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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 45°-50° TOMORROW 74°-76°

UBS plans blood drive here Saturday

United Blood Services of Midland will be at the Big Spring Mall Saturday to collect much needed donations of blood from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The service area UBS-Midland serves is in a critical need for blood especially during spring break when many residents are out of the area on vacation. The 46-county service area containing UBS-Midland serves 42 hospital and clinics.

Although walk-ins will not be turned away, UBS asks that potential donors make an appointment. To make an appointment call Big Spring Mall manager Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 or UBS at 1-800-371-5539.

Donors must be 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds, be in good health, know the names of any medication taken in the past 30 days and carry proof of identification.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m., 3203 W. Hwy. 80.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.
- Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.
- ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.
- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

SATURDAY

- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of $2 for adults and $1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

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Public invited to MHMR Vo-Tech Resource Center open house

By VALERIE AVERY
Special to the Herald


SMITH

West Texas Centers for MHMR and Howard County ARC are going to host an open house at the WTCMHMR Vo-Tech Resource Center, March 22, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at their 501 Birdwell Lane location.

The event, which is held in conjunction with National Mental Retardation Month, is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served and informational materials on mental retardation will be available. Door prizes also will be given away to attendees.

Big Spring ISD Curriculum Director Richard Light, who also serves as WTCMHMR Mental Retardation Planning Advisory Council chairperson is encouraging the community to visit and learn about the Vo-Tech operations.

"The Vo-Tech Center is a fantastic opportunity for some of our Big Spring citizens to build their self-esteem, feel good about themselves and be productive" Light said. "I'm not sure how many people really know what goes on down here, but it's easy to get excited about it once you learn."

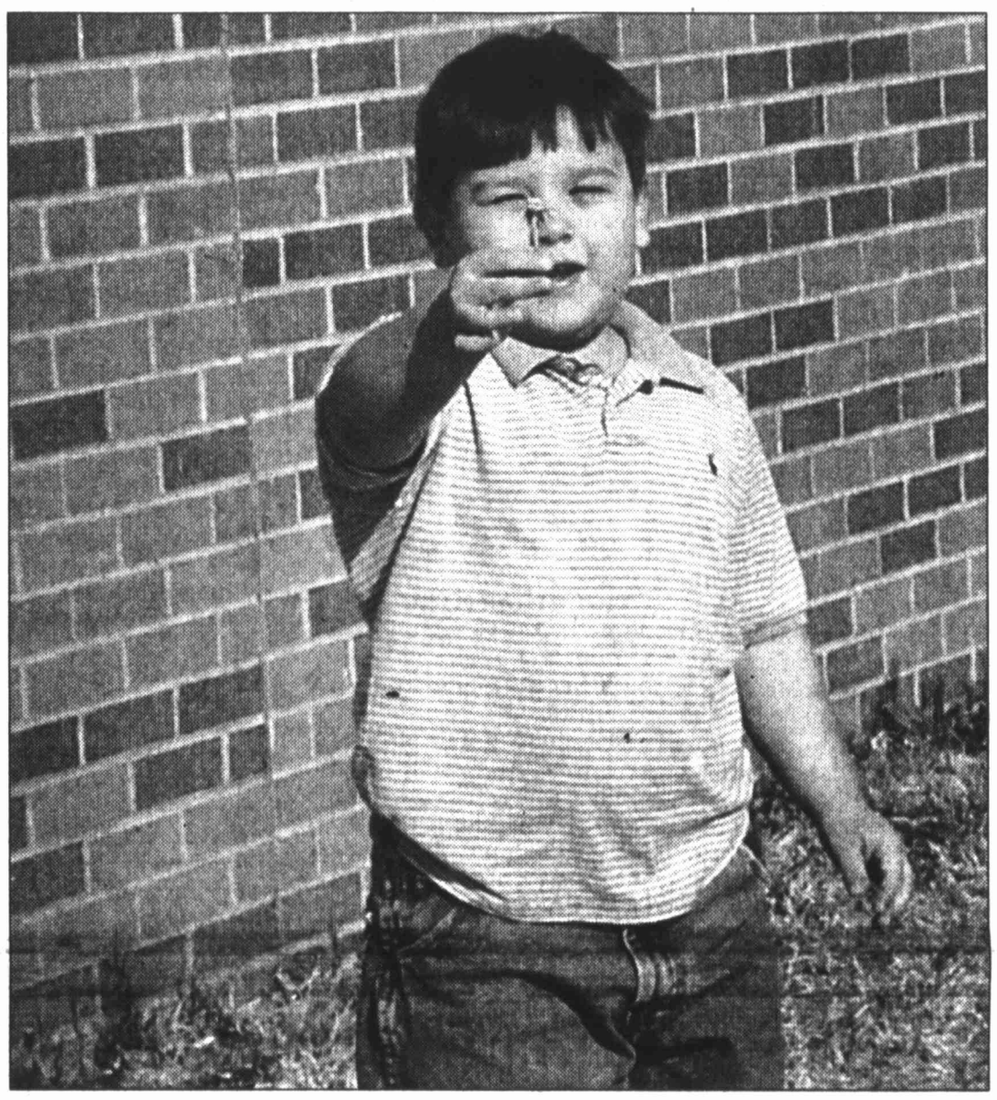
Approximately 80 people with mental retardation each month participate in training, including learning skills allowing them to live in the community and particular job skills enabling them to earn an income.

Various companies also contract with the Vo-Tech Resource Center for work projects. Some of the products consumers have assembled in the past include bird feeders, preparing boll weevil traps and Miracle-Gro garden products.

"We contract with particular businesses to assemble products and our consumers are paid just like they are in a regular job," West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, said. "It teaches them job skills, and they can earn some money at the same time."

The Vo-Tech Resource Center offers an after-school program and a summer program for school-aged students. A computer lab, which was furnished

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Seven-year-old Thomas Dawson makes a wish after blowing on a dandelion this morning. Dawson is participating in the YMCA Spring Break Camp this week. Area schools have suspended classes for the holiday. Classes resume for Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan schools along with Howard College on Monday.

Ag Expo

Booth reservations being accepted for annual event; luncheon tickets available

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer


VALVERDE

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is currently taking booth reservations for the annual Agriculture Expo and Appreciation Luncheon.

"We encourage everyone to sign up for a booth early to let us know what kind of set up we will need on the coliseum floor," Debbye ValVerde, Chamber of Commerce executive director said.

The Expo and Appreciation Luncheon will be held on March 28. The expo begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 3 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and is free to the public.

Businesses ranging from insurance agencies to cell phone retailers and national vendors take this opportunity to showcase their wares.

To reserve a booth, call Liz Adamson, Chamber of Commerce secretary at 263-7641.

During the expo, the agriculture appreciation luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m.

"We hold the luncheon to show our appreciation for our local farmers and their impact on our local economy," ValVerde said.

Featured speaker for the event is U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene). The agriculture producer and business of the year will both be announced during the luncheon.

Last year, area farmer Maxwell Barr and local business Feagins Implement were honored as the agriculture producer and agriculture business of the year.

The luncheon is free to all agriculture producers and is $8 for the general public.

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third.

North Birdwell UMC hosts another free chili supper

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church congregation wants to stay thanks to the community for supporting their activities by holding the second annual chili supper.

"We encourage everyone in Howard County and Big Spring to come out," said the Rev. Joel Miller, pastor. "This is a thank you for all the support the community has given for things such as Vacation Bible School."

The public is welcome to enjoy a free bowl of chili, hot dogs, frito pie, red beans, corn bread and homemade desserts Saturday at the church, 2702 North Birdwell Lane, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Last years event brought out about 55 people.

Those who attend will also have a chance to win door prizes including a Hayes Parks Cross, a Coca Cola collectable, a Beanie Baby and Spiritual Harvest, three mice reading the scriptures.

Thief enters home to take purse, then comes back to swipe vehicle

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer


CHAMNESS

A dissatisfied home burglar apparently came back to steal his victim's car early this morning.

Lieutenant Terry Chamness of the Big Spring Police Department said the original burglary took place shortly before 1 a.m.

"This morning about 12:51, over in the 1200 block of Mesa is where the burglary occurred," he said. "A lady was watching TV and a Hispanic male between 17 and 22 entered the house and started saying 'Where's your money? Where's your money?' He grabbed her purse and ran out."

Chamness said the woman described the burglar as being about 5'7" tall and weighing around 175 pounds.

"Things that were missing in her purse were her keys, her credit cards, miscellaneous medications, and that's about it," Chamness said. "There was no money in it."

While police were still in the area conducting their

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Former Howard County man arrested again in New Mexico, this time on charge of arson

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer


HOWELL

Former Howard County sheriff's deputy and constable Woodie Howell was arrested again last week in Otero County, N.M., on felony arson charges.

Howell was arrested by Otero County sheriff's deputies in November on charges that he abused his son by duct-taping him to a chair and beating him with a belt.

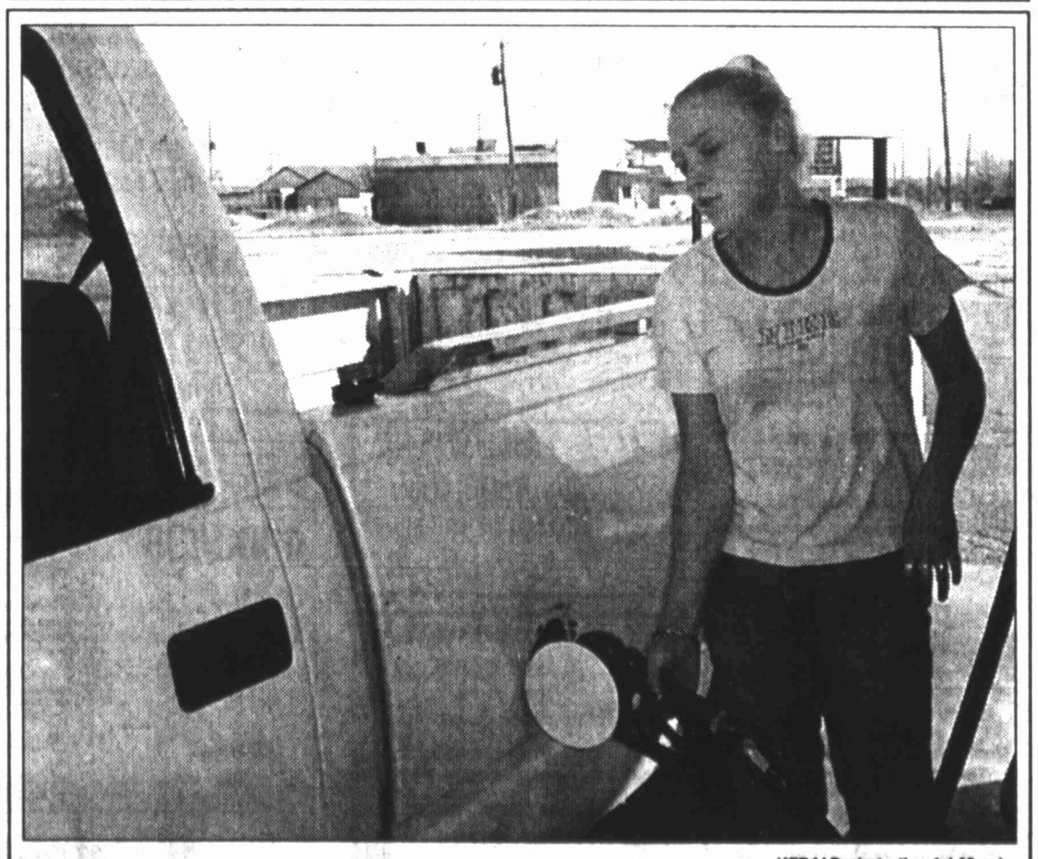
Released on $100,000 bond with an electronic monitoring device, Howell's home in the Cloudcroft, N.M., area burned a few days later.

"We've been investigating that incident," said Otero County Sheriff Johnny Lee. "Friday afternoon around 6:30 p.m. we served Mr. Howell with an arrest warrant charging him with arson."

Lee said investigations in the Garden City area gave them the evidence they needed to charge Howell with arson.

"We had had information that a great number of things were moved from the residence just prior to the fire," he said. "We located a considerable amount of things that had been listed as destroyed in the fire. Some of the things that had been moved were stored over in Texas. We served a search warrant over there last Friday and recovered all that property. Based on

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Brandi Hutcheson fills this 1994 Chevrolet truck with gasoline at the 7-Eleven on Highway 80 this morning. Gas prices have been continually rising the past several weeks.

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OBITUARIES

Carol Sue Webb

Carol Sue Webb, 63, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at a local hospital following a sudden illness. There will be private family services only.

She was born on May 30, 1938, in Speed, Ind. She had lived in Big Spring most of her life. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse and received her education in San Angelo. She had worked at Big Spring State Hospital for a number of years and a number of years at Scenic Mountain Medical Center until May 2001.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Webb of Big Spring; one daughter, Susan Boyer of Oklahoma City; five sons, Richard Hinklin of Vance, Ala., Randal Hinklin of Manilla, Ark., Ronald Hinklin of Jacksonville, Fla., Michael Hinklin of Vance, Ala., and Kenneth Hinklin of Manilla, Ark.; her mother, Stella Mallory of Big Spring; one sister, Roberta Smith of Deluth, Minn.; two brothers, Claude Hines of Eugene, Ore., and Thomas Hines of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vera Patricia (Matteson) Anderson

Funeral service for Vera Patricia "Pat" (Matteson) Anderson, 60, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.



Mrs. Anderson died Monday, March 11, at her residence from a lingering illness.

She was born June 9, 1941, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She lived in Iowa until completion of high school when she moved to Minneapolis for employment. She met George Anderson there and they married in 1960 in Urbana, Iowa. He preceded her in death in 1992 in Minneapolis, Minn. She resided in Minneapolis until her move to Big Spring in 1994.

Survivors include one sister, Dorothy Voight of Excelsior, Minn.; two brothers, Donald Matteson of Marion, Iowa and Ralph Matteson of Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

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Janie Huffstetler Wilson, 78, died Tuesday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM today, at Trinity Memorial Park

Marita Wade, 98, died Saturday. Graveside services are 10:30 AM (MDT) Friday at Restlawn Memorial Park in El Paso.

Mary Wright, 70, died Tuesday. Services are pending in Athens, Alabama.

Carol Webb, 63, died Tuesday. Private family services to be held at a later date.

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through the efforts of St. Sen. David Counts, D-Knox City, is another venue for consumers to learn computer skills.

"The Howard County ARC is our partner in making the Vo-Tech Center a reality," Smith said. "They continue to be a strong advocate for the center and all the people we support in the community. We have a wonderful facility here, and we want to show the community what we have to offer."

West Texas Centers for MHMR serves 3,800 consumers with mental illness and mental retardation in 23 rural West Texas counties.

THIEF

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investigation, the burglar struck again, this time taking the woman's car.

"We checked the area and after the officer got the information around 1:23 this morning, when they were still out in the area looking around — one of the officers was talking to a juvenile that was out — we got a call from the people again stating that somebody had just driven off in their car," Chamness said.

The woman described the car as a 1989 Oldsmobile 88 four door with damage to the left rear quarter-panel, Chamness said.

No arrests have been made and the police are still investigating the incident, Chamness added.

"We have not recovered (the car)," he said. "The case has been assigned out to a detective and he will be getting with her to try to put a composite together."

Anyone with information about this crime should call the Big Spring Police Department at 263-2550.

HOWELL

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the findings of that investigation, we went ahead and charged him with one count of arson."

Lee said Howell's bond on the child abuse charge was revoked and he was given no bail on that charge, although the arson charge carries a $100,000 bond.

"He is, right now, back in the Otero County Detention Facility," Lee said.

A spokesperson for the Otero County Detention Facilty confirmed that Howell is being held in that jail with a no-bond rating.

A former Howard County Sheriff's Deputy stationed in the Coahoma area, Howell worked for the Big Spring Correctional Center and for Howard College after leaving the Sheriff's Department in 1994. In 1996, he ran for Howard County Sheriff but was not elected.

Howell was arrested for assault/family violence in 1999 after an altercation in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

In 2000 he ran as a write-in candidate for constable and was elected, but resigned June 13 of this year, stating plans to move as the reason.

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Monkey with brain implant moves cursor by thought

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A monkey with a fingernail-size brain implant moved a cursor on a computer screen just by thinking — the latest in a series of experiments that have raised hopes that paralyzed people might one day be able to control complex devices with their minds.

While humans have already been implanted with a similar device that allows control of a cursor, the set of thin wires used by the Brown University researchers is less bulky and worked by measuring fewer neurons.

Three rhesus monkeys were given the implants, which were first used to record signals from their motor cortex — an area of the brain that controls movement — as they manipulated a joystick with their hands. Then those signals were used to develop a program that enabled one of the monkeys to continue moving the cursor with its brain.

During dozens of trials over several months, the monkey moved the cursor just by thinking and used it to touch dots that appeared on the screen, earning orange juice as a reward, said John Donoghue, chairman of neuroscience at Brown.

The results are promising enough that the device could one day be used on humans, the researchers reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. They would not speculate on how long that might take.

Anything that can be controlled with two- or three-dimensional coordinates can be controlled by similar implants, Donoghue said.

"Anything you can imagine can be engineered. What can you do with point-and-click navigation on the Internet?" he said.

In 1998, researchers at Emory University in Atlanta reported that a paralyzed man was able to control a cursor with a cone-shaped, glass implant, using it to operate a voice synthesizer that allowed him to communicate.

BRIEFS

THE U.S. LST ASSOCIATION is looking for all LST members to have a reunion with shipmates from World War II to present.

The next reunion will be held in St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 27 through Sept. 2. Contact Bob Garner LST at 461, HC Box 362, Hemphill 75948, call1-800-228-5870, or e-mail USLST:@KMBS.com.

SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER is accepting donations for their third annual benefit auction. Anything will be accepted except clothes.

Pickup is available. Contact Bobbie Leonard at 267-1628 or the Crossroads Auction Company at 263-8200 for more information.

All proceeds go to Senior Citizens Center.

ARE YOU PREGNANT? DO you have a baby? WIC serves pregnant and breast-feeding women and children younger than 5.

To see if you or your child qualifies for free food, nutritional counseling and medical screening, contact your nearest WIC clinic or call 263-9777.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 506, 3203 W. Hwy 80, will have a fish fry Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each plate is $7 and carry out is also available. Call 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

THE BIG SPRING ART Association will have a miniature auction at their next regular meeting on March 19.

The auction will be held at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library in the basement. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information call Bonita Lyght at 267-9773.

HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY is offering adoptions of all adult dogs 1-year-old or older at a special discount of $9, which includes shots and vaccinations. These dogs are neutered. The normal fee is $18. This special will run through Easter, March 31. For information, contact the humane society at 267-7832.

THE BIG SPRING CHAMBER of Commerce is asking your help in rounding up photos taken during the days of the Big Spring Bombadier School and Webb Air Force Base.

These will be on display the weekend of Oct. 12 when the first Webb Air Force Base Reunion takes place.

If you have photos, please bring them by the chamber. They will be copied and returned to you.

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lic intoxication.

• **RAYMOND OVERTON**, 22, of 2530 Hunter was arrested on four local warrants.

• **JESUS JULIAN MARTINEZ III**, 26, of 409 Bluebird was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **BEVERLY COVARRUBIAS**, 29, of 1202 Pennsylvania was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **HOLLY WALKER**, 25, of 4409 Connally was arrested on charges of evading arrested with a vehicle and abandoning or endangering a child.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- In the 800 block of West Interstate 20. Someone reportedly stole $300 cash from the motel.
- In the 900 block of Willia. A black Nokia 5185 cellular telephone worth $64.95 was reported stolen.
- In the 500 block of South Nolan. Items worth $320 were reported stolen.
- In the 700 block of West Interstate 20. A miter saw worth $300 was reported stolen.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in person at the police station. A black 1995 Chevy Silverado reportedly received $500 damage.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent Drive, the 400 block of Edwards Boulevard and the 1400 block of Virginia Avenue.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and also in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street, the 2600 block of South Gregg Street, the 1100 block of South Scurry Street

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 400 block of Northwest Ninth Street, the 3300 block of Drexel Avenue

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** and **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** were reported in the 400 block of Northwest Ninth Street.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION/VEHICLE** and **ABANDONING OR ENDANGERING A CHILD/CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE** was reported in the 4400 block of Connally Street.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity in February:

DETECTIVE CASE LOAD
• Investigators: 4
• 28 percent clearance
• 97 previous cases
• 54 newly assigned cases
• 43 cleared
• 11 inactivated

PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED
• $67,140 stolen
• $37,693 recovered

IN-HOUSE TRAINING
• 22 officers
• 58 class-hours

ADULT ARRESTS
• 87 total
- 20 drunk
- 1 weapons charge
- 11 driving under the influence
- 4 narcotics
- 5 assaults

JUVENILE ARRESTS
• 22 total
- 19 white
- 3 black
- 1 burglary
- 2 theft
- 2 liquor laws
- 3 curfew
- 4 runaways

CRIMES REPORTED
• 1 sexual assault
• 1 robbery
• 28 assaults
• 15 burglaries
• 49 thefts
• 5 unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
• 12 family violence

S.T.E.P.
• 12 officers
• 99 hours overtime
• 65 citations
• 96 written warnings
• 705 miles driven

PATROL STATISTICS
• 27,691 miles driven
• 2,396.4 gallons of gasoline used
• 288 written reports
• 64 accidents
• 91 arrests
• 465 citations
• 383 written warnings
• 194 field interviews
• 62 alarm responses
• 18 open door investigations
• 544 building checks
• 183 house watches

POLICE

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

• **RUSSELL DAVIS**, 40, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summery of EMS and Fire Department activity

9:48 a.m. — 400 block of W. Fifth, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:53 p.m. — 1000 block of N. Moss Creek Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:42 p.m. — 1300 block of Utah, medical call, service refused.

RECORDS

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Wednesday's low 57
Record high 91 in 1989
Record low 22 in 1954
Average high 70
Average low 39
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House chairman proposes abolishing INS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said today the approval of visas for two Sept. 11 hijackers offers new evidence why the Immigration and Naturalization Service should be abolished.

"It certainly showed how incompetent the INS is," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said on CBS' "The Early Show." "It is one fiasco after the other."

The INS action also got the attention of President Bush, who on Wednesday made clear his displeasure on learning that student visas for Mohamed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi were delivered six months after they flew hijacked jetliners into the World Trade Center.

Bush ordered the attorney general to investigate and press the INS to do better. "They got the message and hopefully, they'll reform as quickly as possible," Bush said at a news conference.

The president first said he was "stunned, and not happy" when he learned about the visas. "Let me put it another way: I was plenty hot," he added.

Bush said he was unhappy that the visas remained in the immigration pipeline even though the names on the forms were widely known. He said INS Commissioner James Ziglar was responsible for "this embarrassing disclosure," but should be given a chance to rectify the problem.

"His responsibility is to reform the INS; let's give him time to do so. He hasn't been there that long," Bush said.

Sensenbrenner is proposing to replace the INS with two separate agencies that would be under the control of an assistant attorney general. He said Ziglar does not have the proper managerial background to run either agency.

"Mr. Ziglar should lead, follow or get out of the way," the congressman said.

On Monday, six months after the attacks, Huffman Aviation in Venice, Fla., received student visa approval forms for Atta, 33, and Al-Shehhi, 23. The men were aboard separate hijacked planes that struck the World Trade Center towers, killing thousands.

The pair trained at Huffman in 2000 and early 2001 and sought student visas so they could attend technical schools. The visa for Atta, of Egypt, was approved in July 2001 and a visa for Al-Shehhi, of United Arab Emirates, was approved the following month, said Russ Bergeron, an immigration agency spokesman.

Bergeron described the paperwork the flight school received as a backstop on notification the INS gave the men and the school last summer. He said the INS had no information "regarding these people and their link to terrorism" when the visas were granted.

Punishment phase begins after jury finds Yates guilty

HOUSTON (AP) — The same jury that determined Andrea Yates was sane when she drowned her children in a family bathtub must now weigh whether she should join them in death.

Jurors were to begin hearing testimony in the sentencing phase of her trial Thursday morning. They have two punishment options: life in prison or death by injection.

Yates, 37, was convicted Tuesday of two capital murder charges for the drowning deaths of three of her five children. Evidence surrounding the deaths of her other two children also figured into the case.

Under Texas law, the decision comes down to how jurors answer two questions: Does she pose a future danger to society? And are there mitigating circumstances to sentence her to life as opposed to death?

Jurors must be unanimous on both questions — that she is a danger and that there are no mitigating circumstances — in order for a death sentence to be imposed.

Defense attorneys were expected to call Yates' family, friends and some additional medical experts during the punishment phase, expected to be much shorter than the 17 days of testimony in the first phase.

James Cohen, a professor at Fordham University School of Law, said even though the jury of eight women and four men rejected Yates' insanity defense, it doesn't mean the panel won't consider her mental history during the trial's punishment phase.

"Their refusal to accept it the first time is not any indication they won't accept it in sparing her life," Cohen said.

Legal experts say prosecutors face an uphill battle in trying to prove Yates is a continuing threat to society.

'Before it was a much tougher case for the defense," Southern Methodist University School of Law professor Dan Shuman said Wednesday. "I think now it is a much tougher case for the prosecution.

"The jurors now are operating under no illusions that she is going to be set free."

As for mitigation, South Texas College of Law professor Neil McCabe said the state already has acknowledged a major mitigating circumstance by saying Yates did suffer from a severe mental disease.

"It wasn't enough to carry their burden on the insanity defense, but since the government admits she is severely mentally ill they could run that around the courtroom some more," he said.

Deadline passes for Andersen to enter guilty plea

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Arthur Andersen accounting firm said the Justice Department imposed a deadline of this morning for the firm to agree to plead guilty in the Enron scandal or face immediate indictment.

Pleading guilty to obstruction of justice charges would be "the death penalty" for Andersen and "a gross abuse of government power," the accounting firm said in a letter Wednesday to the department.

Representatives of Arthur Andersen, which has admitted massive shredding of Enron-related documents by its employees, have been repeatedly threatened with indictment by federal prosecutors over the past week to 10 days.

"None of the destruction occurred with the knowledge, much less the consent, of senior firm management," said the letter. "Indeed, even as to those few people who engaged in document destruction, there appears to be a dearth of credible evidence that they acted with the willful criminal intent to obstruct a government investigation."

Andersen said in the letter that Justice Department prosecutors demanded an answer by 9 a.m. today and were refusing to meet with the accounting firm.

The deadline passed without word of any agreement.

The firm's management in Chicago has blamed the shredding on its Houston office, saying the document destruction was spearheaded by David Duncan, chief auditor on the Enron account.

"The department plans to press forward even though there are alternative ways to proceed that would achieve every single valid government objective while wholly avoiding harm to the innocent," said the letter from one of Andersen's outside lawyers, Richard J. Favretto of the firm Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw.

The accounting firm proposed that the Justice Department defer prosecution and that the government appoint a special monitor to oversee a new policy for retaining documents at Andersen along with "other reforms that would be approved by the Justice Department."

Andersen also proposed that the Securities and Exchange Commission adopt a remedy for the accounting firm's Houston office where the document destruction took place.

Finally, Andersen proposed further discipline including immediate dismissal from the firm of all people who were responsible for the document destruction.

One in five getting school lunches ineligible for program, government says

WASHINGTON (AP) — A system that bases billions of dollars in education aid on the number of pupils getting free or discounted lunches is encouraging schools to inflate the figures, the Bush administration says.

One of every five children participating in the lunch program may be ineligible because the family's income is too high, a government-commissioned study found.

Some 13 million children received free meals last year, and an additional 2.6 million paid a discounted price, a maximum of 40 cents per meal.

"I don't want to decrease the number of kids that participate if they are eligible to receive it ... (or) deter eligible children from receiving these benefits," said Eric Bost, the Agriculture Department's undersecretary for food and nutrition programs.

But Bost also said millions of ineligible children reaping a benefit their families don't qualify for is a problem that demands a solution.

In Texas and California alone, about $4 billion in federal and state education money is distributed to districts and schools based on the school lunch numbers. And teachers who work in schools with high participation in the lunch program can get college loans forgiven.

Because so much money is at stake, "this has resulted in some schools allowing ineligible students to enroll in the program," Bost said.

Schools rely upon parents to report their income properly and check the financial records of no more than 3 percent of families to verify eligibility. Some schools even provide incentives to parents, including free raffle tickets, to get them to apply for free or discounted meals for their children.

Studies for the department by Mathematica Policy Research, an independent research firm, indicates that the error rate grew rapidly in the 1990s. In 1999, the latest year for which data were available, the lunch rolls were 27 percent higher than they should have been, based on an analysis of census data. That's up from 23 percent in 1998 and just 5 percent in 1994.

The issue has divided school officials. The American School Food Service Association, which represents school nutritionists, says there's obviously a problem.

'Most Wanted' actors plead guilty to sex with girl

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two former actors on television's "America's Most Wanted" pleaded guilty Wednesday to having sex with a 14-year-old girl at an abused children's shelter.

Cristian Saliadarre, 28, and Anthony Alvarez, 27, pleaded guilty to an amended complaint of unlawful sexual intercourse with a person under 16.

In return, prosecutors dropped charges of sodomy and oral copulation with a person under 16.

Authorities said the men struck up a conversation with the girl in January 2001 while shooting a television segment in an alley next to "Children of the Night," a shelter for sexually abused teens and former prostitutes.

They said Saliadarre climbed through a window and had sex with the girl in her dormitory room. Alvarez then encouraged the girl to have sex with him in the alley.

The men were sentenced to five years of probation and a year of counseling, fined $5,000 and ordered to perform 1,000 hours of community service.

Pileup on interstate kills at least 10, authorities say

RINGGOLD, Ga. (AP) — Dozens of vehicles piled up in a chain-reaction crash on a foggy interstate highway Thursday morning, killing at least 10 people, authorities said.

The accident, involving 50 to 100 vehicles, happened around 7:50 a.m. on Interstate 75 just south of Chattanooga, Tenn., said Karlene Barrow, spokeswoman for the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Video from the scene showed tractor trailers piled up on top of cars and ambulance crews laying sheets on the highway to treat the injured.

Barrow said at least 10 people were killed. Officers at the scene reported numerous injuries.

Seven adults and one child were being treated at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, authorities said.

Rap Brown sentenced to life in prison

ATLANTA (AP) — A jury deliberated for about five hours before deciding to spare the life of former '60s radical H. Rap Brown for the slaying of a sheriff's deputy.

Rejecting prosecutors' call for the death penalty, the panel decided on a life term with no parole Wednesday for the Muslim religious leader now known as Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin.

The same jury found Al-Amin guilty of killing Fulton County Deputy Ricky Kinchen and wounding deputy Aldranon English in a shootout in Al-Amin's southwest Atlanta neighborhood on March 16, 2000. English survived and identified Al-Amin as the shooter.

After the verdict, the defense continued to contend that English was mistaken in his identification and that someone else shot the deputies. They also claim Al-Amin was framed as part of a government conspiracy that has followed him since his days as a radical civil rights activist.

"He's alive — and that creates another day for us to fight," said Al-Amin's brother, Ed Brown, reacting to the jury's decision. He said Al-Amin plans to appeal.

Al-Amin, wearing traditional Muslim attire of white robe and knitted white hat, showed no emotion when the jury's decision was read. The judge immediately sentenced him, adding 35 years for related offenses in the 13-count indictment.

"I wish we'd done a better job," defense attorney Jack Martin said. "But we're not going to stop until we've exonerated Mr. Al-Amin."

The jury had three options: death, a life sentence with no parole, or life with the possibility of parole. Jurors declined comment afterward.

"This is just a starting point for us to heal and go on," said Lisa Francis, sister of Sherese Kinchen, the slain deputy's widow, after the sentencing.

Fulton District Attorney Paul Howard said his office and Kinchen's family were satisfied with the sentence, even though his prosecutors had argued for death.

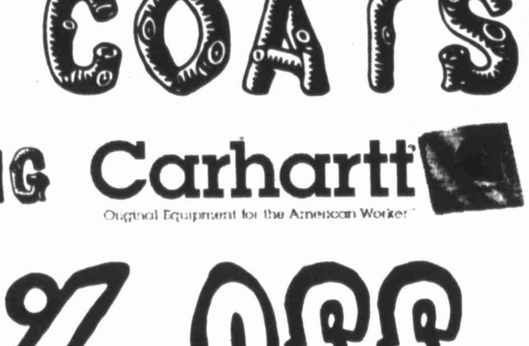
Defense attorneys implored the jury to spare Al-Amin's life, noting his civil rights work in the '60s and how he has helped clean up his once crime-ridden neighborhood.

English testified that Al-Amin leveled a high-powered assault rifle and open fired when the deputies tried to serve him with an arrest warrant in March 2000.

Then, prosecutors said, he raised a Browning 9 mm handgun and fired three shots into Kinchen's groin as the wounded officer lay in the street.

Al-Amin leads one of the nation's largest black Muslim groups, the National Ummah. The movement, which has formed 36 mosques around the nation, is credited with revitalizing poverty-stricken pockets such as Atlanta's West End, where Al-Amin owned a grocery store.

He is familiarly known as H. Rap Brown, a '60s militant who served as a leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

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OTHER VIEWS

DNA testing revives faith in justice system

Assessing its short but stunning track record over the past decade, Attorney General John Ashcroft describes DNA analysis as the truth machine of law enforcement.

Seen through a wider prism, no tool has more potential to revive America's faith in its criminal justice system. That's a tall order for a very short acronym. ... But witness the monumental power of DNA analysis.

It exonerates the falsely convicted, freeing people who have been locked away for years. It convicts the rightly accused earlier in the process, sparing taxpayers the cost and victims the angst of lengthy trials. It brings resolution, if not closure, to the friends and family of those who have been murdered.

Moreover, the specter of DNA analysis -- if it becomes the gold standard throughout the country -- should deter crime in a way that capital punishment has failed to.

What would give a would-be killer pause: the prospect that he might, many years down the road, be executed or the knowledge that just tiny amounts of DNA (sloughed skin cells or a blot of saliva) could seal his guilt? And the testing's ability to nab criminals earlier and with dead-on accuracy should prevent a certain number from re-offending. ...

These advances will certainly be worthwhile but the best that DNA analysis has to offer is the gift, as Ashcroft says, of sparing Americans from ever being victimized.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

YOUR VIEWS

DEAR EDITOR:

The *Big Spring Herald* has a long history of sponsoring the Howard County Spelling Bee for school-aged children in Big Spring and the surrounding area. Each year, it takes a great deal of work involving private, public and outlying school districts, along with businesses and volunteers to put on this important contest.

I believe we have a great partnership among all participating entities in producing this competition for our youth.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the schoolteachers and principals who orchestrated their own school spelling bees. This is a huge undertaking, and the Howard County Bee would not be possible without their assistance.

I appreciate Big Spring ISD Superintendent Murray Murphy, Big Spring Junior High School Principal Rey Villarreal and assistant principal Ben Neel for preparing the cafetorium for this event. It is a splendid facility, and we appreciate your willingness in allowing us to hold the event on your beautiful campus.

Thank you judges Robin Ritchey, Marilyn Clark and Debbie Jensen for your dedication and willingness to oversee this event. And thank you Cindy Michaelis for doing a spectacular job in returning as our pronouncer.

On Cue Manager Michelle Tubbs donated two dictionaries for our winner and our runner-up. Our winner and our runner-up treasured these gifts. Thank you. And Sonic Drive-In No. 2 Manager Bill Calobreves donated free Wacky Paks for all 10 participants. Thank you Sonic for always stepping up in projects which help our youth.

Big Spring Herald Circulation Manager Carlos Gonzales and Publisher Ken Dulaney assisted the spelling bee in countless ways, primarily their support. A big thanks also goes out to reporters Lyndel Moody and Roger Cline for their coverage of the spelling bee.

Most of all, thank you to the parents who helped their children study night after night. An even bigger thank you is extended to the students who took on the added responsibility of adding to their already heavy workload.

You all are champions in my eyes.

Sincerely,

VALERIE AVERY
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Let's keep radiation in perspective



CHARLEY REESE

Now that folks are trying to scare us with the so-called nuclear threat from terrorists, let's put this subject in perspective.

You can't make a nuclear warhead in a cave or a garage. You do not need to fear that some terrorist is going to show up one day with a homemade nuclear warhead. The terrorists would kill themselves trying to handle the radioactive material long before they could build a bomb.

So scratch that off your list of things to worry about.

It's true that they might buy a nuclear warhead, but that is extremely unlikely. The countries that have nukes keep them under tight security. Russia might be falling apart in some respects, but you'd play hell trying to steal one of its warheads. It's not that the Russians are that concerned about us, but they certainly don't want the Chechens to get their hands on one. Iraq, Iran and North Korea don't have any nuclear warheads. If left alone, they could make them, but I doubt they will try. Having one or two nukes is practically useless. They are, after all, mainly suicide weapons.

I'm not asking you to believe that the heads of these states have hearts of gold and benign outlooks. No, you can count on something far more certain than that. They are all sane, and they are all very much interested in their own selfish interests. And getting yourself and your country turned into molten glass is in nobody's self-interest.

The Arab countries have had a proposal on the table for more than a decade to make the Middle East a nuclear-free zone. The United States will not support it. That's because the only country in the Middle East that has nuclear weapons is Israel, and no American politician has the guts to even mention it, much less try to persuade Israel to get rid of them. It was Israel's nuclear weapons that caused Saddam Hussein to try to build one, but I believe he's given up on that idea.

The so-called dirty bomb — a conventional explosive wrapped with some kind of nuclear waste — would cause little damage beyond the conventional explosion. People have been encouraged to be scared of radiation, but the fact is, our planet is radioactive. Every time we go outside, we are exposed to radiation. Every time we fly, we get a dose of radiation. It is everywhere, and there is no evidence that low-level radiation causes any harm. The anti-nuke people claim it will, but there are some scientists who argue that low-level radiation might actually be helpful. Either way, we are exposed to it every day of our lives.

A professor of nuclear physics used to have a standing offer that he would appear on live television with any anti-nuclear person and eat 1 gram of plutonium, provided the anti-nuclear person would eat 1 gram of caffeine. (Don't try it; the caffeine will kill you.)

Back in the days of atmospheric testing, we were all exposed to literally tons of plutonium released into the atmosphere. Nobody keeled over. High doses of radiation can certainly injure and kill, and that includes any terrorist who tries to handle highly radioactive material. The terrorists would use low-level material, and their aim would be mainly psychological:

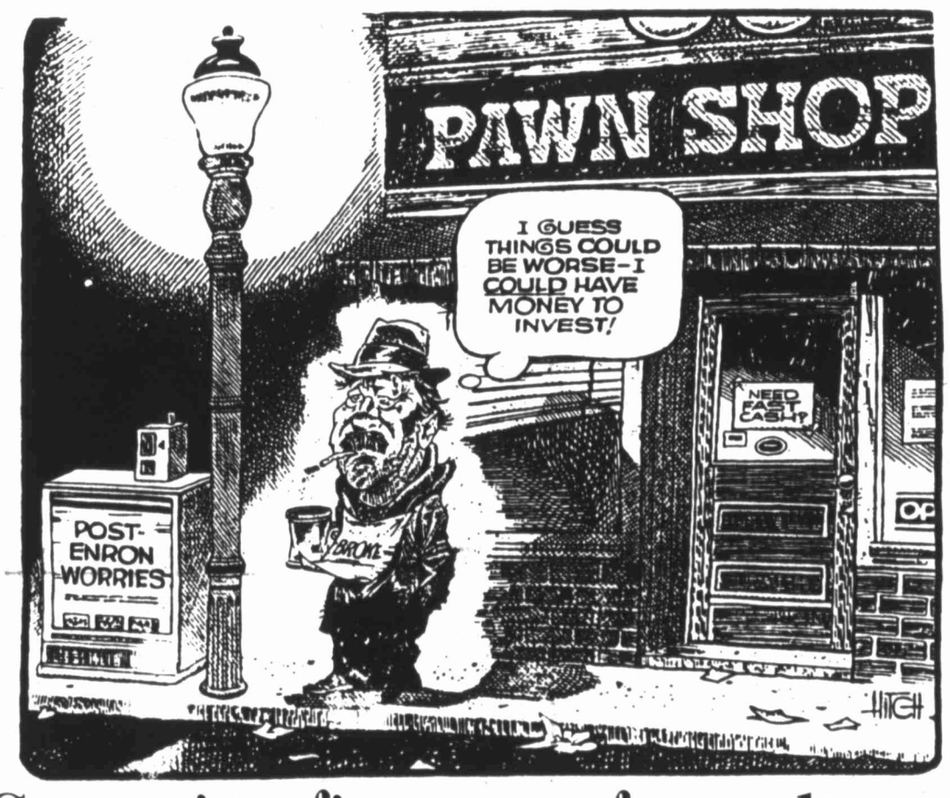
Even if you believe the government and credit al-Qaida with the first and second attacks on the World Trade Center, the bombing of the USS Cole, the bombing of the barracks in Saudi Arabia and the bombing of two of our embassies in Africa, keep in mind that that's six attacks stretched out over 11 years. Not much of a war, in my view. They got lucky with the World Trade Center. Terrorists sometimes do. The Irish Republican Army came within a hair of killing the entire British Cabinet in one blast, but Maggie Thatcher just dusted herself off and refrained from ordering the Royal Air Force to bomb Belfast.

Now that the president has declared war on terrorism, officials will have to keep you scared in order to keep you supporting it. Support it if that's your preference, but don't give yourself an ulcer worrying about a terrorist attack. You have a greater chance of winning a lottery than you do of being a victim of a terrorist attack. That's a fact.

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Campaign finance reform that makes sense



LINDA CHAVEZ

Campaign finance reform, which appeared dead until the Enron scandal revived sanctimonious blather about the supposedly dangerous nexus between money and politics, has staged a comeback. The Senate passed its own bill last year — named for its chief co-sponsors Republican John McCain and Democrat Russell Feingold — but is about to take up the House-passed version, which passed just recently.

Polls show that Americans don't place a high priority on enacting such legislation. But the media does, and politicians are worried about being tarred in the press as beholden to monied interests, so they're now eager to vote out a new law before this year's election campaigning gets into full swing. The problem is, the new legislation won't do much to control the biggest abuse in politics today: the confiscation of millions of dollars from American workers to pay for political activity over which they have no control and which they may not even approve of.

When corporations give political contributions to candidates, political parties, or even advocacy organizations, they're using voluntary funds collected from individuals who can choose to donate to — or, in the case of corporate "soft money" contributions, invest in — the company. No one forces an individual to make contributions to a corporate political action committee (PAC), or to buy stock in a company. And if a company donates money to candidates or causes that the individual disapproves of, he's free to take his money elsewhere.

But unions collect their money in other ways. Like corporations, most unions have PACs that depend on voluntary contributions — and there's nothing wrong with these. However, union PACs represent only a tiny fraction of what unions spend on politics each year. Most of the money — largely hidden from union members, not to mention the general public — comes from union dues, which are anything but voluntary for workers covered by union contracts.

In non- Right-to-Work states, employees covered by union contracts can be forced to pay union dues, often hundreds of dollars a year. Although a 1988 Supreme Court decision gave workers the right to request a refund of the portion of those dues that goes to pay for union political activity, the ruling has never been enforced, which means workers have no recourse.

Unions spend millions of dollars each year out of their general treasury funds to pay for political ads, staff to work in political campaigns, voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, phone banks, literature distribution and other activities. The AFL-CIO recently announced it will increase its levy on its affiliated unions by some 60 percent to raise $35 million for its get-out-the vote efforts this November. And if a union member doesn't like the candidates or causes his union supports, there's not much he can do about it.

Neither the Senate nor House campaign finance bills do anything to change the fundamental unfairness of this system. Although both bills claim to control "soft money" contributions by corporations and unions, the controls on unions are virtually meaningless, since they don't even touch the main problem, which is the involuntary nature of the way unions collect and use workers' money.

The only way to fix the current inequity is to force unions to collect the money they use for politics the same way every other organization does: Make it entirely voluntary. Congressman Tom Tancredo (R.-Colo.) has introduced legislation that would accomplish that goal. The Workers Freedom of Choice Act would restrict union dues to the purpose they were originally intended: representing workers directly with their employers through collective bargaining, servicing the union contract, and representing employees in the grievance process.

Unions will still be able to raise money to use for politics, so long as they do it the same way every other group does — by asking members to donate money to causes of their own choosing. Now that would be campaign finance reform worthy of the name.



Adapting your home for more accessible living



KATIE WALKER

A feeling of independence is important to everyone. The ability to function well in your home helps you maintain comfortable independence.

People with physical disabilities caused by injury, illness or aging often find it necessary to adapt their homes to make daily tasks easier and safer.

There is much that can be done with little effort or cost.

The first thing one might do, is have the home assessed by professionals such as occupational or physical therapists, case managers, building inspectors associated with neighborhood rehabilitation programs, and municipal energy specialists.

They can suggest ways to make the home environment safer and more convenient for people with loss of strength, flexibility, dexterity, sight or hearing.

The traditional home is designed for an able-bodied, nonelderly adult.

Since that description fits less than 15 percent of our population, many people are living in environments that are awkward, difficult to manage, or even unsafe.

Many problems in home environments can be eliminated by adopting the concept of the Universal Housing Design.

Universal Housing Design is the design of environments to be as usable as possible by people of all ages and physical abilities.

The goal is to create homes that are both beautiful and functional.

If you are building or remodeling a home, think about what you want now and what you may need later on.

Consider the abilities of the people in your home, both now and in the future.

A home with Universal Design is not obviously built for people with disabilities.

Rather, its features are helpful to everyone. But with Universal Design, your home can accommodate visitors who have special physical needs. (For more information on the Universal Design visit their website at www.design.ncsu.edu/cud/index.html)

Home modifications, whether simple or complex, can allow individuals to remain in the home or families to remain together.

Modifications and assistive devices make life easier and safer for everyone.

Some other useful website's are:

http://www.aarp.org/pprograms/homemodification.htm

http://homemods.org/

Katie Walker writes a regular column for the Herald.

Enjoy the "Luck o' the Irish" on St. Patrick's Day



ANDREIA MEDLIN

I've always been sort of enchanted by St. Patrick's Day. It invokes images of rolling emerald-green hills of a kind we are not akin to in West Texas.

And leprechauns who grant wishes and lead a lucky captor to a pot of gold is the stuff of whimsical fun.

The story of St. Patrick alone is heartwarming and uplifting in itself even if he wasn't really Irish.

He was actually born either in Scotland or Wales around 400 A.D. His real name was Maewyn Succat and at the age of 16 he was kidnapped from his native land and sold into slavery in Ireland.

After six years in captivity he escaped and fled to France where he joined the Christian church and became a priest.

At the age of 60 he returned to Ireland where he spread the gospel and set up schools and monasteries.

He used the shamrock, which resembles a three leaf clover, as a metaphor to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity — the father, son and holy spirit. Much like some churches use the egg.

St. Patrick's missionary work lasted about 30 years and legend has it that he is responsible for driving all the snakes out of Ireland.

The first recorded celebration of St. Patrick's Day in America was in 1737 in Boston, Mass.

Although in America the celebration includes a lot of revelry, wearing o' the green, parades and general merry-making, in Ireland it is considered a religious holiday and is primarily spent at quiet church services.

To celebrate the occasion in style here are some tips to enjoy the "Luck of the Irish" on St. Patrick's Day — St. Patrick's Day wouldn't be the same without green beer. To make your own simply add some green food color.

If you choose to drink be sure to do it in moderation, buckle up whether you are driving or not and designate a driver, even if you do find a four-leaf clover you may not really be that lucky. Save the red and green for Christmas decorations.

Be sure to wear something green. According to Irish custom school children pinch classmates who don't wear green on this holiday.

If you see somebody cute, make sure you are wearing your "Kiss Me I'm Irish" button.

Raise a toast to friends and family with the classic Irish blessing — "May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

After you have had enough green beer until you can't tell which is greener, you or the beer, try this Irish tongue twister — "Here's to you and yours and to mine and ours and if mine and ours ever come across you and yours I hope you and yours will do as much for mine and ours as mine and ours have done for you and yours."

Whether your Irish or not it's important to celebrate St. Patrick's Day because strength, intelligence, achievement and integrity in man, such as St. Patrick must have possessed to some degree, should always be celebrated.

U.S. government has yet to approve celebrity adoption

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — The U.S. Embassy hasn't approved Angelina Jolie and Billy Bob Thornton's adoption of a Cambodian baby, which means the Hollywood couple can't take the infant to the United States immediately.

Jolie took custody of the 7 1/2-month-old boy in Africa, where she's shooting her next film. Her husband, Thornton, is in the United States. It's unclear who brought the baby to Jolie.

U.S. Ambassador Kent Wiedemann told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the baby, named Maddox, is traveling on a Cambodian passport and does not have a U.S. visa, "and thereby would not be permitted into the U.S."

The U.S. government banned adoption of Cambodian babies by Americans in December following reports that illegal networks were buying infants from destitute mothers and selling them to orphanages for adoption.

Applications made before December are still being processed on a case-by-case basis to make sure the children are genuine orphans, Wiedemann said.

Maddox's case is among the "hundreds of others in the pipeline, so to say, and we haven't gotten to the point of adjudicating it," he said, adding that it would take anywhere between a "couple of weeks to a couple of months."

In a statement released Tuesday, Jolie, 26, and Thornton, 46, said they met the child while visiting a Cambodian orphanage last November. He officially became their son Monday after approval by Cambodian authorities.

"I'm certain Thornton and Jolie both know that ... they must complete the proper procedures in accordance with U.S. law before bringing the child into the U.S.," Wiedemann said.

He said the actors "are not getting special treatment. It wouldn't be fair to the other families who've applied to adopt there."

Some preliminary work has been done on Maddox's case, Wiedemann said, and there's no reason to believe that he was "a trafficked child."

He said the couple would need to return to the U.S. Embassy in Cambodia with the boy to complete the adoption under U.S. laws.

Jolie, who won a supporting-actress Oscar in 2000 for her role in "Girl, Interrupted," was in Cambodia last year filming the action movie "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider."

The couple said they'll raise the baby in Cambodia and the United States, and also will give him a Cambodian name.

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IN BRIEF

Sporting clay tourney scheduled for MDA

The third annual "Break Clay for MDA" sporting clay tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23, at Windwalker Farms in Stanton.

The deadline for entries is Saturday. For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Midland by calling 570-4970.

Little League umpires needed

Umpires are needed to call Little League baseball games in the Big Spring area this season.

Anyone interested in umpiring is asked to contact David Roman at 263-1631, or at home, 263-4688, after 6 p.m.

Rivera surprised Yankees cut him

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Ruben Rivera said he was surprised that the New York Yankees cut him for taking a bat and glove from teammate Derek Jeter's locker.

"Everyone makes mistakes. I haven't killed anybody," Rivera told a television station in his native Panama. "It was just a moment when I wasn't thinking right. I've repented.

"I gave it all back to him the next day. ... It wasn't correct what I was doing."

Anderson to miss another season

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Seattle Mariners pitcher Ryan Anderson will miss his second straight season because of an injured left shoulder.

The 6-foot-10 left-hander, nicknamed the Little Unit because of his resemblance to Randy Johnson, is scheduled for surgery Wednesday to repair a torn labrum, part of the shoulder joint. He had surgery to repair a similar injury on March 6 last year.

Anderson was the Mariners' first-round draft pick in 1997.

Gamache sues boxing commission

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Former world champion Joey Gamache is suing the New York State Athletic Commission for $5.5 million over injuries from a knockout by Arturo Gatti in February 2000.

The lawsuit alleges that state Athletic Commissioner Tony Russo knew prior to the fight's weigh-in that Gatti exceeded the 141-pound limit, but allowed the fight to go forward anyway.

Vanderbilt 59, Houston 50

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Darius Coulibaly, a 7-foot-1 center, always has been a fan favorite at Vanderbilt. He finally gave them something more than to cheer about than just entering the game.

He scored seven points, played 21 minutes and blocked three shots as Vanderbilt beat Houston 59-50 in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament. Coulibaly missed the Commodores' last two games because of a school-related trip to Washington D.C.

Against Houston (18-15), Coulibaly played the game of his college career to help Vanderbilt (17-14) advance to a first-round game against Louisiana Tech in Nashville on Friday night.

Celtics, Clippers gain ground in playoff races

The Associated Press

The Boston Celtics are gaining ground on the New Jersey Nets. The Los Angeles Clippers are within reach of a playoff berth.

Long-suffering fans of those two franchises finally have something to be happy about these days. With only five weeks left in the regular season, the Celtics have a chance to win the Atlantic Division, and the Clippers have a chance to snap their five-year . postseason drought.

"I think it's probably the biggest win for this organization in three or four years," Antoine Walker said Wednesday night after Boston defeated New Jersey 97-89.

The outcome moved the Celtics within three games of the Eastern Conference-leading Nets.

The Clippers, meanwhile, moved within one game of Utah for the eighth playoff spot in the West by defeating Washington 96-75.

In other NBA games, Sacramento edged Philadelphia 92-88, Orlando outlasted Phoenix 119-114 in overtime, Detroit nipped Cleveland 85-84, Houston beat Minnesota 96-95 and Atlanta defeated Denver 105-102.

Walker scored 30 points and Paul Pierce scored 23 of his 32 in the second half, going 6-for-8 from 3-point range. Vitaly Potapenko had 12 rebounds, and Kenny Anderson had 10 assists and a key basket for Boston after the Nets erased an eight-point deficit to tie the score at 89 with 1:53 left.

The Celtics scored the last eight points of the game, igniting a crowd that has been waiting since 1995 for the once-proud franchise to return to the playoffs.

"We are still the best in the East, and we're not hearing any footsteps," said Jason Kidd, who had 23 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists for the Nets.

Clippers 96, Wizards 75

At Los Angeles, Michael Olowokandi had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Elton Brand recorded his 10th straight double-double.

Brand had 19 points, 15 rebounds, five assists and four blocked shots as the Clippers extended their winning streak to four games — their longest since they won four in a row nearly 13 months ago.

Richard Hamilton scored 21 points for the Wizards, who have lost five straight and seven of nine since Michael Jordan underwent arthroscopic knee surgery.

Kings 92, 76ers 88

Chris Webber had 22 points and 11 rebounds despite a dislocated right index finger that could sideline him for Sacramento's next two games.

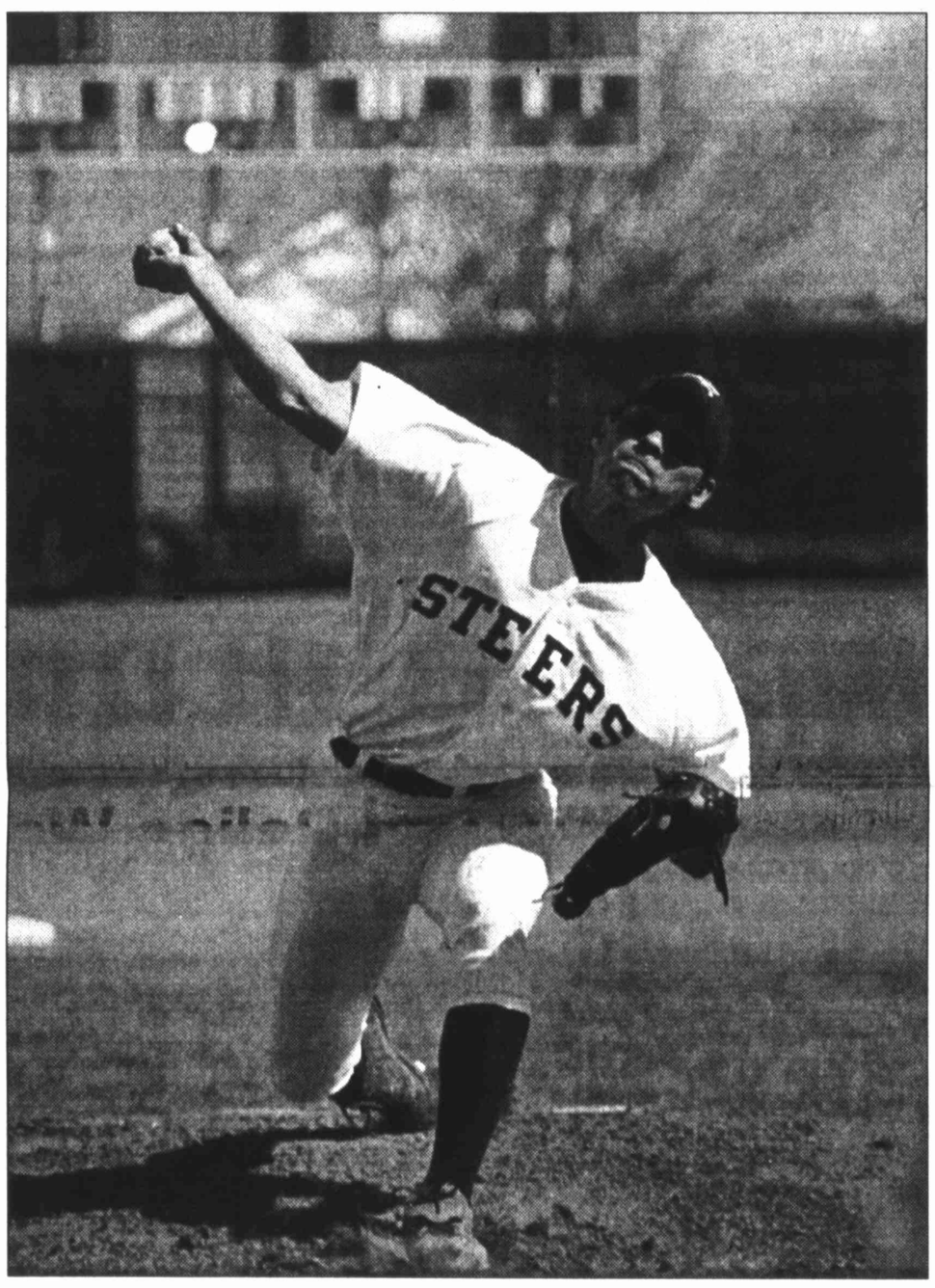
Peja Stojakovic added 21 points and Mike Bibby had 12, including a key jumper in the final minutes as the visiting Kings won their fourth straight and improved the NBA's best record to 46-17.

Allen Iverson scored 32 points, Derrick Coleman added 20 and Dikembe Mutombo had 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Sixers, who had won four in a row.

Magic 119, Suns 114, OT

At Orlando, Troy Hudson had a career-high 34 points and Tracy McGrady scored all 10 of the Magic's points in overtime.

McGrady finished with 35 points, going 4-of-6 from the field and 2-for-4 from the foul line in overtime. Overall, he was 14-of-28 and added eight rebounds.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Brandon Mendoza delivers a pitch during Big Spring's 9-6 victory over Lubbock Estacado on Tuesday. The Steers, 4-9, travel to Wolfforth on Friday for a 4:30 p.m. outing with the Frenship Tigers.

Players respond to owners; differences are wide, many

The Associated Press

Baseball players and owners have their usual differences, which usually means labor talks will be lengthy and contentious.

Players showed no interest in owners' proposals for a luxury tax and vastly increased revenue sharing, offering a far different view Wednesday night of what the sport's labor contract should include.

In its first response to plans offered by management on Jan. 9 and Feb. 26, the union declined to accept the owners' luxury-tax proposal and made only a small change to its revenue-sharing system.

Instead, players proposed that teams be allowed to trade draft picks and that the richest and most successful clubs forfeit draft picks, which would be given to teams with the lowest revenue and poorest records.

"We appear to be as far apart today as we were yesterday," management negotiator Bob DuPuy said after the session in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Talks for a new collective bargaining agreement, which would replace the one that expired Nov. 7, recessed until after opening day on March 31.

"Our view is if they study it and think about it a little more, hopefully they won't view it that way," union head Donald Fehr said. "Obviously, there's a lot of negotiating which remains to be done."

On Monday, players and owners will resume the hearing of the union's contraction grievance. Players claim the attempt to fold the Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos violated the expired labor contract.

Neither side has threatened a work stoppage, which would be baseball's ninth since 1972, and the negotiators have been less acrimonious in their public comments than in the past. Still, the great gulf in the positions of the sides was clear.

Owners have asked for a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above $98 million and also want to greatly increase the amount of shared locally generated revenue. Last year, $166 million was transferred from the teams with the highest revenue to the lower.

Management has proposed increasing the percentage of shared local revenue from 20 percent to 50 percent, with a $100 million fund available to the commissioner to disperse at his discretion.

The union remained at 22.5 percent, under a different formula — a split pool rather than a straight pool in the language of the negotiators — that would give more money to the teams with the lowest revenue and take less from the teams with the highest revenue. The players' proposal on a discretionary fund increased from $30 million to $40 million.

Owners say their plan would transfer $253 million, using last year's revenue figures, and that the union's would transfer $187 million.

"We will study what they presented," DuPuy said, "but we informed them that we were disappointed that on two elements we believe to be the most critical to beginning to restore competitive balance — additional revenue sharing and a competitive-balance tax, they chose to make marginal movement on one and no movement on the other."

NCAA Tourney

Kansas heavy favorite against Holy Cross today

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Kansas Jayhawks have to prove themselves again after a nearly flawless regular season.

The Jayhawks, the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional, went undefeated in the Big 12 regular season, then lost to Oklahoma in the conference tournament final. They play Thursday night in their NCAA first-round game against Holy Cross.

"We try to put that loss behind us and forget about it," guard Jeff Boschee said. "But I don't think we want to forget about the things we did wrong, and the carelessness. It's a whole new tournament and everyone is 0-0."

Kansas (29-3) became the first Big 12 team to go 16-0 in conference play, led the nation in scoring and had a school-record 11 100-point games.

The Jayhawks had season lows in points, field-goal percentage and 3-point percentage in the loss to the Sooners, which resulted in them dropping from No. 1 in the nation after a three-week run to No. 2 behind Duke. But they've won 18 in a row in the first round of the NCAA tournament and are 28 1/2-point favorites to get past Holy Cross (18-14), the Patriot League Tournament champions who have 10 of 12.

"Their transition game is the most devastating I've seen in 10 years," Holy Cross coach Ralph Willard said. "Obviously, if we get into a shooting contest with Kansas, we'll lose.

"We have to make the whole better than the sum of the parts, because their parts are better than our parts."

Kentucky-Valparaiso was the first game in St. Louis, followed by No. 5 Marquette against Tulsa in another East game. In the other Midwest Regional game Thursday night, No. 8 Stanford plays Western Kentucky.

Both Stanford and Western Kentucky feature 7-foot centers. Western Kentucky's 7-1 Chris Marcus is averaging 16.1 points and nine rebounds and has played well since returning in February from an injury that sidelined him for two months.

"We've never been overreliant on any one player, including Chris," Western Kentucky coach Dennis Felton said. "We played the same way with him that we did without him.

"I think you're making a grave mistake if you just try to stop him."

Stanford's 7-foot Curtis Borchardt led the Pac-10 with 11.4 rebounds per game and averaged 17 points.

Western Kentucky is the last Sun Belt Conference team to win an NCAA tournament game, in 1995.

Marquette, making its first tournament appearance since 1997, finished second in Conference USA behind Cincinnati and has one of the stingiest defenses in the country. The Golden Eagles rely on guards Dwayne Wade (17.8 points, 6.6 rebounds) and Cordell Henry (15.1 points).

Marquette and Tulsa are both 26-6, but Tulsa is more tournament-tested, making the field for the third time in four years.

FIRST ROUND

EAST REGIONAL
Today, March 14
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Kentucky (20-9) vs. Valparaiso (25-7), 11:25 a.m.
Marquette (26-6) vs. Tulsa (26-6), 30 minutes following previous game
Friday, March 15
At The MCI Center
Washington
North Carolina State (22-10) vs. Michigan State (19-11), 11:15 a.m.
Connecticut (24-6) vs. Hampton (26-6), 30 minutes following previous game
Wisconsin (18-12) vs. St. John's (20-11), 6:40 p.m.
Maryland (26-4) vs. Siena (17-18), 25 minutes following previous game
At The United Center
Chicago
Texas Tech (23-8) vs. Southern Illinois (26-7), 6:50 p.m.
Georgia (21-9) vs. Murray State (19-12), 25 minutes following previous game

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SOUTH REGIONAL
Today, March 14
At The BI-LO Center
Greenville, S.C.
Oklahoma State (23-8) vs. Kent State (27-5), 11:20 a.m.
Alabama (26-7) vs. Florida Atlantic (19-11), 30 minutes following previous game
Notre Dame (21-10) vs. Charlotte (18-11), 6:40 p.m.
Duke (29-3) vs. Winthrop (19-11), 25 minutes following previous game
At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Southern California (22-9) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (22-9), 6:55 p.m.
Indiana (20-11) vs. Utah (21-8), 25 minutes following previous game
Friday, March 15
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh (27-5) vs. Central Connecticut State (27-4), 11:25 a.m.
California (22-8) vs. Pennsylvania (25-6), 30 minutes following previous game

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MIDWEST REGIONAL
Today, March 14
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Kansas (29-3) vs. Holy Cross (18-14), 6:50 p.m.
Stanford (19-9) vs. Western Kentucky (28-3), 25 minutes following previous game
At ARCO Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
Wake Forest (20-12) vs. Pepperdine (22-8), 1:42 p.m.
Oregon (23-8) vs. Montana (16-14), 25 minutes following previous game
Friday, March 15
At The United Center
Chicago
Florida (22-8) vs. Creighton (22-8), 11:30 p.m.
Illinois (24-8) vs. San Diego State (21-11), 30 minutes following previous game
At American Airlines Center
Dallas
Mississippi State (26-7) vs. McNeese State (21-8), 6:55 p.m.
Texas (20-11) vs. Boston College (20-11), 25 minutes following previous game

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WEST REGIONAL
Today, March 14
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Miami (24-7) vs. Missouri (21-11), 11:40 p.m.
Ohio State (23-7) vs. Davidson (21-9), 30 minutes following previous game
Gonzaga (29-3) vs. Wyoming (21-8), 6:40 p.m.
Arizona (22-9) vs. UC Santa Barbara (20-10), 25 minutes following previous game
Friday, March 15
At Mellon Arena
Pittsburgh
Cincinnati (30-3) vs. Boston University (22-9), 6:40 p.m.
UCLA (19-11) vs. Mississippi (20-10), 25 minutes following previous game
At American Airlines Center
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BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 48 degrees; 4 low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on crankbaits in 2 - 14 feet. Striped bass to 22 inches are slow trolling deep-diving crankbaits in 25 - 40 feet. White bass to 15 inches are fair on Rat-L-Traps and spoons in 20 - 35 feet. Crappie to 14 inches are slow on minnows and jigs in 8 - 10 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 20" are fair on shrimp and stinkbait in 15 - 35 feet. Yellow catfish to 16 pounds are fair on shad and cutbait in 20 - 30 feet.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 55 degrees; 1015.24'; Black bass are fair to good on black/blue Screamer worms, 1/4 oz. Titanium spinnerbaits and crawfish crankbaits in 3 - 8 feet. Striped bass are good drifting live bait and trolling Curb's striper jigs or Shad Raps above The Willows in 18 - 24 feet. White bass are very good jigging 1/4 oz. Pirk Minnows and 1 1/2" Lit'l Fishies or Tiny Traps in creeks. Crappie are slow on minnows and red/chartreuse Solid Tubes. Channel catfish are slow. Flathead and blue catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 57 degrees; 1157.10; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are slow on perch and worms. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs. Channel and blue catfish are slow on nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow on shad and perch on trotlines.

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AMISTAD: Water clear; 55 degrees; 47 low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, deep diving crankbaits, and Carolina-rigged worms. Striped bass are good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande past Marker 17. White bass are good on slabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande past Marker 17. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait in 50 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 48 degrees; Black bass are fair on crankbaits, and black/blue or black/chartreuse jigs around brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water murky; 48 degrees; 9 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair along the dam and pier on jigs. White bass are slow. Catfish are fair on punchbait.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 57 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows. Redfish are fair. Catfish are fair.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 55 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on cutbait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water stained; 52 degrees; 18 low; Black bass to 6 pounds are good on black/blue jigs. Crappie are good on minnows, also being caught on trotlines. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are fair. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 53 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair on minnows. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 48 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 55 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are good on live bait. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Smallmouth bass are fair. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows and cutbait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 57 degrees; 6.8 low; Black bass are fair. White bass are good in the upper end of the lake. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water stained; 51 degrees; 7 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on minnows and cutbait. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Fishing is generally slow due to a golden algae bloom.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and cutbait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 49 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair at the crappie house on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair. Catfish are fair on minnows.

WICHITA: Water stained; 57 degrees; .8 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White and striped bass are fair off the rocks and around the outlet tower. on white Road Runners and medium minnows. Catfish are slow.

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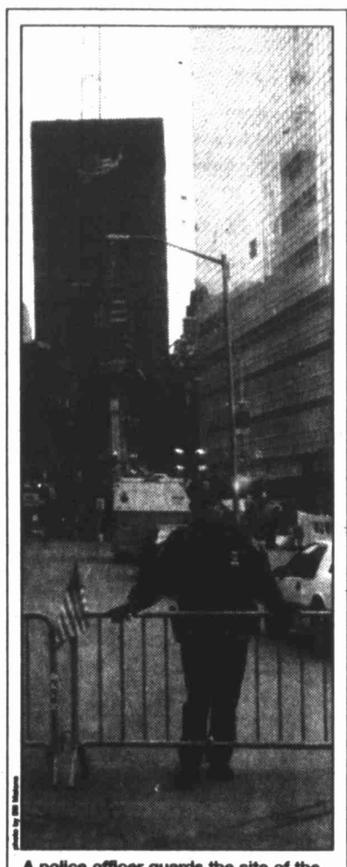
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The brave officers who do...

Police Work



A police officer guards the site of the World Trade Center in New York City. Police in New York and Washington, D.C., and the areas around these cities played an important role on Sept. 11. This photo was taken in November last year.

We asked some police officers why they liked the work they do.

"I wanted to make a difference in the community. I enjoy working with people. If I could just help one person, I would reach my goal," one officer told us.

"If I can help a mother find a lost child or help an owner find a car, or help to make a demonstration safe, I feel a great deal of pleasure," another officer told us.

Thank you

Today, police, along with firefighters, the armed forces, doctors and nurses, security guards and many others are working to keep us and our country safe.

The events of Sept. 11 have made it clear to us how important these people are. Now, more than ever, we appreciate the jobs they do.

Police departments

Police departments come in many different sizes. Some departments are so big that they are divided into units so that the officers perform special duties. Other police departments are smaller, and one officer might do many different jobs. An officer might direct traffic, do detective work and also chase down criminals, all in one day.

To find out about police work, The Mini Page visited the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C., our nation's capital. It must protect the citizens and their property, as well as the president, Congress, and other government workers and buildings. How is your city's police department different from Washington's?

Training

In Washington, police recruits pass several tests and background checks, and must be at least 20 years old. They go through weeks of training.



A police sergeant (left) gives a salute to a recruit. After they have finished training, recruits are then called "officers." Most police departments use ranks such as sergeant, lieutenant and captain. Officers don't usually salute after finishing training.



Getting and keeping in shape are part of a recruit's training.

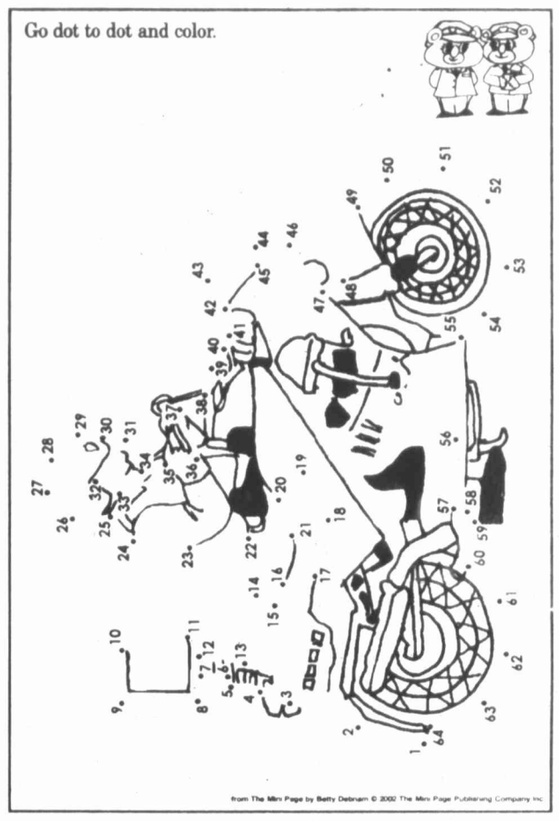


This recruit is directing traffic. We can tell that he is a recruit because he does not have a badge on his hat.



Police recruits go through firearms training.

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Rookie™ Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Apple Crunch



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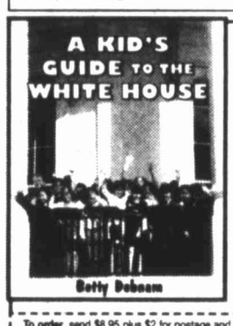
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup cornflakes, crushed
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 4 apples, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

What to do:

1. In a medium bowl, combine flour, brown sugar and butter or margarine. Mix until crumbly.
2. Add cornflakes and walnut pieces. Mix well.
3. Place apple pieces in the bottom of a greased 8-by-8-inch baking pan. Sprinkle lemon juice evenly on top.
4. Top evenly with cornflake mixture.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes.

Serves 4 to 6.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Sondra von Ert



Height: 5-9 **Birthdate:** 3-9-64
Weight: 145 **College:** U. of Utah

One sport that has become popular in recent years is snowboarding. One of the best females in the sport is Sondra Von Ert. She has competed in two Olympics.

Sondra began snow skiing when she was 3. By age 10, she was competing in races. She was even a member of the U.S. Ski Team.

In 1990 she saw some kids snowboarding and thought it looked like fun. She tried the sport, liked it, and began competing in it four years later.

Among the many events she has won are the 1997 World Championship and the 2000 Goodwill Games.

Sondra was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and grew up in Bountiful, Utah, with three sisters. She now lives in Ketchum, Idaho. She also likes water skiing.

Meet Kirk Franklin



With his music, singer Kirk Franklin hopes to send out a positive message. Not only is he a singer, but he is also a minister. His records have sold millions of copies.

Kirk, 31, was born and grew up in Fort Worth, Texas. His aunt got him interested in music when he was young. He was just 4 when he began playing the piano. Soon he was singing and performing with the church choir. At 11, he became the choir's leader.

He began recording music at 19. He released his first album in 1993.

Kirk lives with his wife, Tammy, and their four children in Arlington, Texas. In 1998 he wrote his autobiography.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

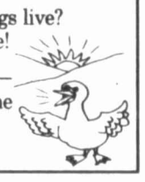
The following jokes all have something in common. Can you find the common theme or category?



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David: A quack!



Mary: How do ugly ducklings live?
Angela: Swan day at a time!



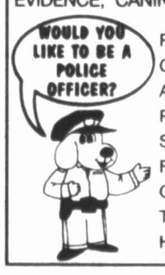
Arnold: What time do ducks wake up in the morning?
Linda: At the quack of dawn!

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Police Work

TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of police are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: PATROL, UNIT, ENFORCE, SAFETY, DRUGS, LABS, UNDERCOVER, HELP, POLICE, DETECTIVE, CRIME, PROTECT, EVIDENCE, CANINE, RESCUE, SAVE, THEFT, CARS, BIKE.



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Mini Spy's class was visited by a policeman. See if you can find:



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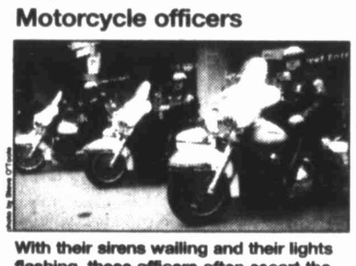
Do you have these types of officers in your city?



An officer in a patrol car talks with an officer on a bike. Bike officers can go places that cars can't go and can move quicker than officers on foot. Cars can respond quickly to emergency calls and cover a wider area.

In Washington's and many police departments, new officers do patrol duty for at least two years. They ride in police cars or on bikes, or walk on "foot" patrol. After that time, they are assigned to special units. Here are just a few of the units.

Motorcycle officers



With their sirens wailing and their lights flashing, these officers often escort the car carrying the president. They also patrol the streets.

Mounted patrol officers



These riders help control crowds and also patrol the streets. Horses are popular animals. People often come up to an officer on horseback to talk with him when they would not do so if the officer were in a car or on foot.

Detectives

These officers investigate crimes by interviewing witnesses and doing a lot of research.



Canine unit officer



To this officer, his dog is a partner as well as a pet. Police dogs help search out areas where a suspect might be hiding. They are also called in to search for missing children.

Helicopter pilots



Helicopters give the police an "eye in the sky" to track cars, boats and suspects from on high. They also have spotlights to light up search areas at night.

Emergency response officers



These officers are trained to handle hostage situations. Behind them is a vehicle with armor so that an emergency response team can have protection to get closer to the scene of the crime.

Look through your paper for news of the police. What kinds of officers are pictured?

Next week, read all about New Mexico from A to Z.

Explosive unit officer



This officer works with a bomb-sniffing dog. Dogs are more sensitive than any machines. The officer and dog are next to a robot that can disarm a bomb and make it safe for the police to handle. The robot can be operated from a safe distance away.

Harbor patrol officers



Officers in this unit patrol the waterways and enforce boating regulations. This photo shows them practicing a rescue method.

Boys and Girls Club officer



Officers who are assigned to the Boys and Girls Clubs work with the kids to offer fun and educational activities. The officers serve as role models to inspire the members to become better citizens. The Clubs also give kids a safe place to play and learn.

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❑ Garage Sale: 1738 Purdue Sat. 8-?. Baby clothes, Children clothes, women clothes, toys, furniture and Lots of misc.

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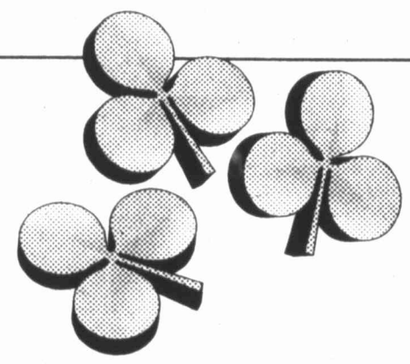
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 15:

Use your many talents to gain both financially and professionally. You sometimes underestimate how much you have to offer. Your wisdom and insight draw many people, even if you are young. You have a knack for pointing out the major issues at hand in a very simple way. You often make assumptions and react to them. Learn to verify your thoughts, as well as information passed on to you. If single, you will attract many potential suitors. Your selection can point to happiness. Though you might want to passionately throw yourself into a relationship, get to know this person carefully. If attached, the two of you will naturally have a party whenever you're together. ARIES understands 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) **** Your happy ways will take you far if you are willing to experiment and express yourself differently. Be careful how you diffuse your temper. Curb a tendency to hit the dog because you're angry at the cat. Detach from a problem, taking an overview. Tonight: Let others come to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Take your time making a financial decision. What someone offers seems to be out of whack to you. You might not be able to convince an associate of the rightness of your thinking. Choose your words carefully. Deal with this person directly. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Your smiling ways make you a sure winner. Others seek you out en masse. Realize that brainstorming leads to more income and certainly attention. The boss likes what he or she sees. Curb a self-destructive tendency that keeps emerging. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Your upbeat assessment of a project marks you as a leader. Others come to you to try out their suggestions. Find answers and get past a problem. You can no longer hold yourself back. Allow humor to play a bigger role with a touchy friend. Tonight: The lead actor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Take in a different perspective. You also might not choose to share what you see with a demanding associate. You could find this person rather touchy or combative. Partners seem to be in the position to present the same ideas in a better way. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Allow others to make the first overture. Clearly someone doesn't need to agree with you. Discussions pave the way as to how to approach this person. You actually want the same things. Your resourcefulness bubbles forth from deep within. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Others seek you out. Prioritize your desires, as you quickly discover that it is a fast-moving day. Think in terms of gains and a possible new direction. You can ask the right question, but taking the lead right now won't be as successful. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** All work and no play won't make you happy. You discover that others do their best to lighten you up. Go for another approach. Discussions surround a potential trip or a new venture. Open up to an associate, expressing your nurturing nature. Tonight: Relax at home with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Express your playfulness through a more upbeat and happy approach. You find that others easily respond to you. You could be on overdrive, pushing yourself way too hard. Return calls at a leisurely pace at the end of the day. Tonight: Sign up for dance lessons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Inevitably, pressure develops in your personal life as you seem ready to firm up an important business deal. You might not have as much control as you would like. Separate work from your personal life. Screen your calls if need be. Tonight: Order in a favorite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** How you approach someone could change substantially with good news. You act lighter, and you feel lighter. You get rid of a burden because of your high energy and enthusiasm. Don't antagonize someone close to you unless you want to have a difficult weekend. Tonight: Join your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** If you are not careful, you will figure out new ways of spending money. Gain insight through brainstorming with a money expert. You could have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Choose your words with care; you could irritate someone. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY

Model Fabio (1959), musician and artist Sly Stone (1944), musician Harry James (1916)

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Sis wants family to stop talking to Dad



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: At a recent family gathering, my brother's wife, "Allison," told us she was no longer speaking to my father and wanted us to do the same. When I asked her what had happened, she said he owed her money. Dad apparently borrowed from my brother and Allison because he had lost his job.

My wife, the peacemaker, talked to Dad and said he should try to make payments on the loan as a sign of good faith. Dad made his first payment last month and plans to make them regularly. We thought the matter was closed, but we were wrong. Allison is still angry with my father and believes everyone in the family should stop speaking to him until the entire loan is paid back.

Two days ago, I received a note from Allison saying they were strapped for cash (I don't believe it). She expects us to repay them for several cash gifts they have given us over the past five years. It is her way of telling us we have to choose between her or my father. We have no intention of doing this.

Allison has a history of holding grudges, and we do not want to be a part of it. However, my brother is taking her side, which makes the situation more difficult. I would like to heal this rift without damaging my relationship with Allison, but I'm not sure how. Do you have any ideas? — Still Speaking in Pennsylvania

Dear Pennsylvania: You cannot heal the rift unless Allison is willing to meet you halfway, which she is not. Give her whatever money she thinks you owe, and do not accept any more "gifts" from her. Her "gifts" are too expensive.

Under no circumstances should you be drawn into her fights with your dad or anyone else. Smile sweetly, and stay out of her battles.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 48-year-old divorced woman. My children are in college and live away from home. I own my home and have a terrific job. I recently met a wonderful man who is six years younger than I am. "Gabe" is romantic, caring and faithful, and he adores me. He is divorced and pays child support for three children. It will be another eight years before the youngest is ready for college. Gabe is often short on cash, although he manages.

So what is the problem? Gabe is planning to pop the question soon. I am well aware of how expensive and time-consuming it is to raise children. Frankly, I don't know if I am willing to put in that kind of money and effort again.

I love Gabe and think we could be happy together, but my head is telling me to run. What should I do? — A New Life in California

Dear New Life: Do Gabe a favor. Refuse his marriage proposal. You are not ready to marry a man who has young children. Furthermore, his children deserve a stepmother who is glad to do the job. If Gabe is willing to wait until his children are grown, you might be happy together. If not, say goodbye and move on.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "Too Old in Texas," whose niece kept sending her cards with paper confetti inside.

Last February, my best friend died after being hit by a car. On the day of the funeral, I saw his older sister throw something on his casket. After the services, I asked what she was doing. She replied, "I am making him swear in heaven."

Every year, she sent him cards with confetti, and he always phoned her, swearing and laughing. The confetti on his casket was in remembrance of the laughter they shared. — New York Memories

Dear N.Y.: Your letter brought a lump to my throat. Thanks for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from "Caught in the Middle in New York," whose daughter has moved in with a 37-year-old, divorced bartender. The woman referred to the boyfriend as "a loser." What's worse, you said the same thing in your response. What exactly makes him a loser?

Bartenders are professionals. They work hard and make decent money. They are also loyal friends and perceptive about human nature. Good bartenders save lives by taking care of those who have imbibed too heavily. They bear up well under abuse from their patrons.

Tell me, Ann, would you have responded differently if the man had been a professor or a doctor? — Friend of the Bartender in Los Angeles

Dear Friend: I am sorry if I offended the bartenders and their friends in my reading audience. The woman who wrote was concerned that her daughter had dropped out of college and was living with a divorced man 16 years her senior. I don't believe his job was the focus of her disappointment. I apologize for not making that clear. I was bombarded with angry mail from bartenders across the country. Mea culpa. My response was not one of my best.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Runt in Burlington, Vt.," who wanted a snappy comeback for the clods who make comments about her height. I am less than 5 feet tall and have been living with the same problem for 50 years. I have finally come up with the perfect response.

When someone asks, "How tall ARE you?" I smile sweetly and answer, "I'm 5 feet 7." This renders the clod speechless while making it clear how ridiculous the question was. It works every time. — Clod Stopper in Wynnewood, Pa.

Dear Clod Stopper: What a perfect response! Thanks for passing it along.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I come from families that like to use the same names over and over. His brother, cousin and nephew have the same name as his uncle. My husband is named after his father. I am named after an aunt. I'm sure you get the picture.

When I had my first child, I deliberately chose a name that had not been used before. "Laura" is now 3 years old. Two weeks ago, my sister-in-law had a baby girl and announced that she was naming her Laura. I was outraged. My mother-in-law apparently told the new parents that I wouldn't mind if they used my daughter's name. She never bothered to check with me.

My mother-in-law thinks I'm being silly. She says everyone will call the new baby "Laura Ann" and my daughter will be "just Laura." This is hardly an improvement as far as I'm concerned. I feel they have taken away my child's individuality, and I am terribly hurt. My anger is sure to make future family gatherings unpleasant, so please tell me how to get past this. — Just Mom in New York

Dear Just Mom: Your mother-in-law should not have given the OK without asking you first. However, there is nothing you can do about it now, and it serves no purpose to hold a grudge. It is not the little girl's fault.

Your daughter is an established member of the family and has laid claim to the name "Laura" for the past three years. It takes nothing away from her if a younger cousin has the same first name. In fact, it is a compliment. Your sister-in-law obviously considers your daughter very special since she named the new baby after her. Meanwhile, encourage the use of "Laura Ann" for your niece, and in a few years, no one will notice they share a name. Trust me.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from "Dave in San Francisco," who thought he might succumb to an office temptress.

Over the years, I have worked in several offices and been acquainted with women like this. They considered it a challenge to get a happily married man to cheat on his wife. As soon as these men wanted something more than sex — as decent men do — they were dumped for a new conquest. Ann, these men ARE decent — just foolish and vulnerable to the flattery of a young, attractive woman.

Married men should stay away from women who flirt shamelessly. Those men are just another notch on the lipstick tube, and nothing more. — It's Not About You on the West Coast

Dear West Coast: Thanks for the insight. Any married man who is tempted by the office flirt would do well to remember your words. Once the challenge is over, so is the affair, and it is never worth the risk of discovery.

Confidential to Margo: Happy Birthday, darling daughter. And thanks for adding the priceless gift of Dr. Ron Weintraub to our "family portrait."

What's the truth about pot, cocaine, LSD, PCP, crack, speed and downers? "The Lowdown on Dope" has up-to-the-minute information on drugs. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for $5.00 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

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"DON'T FORGET! I'M HAVING ANOTHER BIRTHDAY NEXT YEAR... SAME TIME."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"She wears those gloves to keep her elbows warm."

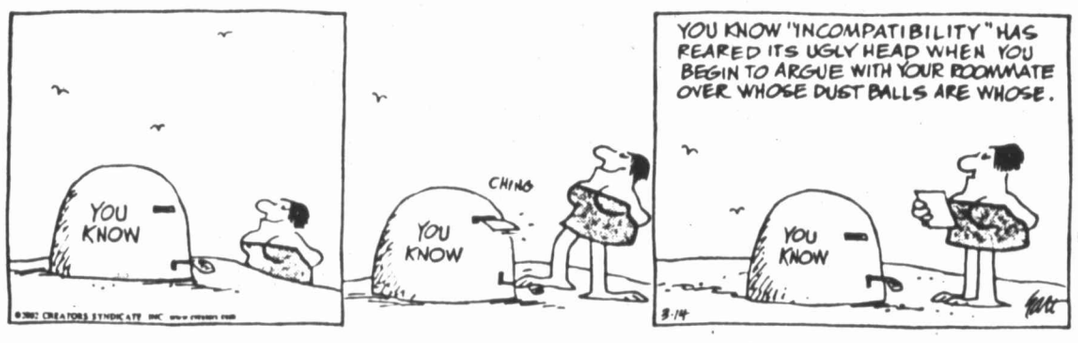
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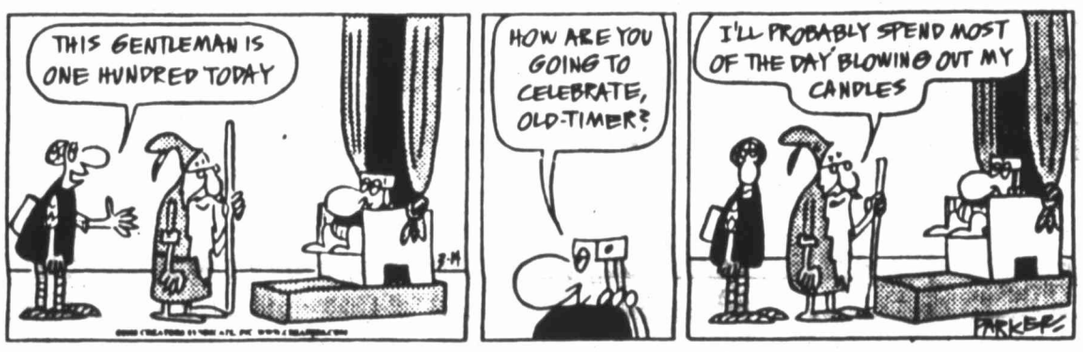
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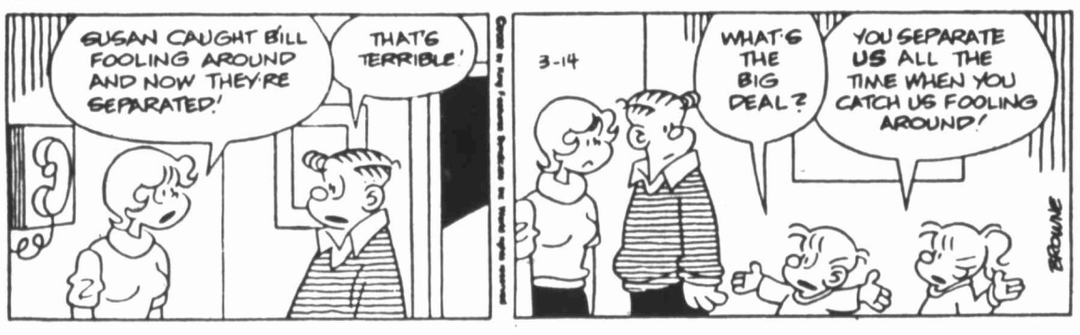
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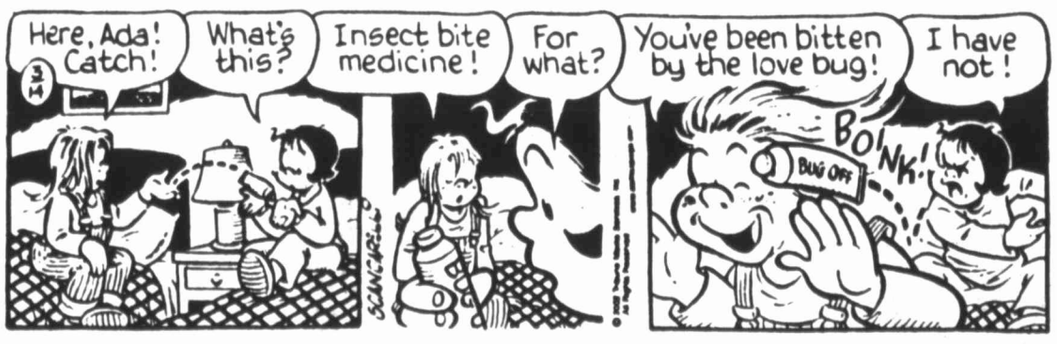
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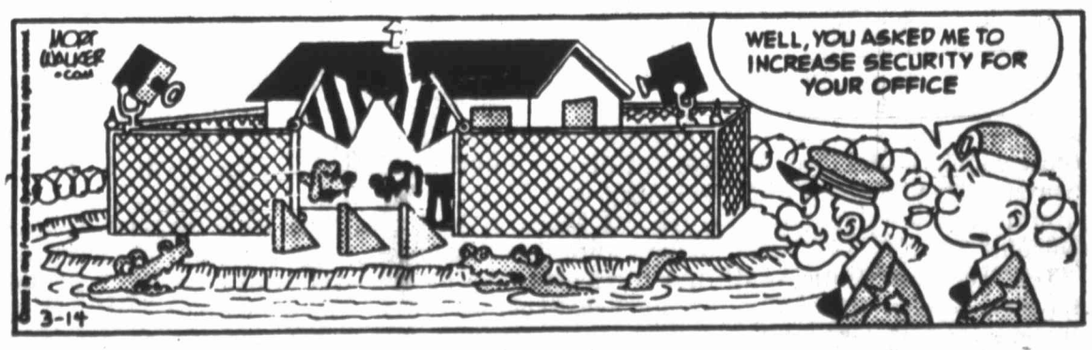
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2002. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

On this date:

In 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's orchestral work "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, the previous November.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1967, the body of President Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1991, a British court reversed the convictions of the "Birmingham Six," who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Ten years ago: The Associated Press obtained the names of 22 of 24 of the worst offenders in the check overdraft scandal at the House bank; topping the list were former Rep. Tommy Robinson of Arkansas and Rep. Bob Mrazek of New York, both Democrats.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Frank Borman is 74. Singer Phil Phillips is 71. Actor Michael Caine is 69. Composer-conductor Quincy Jones is 69. Former astronaut Eugene Cernan is 68. Movie director Wolfgang Petersen is 61. Country singer Michael Martin Murphey is 57. Rock musician Walt Parazaider (Chicago) is 57. Actor Steve Kanaly is 56. Comedian Billy Crystal is 54. Country singer Jann Browne is 48. Actor Adrian Zmed is 48.

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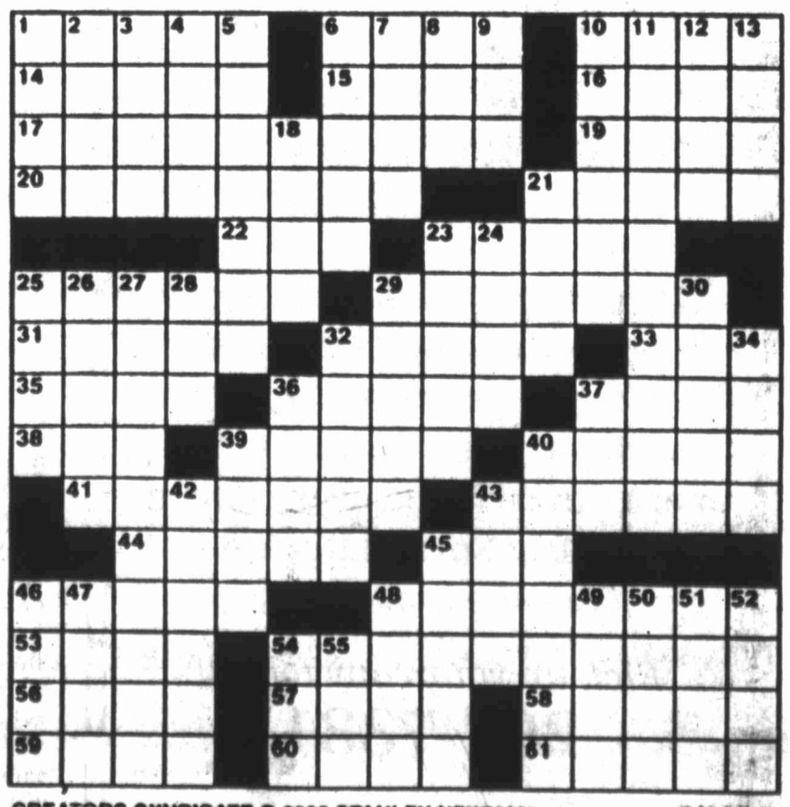
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Newsday Crossword

FAMILIAR FELLOWS by Daniel R. Stark
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