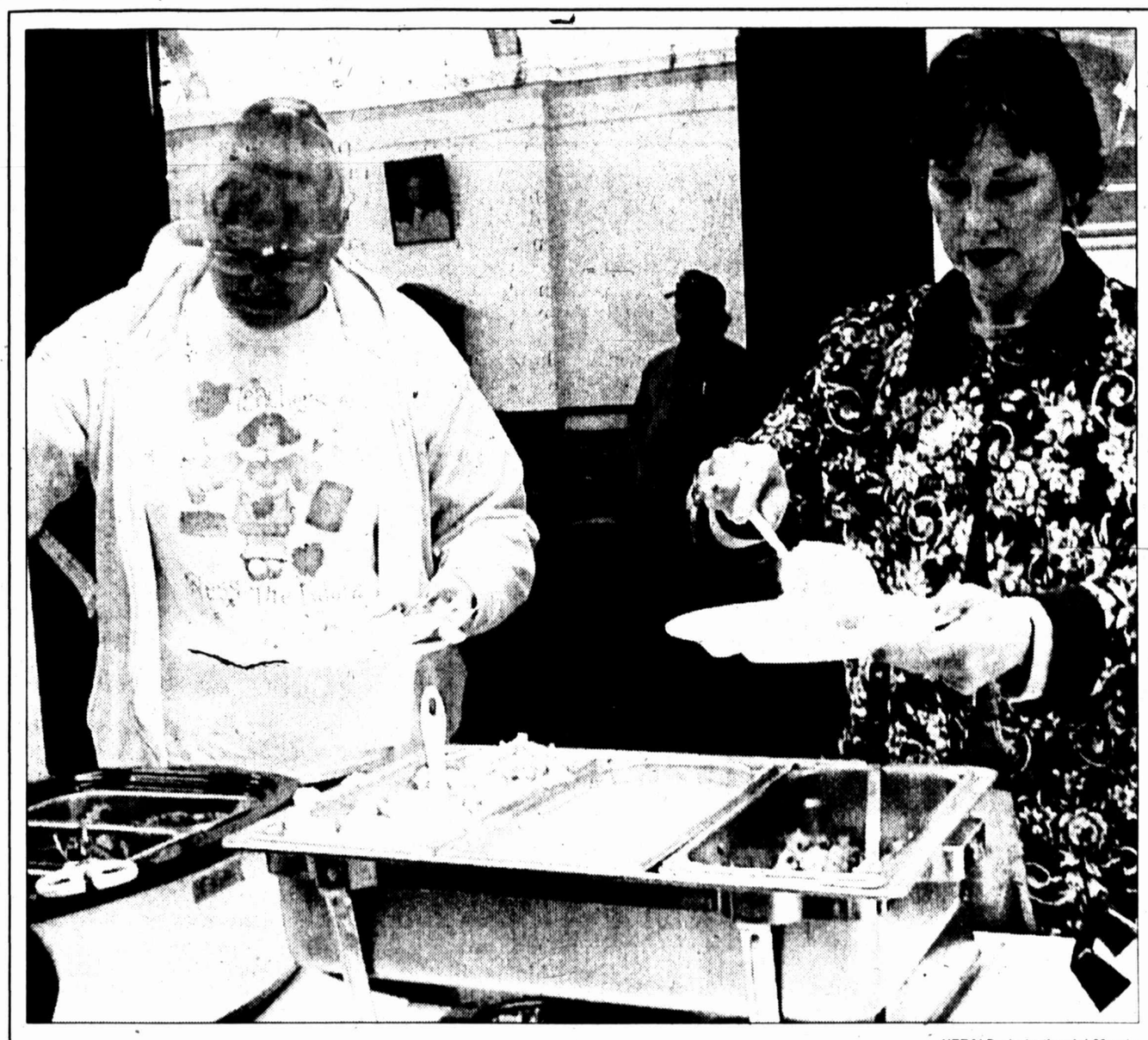
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Amy Meadors and Betty Downey, both teachers from Washington Elementary, enjoy an early morning breakfast courtesy of area Masonic Lodges for Public Schools Week. Around 100 teachers and administrators enjoyed freshly made biscuits, gravy, sausage, eggs and bacon. The Masons serve the breakfast each year to local and area school employees.

Sponsorships being sought for Alzheimer's Memory Walk

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Have you ever been touched by Alzheimer's Disease? The disease doesn't just affect its primary victims — thousands of friends and family members know the devastation the illness can wreak.

Members of Big Spring's branch of the Alzheimer's Association know the emotional, financial and physical consequences of the disease, and they're working to stop it.

Every year the association puts on the Memory Walk, a fund-raiser against the disease. For this year's walk, scheduled for Sept. 20, they're collecting corporate sponsorships.

"We ask for companies to be sponsors," said Caren Carruth of the Alzheimer's Association Howard County Advisory Council. "There are $1,000 sponsors. They get recognized at the walk, their logo gets put on the T-shirt. They get radio and television spots. Then it goes on down. There's a $750 sponsorship, a $500 sponsorship and a $250 sponsorship."

Carruth said the Association had four or five corporate sponsors last year.

"We're hoping that it will grow every year," she said.

For more information or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-682-1174.

Money raised in the Memory Walk stays in the community, Carruth said.

"It goes to research, but it also helps with local support groups for people in our community that need help," she said.

This year, the association plans to get more young people involved.

"It's pretty much the same as last year," she said. "I think this year we plan to maybe get more of the schools involved with us. Maybe have like a competition among the schools."

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said Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring. "It's tough all over. We're looking forward to what can come out of it."



SHARP

As a result of acceptance, the college will began a two-year instructional phase of the program administered by the Southern Rural Development Center located at Mississippi State University.

A team from Howard College will participate in an RCCI Institute next month in Kansas City, Mo.

The institute will provide an opportunity for the Howard College representatives to learn about innovative approaches for strengthening the economy of rural communities, extending the resources of the community college to new audiences and enhancing the involvement of local citizens in the community for improvement activities.

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IN BRIEF

Tennis, gymnastics classes now forming

Registration is taking place now for tennis, gymnastics, swimming and martial arts classes at the YMCA. All classes are scheduled to begin today and meet two days a week for the ensuing four weeks.

Gymnastics classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 4 p.m. for preschoolers and 4:45 p.m. for school-aged children. Sandy McDiffitt will be the lead instructor.

Swim classes will begin at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for school-aged children, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for preschoolers.

YMCA tennis classes will begin at 4 p.m. for preschoolers on Mondays and Wednesdays and at 4:45 p.m. for school aged youths. Martial arts classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Lady Steers to play Lady Tigers today

The Big Spring Lady Steers will return to the softball diamond this afternoon with a road swing to Snyder.

Big Spring, 11-3-1, is scheduled to play Snyder beginning at 6:30 p.m. The BSHS junior varsity plays at 5 p.m..

Bulldogettes to face Sweetwater today

The Coahoma Bulldogettes will continue their efforts to prepare for their District 3-2A softball campaign today with a game against the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs. The Bulldogettes, who open 3-2A play March 25, are scheduled to begin varsity play at 7 p.m. The CHS junior varsity squad will begin at 5 p.m.

Coahoma JH track meet starts Thursday

The Coahoma Junior High School track meet is scheduled for this Thursday at Bulldog Stadium. The varsity meet begins on Friday.

'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. March 12.

Sam Stephens will host the show.

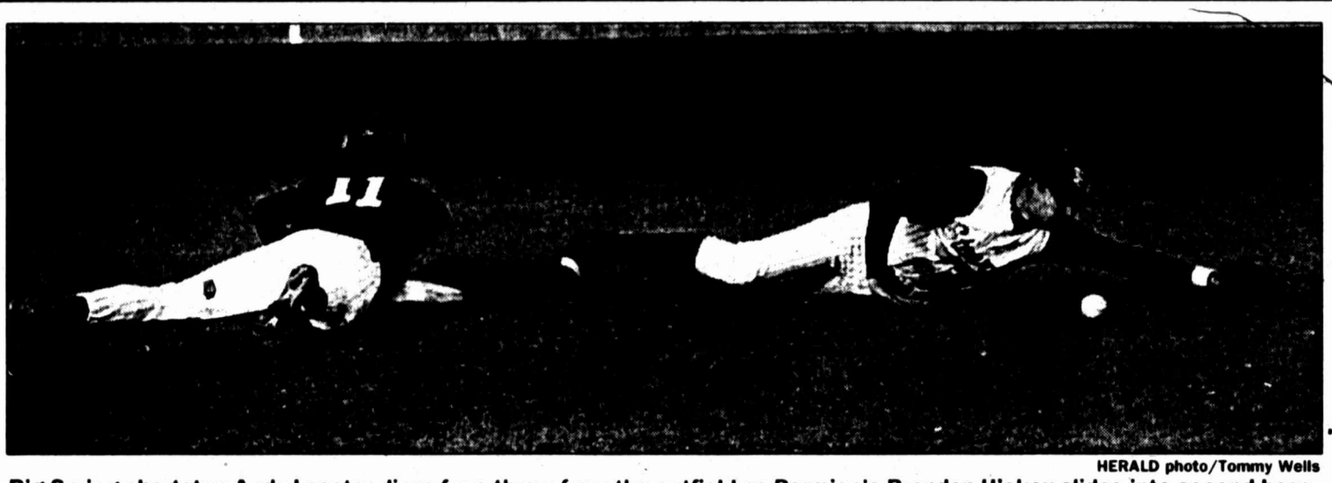
Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windmaster Farms in Stanton. The event will consist of 4-person teams.

For more info contact (915) 570-0172

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HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring shortstop Andy Lasater dives for a throw from the outfield as Permian's Brandon Hickey slides into second base. The Panthers scored a run in the sixth inning Thursday and took a 7-6 win at Steer Park.

Panthers sneak out 1-run win over road-weary Steers

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Odessa Permian Panthers scored a run in the top of the sixth inning Monday afternoon and then held on to claim a tough 7-6 win over the road-weary Big Spring Steers.

The Panthers' late rally spoiled a dramatic comeback attempt by the Steers. Big Spring had rallied from a 6-0 deficit to tie the game heading into the final frame. The loss also kept the Steers winless at home this season in two tries.

Big Spring, which played five games in the Seguin Baseball Tournament Saturday and then arrived home in the early morning hours on Sunday, struggled to find its game early.

Permian jumped on top early. The Panthers hammered out four runs in the top of the first inning. They racked on two more in the second and built a 6-0 cushion.

Permian pitcher David Durell helped his own cause in the first two innings. He struck out three of the first six Steers he faced.

Durell's mastery didn't extend into the third inning, however.

Trailing 6-0, Chavez ignited a 3-run third inning for the Steers by legging out an infield hit. He managed to second when the throw from Permian shortstop Cory Zimmerman sailed wide at first.

One out later, Permian shot itself in the foot. After Jerry Doporto had drawn a walk, the Panther catcher Rick Valdez misplayed a ball in the dirt and allowed Chavez to advance to third.

Doporto added to Valdez's woes. He broke for second on the passed ball and then scampered to third when Valdez's pick-off attempt at second went into centerfield.

Big Spring third baseman Nathan Clements capitalized in the Panthers' errors moments later by lining a pitch off the wall in left for a run-scoring double.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring head coach Roland Herrera will lead his squad into the Big Spring Tournament beginning Thursday.

Andrew Vizcaino added an RBI double minutes later to bring Big Spring to within 6-3.

The Steers were far from through. Big Spring chased Durell from the mound in the fourth and pulled into a 6-6 tie by scoring three times.

After Durell had opened the fourth by hitting Steers' leftfielder Michael Wilson with a pitch, Taylor Frasier drew a walk that prompted Durell's departure.

Chavez greeted reliever Brandon Hickey with a single that scored Wilson from second.

The Permian defense aided the Steers' comeback effort seconds later when a throwing error by the PHS shortstop allowed Chavez to score — and send Andy Lasater scrambling for third.

Clements tied the game at 6-6 from there. He drove a pitch to right for a run-scoring sacrifice.

Clements' glove proved to be just as valuable for the Steers in the top of the fifth. He snared a shot by Durell at third and turned it into a inning-ending double play that stranded two PHS runners.

Permian managed to drive home a run in the sixth and took a 7-6 cushion into the home half of the frame.

Big Spring threatened to knot the score again in their ensuing at-bat. Frasier and Chavez opened the sixth by reaching base — giving the Steers two baserunners with no outs.

Unfortunately for Big Spring, Permian dug its way out of the jam. Frasier was picked off second by the catcher. Durell ended the uprising from there by fielding a line drive at first for an unassisted double play.

Over the weekend, the Steers turned in a gutsy effort in Seguin, playing five games in three days before traveling home Saturday night. The Steers posted a 1-4 mark at the tournament.

Big Spring opened the tournament by dropping a 10-7 decision to Seguin. They bounced back in the second round, though, downing Clements High School by a 2-0 margin.

The Steers suffered a tough loss to Beeville in the third round. The two teams played to a 3-3 tie, but Beeville garnered the win via a tie-breaker. They lost a rematch with Clements on Friday night.

Big Spring staged a strong showing in the finale against Seguin. After falling behind by an 11-1 margin after three innings, Big Spring rallied back to 11-9.

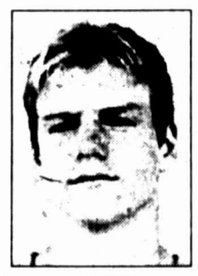
The Steers are scheduled to play in the Big Spring Tournament begin Thursday. Games will be played at Steer Park and Jack Barber Field.

Steers land 2 on 4-4A roster

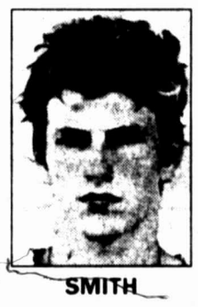
By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Wes Smith and Jordan Cobb may have found themselves on the short end of the scoreboard on more than a few occasions this season but they didn't find any shortage of respect on the court. Both were both named to the District 4-4A defensive team this week.

Cobb and Smith both played key roles for the Big Spring Steers this past season. Both finished the 2002-2003 campaign averaging more than 10 points a night.



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In all, Big Spring landed four players on the all-district team. Josh Pedigo and Clayton Weaver were selected to the honorable mention roster.

Frenship's Darold Crow was named the district's Most Valuable Player, while his twin brother, Harold, shared the Defensive Player of the Year award with Estacado's Melvin Irving.

Levelland's Mark Romero was the 4-4A Offensive Player of the Year.

Estacado, which won the district title, had three players make the first team, including Charlie Knighten, Adrian Lewis and Daryl Wilkerson.

San Angelo Lake View, Levelland, Andrews and Frenship all had two players make the first-team unit.

4-4A Boys All-District Teams

Superlatives

Coach of the Year — Tim Thomas, Estacado; Jason Dear, Frenship.

MVP — Darold Crow, Frenship.

Offensive Player of the Year — Mark Romero, Levelland.

Defensive Players of the Year — Harold Crow, Frenship; Melvin Irving, Estacado.

Newcomer of the Year — Wesley Whitfield, Estacado.

First Team

Charlie Knighten, Estacado; Adrian Lewis, Estacado; Daryl Wilkerson, Estacado; Earl Walker, Lake View; Robert Robinson, Lake View; Jordan Willis, Andrews; Kevin Roberts, Andrews; Cale Bridges, Levelland; Tony Johnson, Levelland; Matt Stroud, Frenship; Ryan Blake, Frenship.

Defensive Team

Blake Sutton, Frenship; Tyrone Lockett, Levelland; Nathan Luna, Levelland; Anthony Smith, Lake View, David Kessler, Andrews; Stefferon McNeal, Estacado; Wes Smith, Big Spring; Jordan Cobb, Big Spring.

Big Spring Honorable Mention

Josh Pedigo, Big Spring; Clayton Weaver, Big Spring.

Olvera leads 'Dogs to 2nd at Idalou

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Joseph Olvera may be a Bulldog but he you would have been hard pressed to find anyone at the Idalou Invitational who didn't think he a Tiger.

Olvera, a sophomore at Coahoma High School dazzled under pressure Saturday sinking a birdie in a playoff to win the medalist honors at the Idalou Invitational and led the Bulldogs to second place in the final team standings.

The Bulldogs, as a team, carded a final score of 351 — 22 strokes of the winning pace set by Midland Christian. Idalou Sundown and Sudan rounded out the top five squads.

Olvera would not be be beaten. He edged out Midland Christian's Kyle Bowzer for the top boys' honors after sinking a birdie on the third playoff hole.

Olvera wasn't the only Coahoma standout turning in a solid performance at the Island Oaks Country Club. Stephen Binion finished the meet fourth in the individual standings with an 82. Midland Christian's Chris Ryburn was third with a score of 80.

Darrick Shiflett and Kelby Kemper posted final scores of 95 and 96, respectively.

Orin Mansfield rounded out the Bulldogs' efforts with a final mark of 104.

Read leads Steers to 7th at Andrews Invitational

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers turned in yet another solid outing this past weekend by taking seventh at the Andrews Invitational Golf Tournament.

The Steers recorded back-to-back rounds of 327 and finished with a final team score of 654.

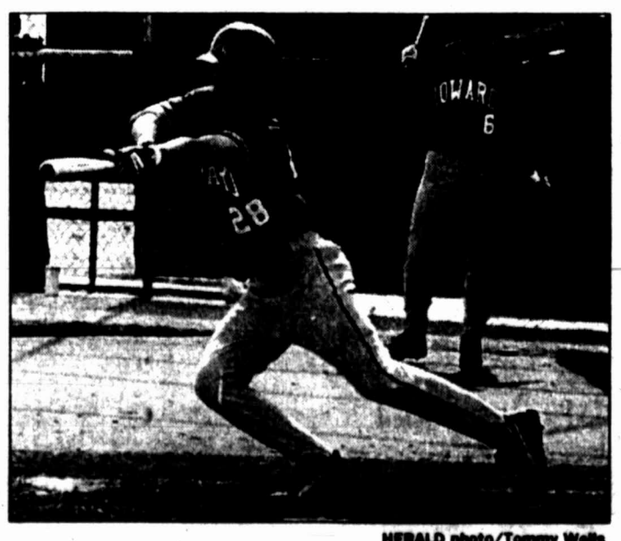
Nick Read paced Big Spring's efforts on the links. He penciled in rounds of 79 and 78 and finished with a team-leading mark of 157. Read has led the team in all three meets this fall.

Jace Williams and Jason Murphree also played well in Andrews. Williams rebounded from a 89 in the first round to shoot a 79 on th back 18. He finished at 164.

Murphree carded rounds of 82 and 84 and posted a final mark at 166.

Ryan Rodriguez and Clayton Weaver finished at 170 and 172, respectively.

The Steers, who are coached by Steve Ward, are scheduled to compete in the San Angelo Invitational this weekend.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

Howard College's Brad Wiggins attempts to bunt during a recent game. Wiggins and the Hawks will face El Paso Community College in a pair of doubleheaders this Friday and Saturday at Jack Barber Field. The games begin at noon each day.

KBST to air Howard College Region V games

Howard College Hawks basketball fans will be able to follow the men's basketball team at the Region V Basketball Tournament this weekend via the airwaves.

KBST 1490 will broadcast every Hawks basketball game at the tournament, beginning with Howard College's first-round matchup with Temple Junior College at 3 p.m. on Friday.

A win over Temple would send the Hawks into a matchup with either Collin County or Clarendon on Saturday.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

100 Years of Conservation

Protecting Our Wildlife

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Friday, March 14, is the 100th birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Wildlife refuges are special places in the outdoors. They are public lands that belong to all of us. Our government has set up refuges in forests, deserts, beaches, swamps, prairies, and even tundras, treeless land covered by snow half the year, in Alaska.

The refuges protect the homes of:

- migrating waterfowl.
- endangered species such as wood storks.
- fish and sea creatures.
- plants.

Refuge managers watch over the animals and their homes. They work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.


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President Theodore Roosevelt

President Theodore Roosevelt created the first refuge at Pelican Island, Fla., in 1903. Today, there are more than 530 refuges, with at least one in every state.

Let's visit four of our national wildlife refuges



Okefenokee Refuge

The huge swamp called Okefenokee (OH-kee-fuh-NOH-kee), located in Georgia and Florida, became a refuge in 1937. It is home to 12,000 alligators, bug-eating plants and 700 black bears. Moss-covered trees make the swamp resemble Jurassic Park. Canoe trips are a popular way to visit.



National Elk Refuge

Herds of elk have had a place to safely survive the winter at this Wyoming refuge since 1912. Each fall, thousands migrate from the mountains to the valley where they have food until summer. Sleigh rides take visitors to see the elk.



Kodiak Refuge

Two Alaskan Islands, Kodiak and Afognak, are part of this refuge. It was created in 1941 to protect the home of giant brown bears. Some 2,500 bears and 400 pairs of bald eagles live there. Visitors in July can watch the bears catch and feast on salmon.



Chincoteague Refuge

Some 320 different kinds of birds make Chincoteague (SHIN-ko-teeg) refuge off the coast of Virginia their home. The refuge was established to protect migratory birds in 1943. A popular time for bird watchers is the fall. A famous herd of ponies also lives there.

Go dot to dot and color.



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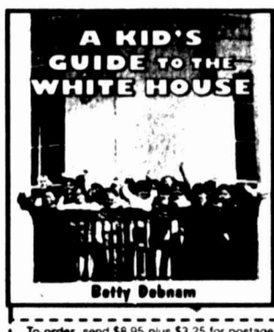
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  Tie a ribbon around a doughnut.
- **Marshmallow string**
  Hang marshmallows on a string or layer on a twig.
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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Andre Agassi



Height: 5-11 **Birthdate: 4-29-70**
Weight: 173 **Hometown: Las Vegas, Nev.**

At an age when many touring tennis professionals think about retiring, 32-year-old Andre Agassi just keeps on playing — and winning.

On Jan. 27, the 5-11 dynamo won the Australian Open tournament and became the oldest player to capture a Grand Slam event since Ken Rosewall did it in 1972.

The exciting, energetic Agassi has won eight Grand Slam events and more than 55 singles titles since 1986, the year he turned pro.

Now he hopes to play doubles in the French Open with his wife, Steffi Graf, who won 22 women's Grand Slam titles before she retired.

Andre also has used his fame to help many people. He formed the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation, which provides recreational and educational opportunities for at-risk children.

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Meet Steve Irwin


photo courtesy WGN News Entertainment

Steve Irwin isn't the squeamish type. He will catch a snake by the tail. He will pick up a poisonous spider. And he even wrestles crocodiles.

Steve, an expert on wildlife, is the star of the popular Animal Planet TV series "The Crocodile Hunter."

Animals have always been a big part of Steve's life. The son of two naturalists, he grew up in Australia at the Queensland Reptile and Fauna Park. He got a python for his birthday when he was 6. He was tracking and catching his first crocodiles when he was 9.

Today, Steve, 40, works as the director of the Australia Zoo and co-stars with his wife, Terri, on his TV show. He recently starred in his first movie, "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course." He hopes his work in television and movies will teach people to love and protect animals.

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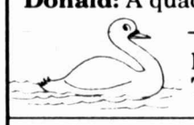
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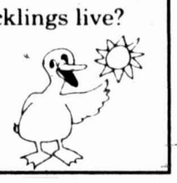
All the following jokes have something common. Can you guess the common theme or category?



Quentin: What kind of doctor has ducks for patients?
Donald: A quack!



Kathleen: How do ugly ducklings live?
Tina: Swan day at a time!



Terence: What time do ducks wake up in the morning?
Dottie: At the quack of dawn!

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TM Basset Brown The News Hound's

WILDLIFE TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of wildlife are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, up and down, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: WILDLIFE, ELK, BIRDS, REFUGE, FISH, DUCKS, PLANTS, PELICAN, ISLAND, THEODORE, ROOSEVELT, CONSERVATION, PONIES, PROTECTED, SALMON, RANGER, PUBLIC, LAND, SWAMP, BEAR, BALD, WOLF, EAGLES, SWANS.



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Mini Spy . . . TM

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are looking at animal tracks in the mud in the woods. See if you can find: • word MINI • sailboat • shark • cat • funny face • question mark • frog • peanut • bird • flower • dog's face • star • leaf • heart • fish • umbrella • man in the moon • safety pin



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Caring for Animals and Their Homes


photo courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Paul Tritaik holds a brown pelican chick, one of the native birds protected on Pelican Island.

Meet a refuge manager

Paul Tritaik is refuge manager at the very first refuge, Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge in Florida. The refuge is 100 years old this week.

As a young boy, Paul loved animals. He liked to wade into creeks and catch turtles, crayfish and bullfrogs. He also read about the bald eagle becoming an endangered species. (Animals become endangered when there are so few of a species that all of them might die.)

He studied fish and wildlife management at the University of Maryland. For 20 years, he has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

With the help of biologists, Paul works to protect the colonies of birds living on the island. This includes counting and caring for the brown pelicans and wood storks, an endangered species. Rangers also protect loggerhead, green sea and leatherback turtles on a nearby beach refuge called Archie Carr.

By working to protect animals, Paul hopes that kids in the future will be able to see bald eagles flying in the sky and turtles swimming in the oceans.

Be a refuge manager

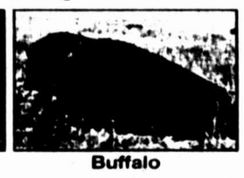
Almost every day, managers visit the refuge. They count the animals they see and their tracks. They care for injured animals they find. They teach others about animals and how they live.

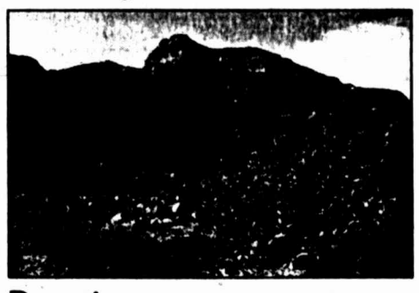
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Lizard


Bald eagle

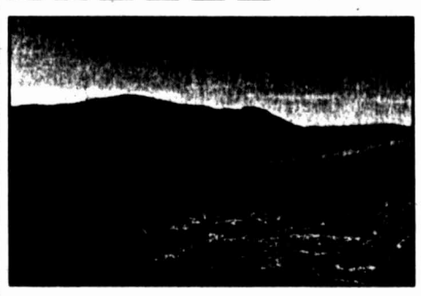

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Hot, sandy place with little rainfall
Desert NWR in Nevada
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Forest
Large land area covered by trees
Reelfoot NWR in Tennessee
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Prairie
Flat or hilly land covered by tall grasses
Valentine NWR in Nebraska
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Swamp
Wetland with trees, shrubs and water
Bond Swamp NWR in Georgia
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Next week, The Mini Page visits New Jersey from A to Z.

The Mini Page thanks Paul Tritaik, refuge manager at the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, and Cindy Hoffman, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for help with this issue.

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The effects of the moon saying goodbye to Pisces and hello to Aries (not to mention Marsí powerful entrance into Capricorn) will make you more conscious of what and whom you are bidding adieu or welcoming. Donít be too hasty. Take time to figure out where other people are coming from — they just may give you the keys to their world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Itís clear that you like that certain someone in a special way, so if youíre single, why deny it? For family folk, the main deal is figuring out how to get children to toe the line. Here's a hint: Micro-managing is useless.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The situation has come up at work where one hand is neglecting its duty to wash the other. Seek a more symbiotic relationship. Practical techniques will help you leave work on time. Some singles in love could look for rings!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not you vs. the world, though it seems that way now. Tame your temper, even if it means staying home to meditate and chill out instead of going to work. If you can muster it, a smile gets you anywhere you want to go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your schedule fills up fast, so make sure to do the important things first. By afternoon, you might be empowered to say goodbye to people who are a sorry influence on you. Tonight's fears are unfounded.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The morning is marked by speculation — afternoon rings out with the resolution of those doubts. The old saying has never been more true: If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck and so on.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 4). This year, you continue to grow in power — use your natural leadership ability to help raise your group up to new standards. A fabulous career direction begins with an important decision this month and lots of follow-through in April. Singles make promises to fantastic loves in June. Satisfy a voracious appetite for love with a Cancer or Capricorn! Your lucky numbers this year are: 5, 29, 6, 31 and 9.



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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Go where the hub of activity is buzzing. Being a part of the fun is exhilarating, and it gives you a different perspective on what youire doing on a day-to-day basis. A loved one may convince you to learn how to cook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're off to pursue a dream, so donít let the mediocrity get you down. Indecision throttles creativity — make up your mind quickly. Though itis hard to see through the cluttered desk, there really are clear skies ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Time management and money management are one and the same today. Start thinking of your hours as valuable and billable, and see how that changes what you do with them. Push calls with friends into your leisure time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Design new routines that help you remember the big goal. A job you'd given up on could come through. Structure your involvement in a new business so the risk for you is only minimal. Tonight is deliciously sexy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Having your own business is one way to get wealthy, but it's not the only way. Learn more about smart investing. Someone who builds a fortune out of almost nothing will give you hope.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Treat everyone with respect. On a business level, keep in constant touch with what your public wants and needs. Trends are taking off before your eyes. Light-hearted romances and the rekindling of old flames are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be careful not to lead a sincere heart astray. Falling in and out of love quickly is easy enough for you, but others go slowly in and take a long time to mend, too. Read up on how to get to the next level financially, and work that plan.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My parents raised me in a certain religion, which I wonít mention. I don't want to follow that church or those beliefs anymore. I still love my family, but it seems as though if I'm not in their fold, they don't feel the same toward me. Can I have a relationship with them and follow my own beliefs? (My birthday is 5/27/73.)"

Exerting intellectual independence from your parents can feel like a battle when discussions get out of hand. You are a brilliant thinker, shining brightest in social situations where your active mind can go at full speed. You are an excellent communicator with sound arguments for your position, but you also recognize the futility of trying to change your parents' belief system. Mars in Pisces allows you to feel compassion for your parents even though you are frustrated and hurt. Your moon is in Aries, giving you strength in your convictions, so you are willing to alienate yourself from the ones you love before compromising. Spend time with your parents in group situations and with other relatives around. Controversial subjects are less likely to arise, and the social atmosphere is an excellent setting for you.

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Annie's Mailbox.. Advice for those in need



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Two years ago, I lost a close friend to suicide. "Alan" was Roman Catholic, as am I. Also, he was gay. From what I remember, the Church frowns upon both suicide and homosexuality. I have the terrible idea in my head that Alan has gone to hell because of this.

Currently, I am not a member of a particular parish. However, I would like to speak to a priest and ask what the Church believes about gays and suicides. How can I do this? Should I contact the church nearest to me? — Chicago

Dear Chicago: We contacted the Catholic Extension in Chicago, and here is what we were told: Imagine that Alan continues to share in the life that God breathed into him at birth and sustained him throughout his life. God loves Alan in a special way that only allows Him to be the ultimate judge of Alan's life. In seeking a priest, you may want to first jot down what outcome you desire from your conversation and what you need to be at peace with Alan's death. When you find a priest who will understand you, you will experience, like Alan, God's healing presence.

Dear Annie: I am a female in the military and have been stationed overseas for two years. I am now living with "Roy," who is also my best friend. I have never been so happy.

My parents completely disapprove of our living together and have let me know how disappointed they are. When Roy and I began seeing each other romantically, I was excited for my parents to meet him, since he is such a big part of my life. Now they have given me an ultimatum. They say if I bring Roy home to stay with me during a visit, my stepmother will leave the house and refuse to be in his presence.

I love my parents and am very close to them, but they are rock-hard stubborn about this. If you could just pass along some encouraging advice, anything really, I would appreciate it. I just feel sick about the situation. — Jessica in the United Kingdom

Dear Jessica: If you are old enough to serve in the military, you should be mature enough to make your own decisions, right or wrong. However, you need to respect your parents' wishes not to have you share a bedroom in their home.

When you visit together, either stay in a motel or with friends. If you want to stay at home, Roy will need his own bed, away from you. Perhaps your parents will be more willing to meet him if he makes the extra effort to accommodate them.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to "Help in Indianapolis," whose husband traveled a lot on business and she resented being stuck at home with the kids. I am also married to a good man who traveled extensively for work. I worked full-time, then came home and took care of the house and our three children.

What most spouses don't realize is that those who are traveling on business are miserable. It sounds like a glamorous experience — sleeping in great hotels and eating out in fantastic restaurants, but this is far from the truth. Those travelers want to be home with their families, in their own beds, eating in their own kitchens.

Today, 12 years later, my husband has a fantastic job and is still traveling. He tells everyone if it weren't for my understanding, he would never be the success that he is today. Was it a hardship when he was gone? Absolutely! But he is a good man, a wonderful provider, a great father and best of all, a fantastic husband. "Indianapolis" just needs to hang in there. — Been There, Done That

Dear Been There: Thanks for the first-person perspective. Anyone whose spouse travels on business should appreciate your words of encouragement.

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6	PM 30	News Wheel-	King of the Hill	Dragon Tales Zoboomafoo	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Wheel-	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Seinfeld (CC)	Gata Salvaje "	Blind Date Blind Date	Fast Getaway II (CC)	" "	Manhunt in the	(CC) Ace Ventura:	Update With John Hagee	American Justice	New Detec- tives-	Law & Order (CC)	Sister, Sister Lizzie
7	PM 30	8 Simple Rules	American Idol	World War II: Highland	Movie: Till Dad	Billy Graham (CC)	8 Simple Rules	Let's Make a Deal (CC)	Movie: Thunderheart	Las Vias del Amor	Star Trek: Next	" Movie: Down	Movie: Texas Rangers	World's Worst	Pet Detective "	Booker N. McBride	Biography: Eva Braun	New Detec- tives-	Law & Order (CC)	Movie: The Poof Point
8	PM 30	I'm a Celebrity	24 (CC) "	Alumni "	(CC) "	Movie: Salem Witch Trials	I'm a Celebrity	Frasier (CC) A.U.S.A.	" "	Entre el Amor	Movie: Friday the 13th --	to Earth (CC)	(CC) Movie:	Sports Disasters	Movie: Showtime	Light of the Southwest	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	" Kim Possible
9	PM 30	Family (CC) "	'70s Show Dharma-Greg	He Touched Me: Gospel-	Whose Line? Whose Line?	(CC) (DVS) "	Family (CC) "	Dateline (CC)	" :35 Movie:	Ver Para Creer	Final Chapter "	Movie: My Husband My	Zoolander (CC)	Extreme Driving Quiz	(CC) Gods-	" "	" "	FBI Files "	Charmed (CC)	Sister, Sister Lizzie
10	PM 30	News Nightline	'70s Show Raymond	Elvis Presley American	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight	Fallen (CC) "	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	Killer (CC) When We	Queer as Folk	World's Worst	Six Feet Under	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	New Detec- tives-	" "	Even Stevens Boy World
11	PM 30	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden- Susan	Soundtrack: This Land is	Caroline Rhea	(CC) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	(CC) Late Night	" "	En las Mejores	Blind Date Blind Date	Were Kings "	Movie: The Claim (CC)	Sports Disasters	Real Time (CC)	Camie Davis Richman	Biography: Eva Braun	FBI Files (CC)	X-Files (CC) "	Boy World Smart Guy
12	AM 30	Paid Program Paid Program	Blind Date Beyond	Your Land Dr. Wayne	Paid Program Paid Program	Show (CC) JAG (CC)	Live (CC) Oprah	(CC) Frasier (CC)	National Lampoon's	Mentira "	V.I.P. (CC) "	12:05 Movie: American	" "	Extreme Driving Quiz	Movie: Texasville	Update With Joseph Good	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files "	X-Files (CC) "	Sister, Sister Even Stevens

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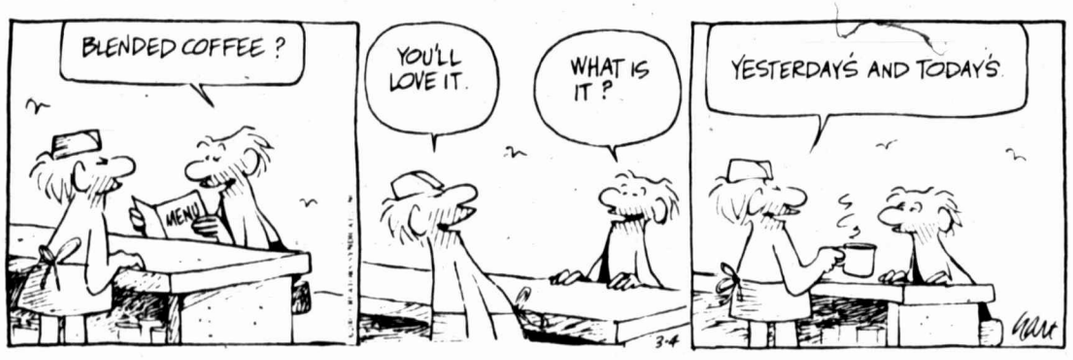
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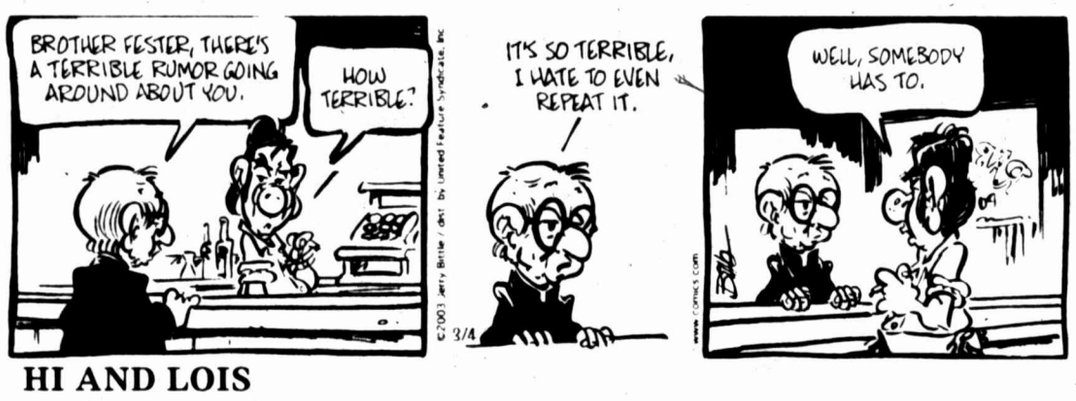
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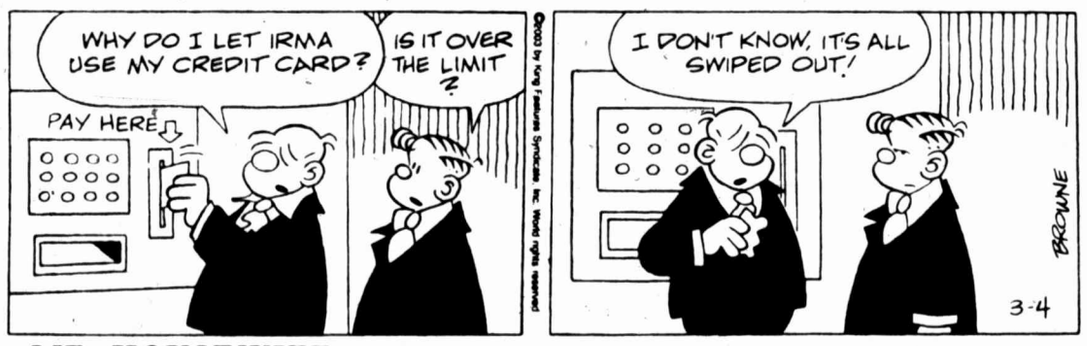
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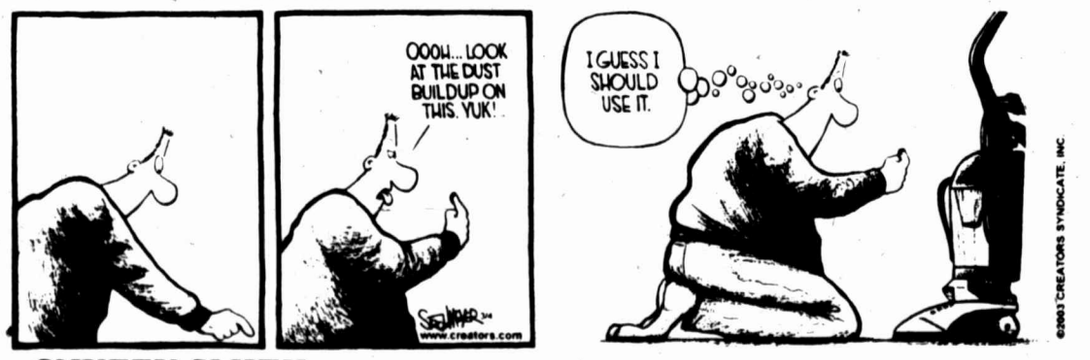
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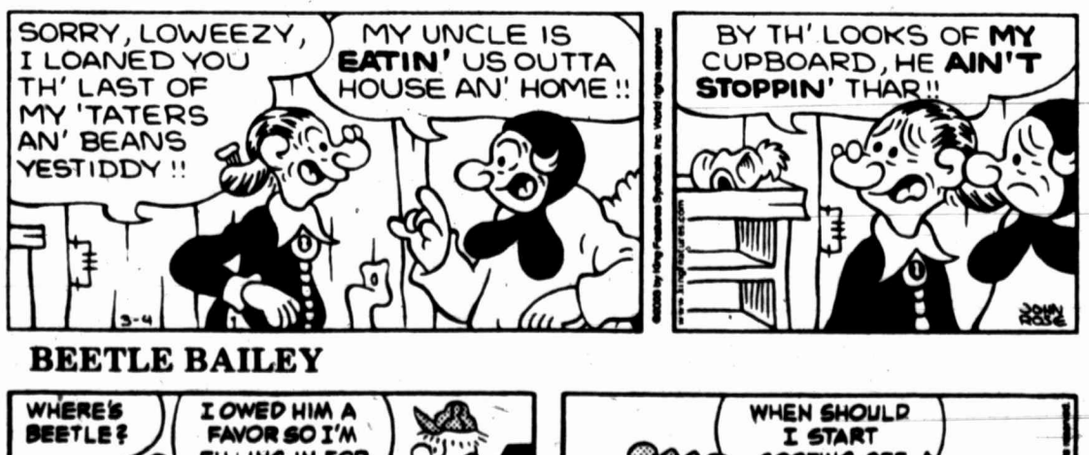
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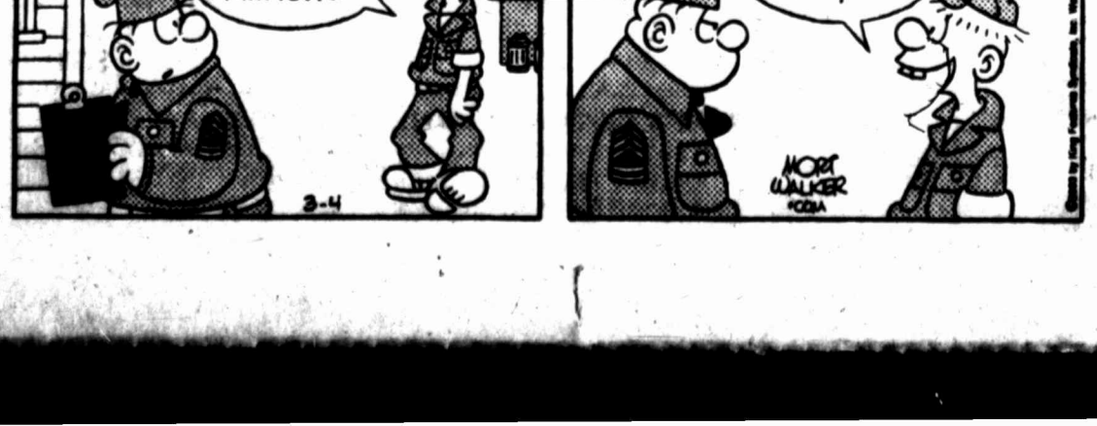
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People In The News

The Associated Press.

Urging blacks to step into "gatekeeper" roles, Spike Lee criticized Black Entertainment Television, saying it lacks serious entertainment and that rap music promotes ignorance.

The director and producer of such films as "Do the Right Thing," "Malcolm X" and "25th Hour" spoke Thursday to a crowd of about 500 people, including students and Bermuda Premier Jennifer Smith. The lecture was sponsored by Bermuda College.

"I was told BET was big here and I shook my head," Lee said, referring to the cable channel that billionaire Robert Johnson founded in 1980. "If you get everything from BET you are getting the wrong thing."

Spokespeople for the channel were not immediately available for comment Friday.

Lee, 45, said black films were often dumbed down or pigeonholed into comedies or gangster movies. Striving for decision-making positions in the media would give blacks more control, Lee told the mostly black audience.

Bermuda, a British territory, is 62 percent black.

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) – Ted Turner is officially a Floridian.

Turner, the TV mogul who called his apartment atop the CNN Center in Atlanta his official home, now lists his legal residence as his 25,000-acre Avalon Plantation outside Tallahassee, spokeswoman Maura Donlan said Thursday.

"He spends twice as much time in Florida than he spends in Georgia," Donlan said. "His private home at Avalon is by far the family home. That is where he spends Christmas and New Year's and Thanksgiving and that's where he married Jane (Fonda)," she said.

He and Fonda split up in 2000 after eight years of marriage.

Turner's accountants had urged him for years to list Florida as his residence because it has no state income tax, but he resisted because of his connections to Atlanta as founder of Turner Broadcasting and CNN, Donlan said.

The 64-year-old announced Wednesday he'll resign as vice chair of AOL Time Warner Inc.

He already has obtained a Florida driver's license, registered to vote in the Sunshine State and obtained Florida fishing and hunting licenses, Donlan said.

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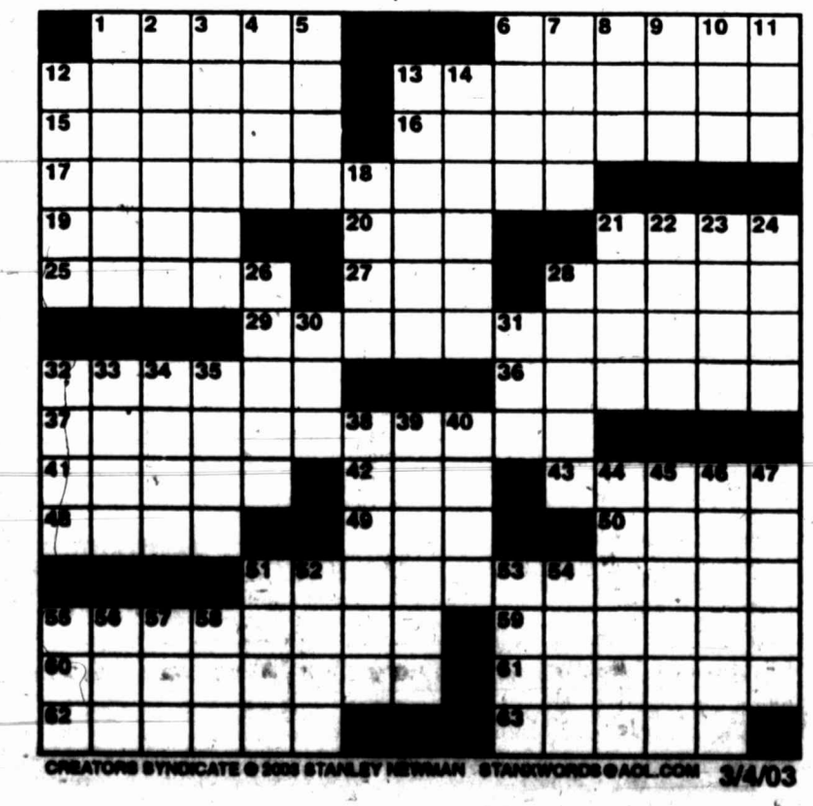
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Newsday Crossword

FELINE by Lee Weaver
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ACROSS
1 Gives a hoot
6 Not singular
12 Eliminate
13 Immigrants' travel class, once
15 Mysterious
16 Placed in order
17 Wood-boring insect
19 Roof overhang
20 Debtor's letters
21 Ali __
25 Vehicles on runners
27 Annoy persistently
28 Bundled hay
29 Very brave
32 Declared
36 Skirt features
37 Something remarkable, slangily
41 Capable
42 Pub pint
43 Take on
48 Sunbathers' goals
49 Slugger's stat.
50 __ Stanley Gardner
51 Black-spotted orange flowers
55 Region of Canada
59 Purpose
60 Legal right of way
61 Sparse
62 Window covers
63 Delicious

DOWN
1 Breakfast choice
2 Place for a dinette
3 Gathered the crops
4 European volcano
5 Prophet
6 Full of zip
7 Wife of Jacob
8 Coffee server
9 Dusting aid
10 Improve, as wine
11 Showed the way
12 Secluded valleys
13 Pago Pago native
14 Horse's water holder
18 Flintstones' pet
21 Unadorned
22 Utah ski city
23 Red vegetable
24 Says more
26 Caught some z's
28 Model airplane wood
30 Actress Lupino
31 Clean-air org.
32 "Go away!"
33 Shout of triumph
34 "__ o'clock scholar"
35 Recipe abbr.
38 Specialized vocabulary
39 Dr. Schweitzer
40 Golda of Israel
44 River-mouth deposits
45 East Asia
46 Abundant supply
47 Peevish
51 Unlikely to bite
52 Midmonth day
53 Shopper's reference
54 Andes native
55 Bandleader Brown
56 Sigh of relief
57 Org. for young men
58 Stop-sign color



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