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THURSDAY
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Moore lands Fiber Glass expansion for Big Spring

Decision means $1.3 million expansion in next 12 months, 45 new jobs over next two years

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Score a victory for Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.!

Earlier this week the Howard County Commissioners' Court and the Howard College Board of Trustees approved a 25 percent tax abatement for seven years as an incentive for Fiber Glass Systems to expand its Big Spring plant.

Moore Development's Interim Executive Director Danette Toone said the official word was received Wednesday night about the expansion.

In a letter to Moore Development, Bill Burnett of Fiber Glass Systems stated, "Over the next 12 months we plan to spend in excess of $1.3 million dollars on building expansion, machinery and equipment that will increase our capacity to meet the growing needs of our oil field and industrial customers.

Burnett also stated the San Antonio-based company started in Big Spring in 1968 with the help of the city and the people in it.

According to Burnett, the incentives proposed by Moore Development help the company decide to proceed with the Big Spring expansion.

Toone said Moore Development will give a $50,000 grant to Fiber Glass Systems to be used in the expansion of the Big Spring plant.

According to Toone, the 14 jobs at the Big Spring plant will increase by 45 new jobs during the next two years.

The plant manufacturers pipe and fittings used by oil companies and other industries.

The abatement approved by the county means the county is abating $2,375 a year in new taxes, but will receive a total of $7,125 a year in new taxes.

Howard College will be abating approximately $1,000 a year in new taxes for the seven year period, but will receive $3,000 a year in new taxes during the same period.

The seven year period includes a two-year construction period.

Toone said, "We're real excited about the expansion and things should be moving within the next couple of weeks."

February 29th birthdays are special

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Leap Day, a glitch in the otherwise regular calendar, occurs every four years to keep the passage of time synchronized with the Earth's seasons. As a consequence, several area residents will celebrate their birthdays today for the first time in the last four years.

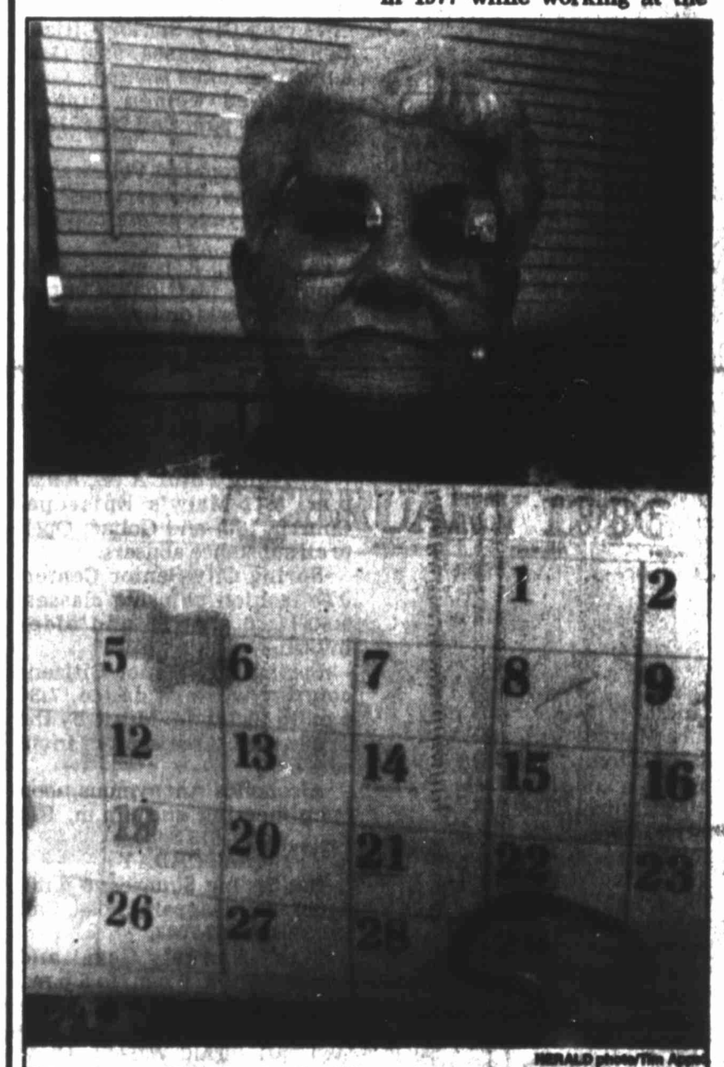
H.B. "Happy" Hapch will turn 80 today. Hapch lives on a small farm in the Fairview community, just north of Big Spring. He suffered a stroke in 1977 and has since lost his ability to speak, but his wife, Ruth Hapch, said he was born and raised in Big Spring and worked as a journeyman plumber out of the Odessa Local Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union. According to his wife, Hapch suffered his stroke in 1977 while working at the building site of Midland Community College. Hapch married his wife in 1957.

Cammie Davis, who turns 12, or rather three today, is a sixth-grade student at Goliad Middle School. Davis' mother, Leslie Hicks, said when it's not leap year they usually celebrate her birthday when it's convenient, "but when it's really her birthday then we usually do something special."

She said Davis is getting her room remodeled this year for her present. "She's getting a new bed delivered on her birthday ... She thinks it's super cool," Hicks said. According to Hicks, her daughter uses her Feb. 29 birthday to her advantage. "I'm always telling her to quit acting like you're two years old, and she always says I am two years old." However, Hicks said her daughter has a surprise coming when she turns 16 and wants to drive. "I'll tell her you can't drive you're only four," Hicks said.

Edna Pope, who claims she will be only 17 years old today, actually she admitted it's her 68th birthday, is a retired cook at the Senior Citizens Center in Big Spring. Pope, who was raised in Kansas and Oklahoma, moved to Big Spring with her husband, William Pope, in 1967 when he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base.

Pope said, as a child she generally celebrated her birthday on Feb. 28. "Sometimes they (my parents) acknowledged my birthday, but the big one (that which fell on the 29th) was the main one," she said. Pope's husband said four years ago when his wife turned 16 the family threw her and her granddaughter, who was turning 16 that year, a surprise "Sweet 16" birthday party. Pope said she was definitely surprised. This year she said her family is planning on taking her out to dinner on her birthday. The Popes have seven children, three of which reside in Big Spring.



HERALD photo/Tim Alan

Edna Pope of Big Spring holds a calendar with Feb. 29 circled. The 68-year-old is one of those "special" people whose actual birth date shows up on once every four years.

Coahoma teacher honored

McLean named best in region

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer



McLEAN

Mark McLean, a Coahoma High School teacher, was awarded the Outstanding Teacher in Industrial Technology award for the West Texas region of the Association of Texas Technology Education Saturday, Feb. 24, at the annual ATTE conference.

McLean, an Alpine native and graduate of Sul Ross State University, has been teaching industrial technology at Coahoma High School for the past 17 years. He said he was nominated for the award by a fellow teacher in the West Texas region. McLean said he enjoys teaching industrial technology because it's something different every day. "I enjoy seeing the students succeed at whatever they're doing whether it's a woodworking project or a drawing," he said.

McLean said the primary purpose of the association, of which he is the regional president, is to sponsor a regional industrial technology contest for students. He said the contest will be held this year on April 27, in Odessa. McLean said students take their completed projects to the contest and compete in several on-site activities such as drafting.

Fred Blount, the ATTE regional board member, said the association annually honors a teacher from each of the state's 21 regions. "Each regional association nominates an individual who has demonstrated excellence in teaching," Blount said. He said each year on the third weekend in February the association holds their annual conference and recognizes those teachers who have done outstanding service.

Blount said McLean was nominated partly because his students always score highly in the regional and state competitions. "Mark's students are always at the top of different competitions ... Their projects are always top-notch." He said McLean may be quiet, but he's a hard worker and someone he can count on to get things done at the association. "He's always willing to go the extra mile," Blount said.

According to Blount, McLean was also recently nominated by some Coahoma High School students to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Local residents escape injuries in crash

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

A Wednesday afternoon wreck involving three Big Spring residents on Interstate 20, just west of mile marker 188, ended in minor injuries and extensive damage to two vehicles.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Raymond Harsh, said Jerry Watkins, 22, of Big Spring, driving east bound on Interstate 20 in the slow lane, rear-ended a pickup towing a fifth-wheel trailer, driven by Lela Geer, 73, of Big Spring. Geer, with her husband, Kenneth Geer, 44, in the passenger seat, was also traveling eastbound in the slow lane, Harsh said.

According to Harsh, Watkins said he took his eyes off the road for a few seconds while he was passing the Cosden Refinery and when he looked up he was on top of the Geer's vehicle. Watkins struck the left rear of the trailer with the right front of his vehicle. Harsh said Watkin's pickup suffered severe damage. The Geer's trailer was damaged severely and the trailer hitch sustained damage as well, he said.

Harsh said Watkins and Mrs. Geer were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, treated for minor injuries and released. Because all the passengers involved were wearing seat belts major injuries were avoided, Harsh said.

He said if Watkins had not been wearing his seat belt he would surely have gone through the windshield. "The seat belt saved his life," Harsh said. Mrs. Geer's seat belt prevented her from sustaining further injuries as well, and allowed her to control her vehicle and safely maneuver it off the road, Harsh said.

Big Spring post office now taking credit cards

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A project that has been in the works for almost two years became a reality this morning at the Big Spring Post Office - credit and debit cards.

Postmaster Richard Saxton announced today the Post Office is now accepting Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express and Novus credit and debit cards for the mailing and purchasing of postal products.

"Credit cards may be used to pay post office box rent, purchase stamps, mailing supplies, to mail packages, and purchase postal products," Saxton said.

Saxton added credit cards cannot be used to purchase postal money orders, COD's, or passport fees.

Today's the day to get committees organized for Big Spring's "Kids' Zone"

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Today is organization day for all Kids' Zone committees and committee members.

Architects from Leathers and Associates came to Big Spring November 2 and talked to elementary school children in Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma about what they wanted in the playground.

Leathers and Associates architect Mark Leathers will be in town again today to meet with all of the Kids' Zone committees later this evening, but the afternoon meeting will include a site review meeting at Comanche Trail Park at the proposed Kids' Zone location to determine where specific pieces of equipment will be located in the park. Meetings will begin at 2 p.m. and run up until 10 p.m.

Kids' Zone Coordinator Katy McAteer said, "From their input the architect designed a playground the children thought possible only in their dreams. Imagine for a moment being told you could have anything your heart desired in a playground built just for you. This is what our children were told and this is what they said they wanted."

Kids wanted a big park and Kids' Zone will be 10,000 square feet and will easily hold 200 children at a time.

McAteer said kids wanted all sorts of jungle gym equipment, they wanted to run, jump, swing and slide on everything imaginable.

McAteer said the recent "Koins for Kids" fundraiser was very successful and the fund total following that particular fundraiser is approximately $29,000 to $30,000.

"Even before the weekend was here people began calling us to us to collect change they had saved," McAteer said.

The whole day was a lot of fun and the next step is to continue to organize and get people participating in the various fundraisers coming up, according to McAteer.

She added if all goes well and the Kids' Zone Committee can get everyone working on the fundraisers, there should be a fundraiser each weekend during the month of March.

Along with the adult committee is a Kids' Zone Children's Committee.

They are working on the kids portion of the project.

According to committee member Kristie Carruthers, the kids committee has made posters for advertisements, collected and put out coins during the "Koins for Kids" project.

McAteer said the committee is currently working on raising the remaining $63,000 needed.

Howard Co. Trivia

When was the first issue of the Big Springs Daily Herald published?

June 3, 1928

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RECIPE/READER PAGE

Attention readers:

As part of the Herald's on-going efforts to provide you with a product you enjoy, we will be resuming a recipe page on April 10.

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to submit, send it to Recipes, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, Attn. Kellie Jones.

Also, we want you, our reader, to help us rename our reader page, currently titled "Huh?" Send your suggestions for a new name for the reader participation page to Reader Page, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, Attn. Kellie Jones.

STATE

Prison food probe

Governor George Bush has asked the Texas Rangers to investigate a $36.6 million food contract. Page 3A.

Teacher sues state

A teacher sues the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for divulging names of people who give information on suspected child abuse. Page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today

Tonight

41 ▲ Highs / Lows ▼ 20

Partly Cloudy

Temperatures near 40 today, but much colder tonight. Windy with gusts to 40.

Permian Basin Forecast

Friday: Becoming mostly sunny and warmer. Highs around 60, lows in 20s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, highs near 60. Lows near 30.

Obituaries

Brenda Helms

Brenda Allen Helms, 68, of Stanton died Saturday, Feb. 24, 1996, in Midland after a lengthy illness. No services are scheduled.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1927, in Neshoba County, Miss., and was married to Arnes Helms on Jan. 20, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on June 30, 1967. She had lived in Tarzan and Stanton for the past 30 years.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

In Brief

Engagement, wedding and anniversary photos must be picked up by March 15

Anyone who has had an engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement run in the *Big Spring Herald* needs to pick up their pictures no later than March 15.

If you, a friend or relative has had an announcement published since 1980, please come by the *Herald* at 710 Scurry to pick up the picture.

Any picture not picked up by March 15 will be discarded. This does not apply to recent announcements as those people have 30 days after the date of publication to pick up their photographs.

Herald seeks recipes from readers for new page

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

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

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

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

ABWA to hold membership tea

The Scenic Cactus Chapter of ABWA will be having a Membership Tea Drive on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. All working women are encouraged to attend.

Chamber's Business After Hours set for March 19

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

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

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

Local resident seeks Guiness record entry in tapdancing

Big Spring resident and dance instructor Laurie Churchwell will attempt to set a new world record in tap dancing.

The current record for tap dancing distance is 13.1 miles and Churchwell will attempt to tap dance 16 miles on March 9. She will use the Harold Davis Fitness Center, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and the sidewalks in between.

Blood drive slated for March 9

A community blood drive sponsored by KBST and the Big Spring Mall will be Saturday, March 9, at the mall from 11 a.m. to 3 p..m. The drive will be conducted by United Blood Services of San Angelo.

Donors are asked to bring proper identification such as a driver's license, social security card or UBS blood donor card. Donors should also know the specific names of any medication they are currently taking.

UBS needs to collect approximately 300 units of blood a week to adequately service more than 20 hospitals across West Texas, including Scenic Mountain Medical and the VA Hospital.

UBS representatives urge anyone with O blood to donate. O Negative blood is universal and can be transfused to anyone.

For more information, contact United Blood Services of San Angelo at (800)756-0024.

Bone marrow drive March 9 for young Megan Stanley

Community residents are sponsoring a bone marrow drive for Meagan Stanley who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

The drive is set for Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry.

The suggested donation for the drive is $20 and is open for anyone ages 18 to 60. Contact Nancy Marshall at 263-8053 for more information. For information about bone marrow transplants in general, contact Vicky Turner at 1-800-643-2448.

Plans under way for 2nd Relay for Life May 17-18

Plans are under way for the second annual American Cancer Society "Relay For Life," fund and awareness raising benefit in Big Spring. The event is scheduled for May 17 and 18 and will be at Blankenship Field next to the high school.

This 24-hour program is a team event which raises money and spirits for those facing the hardship of cancer in today's world.

Teams, sponsors and volunteers are needed. Teams consist of 10 to 15 individuals who walk in half-hour increments around the designated track. Corporate and team sponsors are also needed. Monetary and prize donations are currently being sought. Interested parties may contact Judi Johnston at 267-1904 or 267-1014.

"100 Years After" history tour set at State Park March 14

The Big Spring State Park will feature a "100 Years After" History Tour on Thursday, March 14 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The park manager, Ron Alton, will take visitors on a tour of the century old rock carvings on Scenic Mountain. Visitors can relax, enjoy an espresso and learn about the history of Big Spring State Park while watching the sunset off the top of the bluff.

Visitors are to meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. Reservations are not required. The fee for the tour will be the usual $3 a car park admission. Call 915/263-4931 for more information.

Howard County Ag Expo set March 21-22 at Coliseum

The Ag Expo will be March 21 and 22 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It is open to the public. Times for this event is as follows: Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: Exhibitors are to set up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 25th Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Ag Expo at 6 p.m. This is held to honor all local and area farmers and ranchers. Admission is free to all farmers and ranchers, but a ticket will need to be picked up at the chamber officer in order to have approximate count for food. Exhibits will be opened to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be providing the entertainment.

Friday: Marcy Weir with Creative Memories will be having a demonstration at 10:30 a.m. She will be showing you how you can create a family scrapbook and how to preserve it with the different supplies she uses.

Thelma Carlile, author of Mealtime and Memories, will be having a cooking demonstration. She will be cooking recipes from her famous cookbook and sharing a few family secrets.

Different guest speakers will be conducting workshops through the day on Friday.

27th Gem and Mineral Show this weekend at Fair Barn

The 27th annual Gem and Mineral Show will be this weekend at the Howard County Fair Barn. Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.with Sunday hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Many displays will be featured along with dealers and demonstrators. There are two grand prizes; a blue topaz cut in "Star in Big Spring" design, and a set of Brazilian Agate book ends. There will be hourly door prizes, a spinning wheel, and a snack bar.

For more information, call Jerald Wilson, show chairman, at 264-4662 or club secretary Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

Girl Scout Cookies are in

It's a favorite time of the year for almost everyone.

Girl Scout Cookies are here!

The "Fat Free" Cinnamon Oatmeal Raisin and the "Reduced Fat" Strawberries n' Creme have been welcomed additions to the well known flavors such as Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites and Peanut Butter Patties. The original cookie, Shortbread, has become lighter and more buttery.

All proceeds of the Cookie Sale support Girl Scouting locally. Approximately one-third of the selling price of a box of Girl Scout Cookies goes toward the actual cost of the cookies. Other costs are kept to a minimum, meaning as much as two-thirds or more of every Girl Scout cookie purchase goes toward programs and services to benefit girls.

HC Board of Trustee candidate applications available

Applications for persons seeking a position on the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees are now available in the office of the President at Howard College.

There are three at-large positions open for candidacy. Currently those at-large positions are held by Dr. P.W. Malone, charter member of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Charles Warren, and Rob Ethridge, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of James Barr.

In addition, the position for the unexpired term of Charlie Gonzales in Precinct One is open for candidacy. This position is currently held by Michael Flores who was appointed in February after Gonzales died in October.

Applications can be picked up between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday. The last day to file is 5 p.m. on March 20. There is no filing fee.

Forsan ISD begins taking transfer applications March 4

The Forsan Independent School District will be taking transfer applications for the 1996-97 school year on March 4, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Administration Office of the Forsan Schools. A transfer application must be signed by the parent or legal guardian. The school district has advised that no application forms will be given out early.

5th Big Lake Bluegrass Festival slated for March 28-31

The fifth annual Big Lake Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for March 28-31 at the Big Lake Community Center.

There will be entertainment by Big Sandy, Concho Grass, String Fever, Gore Brothers, Little Rascals and Star Canyon Band.

There will be cajun food and a handicraft show. Admission on Friday, March 29 is $5 starting at 6 p.m. and on Saturday, $8 starting at 1 p.m.

Call (915) 884-3650 for handicrafts booth information. Proceeds from this benefit will go to the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

PUSHING RUBBLE



HERALD photo/Tim Appel

A bulldozer moves the rubble of one of the Apache Bend Apartment units into a pile Tuesday morning. Two of the buildings have been torn down recently, with trucks carrying away the remains.

Big Spring On The Run

Texas Lottery LOTTO: 5,10,11,22,29,36 PICK 3: 0,3,1

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•JOE GALLINDO CASTANEDA, 48, of 1604 Benton, was arrested for outstanding local warrants. He was later released on bond.

•CARMEN M. CERVANTES, 19, of 2523 Chanute, was arrested for outstanding local warrants. She was later released after paying a fine.

•DONALD RAY VANDERBILT, 21, of 1002 N. Main, was arrested for failure to identify to a police officer. He was later released on bond.

•HOWARD FOSTER, 19, no known address, was arrested for outstanding local warrants. He was later released on bond.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 700 block of Creighton, 1700 block of Wasson, 1900 block of Wasson and 1500 block of East Third.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS in the 1600 block of West Marcy and 700 block of South Service Road and Interstate 20.

•JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 500 block of Birdwell and 2900 block of Cherokee.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 700 block of East 11th and the 600 block of West Interstate 20.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 200 block of East 10th.

•ANIMAL PROBLEM in the 600 block of Caylor.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 200 block of West Marcy, 100 block of Gregg and 700 block of West Fourth.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1000 block of North Main.

•THEFTS in the 1700 block of East Marcy, 1000 block of North Main and 1800 block of Gregg.

•ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT at Interstate 20 and Midway Road exit.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 600 block of East 16th.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents in the 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, 50, of St. Eveans, Colo., was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of a controlled substance and Colorado parole violation. He was later released on $500 bond on the authority of the 118th District Court and charges were dismissed via the District Attorney.

•HOLSTON BANKS, JR., 30, of 1206 N.W. Seventh, was arrested for theft over $20 and under $200, burglary and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. No bond was set and he was released to Bandera County Deputies for violating parole.

•FRANKLIN SCOTT HARDY, 25, of Route 2 Box 115, previously arrested for contempt of court and sentenced to two weeks in county jail, was released on the authority of the District Court.

•SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE on Hughes Road.

Correction

In last week's Thursday and Friday editions of the Herald, sample Republican and Democratic ballots were published listing all local candidates seeking office.

Ron York, who is running as a Democratic candidate for Constable, was accidentally omitted.

Markets

March cotton futures 83.30 cents a pound, up 70 points; April crude oil 19.42, up 13 points; Cash hog steady at 47.50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 63.50 cents; April live hog futures 64.02, down 62 points; April live cattle futures 47.85, down 20 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Atlantic Richfield	110⅛ +¼
Atmos	22⅜ -⅛
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Chevron	55⅞ +⅛
Chrysler	57¼ +⅛
Cifra	1.16- 1.20
Coca-Cola	81⅛ nc
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DuPont	77 -⅛
Exxon	79⅛ +⅛
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Laser Indus LTD	10⅛ -⅛
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Mobile	110⅛ + 2⅛
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Sears	45⅛ +⅛
Southwestern Bell	54⅛ -⅛
Sun	29⅛ +⅛
Texaco	79⅛ +⅛
Texas Instruments	50⅞ - 1⅛
Texas	40⅞ - 1⅛

Amcap	14.54- 15.43
Euro Pacific	23.96- 25.42
I.C.A.	22.60- 24.03
New Economy	17.10- 18.14
New Perspective	17.08- 18.12
Van Kampen	14.69- 15.42
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	399.90- 400.90
Silver	5.51- 5.54

Springboard

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. For more information, contact Gina Garza, 263-7331, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TODAY

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

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

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•AA closed meeting, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by the Triple Fire. Area seniors invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Big Spring Squares, 8 p.m., Squarena, Chapparal Road. Call 393-5693 or 267-7043.

•27th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Howard County Fair Barn. Free admission. For more information call Jerald Wilson, show chairman, 264-4662, or Lola Lamb, club secretary, 263-3340.

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•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

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Selena's killer to talk to IRS regarding audit of singer's father

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Internal Revenue Service will question the convicted killer of Tejano singer Selena concerning an IRS audit involving the singer's father, according to a published report.

The San Antonio Express-News reported today that Yolanda Saldivar, who is serving a life prison for the March 31, 1995 shooting death of the budding music star, has agreed to talk to an IRS international tax examiner.

The audit involves Abraham Quintanilla Jr., the singer's father who had accused Ms. Saldivar of embezzling $30,000 in funds from the singer's San Antonio fan club when she was president. Ms. Saldivar also managed Selena's San Antonio boutique.

Ms. Saldivar was convicted last fall of gunning down Selena in a Corpus Christi motel parking lot March 31.

Ms. Saldivar's sister, Elida, the family spokeswoman, confirmed Wednesday that a certified letter from an Internal Revenue Service international examiner requesting the interview was received.

Pantex could lose 1,600 jobs over next decade

AMARILLO — The Pantex nuclear power plant will be kept as a weapons assembly and disassembly complex, but the Department of Energy says up to 1,600 of the plant's weapons workers will be laid off over the next 10 years.

Pantex's total work force now numbers about 3,600, of which 2,315 are involved in assembly or disassembly of nuclear weapons, officials said.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary said Wednesday that as dismantlement work begins to slow down later this decade, the DOE anticipates downsizing would begin at Pantex in 1998 through layoffs and attrition.

Pantex's future workload is projected to decrease from dismantling 1,000 to 2000 weapons a year to several hundred weapons a year, based on DOE projections for weapon rebuilding, disassembly work and stockpile surveillance.

By the year 2003, when current dismantlement work needed to meet disarmament goals are finished, the work force directly associated with weapons work is expected to dwindle to 915.

Fire damages four historic buildings in Ennis

ENNIS — An electrical short in an elevator shaft is suspected of sparking a fire that destroyed at least four historic buildings.

Thick, black smoke could be seen from downtown Dallas, 30 miles north of this small town, from the fire, which burned for several hours Wednesday.

Bill Sanders, manager of the Ennis Chamber of Commerce, said the fire was under control by about 2:30 p.m., but would continue to burn until today because of hot spots likely to flare up overnight.

The blaze also ignited a number of grass fires, but all were also under control by Wednesday afternoon.

"It's a disaster," Sanders said. "It's the busiest block in our town. It's a personal tragedy. Our economy is strictly based on industry. They told me the damage is going to be about $6 million."

Childress judge blasts Texas Tech health plan

CHILDRESS — A county judge says in a letter to Gov. George W. Bush that the public is not well-served by the state health department's awarding of some health care contracts to Texas Tech.

Childress County Judge Dean Decker said the move could result in hospital closures and a loss of doctors in the community, The Childress Index reported.

"The Childress Regional Medical Center is an asset to our county," Decker said. We have doctors and medical services very few rural communities have. I would hate to see any action by the (Texas Department of Health) that results in a reduction of medical services for our area."

The health department in Lubbock has tried to assure providers that only those services local hospitals cannot supply will be offered by Texas Tech.

But Decker noted that services other than those contracted for are being offered in communities by Texas Tech in direct competition for Medicaid dollars with local hospitals.

Parents, residents upset over racial slurs

ROSENBERG — Parents and students have called for firings at a local high school following the release of a report c[illegible]g unnamed teachers calling Hispanics "animals."

"We can't tolerate these attitudes," lawyer Dora Olivo said. "The education of our children is too precious. It is the base of building a strong country."

The Texas Education Agency report on Lamar Consolidated High School in suburban Houston said a peer review accreditation team found "severe problems with the attitudes and expectations of some teachers."

Some teachers "explicitly stated their opinions that Hispanic and African-American students were probably not going to do well," the report showed.

"For Hispanics, it's better to be dumb," was one of the comments reported after a Feb. 20-22 visit. "They're (Hispanics) just animals," and "I could train an animal better than *YOU*," were among the others.

Teacher sues child protection agency

AUSTIN (AP) — A teacher is suing the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, saying the agency wrongly divulges names of people who give information on suspected child abuse.

The Association of Texas Professional Educators filed the lawsuit Wednesday in state district court in Travis County against the agency and its executive director on behalf of Patsy Arnold. The teacher group also is named as a plaintiff.

According to the lawsuit, Ms. Arnold last year reported suspected abuse after a child told her a leg bruise resulted from her mother striking her.

The child's parents, who obtained an agency letter to Ms. Arnold regarding the case, came to the school to see the teacher, the lawsuit says.

The teacher group said there were differing explanations about how the parents got the letter. DPRS spokeswoman Linda Edwards said it was mailed to the parents by mistake.

"She had a visit from the parents. They have indicated an anger and disappointment with her, and she's worried about it," said Doug Rogers, executive director of the teacher group.

Ms. Arnold, who teaches Spanish at an Arlington high school, was not at a news conference by the teacher group to discuss the lawsuit.

The lawsuit requests a judgment that the agency violated Ms. Arnold's rights and Texas law by giving her name to the alleged perpetrator of abuse.

It also seeks an injunction requiring the agency to ensure the identities of people who provide information about possible abuse or neglect are protected.

Ms. Edwards said while Ms. Arnold's situation involves a "one-time, innocent and unfortunate mistake," at issue is the larger question of how to interpret state law giving confidentiality to people who report child abuse.

The agency follows and even worked to strengthen that confidentiality law, she said.

But a person suspected of child abuse can get a copy of the investigation record, including the names of people who provided information about the suspected abuse, Ms. Edwards said.

Before that record is released, information is deleted that would identify who reported the suspected abuse, she said.

"That kind of goes back to due process. Anyone who is being accused of something has a right to know what they're being accused of and who's accusing them of it," Ms. Edwards said. A court also could order the identity of the reporting person disclosed, she said.

Peggy DeRouen, president of the teacher group, said of the alleged perpetrators' rights, "We ask, what about the rights of our children?"

DPRS is willing to discuss the matter further "because teachers are very important to us," Ms. Edwards said.

"They are the single largest group that reports child abuse and neglect and we need to make sure we are not doing something that has a chilling effect on their willingness to report, and report using their names," she said.

Ms. DeRouen said there is a chilling effect, although she and other group officials couldn't immediately say how many other instances there are in which teachers' identities have been disclosed.

"Our teachers have relied on the confidentiality statute to protect their identity and prevent retribution by parents or guardians who have been investigated ... Their lives have been disrupted by telephone calls, letters and often threatening behavior by parents and guardians," Ms. DeRouen said. "These teachers now are afraid to make the reports of suspected child abuse which they are required by law to do."

A ruling by the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin last year, involving a minister, upheld a trial court order for DPRS not to divulge the identity of people who report suspected abuse or neglect, the teacher group said.

Governor asks Rangers to probe food deal

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Rangers and Department of Public Safety will lead an expanded probe into a $33.6 million prison system contract for a soybean-based meat substitute.

Gov. George W. Bush and Texas Criminal Justice Board Chairman Allan Polunsky said Wednesday that they wanted the state law enforcement agencies to investigate the contract with VitaPro Foods and "other areas of concern" at the Department of Criminal Justice.

The governor said the action demonstrates "strong commitment to uncovering all the facts about the VitaPro contract and performing a complete review of the TDCJ's operations."

State and federal authorities are looking into the VitaPro deal because it was negotiated without formal bidding. Polunsky said last week that the state was taking legal steps to cancel the contract.

Wednesday's announcement of an expanded probe came a day after Andy Collins, the retired executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, quit his $1,000-a-day job as a VitaPro consultant.

Yank Barry, VitaPro's chief executive officer, has said there was nothing improper or illegal about the contract, which he said is worth $15 million for the first phase. He said as far as the company knew, the contract was properly bid and legal.

"We had no reason to question it," he said.

Under the deal negotiated by Collins, VitaPro sends the state thousands of pounds of the meat substitute each month. The product is used in prison kitchens in Texas and surplus supplies were supposed to be sold by the prison system to other states.

Collins said the deal was completed that the state would benefit from a healthier prison population and from sales of the surplus product.

Barry said the state has made money from distributing the product through its prison industries program and has spent little compared to the cost of meat products.

Prison officials say efforts to sell the meat substitute have largely failed, and the product is stacking up.

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Quote of the Day

"To be free is to have achieved your life."

-Tennessee Williams

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Whitewater probe must continue

The Senate should extend the mandate of the Whitewater committee and set no deadline for completion of its work.

Senate Democrats wanted the plug pulled on the committee when its funding expired Thursday, but, failing that, now threaten a filibuster unless the committee is given a limited extension to April 3.

The Democrats say the hearings are little more than a partisan sideshow designed to politically wound the president, an objection they found without merit when they were in the majority, a Republican was in the White House and Iran-Contra the issue.

Incontestably there is a partisan element to the hearings, but that is beside the point. The original mission of the Whitewater panel remains unfulfilled: to lay out the facts about the extent of the Clintons' involvement in the shady schemes of a corrupt savings and loan.

Indeed, the White House handling of the committee's inquiries and subpoenas has only broadened its mission to encompass the honesty of various White House aides and allies. The capper was when files missing for two years miraculously reappeared in a room to which only the first family and its inner circle had access.

Maybe, as the Democrats insist, when all is said and done about Whitewater, there will be, in Gertrude Stein's phrase, no there there. But the White House response to Whitewater questions has given every appearance that the Clintons have something to hide.

Maybe there is nothing criminal there at all, only a misguided attempt to protect the first lady's image. Maybe the dirty secret is that Hillary Clinton was not one of the nation's 100 finest young legal minds but an average small town sewer and water lawyer. Who knows?

The Democrats' argument for a deadline is understandable but a bad idea. In a probe marked by White House delays, a deadline is only an incentive for one final delay.

In notes of a 1994 White House meeting delivered — several months late — Vice President Gore argued that the Clintons' aides simply "dump" all the documents in a public pile.

His sage advice was ignored, and that, basically, is why the committee should continue.

-SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

OTHER VIEWS

Old Faithful isn't. Not the way it used to be. Yellowstone National Park's most famous geyser and America's metaphor for reliability is getting tired, erupting a little later every year, losing the old fastball. A troublesome trend that shakes a person's sense of order. That's exactly what seismic activity has been doing .... The junk that tourists have been tossing into the geyser's mouth hasn't done much for its punctuality, either. While a geyser can never be timed to the second, it did erupt more regularly 15 years ago, blowing steaming water nearly 200 feet in the air every 66 minutes with a five-minute margin of error. Today it blows every 77 minutes, give or take 10 minutes. "One day it might just quit permanently," says (park geologist Richard) Hutchinson .... What then? Will tourists gather to look down a dry hole under a sign that reads "Old Fickle?"

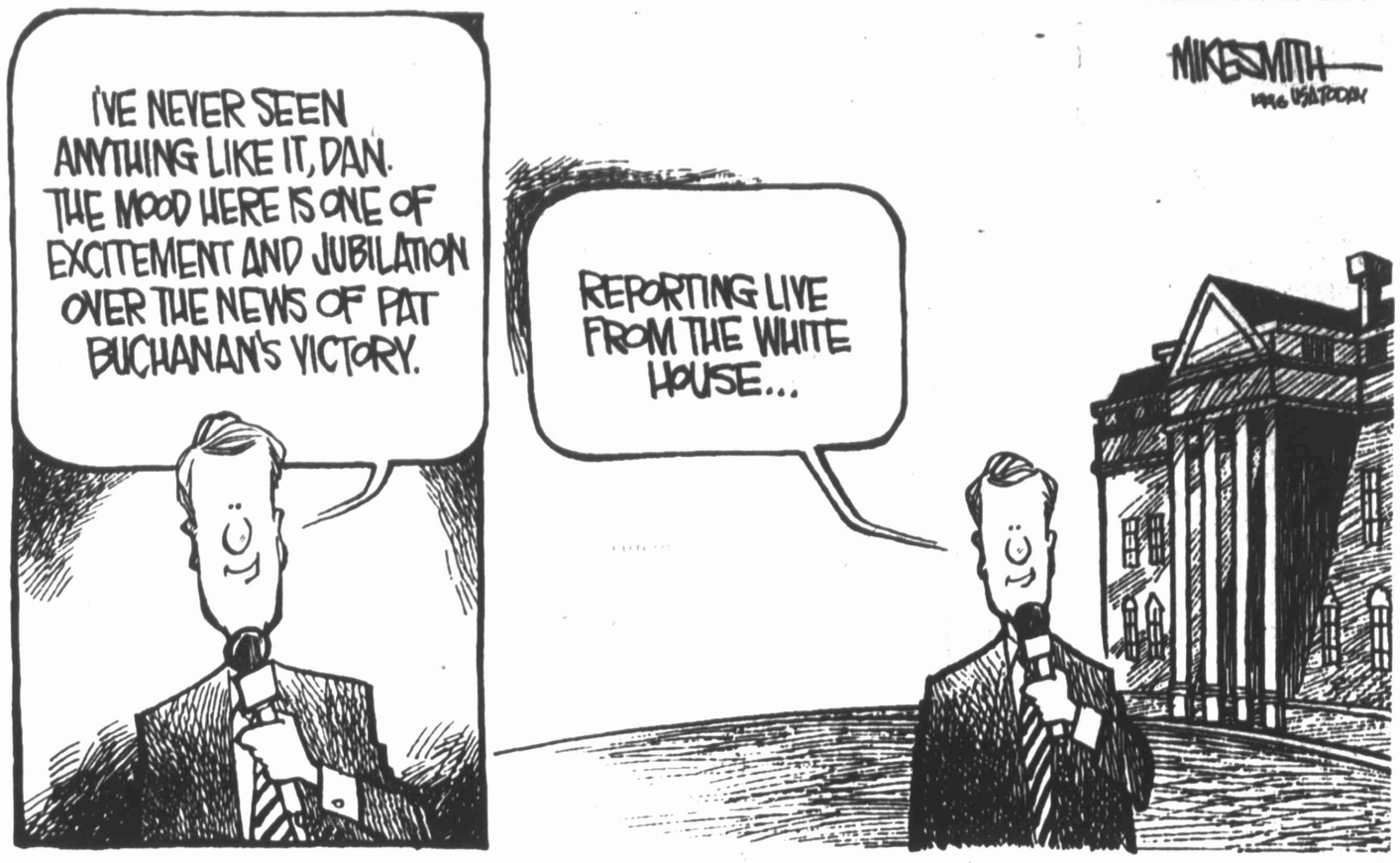
-THE BOSTON GLOBE

The Cuban Government made prophets of its most caustic critics ... by shooting two American civil aircraft out of the sky. There can be no justification for deliberately killing four civilians who posed no military threat to Cuba. Cuba ... lives with a history of American hostility and attempts to overthrow its Government. But none of that justifies the Castro Government's murderously disproportionate reaction to the flight of three single-engine Cessnas chartered by Brothers to the Rescue, a Miami-based exile group that had previously flown over Cuba and dropped anti-regime leaflets. Brothers to the Rescue's past behavior has been reckless, and it seems determined to raise tensions between Washington and Havana. Even if the Cuban account (of warning the planes they were violating Cuban air space) is correct, there are less violent, well-established ways of dealing with intruding aircraft.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

Dave Winfield retired from baseball recently after 23 seasons, 465 home runs, 3,110 hits and the winning double for Toronto in the 1992 World Series — milestones in a career that almost surely will have him remembered one day in the Hall of Fame. (But) it is what Winfield said in the present that should command the attention of baseball — players and owners alike. "In the last decade," he said, "the game has taken a lot of knocks, and deservedly so." After the 1994 strike that aborted the season and World Series and marred the next season, baseball still is without a labor agreement. Now another season looms with no sense that one will be reached any time soon. "You can't," Winfield said, "trash the components of the game and disrespect the people who come to watch us play." As the players return now to spring training — once a metaphor for tradition, hope, renewal and possibility in America — that's all the fans want.

-CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Cubans in Florida just blowing smoke



Mike Royko
Syndicated Columnist

I've prepared a statement that I'm offering to President Clinton for delivery the next time planes fly from Florida into Cuban airspace and are shot down.

It's free of charge, and maybe he won't use it. But I think it is better than the stuff his speechwriters have been whipping out for him.

...

My fellow Americans:

We have received word that another private airplane has been blasted out of the Cuban skies by Fidel Castro's warplanes.

After examining the facts in this incident, I have decided what my response will be.

I'm not going to do a darned thing. Nope! No further sanctions, no expressions of outrage and no urging the United Nations to pass some kind of blah-blah resolution.

And I'm sure as heck not going to get American military forces involved in this spat.

Frankly, as president of the greatest nation in the history of the world, I have more urgent stuff to worry about than some Cubans in Miami who insist on flying where they shouldn't be flying and where they have been repeatedly warned not to fly.

You want to get yourself killed, OK, that is your business.

In my job, it's one crisis after another. So I don't need headlines and TV yelling about how we have another Cuban crisis.

Especially when it really isn't a crisis, no matter what the TV yappers say.

For one thing, you have no right to violate Cuba's airspace. I don't care what kind of villain you think Castro is or how noble you consider your cause to be. Under international law, it is his country's airspace, and he has the right to warn you to keep out. And if you don't keep out — boom — you could be shark lunch.

For another thing, you are violating America's laws when you do it. Our government sets our foreign policy — you don't. That's why we have been quietly warning you, over and over again, to knock it off.

Now, I fully realize how passionately the Cuban community in south Florida feels about Castro running what used to be their country.

Every presidential candidate fully realizes how you feel. We'd be stupid if we didn't, since we want your Florida votes and your hefty campaign contributions.

That's why every presidential candidate for the last 35 years has pandered to you so shamelessly. And that's why we keep all these anti-Castro laws on the books that make it almost impossible to establish anything resembling normal relations with Cuba.

Think about that. We had history's most terrible war with Germany, Japan and — to a much lesser extent — with laid-back Italy.

Now we're all pals.

We had another terrible war with Vietnam. Now we are shaking hands, making up and doing business with Vietnam.

Let us not forget China, with whom we fought a bloody war in Korea. China is still a commie country, but we do business with it every day.

We've been shaking hands and making up with all kinds of former enemies all over the world, which is good, because doing business sure beats counting body bags.

But who do we still treat like our most dreaded enemy? A puny island with a tired government and a feeble economy that isn't a threat to us or anyone else.

Why? Because hot-blooded members of the Cuban community in Florida want to bring back their good old days in Havana and expect the rest of us to go along with their mini-civil war.

I can understand that. Many of you had it very good in Cuba before Castro and his grass-roots revolutionaries took over in 1959. Many of you, or your elders, prospered as part of the wealthy class that supported Fulgencio Batista, the tinhorn dictator who ran the country.

With Batista — with his graft, corruption, gambling, prostitution and police death squads to murder those who dared speak up — there was something for everyone, from the American Mafia to the big sugar companies to the elite class of Cubans. Something for everyone but the peasant class in the sugar fields and the students who challenged the evil they saw. Ah, the good old days.

So when Batista grabbed his millions and ran to save his hide, so did many of those who are now living comfortably in Miami while plotting to somehow overthrow Fidel.

Well, plot away. And maybe some day they'll pull it off, although I doubt it. More likely, the passage of time, Fidel's old age and a rational foreign policy will bring Cuba into the mainstream.

But, please, don't expect the president of the United States and 250 million other Americans to get hysterical every time you pull some headline-grabbing stunt such as the airspace caper.

Imagine this: What if residents of the Chinatowns of San Francisco, New York, L.A. and Chicago got a fleet of little airplanes and started buzzing into the airspace of China and were shot down? You think I'd announce that we weren't going to buy any more cheap alarm clocks from China or sell them any more expensive computers?

No, the pilots of the little planes would be viewed as crazies. And I'd be just as crazy to support them.

So now you will declare me an enemy of freedom and you won't vote for me and I'll probably lose Florida.

Which is why that columnist in Chicago is nuts if he thinks I'll give this speech.

TRIBUNE MEDIA

She's Hillary Clinton and you're not, or something like that

By DALE McFEATTERS
Scripps Howard News Service

Follow this carefully. It gets tricky.

Every GOP presidential candidate is running on the promise that his wife is not Hillary Clinton.

Bob Dole regularly makes a point of noting that his wife is not Hillary Clinton.

Whoa. Back up. Is this a denial, a promise or just a belated recognition of reality?

Are we answering a charge here that hasn't been made, or has some GOP candidate charged that another GOP candidate's wife is an impostor?

Perhaps in one of his attack ads, Malcolm "Steve" Forbes said, "And furthermore, Pat Buchanan is married to Hillary Clinton."

Now, the first lady has been accused of a lot of wild misdeeds, but not even the loons with cellars full of canned goods and automatic weapons have called her a polygamist. Of course, the campaign is still young.

Still, Buchanan must now respond, even if indirectly, to the charge that he might be married to Hillary Clinton or that, on gaining the White House, he would quickly wed the outgoing first lady.

Says Buchanan to campaign audiences, "I'd like you to meet my wife, Shelley. I've sort of nominated her to replace Hillary Rodham Clinton."

GOP audiences love this nuptial nuttiness. They applaud like crazy the candidate's acuity and alertness in detecting that his wife of 27 years is indeed not Hillary Clinton.

Still, a Republican can't be too careful. Perhaps under the cover of her frequently changing hairdo, the wily Hillary is using a stunt double while she slips out to campaign as another candidate's wife. Come to think of it, you haven't heard Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., deny that his wife is Hillary Clinton, have you?

Perhaps the Republicans are shrewdly laying the groundwork for a good campaign issue in the fall. In politics, as in logic, it is difficult to prove a negative. President Clinton will have to prove that his wife is not married to his opponent. Try doing that in a sound-bite.

The corollary of "my wife is not Hillary Clinton" is that each Republican candidate now lists all the things his wife will not be allowed to do if he is elected.

Lamar! Alexander goes right to first principles. He says his wife Honey! "will not be president."

Dole says his wife, Liddy, a former Cabinet secretary, will not be co-president or even a Cabinet secretary.

Forbes says his wife, Sabina, won't lead "a task force on health care or anything else."

If not health care or anything else, then it's only fair that the candidates be asked what their wives would do as first lady. If she's not going to have a say over nuclear weapons, will she be allowed control over the TV remote in the family quarters?

The sheer lunacy of this issue is distilled in that moment, generally right before the introduction of the wife, when the candidate solemnly pledges, "When I'm elected, we'll have a new first lady."

The crowds roar their approval, not stopping to consider the assumption implicit in that statement: Hillary Clinton conveys with the White House along with the appliances and staff.

Wisely, the candidate usually does not continue with this line of reasoning: "And Chelsea won't be our kid! We'll have different children! And Socks won't be our cat! We'll have tropical fish! And Roger Clinton won't be our goofy brother. We'll have a new goofy first brother!"

And people say modern political campaigns are shallow.

(Even though Hillary Clinton is a columnist, she did not write this particular column. Dale McFeatters did, as he does every week for Scripps Howard News Service. Really.)

MALLARD FILMORE ® By BRUCE TINSLEY



Trade dominates Dole-Buchanan debate; Alexander won't give up

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Jobs and trade dominated debate between Sen. Bob Dole and conservative commentator Pat Buchanan prior to South Carolina's presidential primary, while former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander insisted he is still a viable candidate.


DOLE

Publisher Steve Forbes, meanwhile, faced an uphill battle in South Carolina, where he has virtually no organization. Forbes said he planned to give Dole a strong challenge in New York, which holds its primary March 7.


BUCHANAN

The four candidates were scheduled today to face off in a debate sponsored by a local business group. Dole, who held solid leads in two independent South Carolina polls, said the forum would give him a chance to answer some of the charges leveled at him by Forbes' multimillion dollar ad campaign.


ALEXANDER

"I get tired of being the punching bag," Dole said Wednesday.

South Carolina's 37-delegate primary comes Saturday, just before an onslaught of primaries that will select 588 delegates to the Republican nominating convention.

Dole and Buchanan argued trade policy at separate events Wednesday in South Carolina. Dole appeared at a BMW auto plant in Greer that employs 1,500 people, proclaiming it the kind of foreign investment permitted by free trade.

"We're here to talk about jobs and trade and competition — what it means to South Carolina," Dole said. He was accompanied by Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, his former rival for the nomination.

"I think that in the end, Bob Dole is going to be the nominee," Gramm said.

Looking for momentum after winning primaries in North and South Dakota on Tuesday, Dole shook hands with some of the German automaker's 1,500 South Carolina workers during a shift change and sat in a replica of the Z3 roadster used in the James Bond film, "GoldeneYe."

"I want to be in the driver's seat — after Saturday," Dole wisecracked, with Gramm riding shotgun.

Buchanan stood in a steady rain outside a shuttered textile factory in Clearwater to claim that Dole worries more about the bottom line for business than for the fate of American workers.

"My good friend, Bob Dole, basically, this is the bellhop of the Business Roundtable," said Buchanan. "He's been representing these folks for a long time. We need someone to represent Middle America."

Buchanan argues for stiff tariffs that he contends would protect American jobs. Critics maintain his protectionist policies would start a trade war and boost consumer prices.

Gov. David Beasley, a Dole supporter, said Buchanan's ideas would not play well in a state where one out of four jobs involves some foreign investment and that jobs at those companies pay 50 percent higher than the state's average.

Alexander, for his part, resisted calls from Gramm and other Republicans that he fold his candidacy. Campaigning in Georgia, Alexander said that despite his inability so far to win any primaries, he could still be the best alternative if Dole falters.

"I need to make a strong showing in South Carolina. I need to make a strong showing in Georgia," he said. "But so do all the others."

Forbes campaigned Wednesday in Pennsylvania following his victory in Tuesday's Arizona primary. He defended his expenditure of more than $4 million in Arizona, as Dole and others accuse him of trying to buy the White House.

"All we can do is get our message out and the voters will judge the message and the messenger," Forbes said. "I'm beholden of no special interests and I'm not taking a penny of taxpayers' (money) to subsidize my campaign."

Forbes won a court ruling Wednesday that kept him on the primary ballot in all 31 congressional districts in New York, clearing the way from him to go head-to-head with Dole in the state.

Two polls in South Carolina show Dole leading Buchanan by as much as 15 percentage points, with both well ahead of Alexander and Forbes.

A telephone poll by Mason-Dixon of 390 likely primary voters found Dole had 35 percent and Buchanan 24 percent. Alexander pulled in 13 percent, Forbes had 10 percent, and 15 percent were undecided.

"Hootie & Blowfish" a big winner at Grammy's

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alanis Morissette's "Jagged Little Pill" won best rock album and album of the year as the Grammy Awards broke with tradition and embraced the not-so-romantic view of life.

Other big winners Wednesday night included Hootie & the Blowfish, which won awards for best new artist, and pop group vocal performance for "Let Her Cry" from 1995's best-selling album, "Cracked Rear View."

Seal's "Kiss from a Rose" won for record and song of the year, and he also grabbed the award for best male pop vocal performance. Vince Gill, the trio TLC and Stevie Wonder captured two Grammys apiece.

Frank Sinatra collected his first competitive Grammy in 29 years with his "Duets II" album.

Morissette, the 21-year-old Canadian, hauled away a leading four Grammys, two for her chart-topping U.S. album debut and two — best rock song and female rock vocal performance — for her lyrically raw single "

Seeking to shake its stodgy reputation, the recording industry shunned the mainstream — Mariah Carey was zero for six nominations — and looked to others to counter complaints that winners did not reflect the most vital elements of contemporary music.

Morissette, backed by an orchestra, performed a toned-down version of "You Oughta Know," about a woman reeling with jealousy and betrayal from a lover's duplicity, during the three-hour CBS telecast from the Shrine Auditorium.

The song, filled with graphic sexual references, was performed word-for-word but the network bleeped out the most flagrant four-letter violation.

Carey, who opened the show with her "One Sweet Day" duet with Boyz II Men, came into the show tied with Morissette for a leading six nominations.

Carey's shutout exemplified the National Academy of Recording Arts & Science's shift away from mainstream music. Her album "Daydream" was the kind of lush, romantic recording the academy usually loves.

Complete list of winners at Wednesday's 38th Annual Grammy Awards:

ROCK PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "Run-Around," Blues Traveler.

ROCK SONG: "You Oughta Know," Glen Ballard, Alanis Morissette.

ALTERNATIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE: "MTV Unplugged in New York," Nirvana.

POP COLLABORATION WITH VOCALS: "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You?," The Chieftains with Van Morrison.

MALE POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE: "Kiss From a Rose," Seal.

POP INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE: "Mariachi Suite," Los Lobos.

TRADITIONAL POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE: "Duets II," Frank Sinatra.

METAL PERFORMANCE: "Happiness In Slavery," Nine Inch Nails.

ROCK INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE: "Jessica," The Allman Brothers Band.

CONTEMPORARY JAZZ PERFORMANCE: "We Live Here," Pat Metheny Group.

JAZZ VOCAL PERFORMANCE: "An Evening with Lena Horne," Lena Horne.

JAZZ INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE, INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP: "Infinity," McCoy Tyner Trio featuring Michael Brecker.

JAZZ INSTRUMENTAL SOLO: "Impressions," Michael Brecker.

LARGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE: "All Blues," GRP All-Star Big Band, Tom Scott.

LATIN JAZZ PERFORMANCE: "Antonio Brasileiro," Jobim.

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FEMALE R&B VOCAL PERFORMANCE: "I Apologize," Anita Baker.

MALE R&B VOCAL PERFORMANCE: "For Your Love," Stevie Wonder.

R&B PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "Creep," TLC.

R&B SONG: "For Your Love," Stevie Wonder.

R&B ALBUM: "CrazySexyCool," TLC.

RAP PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP: "I'll Be There for You/You're All I Need To Get By," Method Man featuring Mary J. Blige.

RAP ALBUM: "Poverty's Paradise," Naughty by Nature.

COUNTRY PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "Here Comes the Rain," The Mavericks.

COUNTRY ALBUM: "The Woman in Me," Shania Twain.

ROCK ALBUM: "Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette.

MALE ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE: "You Don't Know How It Feels," Tom Petty.

COUNTRY COLLABORATION WITH VOCALS: "Somewhere in the Vicinity of the Heart," Shenandoah with Alison Krauss.

COUNTRY INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE: "Hightower," Asleep at the Wheel.

BLUEGRASS ALBUM: "Unleashed," The Nashville Bluegrass Band.

COUNTRY SONG: "Go Rest High on that Mountain," Vince Gill.

ROCK GOSPEL ALBUM: "Lesson of Love," Ashley Cleveland.

POP-CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL ALBUM: "I'll Lead You Home," Michael W. Smith.

SOUTHERN GOSPEL, COUNTRY GOSPEL OR BLUEGRASS "Amazing Grace — A Country Salute to Gospel," Various Artists.

TRADITIONAL SOUL GOSPEL ALBUM: "Shirley Caesar Live ... He Will Come," Shirley Caesar.

GOSPEL ALBUM BY A CHOIR OR CHORUS: "Praise Him ... Live!," Carol Cymbala, choir director.

LATIN POP PERFORMANCE: "Amor," Jon Secada.

NEW AGE ALBUM: "Forest," George Winston.

TROPICAL LATIN PERFORMANCE: "Abriendo Puertas," Gloria Estefan.

MEXICAN-AMERICAN PERFORMANCE: "Flaco Jimenez," Flaco Jimenez.

TRADITIONAL BLUES ALBUM: "Chill Out," John Lee Hooker.

CONTEMPORARY BLUES ALBUM: "Slippin' In," Buddy Guy.

TRADITIONAL FOLK ALBUM: "South Coast," Ramblin' Jack Elliott.

CONTEMPORARY FOLK ALBUM VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL: "Wrecking Ball," Emmylou Harris.

REGGAE ALBUM: "Boombastic," Shaggy.

MUSICAL ALBUM FOR CHILDREN: "Sleepy Time Lullabys," J. Aaron Brown and David R. Lehman, producers.

SPOKEN WORD ALBUM FOR CHILDREN: "Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf," Dan Broatman & Martin Sauer, producers.

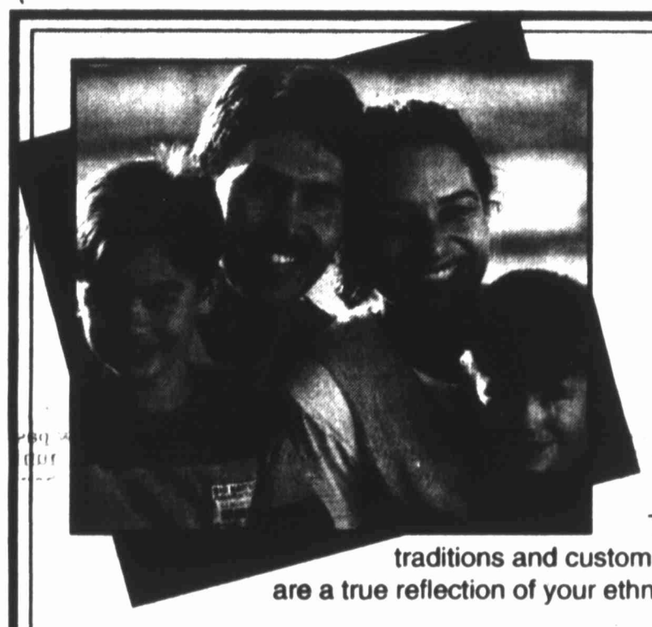
MUSICAL SHOW ALBUM: "Smokey Joe's Cafe — The Songs Of Leiber And Stoller."

MUSIC VIDEO, SHORT FORM: "Scream," Michael Jackson & Janet Jackson.

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WORLD MUSIC ALBUM: "Boheme," Deep Forest.

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Pilots say controversial F-14 safe if flown "by the book"

OCEANA NAVAL AIR STATION, Va. (AP) — Crashing three F-14 fighters in three months, at a cost of seven lives, has jangled some nerves inside the Navy. But here at the home of half the F-14 Tomcat fleet there is hardly a hint of worry.

Pilots say they feel safe in the Navy's oldest active fighter, as long as they remember to apply a lesson all pilots learn: Respect the plane's limitations.

"You can't just go out there with a knife in your teeth," says Lt. Paul Onorato, 34, of Schenectady, N.Y., who has logged about 1,400 hours in the Tomcat.

Onorato and other pilots here counsel "intelligent aggressiveness" in the cockpit of the F-14 — particularly the older A model whose Pratt & Whitney engines long have been criticized by some as being not powerful enough.

"I wouldn't condemn the aircraft because of the engine," Onorato said Wednesday as he cast his eyes over a dozen or more rows of F-14s on the flight line.

The twin-engine, supersonic F-14 is still the Navy's front line fighter. Launched from an aircraft carrier, the plane is designed to destroy hostile aircraft with missiles. It also can attack ground targets with precision bombs.

The F-14A was equipped with engines meant to be replaced by a more powerful version. For money reasons the switch was not made, and the plane still flies with an engine that in some situations is prone to stalling.

The sudden string of crashes — all involving planes from the other F-14 base, Miramar Naval Air Station near San Diego — strikes crewmen here as an unlucky coincidence.

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Princess Di to get $23 million from Charles as royals split the sheets

LONDON (AP) — Everyone expected the fairy tale's sad ending. Princess Diana's announcement that she would agree to divorce was just the final confirmation that the marriage that captivated the world could not be saved.

Now come the hard questions: What will happen to the British monarchy and the beautiful princess who vows she won't "go quietly" and how much will she get in the divorce settlement?

The Times of London today reported speculation that Prince Charles, 47, will make a one-time payment of about 15 million pounds, or $23 million.

Queen Elizabeth II would have to come up with some of the cash, it said, without citing any sources.

It took Diana more than two months to give Charles and the queen the answer they both wanted to hear: She will end her marriage.

Her surprise announcement Wednesday night caught Buckingham Palace off guard, and led to a new round of public feuding. She said her future title had been settled. The palace said details of the divorce settlement have not been decided.

"All the details on these matters, including titles, remain to be discussed and settled. This will take time," said a palace spokesman, speaking anonymously.

The palace said the queen was "most interested" to hear that the 34-year-old Diana had agreed to divorce the man she married in a spectacular ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral on July 29, 1981.

The queen told Charles and Diana it was time to divorce after the princess went on television in November and discussed the breakdown of her marriage, her husband's adultery and her own. She also questioned Charles' suitability to be king.

The interview culminated several years of confessions and recriminations.

In June 1994, Charles admitted in a television documentary that he had been unfaithful. In November, Diana said her marriage had been "crowded" because of Charles' affair with Camilla Parker Bowles. She admitted to having an affair with former army officer James Hewitt.

Diana held a rare meeting with her husband Wednesday, and then authorized the following statement: "The Princess of Wales has agreed to Prince Charles's request for a divorce."

Diana will continue to be involved in all decisions regarding their children, Prince William, 13, and Prince Harry, 11, and will continue to live at Kensington Palace and maintain her office at St. James' Palace, the statement said.

"The Princess of Wales will retain the title and be known as Diana, Princess of Wales," it said.

The Times said today that Diana agreed to give up the prefix "Her Royal Highness" in negotiations with the queen's private secretary, Sir Robert Fellowes, who is also her brother-in-law.

Buckingham Palace made it clear that nothing has been decided, and that the princess' future title will be a gift from the queen.

The princess will undoubtedly receive a financial settlement, but money was not mentioned.

Press Association, the British news agency, said courtiers at the palace, whom Diana has called "the enemy," believe the princess issued the statement to ensure that the prince meets her bottom-line demands.

Her lawyer, Anthony Julius, defended the statement as "entirely appropriate."

"It was an exceptionally difficult decision and one which the Princess of Wales has taken with immense sadness and regret," he told BBC News.

"The negotiations will begin," he said.

A key element in the negotiations will undoubtedly be a future role for Diana, who has said she wants to be a goodwill ambassador for Britain.

"I'll fight to the end," she said in November, "because I believe that I have a role to fulfill."

With the divorce agreement, the legal proceedings could be quick and brief. Formally separated in December 1992 after 11 years of marriage, Charles and Diana have already exceeded the two-year separation minimum for an uncontested divorce.

The royal family is already well-versed in divorce matters — both Charles' sister, Princess Anne, and his aunt Princess Margaret were divorced.

The monarch is temporal head of the Church of England, which accepts divorce, but does not allow the remarriage of divorced people. Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, the spiritual head of the Church of England, has said Charles and Diana's divorce "is in the best interests of all concerned."

Charles has said he has no plans to remarry, but won't categorically rule it out. Mrs. Parker Bowles divorced her husband last year. If they decided to marry, they would have to do so outside the Church of England.

The long-running "War of the Wales'" has taken its toll on the royal family's popularity.

This month, a poll conducted by MORI for the newspaper Independent on Sunday indicated 43 percent of Britons believed the monarchy would not last the next 50 years. A poll taken in 1990, two years before the royal marital woes hit front pages, indicated only 10 percent of Britons felt there wouldn't be a monarchy in 50 years.

Constitutional historian David Starkey said the whole foundation on which the monarchy was built had collapsed with the failure of the royal marriage.

"The monarchy in the 20th century sold itself as a family monarchy," he told Channel 4 News, but that has now ended.

Date set for Irish peace talks to begin

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Proclaiming a significant breakthrough toward peace, Irish and British prime ministers have set a starting date for renewed talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

Britain's John Major and Irish Premier John Bruton announced Wednesday that multiparty negotiations are to begin by June 10. Sinn Fein, the political party allied to the Irish Republican Army, cannot join the talks until the guerrillas resume their truce, the two leaders insisted.

Sinn Fein must also agree to elections in Northern Ireland of party representatives, something it has opposed. But Britain dropped its demand that the IRA start disarming before Sinn Fein is admitted to negotiations, a key issue that had held up the talks.

The IRA ended a 17-month truce on Feb. 9, when it exploded a truck bomb in a London business district, killing two people. For months, exasperated IRA supporters demanded a starting date for negotiations on the future of the overwhelmingly Protestant province — whether it should remain under British control, merge with the mostly Catholic Republic of Ireland or assume some other status.

In their announcement, Major and Bruton stipulated that Sinn Fein must accept a six-point formal renunciation of violence, written by President Clinton's key advisor on Northern Ireland, former Sen. George Mitchell, and unveiled last month.

"We've agreed that at the beginning of the negotiations, all participants will need to make clear their commitment to democracy and nonviolence as set out in Senator Mitchell's report," Major said.

Mitchell specifies that the IRA must start disarming during negotiations, while Sinn Fein has "to renounce for themselves, and to oppose any effort by others, to use force" to influence political movement.

But given this month's IRA bombing, the Sinn Fein-IRA leadership will have a hard time convincing other parties — particularly the north's deeply suspicious pro-British Protestant leaders — that they would honor such a pledge.

"Sinn Fein are unreformed fascists. The lesson of history is that you cannot negotiate with fascists," asserted Sammy Wilson, a member of Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party.

"These kind of people at the end of the day will return to their violence," he added.

On Monday, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator Martin McGuinness told British representatives in Belfast that only a negotiations date "without preconditions" would secure a second IRA cease-fire.

McGuinness, a reputed former IRA commander, likewise said Sinn Fein would not commit itself to Mitchell's principles before negotiations, and still considered elections an unacceptable condition.

Sinn Fein has dismissed the call for elections as delaying taqtic and a means for Protestants to underscore their majority position within Northern Ireland.

Major said Britain and Ireland would seek "intensive consultations" with all parties, including Sinn Fein, from Monday to mid-March regardless of whether the IRA resumes a truce.

If the parties can't agree on a form for an election, the British government will impose one by April. The vote would take place throughout Northern Ireland sometime in May.

Gorbachev all but declares for presidency

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail Gorbachev said today that he has "internally" decided to run for the Russian presidency, but stopped just short of declaring himself formally in the race.

The former Soviet president told reporters he expects to announce his candidacy some time in March.

"I can confirm that I am internally ready" to run, he said as he arrived at his Gorbachev Foundation think tank in Moscow. "It's just a question of the time and the place that I will declare."

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> **-Mikhail Gorbachev**

Asked to rate his chances, he said: "If I make the decision to run, then I don't just intend to be a wedding general ... that is, make a ceremonial entry into the contest.

"If I run, I'll do everything possible to count on winning. Otherwise, what's the point?" he said.

Gorbachev said last week that until he makes an official declaration, the public should consider that "a final decision hasn't been made."

Recent public opinion polls put Gorbachev's popularity rating at about 1 percent.

The current front-runner in the race is Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who has a comfortable lead over President Boris Yeltsin and other significant contenders.

While Gorbachev remains popular in the West as the man who brought down the Soviet police state, he lost the support of Russian liberals before leaving office in 1991 for waffling on reforms and resorting to authoritarian tactics as his government collapsed. Hard-liners revile him for tearing the system apart and leaving the nation adrift.

Even some close associates have tried to talk Gorbachev out of running.

He said today that his platform would be "an alternative to the current regime and an alternative to Communist fundamentalism."

Presidential hopefuls in Russia must collect at least 1 million signatures by April 16 to qualify for the race. Despite skepticism that Gorbachev would be able to meet that requirement, he said.

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Lions Club sponsors camp for children

by KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Spring isn't even here yet but it's time to start thinking about summer camp. Why? Because the Big Spring Evening Lions Club is currently seeking handicapped children to attend their camp this summer.

The club pays for the transportation to and from the camp in Kerrville. At least 1,300 kids converge on 500-acre site each summer. The camp was established in 1949 during the polio epidemic with the first session during the summer of 1953.

There is one counselor for every three children and there are registered nurses on site 24 hours a day.

The camp is open to physically handicapped, blind, deaf or diabetic children. The diabetic camp is run separately from the other because they focus on how the child can give themselves their own insulin shots, monitoring their blood sugar and other pertinent information.

A medical team from Galveston attends the diabetic camp to teach the children what they need to know about diabetes.

Bill Birrell, Lions Club member, said there is no limit to what some of the kids can do at the camp. There is horseback riding, swimming, crafts, adventure program, nature studies, gardening, overnight campouts and athletics. One of the new features at the camp is a climbing wall on the ropes course.

"It's hard for some parents to let their child go but there are counselors and nurses on hand all the time. In fact, there is one counselor for every three campers.

"These kids have such a great time because they aren't being picked on and they see there are others in the same situation as they are," Birrell said.

Lasting friendships are developed and the campers want to go back year after year. There is no cost to attend the camp and Lions Clubs from across the state pay the transportation expenses.

The camp is paid for by donations and Lions Club members in Big Spring as well as others in Texas.

There are more than 250,000 children eligible to attend the camps in Texas. The camps are also broken down by age groups with one camp for kids ages seven to 11 and the other for 12 to 17.

The Texas Lions Camp is accredited by the American Camping Association, a group that evaluates camps to make sure they comply with the highest standards.

The Lions are also gearing up for Campaign 2000. This is to get 2,000 kids enrolled in the summer camps. Part of the campaign is to raise money to renovate and add on to the facility.

The camp was originally built in 1952 with two bunkhouses, a dining room, kitchen, arts and crafts building and a swimming pool.

The six bunkhouses at the camp now need to be worked on in order to come into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The dining hall was renovated more than 25 years ago. The proposed hall would seat 400 with a current capacity of 120. The new hall would allow all campers and counselors to eat at the same time.

Lions Club members also want to replace the two swimming pools with one large with that has a circulation system along with a place for showering, changing as well as a shaded area.

The goal of the state organization is to raise $2.5 million. The money would be used to install a front gate and security system, improve the nature trail, correct ADA deficiencies in the bunkhouse bathrooms, counselor rooms, porches and doorways, remodeling the administration office, remodel the health center, remodel the program office, relocate and improve the miniature golf course, build the new dining hall and the new swimming pool.

For more information about the camp or to donate to Campaign 2000, contact a Lions Club member or call 267-3068.



Courtesy photo

This is an aerial view of the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Local Lions Club members are currently seeking handicapped children to attend their camps this summer.

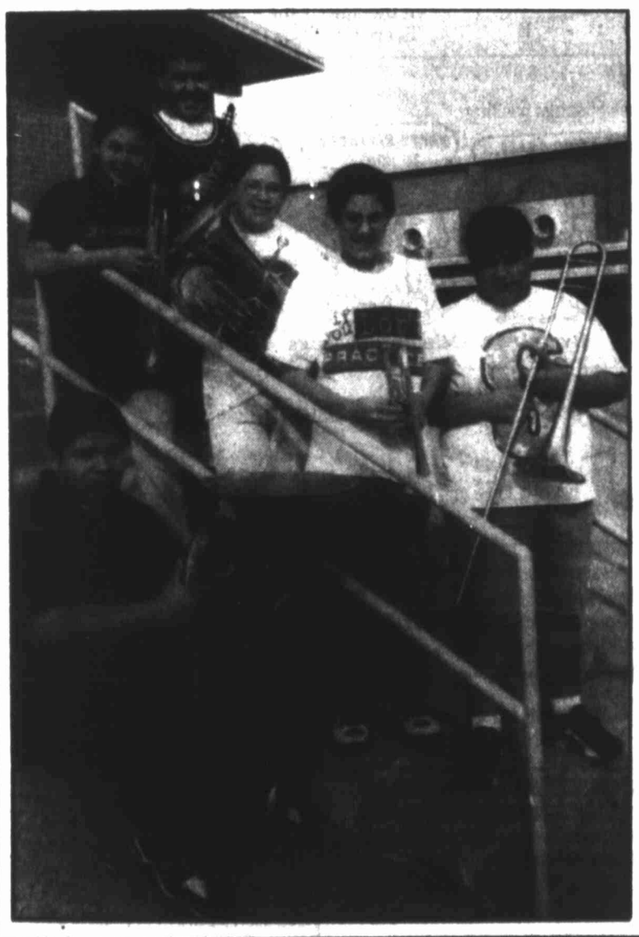


HONOR BANDS

Herald photos by Tim Appel

Students from Runnels and Goliad recently took top honors a the all-regional band contest.

The Runnels band is pictured above. On the front row, left to right: Ashlie Simmons, Sandra Gainey, Kami Horn and Kirstin Lujan. Back row: Heddy Wigington, Madera Gray, Toby Molina, Chris Bravo, Telena Rodgers and Cori Soldan.



The Goliad band is pictured to the left. Standing, left to right: Valaria Aguirre, Eloy Leal, Drew Mireles, Aaron Schooler, and Jason Martinez. Sitting: Willie Bravo.

Home computers for kids

Scripps Howard News Service

When and what to buy are the most vexing questions for parents in the market for a home computer.

Deb Krech of Milwaukee spent two months researching just what combination of hard drive, monitor, modem and printer to get, in part for her children Tim, now 15, and Carolyn, 11. Two years and a couple of adjustments later, she's still second-guessing herself.

In short, experts recommend getting the newest technology available for the amount you can afford. A standard setup with a modem and CD-ROM drive should meet the basic needs of most families for several years.

If you haven't worked much with computers before, visit your child's school and get demonstrations from public libraries or friends with computers.

With Windows 95 software making IBM-compatible computers more user-friendly, and with Apple's Power Macintoshes able to run software intended for IBM personal computers, the Apple-vs.-IBM imbroglio has become more a matter of personal preference and familiarity.

Recent financial glitches at Apple have raised questions about the company's future in schools, a market it has dominated from the get-go.

Increasingly, students are exposed to both Apple and IBM at school, and experts say even outmoded, used models are better for students than no home computers at all.

Determine what software the family would use. Talk with computer science teachers and acquaintances already into home computing. Browse through the software aisles of electronics stores and computer magazine advertisements.

Puzzles cast light on the past

LEXINGTON, Mass. (AP) — Before television, before video, before the computer, they were a popular distraction. Piece together jigsaw puzzles and you could find a lovely landscape or a map of the world.

Simple fun for a simpler time.

But puzzles still abound, and their fans are turning up for a revealing museum exhibit that traces the history of the pastime.

Puzzles on display at the Museum of our National Heritage include a four-piece children's puzzle crafted in the 1880s and a 2,500-piece puzzle made in the 1940s.

The later puzzle portrays people disembarking from a ship near the white cliffs of Dover in Britain. A puzzle in the exhibit from the 1850s forms a scene from the antislavery classic, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." One from 1909 shows George Washington crossing the Delaware.

"Just about all our history and pop culture shows up on puzzles," said Anne Williams, a professor at Bates College and a puzzles expert who owns more than 5,000 puzzles.

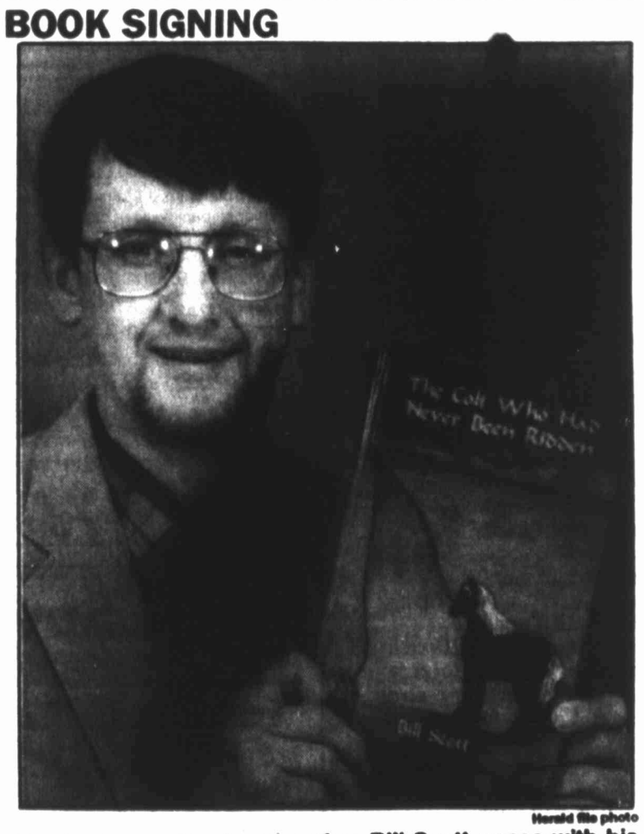
Jigsaw puzzles, named for the saw that was used to cut them, were first manufactured in the United States in the mid-19th century, mainly for children.

In 1907, they became an attraction for adults as well, when a Boston woman whose name is no longer remembered pasted magazine pictures onto wood, cut them up and sold them to benefit local hospitals.

In 1909, Parker Brothers, the Salem-based game manufacturer, stopped producing all of its

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BOOK SIGNING



Herald file photo

Big Spring resident and author Bill Scott poses with his book, "The Colt Who Had Never Been Ridden." He will be signing copies of his book on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Wal-Mart Supercenter. Scott said this is a good book to purchase as an Easter present for children. The story is about a colt who is being saved for Jesus to ride upon.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pick up pictures

Anyone who has had an engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement run in the Big Spring Herald needs to pick up their pictures no later than March 15.

If you, a friend or relative has had an announcement published since 1980, please come by the Herald at 710 Scurry to pick up the picture.

Any picture not picked up by March 15 will be discarded. This does not apply to recent announcements as those people have 30 days after the date of publication to pick up their photographs.

Ag Expo March 21 and 22

The Ag Expo will be March 21 and 22 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It is open to the public. Times for this event is as follows: Thureday, 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer

The 109th annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated Friday. The observance will take place in Big Spring at the First Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m.

Millions of women around the world will join together on this day in informed prayer and prayerful action.

Recipes sought for Herald

We are currently seeking input from our readers to begin a recipe page to run on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in April.

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

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

THE LAST WORD

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.

—Wilson Mizner

Procrastination is the thief of time.

—Edward Young

No guest is so welcome in a friend's house that he will not become a nuisance after three days.

—Titus Maccius Plautus

We take issue even with perfection.

—Pascal

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

Girl Rewarded for Wallet

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Tyra Anderson wanted to buy her mother a diamond ring with the $300 she found on the way to school.

But honesty won out.

The 9-year-old turned in the wallet and the money in it to her principal the day she found it, Jan. 26. The owner rewarded her with a compact disc and a coupon for a canoe ride.

But the largess did not stop there.

Anonymous donors, inspired by her honesty, have given Tyra about $200, a silver locket — and that diamond ring for her mother.

Tyra gave $50 to her 11-year-old brother, Romel Bankston, who was with her when she found the wallet, and said she might start a bank account for college with the rest.

On Tuesday, Tyra's third-grade class at the Indianola Alternative Elementary School will have a pizza party, courtesy of a medical transcriptionist.

"It really lit up my heart," he wrote. "Just tell me how many students are in the class and when you want the pizza delivered."

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Use information from the story to answer the following questions:

1. Why is Tyra Anderson in the news?
2. What had the 9-year-old girl thought of doing with the money she found?
3. How did the person who owned the wallet reward Tyra?
4. Do you think that the wallet owner had to give the young girl a reward? Explain.
5. Why might some who gives a gift wish to remain anonymous (not named)?
6. What did the medical transcriptionist (a person who types a doctor's notes) mean when he said that the story "lit up my heart?"
7. What largess (generous gift) did Tyra's third-grade class receive?
8. Who is Romel Bankston? How was Tyra able to give him a $50 reward?
9. How did the Ohio girl's mother benefit from her daughter's decision to give back the money?
10. Do you think that Tyra did the right thing by deciding to turn in the wallet? Tell why or why not.

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Answer Key: (Wording may vary.)

1. Tyra Anderson found a wallet containing $300 on her way to school and decided to give it to her principal.
2. The girl thought about using the money to buy her mother a diamond ring.
3. The owner of the wallet gave Tyra a compact disc and a coupon for a canoe ride.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Tyra's third-grade class was given a pizza party.
8. Romel Bankston is Tyra's brother. Tyra was able to give him the money because she had received $200 from donors.
9. The young girl's mother was given a gift of a diamond ring.
10. Answers will vary.

Puzzles

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other games to concentrate on puzzles.

"There was no radio and TV, and jigsaws were a social event," Williams said.

Puzzles where the pieces can be reassembled into a specified shape existed as far back as ancient Greece. But it wasn't until 1766 that Englishman John Spilsbury cut the first jigsaw puzzle out of wood. It sits under a glass case in the entrance to the museum's exhibit.

The first jigsaw puzzles were made of fine mahogany and were the playthings of rich children. A puzzle cost about one pound sterling, more than the average person made in a week.

Skilled cutters, many of them women, sawed each puzzle into intricate, interlocking shapes. Some pieces were in the shape of hearts, arrows and even dancing ballerinas.

Especially for kids and their families

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Let's Hear From You!

Get Kids Singing ... Again!



When do you sing?

Do you sing with your family?

Do you sing at church?

Do you sing at school?

Do you sing when you are in the shower?

Do you cycle and sing?

Back then



Today's kids probably don't sing as much as kids did in the past. Families used to gather around the piano and sing. Back then, kids didn't have TV, portable radios, tape and CD players. If they wanted music, they had to make it themselves.

In today's terms, they were their own boom boxes.

Since everybody was singing more, they usually knew the same songs. When they got together to sing, they all knew the words.



Be a song collector



Why not collect some of the old songs your parents and grandparents used to sing when they were growing up?

Get out your tape recorder. Ask them to sing their favorite songs.
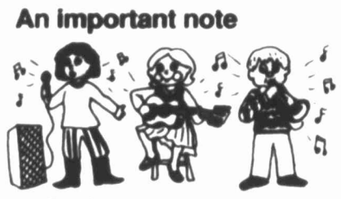
Take your tape to school. With your teacher's help:



- Make a list of the favorites.
- Write down the words.
- Make copies to pass out to each student.
- Make songbooks. Now you can all sing the same song.

The chances are you know the tunes. If you don't — learn them!

An important note



While listening to good music is a great pleasure, making it yourself helps you enjoy it even more.



These children are singing in the pretaped part of the "World's Largest Concert" at the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich.



March is Music in Our Schools Month. This year's theme is "Music Is Key."

The purpose of this month is to encourage schoolkids to sing, listen to, enjoy, appreciate and play music. Music is important to our lives. Experts also say that music helps you in other school subjects.

World's Largest Concert
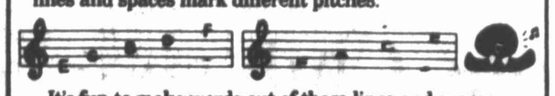


To help get kids excited about music, there will be a special TV show. "The World's Largest Concert" will be held Thursday, March 7, on PBS. Eight million schoolchildren will join in singing. The time is 1:00 to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. (Check your local listings, and tune in, join in and sing out!)
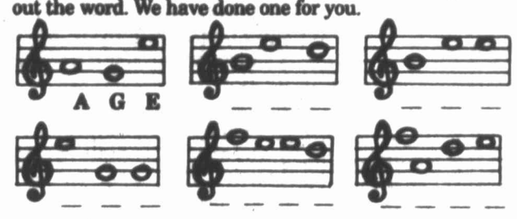
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PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE-LE-DO

A musical staff has five lines and four spaces. The lines and spaces mark different pitches.

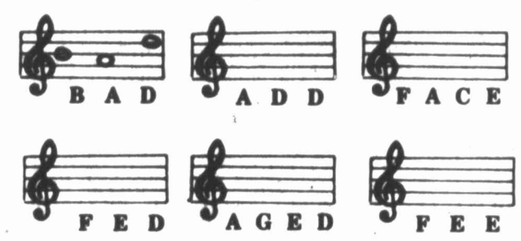


It's fun to make words out of these lines and spaces. Using the staffs above as a guide, work the puzzles below. Find the note's name, write it down, then figure out the word. We have done one for you.



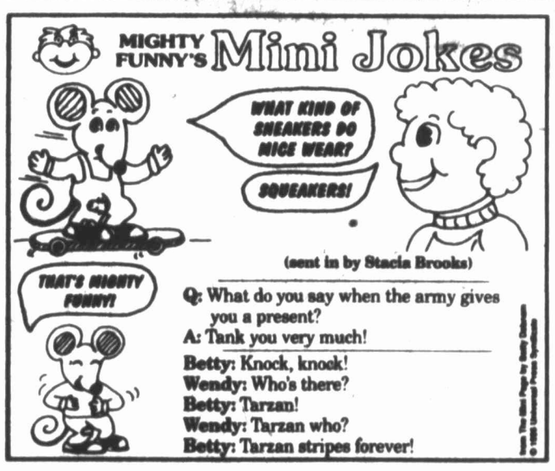
Answers: 1. AGE, 2. BED, 3. BEE, 4. EGG, 5. FEED, 6. FADE

On the staffs below, draw in the note that matches each letter. We have done one for you.



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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



(sent in by Stacia Brooks)

Q: What do you say when the army gives you a present?
A: Tank you very much!

Betty: Knock, knock!
Wendy: Who's there?
Betty: Tarzan!
Wendy: Tarzan who?
Betty: Tarzan stripes forever!

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Chow Time Chops



You'll need:

- 4 pork chops
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- 1 20-ounce can pork and beans in tomato sauce

What to do:

1. Cook pork chops in a skillet over medium heat until brown on both sides. Turn about every 5 minutes.
2. Add onion and pork and beans.
3. Turn heat to low. Cover and cook 15 minutes. Serves 4.

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BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S MUSIC TRY 'N FIND

Words about music are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SING, NOTE, STAFF, TREBLE, BASS, RHYTHM, MELODY, UP, DOWN, SLOW, FAST, FUN, MUSIC, TEACHER, LULLABY, HYMN, CHOIR, CHORUS, LINES, NOTE, WHOLE, HALF.

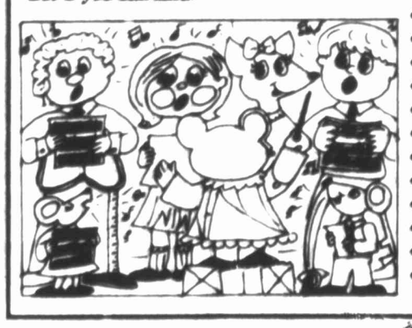


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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy's friends are all in the school chorus. See if you can find:



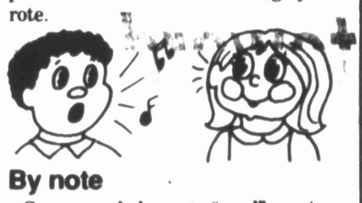
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- ruler
- caterpillar
- sailboat
- word MINI
- sword
- bird
- skeleton key
- bell
- heart
- number 3
- question mark

Sing Out, America, Sing Out!

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Learn by rote

Sometimes we learn to sing songs by repeating or copying what we hear with our own voice. We practice and practice. This is called learning by rote.



By note

Some people learn to "read" music. This is called reading by note. The notes we use and where we put them on special lines give us a map, or guide.



Written music

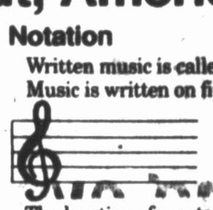
Written music has been called the road map for sound.

Written music tells you when to:

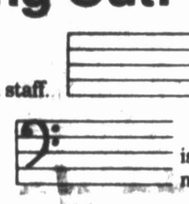
- speed up or slow down (the rhythm).
- which direction to go in, up or down (the melody).

Notation

Written music is called "notation." Music is written on five lines called a staff.
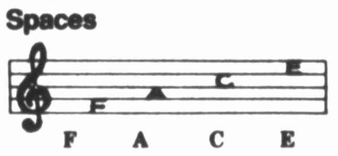


A treble clef sign is used for higher notes.



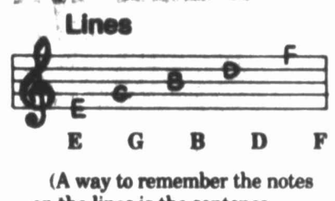
A bass clef sign is used for lower notes.

The location of a note on the staff shows its pitch, or sound. The lines and spaces have letter names.

Spaces



Lines



(A way to remember the notes on the lines is the sentence "Every Good Boy Does Fine.")

Types of songs

Here are some types of songs we sing.

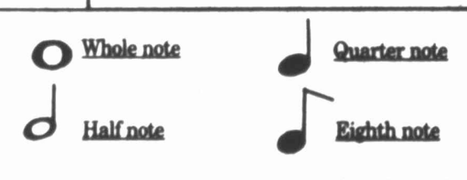


Lullabies | Hymns | Celebration songs | Patriotic songs

Notes

Written music has its own special symbols, or notes.

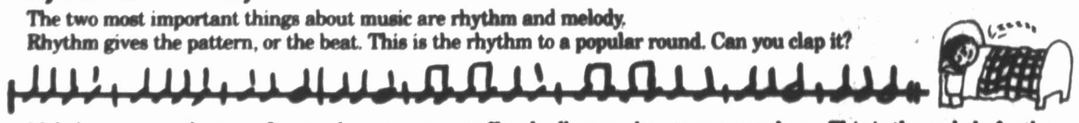
The appearance of a note tells you how long it lasts, or its value.



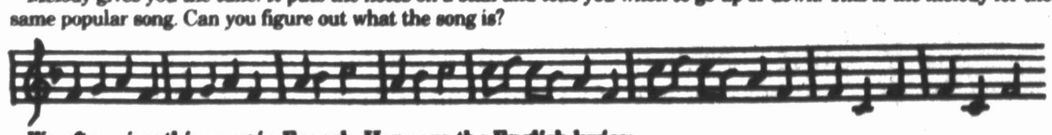
Rhythm and melody

The two most important things about music are rhythm and melody.

Rhythm gives the pattern, or the beat. This is the rhythm to a popular round. Can you clap it?



Melody gives you the tune. It puts the notes on a staff and tells you when to go up or down. This is the melody for the same popular song. Can you figure out what the song is?



We often sing this song in French. Here are the English lyrics:

Are you sleeping, Brother John? Morning bells are ringing. Ding, dong, ding.
Are you sleeping, Brother John? Morning bells are ringing. Ding, dong, ding.

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Klondike boys vs. Plains 6 p.m. at Levelland

Today
Frank Phillips at LADY HAWKS 6 p.m.
Frank Phillips at HAWKS, 8 p.m.

NBA
Orlando 116, Miami 112
Atlanta 90, Portland 88
Seattle 94, Detroit 80
Phoenix 117, Minnesota 93

Got an item?
Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Steve Reagan, 263-7331, Ext 113.

Hawks' mission: Win or call it a season

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Howard College's basketball teams enter tonight's regular season finale with radically different approaches.

For the Lady Hawks, it is little more than a tune-up.

For the Hawks, however, tonight is their ticket to either the postseason or an early vacation.

Howard hosts Frank Phillips College tonight at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The women's game begins at 5:50 p.m., with the men's game to follow at 7:50.

The playoff implications for the Hawks and Frank Phillips are very simple: The winner goes to the playoffs, while the loser watches baseball.

Both teams are tied for the fourth and final playoff spot from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. A win over FPC will propel Howard into the Region V tournament next month in Waco.

Howard coach Tommy Collins said that his charges have responded positively to the task awaiting them.

"If practices are any indication, we're in a great situation, because we've had two great practices back-to-back," Collins said. "But we've been deceptive this year. We've had the same kind of practices before and then come out flatter than a pancake. Then, we'd have poor practices and come out and play really well, so you really can't tell about this team."

This has been a season of extremes for Howard. Ravaged by injuries through most of the season, the Hawks nevertheless opened conference play with three straight wins. However, they followed that streak with one in which they lost four of five contests and currently hold a 6-5 league mark.

If Howard wins, it will tie Odessa for third place in the WJCAC. Collins said a coin flip with OC officials would decide seeding for the regional tournament.

But first, the Hawks have to get by Frank Phillips.

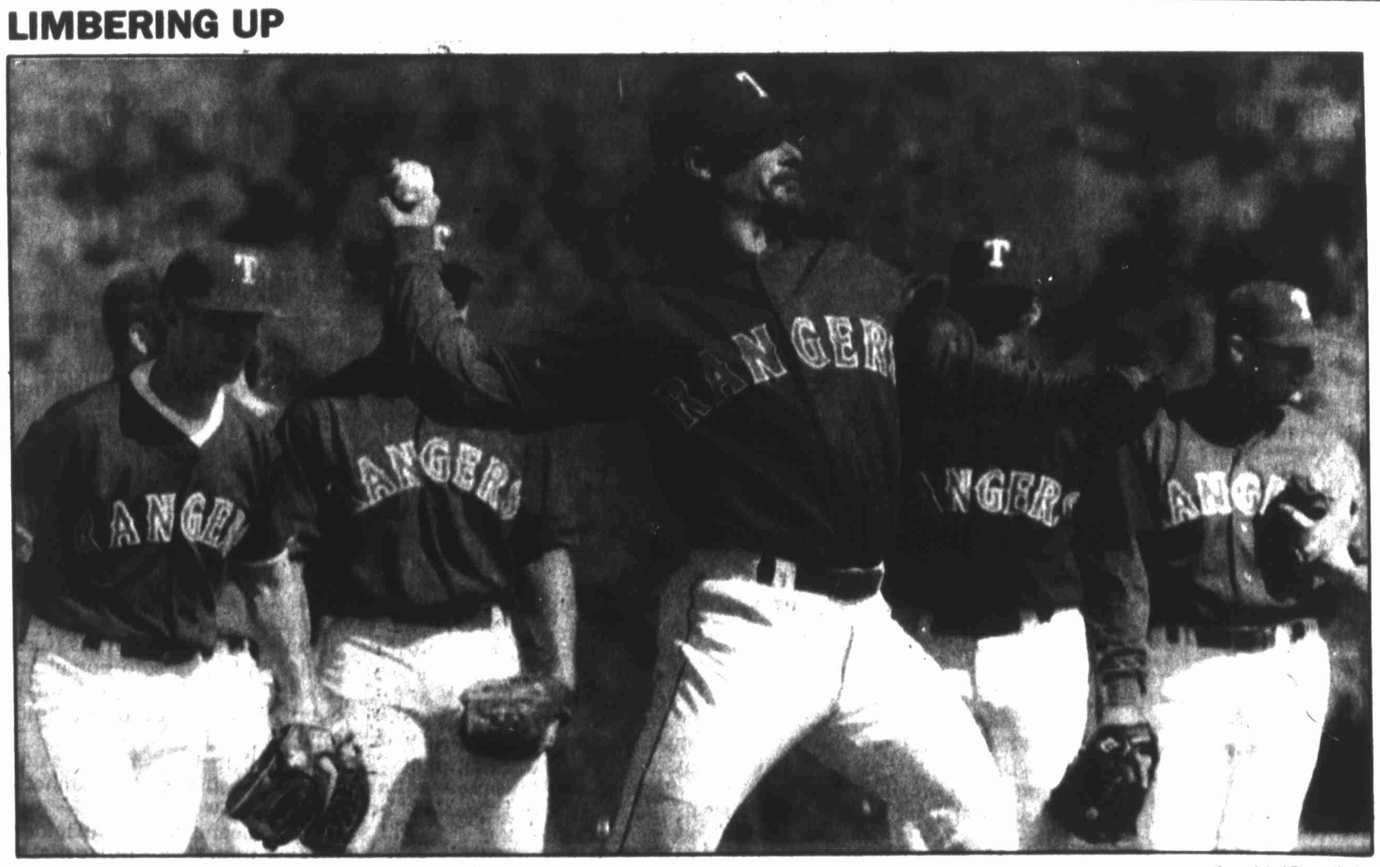
"We just have to execute and play a lot better," Collins said. "We played poorly offensively against them the last time we played, and we didn't have any spark on defense ... But we have been in this situation before, and I think that experience will help us."

While the Hawks are in an extreme must-win situation, however, the Lady Hawks are approaching tonight's game as a little more than a practice.

Howard's women (15-2 in conference) have already clinched their fifth straight WJCAC title and a No. 1 seed at next week's Region V tournament in Odessa. With nothing to gain from the game – except maybe an injury or two – head coach

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LIMBERING UP



Associated Press photo

Kevin Gross, center, and several of his Texas teammates loosen up during a a recent team practice in Port Charlotte, Fla. The Rangers open their exhibition schedule Friday against the Chicago White Sox in Sarasota, Fla.

Steers taking basic approach to local tourney

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring baseball team hopes to take care of a few interior problems during the Big Spring baseball tournament along with taking care of a few teams.

Today the Steers host a double round-robin tournament against Snyder, Greenwood and the JV Steers. Big Spring coach Bobby Doe want these games to prepare them for the rest of the season.

"We need this tournament for the experience," said Doe. "The only way to get that is by playing."

This morning's game were cancelled because of weather, and officials were meeting at noon to determine whether to play this afternoon's contest.

That schedule calls for Big Spring to play Snyder at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Big Spring's JV will face Snyder at 10 a.m.; the Steers' varsity takes on Greenwood at 12:45 p.m., then faces Snyder at 3:30.

Saturday, Greenwood takes on Snyder at noon and Greenwood faces Big Spring at 3 p.m.

All games are at Steer Park.

Big Spring has a 1-2 record, and that victory came against Greenwood, last year's Class 3A regional finalist. The Steers beat Greenwood 4-2, but they won't count Greenwood out during this tournament.

"Greenwood has a good team," said Doe. "They have seven players returning from last year's regional team."

According to Doe, Snyder also has a solid team, so these schools aren't expected to be a doormat for the Steers.

"Snyder has a traditionally good program," said Doe. "They team has good defense and pitching. They hit the ball well."

Winning is not of the utmost importance to Big Spring. The goal today is primarily to strengthen the team's basic skills.

"[The coaches] are not putting any pressure on the team," said Doe. "We're in the groove. We need to get our fundamentals down.

"We need to work on the defensive situations. We need to know what to do when the ball comes."

Senior first baseman T.J. Rios agrees that now the Steers lack defense, but are strong in other aspects

"Our defense is weak," said Rios. "We can't stop little ground balls or make double plays. If we're going to be a good team, we need to work on the basics. Then we could go to other things, like picking people off.

"We have really good pitching. Zac [Leslie] did a real good job in Greenwood."

As for pressure and expectations, senior pitcher Leslie says he can't help but feel a small

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UIL casts doubting eye toward overtime

AUSTIN (AP) — The University Interscholastic League has decided to open the high school football season next fall without the new NCAA overtime rule that will do away with ties in college football.

The UIL uses NCAA rules, but can make exceptions, and UIL athletic director Charles Breithaupt said Wednesday that the governing body wants to get input from coaches around the state and the UIL Legislative Council.

However, barring an overwhelming outcry against it, the new NCAA overtime rule will be used during the playoffs next fall, Breithaupt said.

"We're still looking to get back some surveys from coaches, and we'll seek input from the Council before making a final decision," Breithaupt said.

The UIL has been criticized for its use of a tiebreaker in playoffs. The UIL's tiebreaker system considers penetrations, first downs and total yardage, in that order, to determine which team advances whenever there is a tie at the end of regulation.

High school coaches have generally been against changing the tie-breaker, but Briethaupt said he anticipates the rule probably will gain acceptance when the NCAA begins using it for regular-season games.

The NCAA's Division I-A overtime rule, approved earlier this month for all college games, gives each team a possession at the opponent's 25-yard line at the end of regulation.

The overtime system is not sudden death as used in the NFL, and the clock is not a factor.

The team winning the coin toss can choose to start on offense or defense, or it can choose which 25-yard line the possessions will start on. Each team begins each possession on the same end of the field.

A possession ends when a team scores, commits a turnover or fails to convert on fourth down. The game ends when the score is no longer tied at the end of an overtime.

Men battle for second, while women slug it out for top prize

DALLAS (AP) — The race for the Southwest Conference women's title has turned into an old-fashioned nail-biter.

On the men's side, however, the only mystery left is who will play second fiddle.

In the women's race, Texas Tech (22-3) and Texas (18-7) are locked in a tie for first in the SWC with 12-1 records.

The 25th-ranked Texas women play at Houston on Saturday, while No. 9 Tech visits Rice the same day.

If they both win or lose, the folks over at the SWC would get out their calculators to try to determine a champion by comparing their records against each other and against other conference opponents, in descending order, starting with the top-seeded team.

The teams split their two earlier meetings, with Tech winning 68-62 on Jan. 27 in Lubbock and Texas prevailing 76-60 last Saturday in Austin.

If all else fails, a coin flip will determine the champion.

Tech coach Marsha Sharp refused to speculate when asked how she'd feel losing the championship on a coin flip.

"The SWC race isn't over yet," she said. "We've still got one game to go. So does Texas."

The Texas Tech men (24-1, 13-0 Southwest Conference), ranked No. 9 in The Associated Press Top 25, clinched the conference crown Saturday with a 75-58 drubbing of Texas. That left the Longhorns and Houston clawing for second place.

The Tech men close out the SWC season Saturday against Rice.

Texas (18-7, 10-3) continued its quest for second place in the conference and an at-large NCAA Tournament bid by holding off Rhode Island 81-77 on Monday. The Longhorns close out the SWC season Saturday at Houston.

The Cougars (16-9, 10-3) kept their second-place hopes alive Wednesday by beating SMU 62-59 in Dallas.

It wasn't easy.

Houston overcame a double-digit deficit to score the last 13 points of the game.

Houston coach Alvin Brooks was obviously relieved.

"It looked very bleak for us," Brooks said. "We just had to gut it out and win an ugly game."

Tech tied Texas for the regular-season SWC crown last season. The Red Raiders are one win away from tying the school record of 25 wins set in 1975-76.

The SWC Classic Tournament starts March 6 for the women and March 7 for the men. Both tournaments will be in Dallas.

Next season, Texas, Tech, Texas A&M and Baylor will join the Big 12. Rice, TCU and SMU will join the Western Athletic Conference. Houston will join Conference USA.

■SWC

> The SWC race isn't over yet. We've still got one game to go. So does Texas.
>
> **Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp**

BOTTOM of the ORDER

ON TAP

Today

Basketball
Frank Phillips at Howard (men/women), 5:50/7:50 p.m.

Friday

Baseball
Big Spring Invitational Tournament, Steer Park.

Softball
Sweetwater at Big Spring, 5:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Andrews, 5:30 p.m.

Golf
Big Spring girls at Fort Stockton
Big Spring boys at Andrews

STATE/NATION

Stars, Flyers skate to tie

DALLAS (AP) — Craig MacTavish has four Stanley Cup championships rings. To get a fifth, the 16-year NHL veteran said the Philadelphia Flyers must be ready to play every night.

Eric Lindros scored his 40th and 41st goals of the season and MacTavish notched the tying goal with 7:00 to play in regulation as Philadelphia rallied from a two-goal, third-period deficit for a 4-4 tie with the Dallas Stars on Wednesday night.

"Sometime between now and the rest of the season there has to be a vast improvement if we want to equal what we did last year," the 37-year-old MacTavish said. "We can't expect teams to roll over just because we're the Philadelphia Flyers."

Goals by Daryl Sydor, Guy Carbonneau and Grant Ledyard staked the Stars to a 3-1 first-period advantage before the Flyers scrambled for the tie.

Tagliabue opposes move

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue reiterated to officials from Seattle his desire that the Seahawks remain in the Pacific Northwest.

He suggested, however, that the dispute with Seahawks owner Kenneth Behring be handled locally before the NFL steps in.

Series to be played in Mexico

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres and New York Mets are going south of the border for the major league's first regular-season games in Mexico.

Their Aug. 16-18 series will be played in Monterrey.

ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

Basketball

College
W. Virginia at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Memphis at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
Arizona at Wash. State, 9:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

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Girls playoffs

AUSTIN (AP) — Pairings for the University Interscholastic League girls playoffs:

Semifinals

Conference 1A

Nazareth (34-2) vs. Round Top-Carmine (25-3) 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Frank Erwin Center

Celeste (36-2) vs. Zephyr (26-7) 10 a.m. Thursday, Frank Erwin Center

Conference 2A

Gunter (34-1) vs. Edgewood (33-2) 9:30 a.m. Friday, Frank Erwin Center

Ozona (35-2) vs. Poth (32-5) 11 a.m. Friday, Frank Erwin Center

Conference 3A

Lindale (33-3) vs. Slaton (25-7) 2 p.m. Thursday, Frank Erwin Center

Groesbeck (34-2) vs. Liberty Hill (28-4) 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Frank Erwin Center

Conference 4A

Canyon (30-0) vs. Crosby (22-10) 7 p.m. Thursday, Frank Erwin Center

Cedar Hill (34-4) vs. Waco Midway (29-8) 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Frank Erwin Center

Conference 5A

Austin Westlake (34-2) vs. Amarillo (29-8) 3 p.m. Friday, Frank Erwin Center

Alief Elsik (38-0) vs. Georgetown (34-2) 7 p.m. Friday, Frank Erwin Center

Finals

Nazareth-Round Top-Carmine winner vs. Celeste-Zephyr winner 9 a.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Lindale-Slaton winner vs. Groesbeck-Liberty Hill winner 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Gunter-Edgewood winner vs. Ozona-Poth winner 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Canyon-Crosby winner vs. Cedar Hill-Waco Midway winner 4 p.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Austin Westlake-Amarillo winner vs. Alief Elsik-Georgetown winner 8 p.m. Saturday, Frank Erwin Center

Boys playoffs

DALLAS (AP) — Pairings for the University Interscholastic League boys playoffs:

Class 5A

REGION I

Abilene Cooper (24-9) vs. Euless Trinity (28-3) 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center, Midland

El Paso Irvin (25-5) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (28-4) 7:45 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center, Midland

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

REGION II

Kimball (33-2) vs. Killeen Ellison (23-9) 6:30 p.m. Friday at Ferrell Center, Waco

Carter (25-7) vs. Klein (25-10) 8:15 p.m. Friday at Ferrell Center, Waco

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

REGION III

Alief Hastings (33-3) vs. Clear Lake (30-4) 7 p.m. Friday at Hofheinz Pavilion, Houston

Humble (28-5) vs. Alief Elsik (29-5) 8:30 p.m. Friday at Hofheinz Pavilion, Houston

CHAMPIONSHIP 7 p.m. Saturday at Rice's Autry Court

REGION IV

San Antonio Jay (25-9) vs. CC Carroll (27-6) 8 p.m. Friday at UTSA Convocation Center, San Antonio

SA Marshall (27-9) vs. Harlingen South (28-7) 8 p.m. Friday at UTSA Convocation Center, San Antonio

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

CLASS 4A

REGION I

Pampa (30-3) vs. Frenship (29-7) 7 p.m. Saturday at Wayland Baptist, Plainview

REGION II

Madison (24-6) vs. A. Maceo Smith (26-6) 8 p.m. Saturday at Sprague

REGION III

Bay City (24-11) vs. Santa Fe (32-5) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Delmar Field, Houston

REGION IV

Austin McNeil (30-5) vs. Austin Reagan (25-9) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Burger Center

CLASS 3A

REGION I

Graham (30-4) vs. Seminole (23-11) 7 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

Jacksboro (22-12) vs. Slaton (18-13) 8:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

REGION II

Commerce (17-10) vs. Atlanta (28-4) 1 p.m. Friday at ETSU Field House, Commerce

Eustace (24-9) vs. Daingerfield (27-2) 3 p.m. Friday at ETSU Field House, Commerce

CHAMPIONSHIP 2 p.m. Saturday

REGION III

Hempstead (24-7) vs. Hardin-Jefferson (31-3) 6:15 p.m. Friday at Sam Houston St., Huntsville

Rusk (18-4) vs. Kountze (30-4) 8 p.m. Friday at Sam Houston St., Huntsville

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

REGION IV

Luling (24-7) vs. Sinton (29-5) 6 p.m. Friday at Texas A&M-Kingsville

Gonzales (21-12) vs. West Oso (28-6) 8 p.m. Friday at Texas A&M-Kingsville

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

CLASS 2A

REGION I

New Deal (31-4) vs. Haskell (26-6) 6:30 p.m. Friday at Moody Coliseum, Abilene

Stratford (19-10) vs. Cisco (27-5) 8 p.m. Friday at Moody Coliseum, Abilene

CHAMPIONSHIP 3 p.m. Saturday

REGION II

Krum (33-1) vs. Itasca (28-4) 6 p.m. Friday at Tarleton St., Stephenville

Wolfe City (30-2) vs. Mart (27-4) 8 p.m. Friday at Tarleton St., Stephenville

CHAMPIONSHIP 2 p.m. Saturday

REGION III

Troup (30-3) vs. Woden (29-3) 6 p.m. Friday at Tyler JC

Bogota Rivercrest (26-8) vs. East Chambers (22-7) 8 p.m. Friday at Tyler JC

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

REGION IV

Industrial (22-5) vs. San Antonio Cole (24-6) 6 p.m. Friday at St. Edward's, Austin

Ganado (27-4) vs. SA Randolph (27-5) 8 p.m. Friday at St. Edward's, Austin

CHAMPIONSHIP 1 p.m. Saturday

CLASS A

REGION I

(at South Plains College, Levelland)

Quarterfinals

Shamrock (19-4) vs. Nazareth (25-6) 1:30 p.m. Friday at South Plains College, Levelland

Smyer (25-6) vs. Sands (21-5) 3 p.m. Friday at South Plains College, Levelland

Claude (26-7) vs. Sudan (18-7) 7 p.m. Friday at South Plains College, Levelland

Plains (22-6) vs. Klondike (22-0) 8:30 p.m. Friday at South Plains College, Levelland

Semifinals

Shamrock-Nazareth winner vs. Smyer-Sands winner 9:30 a.m. Saturday at South Plains College, Levelland

Claude-Sudan winner vs. Plains-Klondike winner 11:00 a.m. Saturday at South Plains College, Levelland

CHAMPIONSHIP 7 p.m. Saturday

REGION II

Quarterfinals

Knox City (18-14) vs. Windthorst (22-7) 2 p.m. Friday at McMurry Univ., Abilene

Roby (23-6) vs. Irion Co. (21-11) 4 p.m. Friday at McMurry Univ., Abilene

Paducah (23-8) vs. Lipan (27-8) 6 p.m. Friday at McMurry Univ., Abilene

Roscoe (14-4) vs. Miles (26-6) 8 p.m. Friday at McMurry Univ., Abilene

Semifinals

Knox City-Windthorst winner vs. Roby-Irion Co. winner 9 a.m. Saturday at McMurry Univ., Abilene

Paducah-Lipan winner vs. Roscoe-Miles winner 10:30 a.m. Saturday at McMurry Univ., Abilene

CHAMPIONSHIP 7 p.m. Saturday

REGION III

Quarterfinals

Slidell (25-7) vs. Avinger (22-6) 1 p.m. Friday at Stephen F. Austin St., Nacogdoches

Oakwood (30-2) vs. Goodrich (24-9) 3 p.m. Friday at Stephen F. Austin St., Nacogdoches

Ponder (21-8) vs. Karnack (26-7) 5:30 p.m. Friday at Stephen F. Austin St., Nacogdoches

Tenaha (29-2) vs. Spurger (25-5) 7:30 p.m. Friday at Stephen F. Austin St., Nacogdoches

Semifinals

Slidell-Avinger winner vs. Oakwood-Goodrich winner 10 a.m. Saturday at Stephen F. Austin St., Nacogdoches

Ponder-Karnack winner vs. Tenaha-Spurger winner Noon Saturday at Stephen F. Austin St., Nacogdoches

CHAMPIONSHIP 7 p.m. Saturday

REGION IV

Quarterfinals

Priddy (25-7) vs. Granger (13-5) 2:30 p.m. Friday at Blinn College, Brenham

Anderson (31-3) vs. San Perlita (26-6) 4 p.m. Friday at Blinn College, Brenham

Tolar (16-9) vs. Calvert (26-8) 6:30 p.m. Friday at Blinn College, Brenham

Thorndale (17-5) vs. Port Aransas (31-3) 8 p.m. Friday at Blinn College, Brenham

Semifinals

Priddy-Granger winner vs. Anderson-San Perlita winner 9 a.m. Saturday at Blinn College, Brenham

Tolar-Calvert winner vs. Thorndale-Port Aransas winner 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Blinn College, Brenham

CHAMPIONSHIP 3 p.m. Saturday

College Scores

EAST

Connecticut 78, Rutgers 66
Loyola, Md. 98, St. Mary's, Md. 52
Massachusetts 68, St. Joseph's 66, OT
Penn St. 78, Northwestern 62

SOUTH

Clemson 80, N. Carolina St. 76
Coll. of Charleston 83, Wofford 47
Duke 77, Maryland 75
Georgia 86, Florida 70
Georgia Tech 83, Florida St. 66
Marquette 80, Louisville 79, 2OT
Mississippi 75, LSU 48
South Carolina 66, Tennessee 52
Southern Miss. 62, St. Louis 46
Tulane 60, Ala.-Birmingham 58
Vanderbilt 69, Mississippi St. 64

MIDWEST

Ball St. 66, Kent 52
Dayton 66, La Salle 64
E. Michigan 81, Ohio U. 77, 2OT
Indiana 76, Illinois 64
Iowa 69, Wisconsin 54
Kansas St. 92, Iowa St. 87, OT
Miami 71, Notre Dame 59
Miami, Ohio 58, Bowling Green 56
NE Illinois 83, E. Illinois 72
Toledo 103, Cent. Michigan 102, 2OT
Valparaiso 87, Chicago St. 73
W. Michigan 89, Akron 49

SOUTHWEST

Alabama 98, Arkansas 89
Baylor 101, Rice 88
Houston 62, Southern Meth. 59
Oklahoma St. 89, Oklahoma 67

FAR WEST

Colorado 78, Nebraska 64

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First Round

Long Island U. 82, St. Francis, NY 63
Robert Morris 66, Fairleigh Dickinson 66

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	41	15	.732	—
New York	32	23	.582	81/2
Miami	27	30	.474	141/2
New Jersey	24	31	.436	161/2
Washington	24	32	.429	17
Boston	20	36	.357	21
Philadelphia	11	43	.204	29

Central Division

Chicago	50	6	.893	—
Indiana	36	20	.643	14
Cleveland	32	22	.593	17
Atlanta	31	24	.564	181/2
Detroit	28	26	.519	21
Charlotte	28	27	.509	211/2
Milwaukee	20	34	.370	29
Toronto	14	40	.259	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	38	17	.691	—
San Antonio	36	18	.667	11/2
Houston	37	20	.649	2
Denver	23	31	.426	141/2
Dallas	18	36	.333	191/2
Minnesota	16	39	.291	22
Vancouver	11	42	.208	26

Pacific Division

Seattle	43	12	.782	—
L.A. Lakers	35	20	.636	8
Phoenix	28	27	.509	15
Golden State	26	29	.473	17
Sacramento	25	28	.472	17
Portland	25	32	.439	19
L.A. Clippers	18	37	.327	25

Tuesday's Games

Miami 93, New Jersey 90
Cleveland 92, Golden State 80
Indiana 101, Portland 87
Charlotte 88, Milwaukee 84
Chicago 120, Minnesota 99
Philadelphia 121, Dallas 115
Houston 105, Toronto 100
Denver 98, Washington 92
L.A. Clippers 95, San Antonio 90

Wednesday's Games

Boston 121, Charlotte 116, OT
Orlando 116, Miami 112
Atlanta 90, Portland 88
Seattle 94, Detroit 80
Phoenix 117, Minnesota 93
Utah 115, Washington 93
L.A. Lakers 99, Vancouver 80
Sacramento 90, New York 85.

Hawks

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Terry Gray is taking a low-key approach to the contest.

"We want to play a good game, but we also want to avoid injuries if at all possible," Gray said. "Our focus in on the regional tournament at this point, and we're going to use this game to work on some things we'll need to do at regional."

If Howard wins tonight, Midland will finish second and Frank Phillips third in the WJCAC. If FPC wins, it ties Howard for first in the conference and drops Midland to third place. Regardless of tonight's outcome, Howard has the top WJCAC seeding for the regional tournament.

Steers

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dose of each. However, he has no worries.

"There is a little bit of pressure, being that there are only three guys on last year's varsity left," said Leslie. "We've just got to produce, step up and play like leaders. I'm pretty excited about [this season] to tell you the truth."

Big Spring surprised many people last year by placing second in district and reaching the regional semifinals with many players new to varsity.

"Last year as a team, we knew we had the potential. But no one else expected it," said senior catcher Rogelio Cervantes.

Clint Caudill only started in nine games last year, but says his experience, along with the other seniors, will hopefully help in the team's playoff return.

"Hopefully, we'll make it as far as last year – maybe further," said Caudill. "The guys that were here last year knows what it feels like, and we have to express that feeling to the younger players."

But last year is gone, and this year poses new problems for the Steers.

"We lost seven players. We don't have any momentum other than our pitching," said Rios. "That's why we're struggling defensively."

But whatever problems the Steers have going in the tournament, there is always the chance they start solving them coming out.

"This tournament is ours," said Rios. "We need to win it to give ourselves a boost of morale."

Cuban defector impressive for Marlins; Puckett crushes pair

The Associated Press

Cuban defector Livan Hernandez pitched two scoreless innings in his debut as the Florida Marlins beat the University of Miami at Melbourne, Fla., in the first game of spring training.

Hernandez, who signed a four-year deal in January four months after deserting Cuba's national team, faced six batters, allowed one hit and struck out two in Wednesday's opener. The Marlins won the game 5-4.

The Marlins managed just six hits — all singles. Three came in a three-run third inning that staked them to a 5-1 lead.

Twins 16, Edison College 7

Kirby Puckett hit two homers and drove in four runs in two at-bats at Fort Myers, Fla., in the day's only other game. It was his first appearance in a game situation since Dennis Martinez hit him in the face with a pitch in the final week of last season.

In the first inning, Puckett drove the ball high over the center field fence in the deepest part of the park for a two-run homer. In the third, he lined the ball over the left field wall for another two-run shot.

Blue Jays

Toronto Blue Jays president Paul Beeston said his team's season ticket sales will wind up at between 22,000 and 24,000, down from the high of 26,000.

He also said the Belgian brewery Interbrew isn't rushing to sell the team, which it acquired when it took over Labatt.

"I don't think they're going to keep the team forever," Beeston said. "It's a matter of finding the right buyer."

Beeston said Interbrew would remain involved with the Blue Jays, perhaps as part owner or by retaining marketing rights.

Beeston said it's possible that grass will be installed at SkyDome by 1997.

Yankees

Second baseman Pat Kelly will not play in Friday's spring opener against Cleveland.

"He's still not a hundred percent," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Spring training is where you want to be 100 percent."

Kelly has been hampered by a lower back strain. Tony Fernandez is expected to see extensive time at second base, but he is not happy playing the position.

Giants

Barry Bonds hit a 440-foot homer in his first official at-bat of the spring, a shot that barely missed a bus parked on the street outside Scottsdale Stadium.

Bonds walked his first time up in the Giants' intrasquad game, and hit a solo homer in the third inning. The homer went far over the right-field bullpen.

"It's all in fun," Bonds said. "This was just for the pitchers to get some work in."

Mark Leonard, an outfielder trying to win a spot on the Giants this season, had a grand slam, and J.R. Phillips, Tom Lampkin and Kim Batiste all added homers in the six-inning game that the Giants won 8-3 over their minor leaguers.

"That's the first one since Little League," Leonard said of his grand slam.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Lady Steers lose to Midland

The Big Spring girls softball club fell short against Midland High Tuesday, 19-10.

Heather spence had a triple and two singles. Erica Lanspery and Kerri Hall both hit doubles. Mandi Lance had two singles. Sunni Smith and Teri Gonzales each shared a single.

Angie Phillips, Michelle Steward and Jessica Canales pitched for the Lady Steers ,striking out four.

Big Spring's record is now 9-3. Friday, the team hosts Sweetwater at the Roy Anderson Comp'ex at 5:30 p.m.

Area players listed in all-district team

Twenty-one players from this area were listed in this year 's District 6-2A boys basketball all district team.

Stanton's Doug Gordon won Coach of the Year honors after taking his team to the area playoffs. Leo McCallister of Stanton won the Most Valuable Player award.

Jason Hopper and Nick Hull were selected . .st-team all-district hono. or Stanton. Taylor Looney and Jerrod Stallings were in the second-team listings. Kye Herrn, Todd David and Jamie Rogers won honorable mention status.

For Coahoma, Jay McHugh and Brian Ruiz took top honors. McHugh was selected Newcomer of the Year, and Ruiz was the district's Defensive Player of the Year.

Brandon Shifflett and Josh Collum took first team honors for Coahoma. Aaron Barr won second team all-district. Sergio Ovalle, Blake Nichols and Adam Tindol were honorable mention.

Rusty Baker and Jason Lentz of Forsan were listed on the first team. Robert Hilliger took a spot in the second team. Josh Gaston and Casey Bristow were honorable mention.

YMCA opens lifeguard class

The Big Spring YMCA will have a lifeguard class. Classes will be offered March 11-16. For more information, call 267-8234.

Youth indoor soccer at Big Spring YMCA

The Big Spring YMCA will have a youth indoor soccer program for boys and girls kindergarten through sixth grade. Registration deadline is March 8.

Holiday softball tourney scheduled

The 11th Annual Merchants Classic is set to begin March 15-17 at Andrews. Deadline to enter team is March 13. The cost to enter is $125 per team.

Umpires needed for little league

The Umpire Association is needing umpires for the 1996 season. You must be 18 years of age and interested in working with kids. For more information please call Mike King at 267-2939.

Little League signups conclude Saturday

All local little leagues – National, American, International – and the girls softball league will hold registration for all ages in the Big Spring mall next door to Bealss Department store.

Registration continues through March 2.

Weekday signups will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please bring birth certificates.

O'Donnell signs with NY Jets

The Associated Press

Neil O'Donnell, who quarterbacked the Pittsburgh Steelers in their Super Bowl loss to the Dallas Cowboys, has agreed to a five-year deal with the New York Jets, the team announced today.

While the Jets did not disclose financial terms, the unrestricted free agent was expected to get more than an average of $4 million a year, including a $5 million signing bonus.

The Jets, who had the NFL's worst record last season at 3-13, avidly pursued O'Donnell and signed offensive tackles Jumbo Elliott and David Williams in an attempt to impress the quarterback.

The St. Louis Rams also expressed interest in O'Donnell, 29, whose value didn't diminish despite two interceptions in the Super Bowl that set up two touchdowns in Dallas' 27-17 victory over Pittsburgh.

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Knicks' futilty continues just as Kings' streak ends

The Associated Press

It's been indignity after indignity for the New York Knicks on their West Coast trip.

The latest one may have topped them all.

New York blew a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter and was outrebounded 64-36 Wednesday night in dropping a 90-85 decision to the Sacramento Kings, who snapped an 11-game losing streak.

It was the fourth straight loss and sixth in the last seven for the Knicks, who sank to a new low on each game of their four-game trip.

Against Phoenix on Sunday, J.R. Reid knocked out two of A.C. Green's teeth with a vicious elbow to the mouth that was seen on national television. The next night at Los Angeles, CBA call-up Matt Fish was the starting center due to the suspension of Reid and an injury to Patrick Ewing.

Then came Wednesday night's debacle against a team that hadn't won since Feb. 3.

Sarunas Marciulionis, activated from the injured list earlier in the day, made two 3-pointers in the final 1:41, including the go-ahead score. After Willie Anderson missed a 3-point try, Billy Owens converted an 8-footer with 23 seconds left to secure the win.

"We're frustrated, disappointed and mad," Ewing said. "We had this game won, but for whatever reason we just didn't get it done. This is a game we had won and should have won. We are a better team than this."

"I'm very frustrated. We are so close to winning, but we're not winning. It's a lot of frustration for everyone," Derek Harper said.

NBA

In other NBA games, Seattle defeated Detroit 94-80, Orlando topped Miami 116-112, Atlanta edged Portland 90-88, Utah beat Washington 115-93, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Vancouver 99-80, Phoenix trounced Minnesota 117-93 and Boston beat Charlotte 121-116 in overtime.

SuperSonics 94, Pistons 80

At Seattle, the Sonics won their 11th in a row.

Seattle pulled away after Shawn Kemp was ejected with 9:31 left and the Sonics leading 73-68. Led by Gary Payton's six points and five from Frank Brickowski, the Sonics responded with an 18-6 run for a 91-74 lead.

"I've never seen a superstar in this league get thrown out with 10 minutes left in the game when you know people come to see him. It was as if he was a rookie," Seattle's Nate McMillan said.

Kemp still managed to lead the Sonics with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

Detroit scored only 32 points in the second half after leading by 12 at halftime.

Magic 116, Heat 112

At Orlando, Shaquille O'Neal outplayed Alonzo Mourning, getting 31 points and 14 rebounds to Mourning's 18 points and 10 boards as Orlando improved to 29-0 at home and dealt Miami its first loss since Pat Riley shook up his team with three trades last week.

"To tell you the truth, I don't think I showed the competitiveness I usually show on a consistent basis. I told some of the guys: 'Hey, I didn't show up tonight,' " Mourning said.

Anfernee Hardaway just missed a triple-double with 27 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds, and Dennis Scott added 25 points.

Orlando led 91-89 going into the fourth quarter and pulled away by making eight of 11 free throws during a crucial two-minute stretch that made it 108-97. The Heat never seriously threatened after that.

Hawks 90, Trail Blazers 88

At Atlanta, Mookie Blaylock made a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left, and Portland's Clifford Robinson missed a last-second 20-footer.

Blaylock, who finished with 23 points and eight assists, nailed the game-winner after he and Craig Ehlo each missed.

"The fact that we were able to get some offensive rebounds at the end is what helped us win," said Christian Laettner, who had 15 points in his first start for the Hawks. "We kept passing it around. Craig missed a shot. We got the rebound. Mookie missed one, and we got another rebound and then Mookie nailed it."

The win was the third in a row for Atlanta and left Lenny Wilkens, the NBA's career winningest coach, one victory shy of 1,000. He'll go for the milestone on Friday when the Hawks play host to Cleveland.

Jazz 115, Bullets 93

At Salt Lake City, the Jazz scored 20 of the game's first 22 points, let Washington pull within three in the second quarter and then broke the game open in the third period.

Fans act like groupies to catch glimpse of Gretzky

BURNABY, British Columbia (AP) — Pushing and shoving broke out when Wayne Gretzky's hockey show rolled north into Canada on Wednesday, creating a buzz not seen in these parts since the Canucks lost the Stanley Cup in 1994.

Children got jostled as hundreds of people jockeyed for a glimpse of Gretzky arriving for his first practice in a blue-and-red St. Louis Blues jersey.

Gretzky emerged last from the team's charter bus to the cheers of the biggest crowd to watch a Blues practice in years.

Then the scramble was on.

People dashed upstairs to watch his news conference. Gretzky sipped from a glass of ice water between questions.

Later, two teen-age boys tried to wheedle the glass from an arena employee.

"We already sold it — for $2,700," the worker joked.

"I got $2,800," one of the boys shot back.

None of the chaos was lost on Gretzky.

"I feel like a young kid. I'm nervous, excited," he said. "That's what it's all about. You've got to have pressure."

As soon as Gretzky sat down to a barrage of flashing cameras, the questions started coming about how he is going to help the Blues win a Stanley Cup.

Blues coach Mike Keenan admitted the stakes shot up when Gretzky's trade from the Los Angeles Kings went through Tuesday night.

"Our expectations and the expectations of our fans have increased dramatically," Keenan said. "Those pressures are what drives the best athletes in these games. If it doesn't come to pass, I don't have any reservations about acquiring Wayne."

Then Gretzky headed to the dressing room to change into the turtleneck he always wears under his jersey. One familiar touch was missing, though. He failed to tuck the right side of his jersey into his pants, a trademark touch that makes him easy to spot.

That set the crowd in motion dragging chairs from the arena's dining room out to a balcony overlooking the ice. Nobody actually sat on the chairs, they stood on them to get a better view of Gretzky taking the ice behind Brett Hull.

"He's better than Gordie Howe. My mom likes him, too," said Mirko Ilic, an 11-year-old from Burnaby, who rushed from school to the 8-Rinks Ice Sports Centre. "I'm going to the game tomorrow and it's going to be a lot of fun."

His 10-year-old friend, Lisa Keserich, wasn't so impressed.

"My favorite player is Pavel Bure," she said of her city's biggest star.

Gretzky's debut with St. Louis comes Thursday night against the Canucks.

"There's been so much going on, I'm just starting to concentrate on the hockey," he said. "We need to worry about winning tomorrow night's game and take it from there."

Gretzky has yet to sign with the Blues, but Keenan expects negotiations to begin as early as Thursday. He denied that businesses in St. Louis would subsidize Gretzky's contract.

Agent Michael Barnett said there is no timetable for a deal to be cut.

Asked if Gretzky would give up his marketing rights to the Blues to help the team finance his contract, Barnett said: "I wouldn't say never. Many players now in the league have given clubs their marketing rights."

Barnett sees a spark in Gretzky that had been missing during his final days in Los Angeles.

"It's an exciting time for him. He's playing with a new group of players and a new environment," Barnett said.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make adjustments with a family member or loved one. Follow your instincts in a pressure-packed situation, such as making a choice between family and work. This juggling act is strenuous, and you greet the end of the day with relief. Tonight: Run home. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Communications take a strange tone. Evaluate what you need to do to make a relationship work. You might want to pull back and do nothing. Give someone space to be flaky and changeable; then the pressure will ease. Tonight: Let off steam. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Finances dominate your thoughts and ideas. You find that you have many ways of making and spending money, depending on the course you take today. Overindulgence and thriftiness run in cycles for you. Realize how much you have to offer. Tonight: Your treat. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are happier and much more upbeat with today's energy. Use care with partners, because they are erratic yet exciting. A positive outlook will help you make friends and enjoy life more. Entertain at home this weekend. Tonight: You can have it all. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your nervous system could be fried from all the work you have been doing. Lighten up if you can, or give serious consideration to learning new ways of handling stress. Take a walk during your lunch hour to get centered. Take care of yourself. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Get together with friends, and enjoy yourself. You might not be able to concentrate on your work. You are well-advised to flirt and call it an early day. Be more solid and anchored about a financial matter. Tonight: Strut your stuff. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are in the limelight. Let others come to you for decisions and help. You end up dealing with a personal matter that you choose not to discuss. Concentrate on the positive, and don't let the negative dominate. You are in control. Tonight: Make a must" appearance. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your wild imagination may cause you trouble as you try to get your work done. You will need a lot of self-discipline not to go in a direction that is inappropriate. Make calls, spread ideas and brainstorm. Consider taking a class. Tonight: Take off while you can. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) One-to-one relating is highlighted. Unexpected upheaval involving funds may force you to revamp. Consider a friend's wish. Focus on building a constructive tie or relationship. You have a lot of energy — now direct it. Tonight: Make it a duo. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Defer to someone. New information comes your way. Understand that you are building a stronger friendship with a loved one and that the feeling of togetherness needs more time to develop. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You have a realization that forces you beyond a restriction and closer to a long-term desire. Consider which priorities you want to honor. A boss may be helping you along more than you are aware. Follow your instincts. Tonight: Clear your desk. ***

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Teen who's hard to handle needs firmer grip from dad



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: I am living with a man I'll call Steve and his 17-year-old son, "Charles." We plan to marry in four months. I love Steve very much, but I can't handle Charles. I lived with my stepmother from the time I was 11 until I was an adult, and believe me, I know what it's like.

Charles' mother lives nearby. She's a heavy drinker, which is why she can't keep him, and he doesn't want to live with her. At first, everything went fairly well. I tried hard to get along with Charles, but he took advantage of me. I recently put my foot down, and now I'm the "wicked old witch."

Charles dropped out of school, stays out all night, has girlfriends spend the night, and his bedroom is so filthy the door must remain closed because of the smell. He works full time, and I feel that if he's not going to school, then he should pay rent and do his share around the house. That was the rule when I was growing up, and it worked.

Part of my problem is that I can't get his father to enforce any rules; when I try to talk to him, he either says, "Well, Charles is only 17" or, "I don't want to talk about it." It's putting a strain on our relationship.

Abby, I am childless, so maybe I am too strict. I was not raised the way Charles is being raised — meaning no control at all!

I've loved Steve for six years and I don't want to lose him. Abby, am I being a "wicked witch"? — TIME BOMB IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR TIME BOMB: Charles is screaming for help. His mother is an alcoholic, his father can't control him, and you are without parental experience. What you are attempting to do for Charles is correct — but he may not appreciate it for years. Go to the library for books on stepparenting and blended families.

Also, make an appointment with a family counselor and insist that Steve and Charles go with you, and don't take "no" for an answer.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter's boyfriend gave her an engagement ring on St. Valentine's Day. They had been going together for three years, so it wasn't exactly a surprise to our family or his.

Well, her boyfriend's mother went ahead and put the announcement of their engagement in the local newspaper. Abby, my question to you is: Is it the business of the fiance's mother or the mother of the bride to put the announcement of the engagement in the local newspaper?

I am not going to sign my name because I don't want any hard feelings with my daughter's future mother-in-law. She is a very nice person, but she did this without saying anything to me about it. — MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR MOTHER OF THE BRIDE: The etiquette authorities on whom I rely — Letitia Baldrige, Emily Post and Miss Manners — all agree the mother of the bride should contact the local newspaper to publish the engagement announcement.

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❑BACK YARD SALE: Saturday, March 2nd. 4001 Wasson. 9:00am-3:00pm.

❑ESTATE SALE: "Starvation Plantation". 2210 Main. Friday & Saturday. Surviving members on the side.

❑GARAGE SALE: Sat. March 2, 8:00am. Electric built in double oven & cook top, dishwasher, lots of items men will like, electric motors, pumps, tools. Much more. 1612 Indian Hills.

❑GARAGE SALE: Salem Baptist Youth! 2610 Cindy, Saturday, March 2nd, 8:00-? Lots & lots miscellaneous.

❑HUGE GARAGE SALE SATURDAY: Friends of St. Mary's School, 3rd Annual garage sale will be Saturday from 7:30-2:00pm in the cafeteria at 118 Cedar. Proceeds will benefit the school children of St. Mary's. Items include: baby items, gas clothes dryer, ceiling fans, furniture, office equipment, toys, & much, much more.

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6 :PM :30	News Wh. Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	News-Lehrer "	Waltons (289078)	News (9287) Ent. Tonight	News Wh. Fortune	News (4707) Seinfeld	Home Videos Home Videos	Lazos de Amor (25726)	Eerie Indiana MMC	Dukes of Hazzard	(68886287) 3 Ninjas Kick	S.A.M. (CC) (37545368)	Tuned (CC) (833900)	Light of the Southwest	Equalizer (788356)	Invention Movie Magic	In the Heat of the Night	Ski Colorado NBA Action	(843726) College	(2842962) Pop Science	Out All Nig't Benson
7 :PM :30	World Videos Before Stars!	Living Single Martin	Fort W...th Postcards	Highway to Heaven	Murder, She Wrote	World Videos Before Stars!	Friends Single Guy	(:05) **Movie:** A Fistful of	Cuerpo y Alma	**Movie:** Short Circuit (CC)	Life of Dottie West	Back "	**Movie:** Jason's Lyric	**Movie:** The Chase (CC)	(386829) LaLonde	Biography (209707)	Wild Discovery	**Movie:** True Grit (756788)	Sportstalk Surfing: Pro-	Basketball: West Virginia	**Movie:** Thunder Bay	Roc Comicview
8 :PM :30	**Movie:** Consenting	New York Undercover	" Mystery! (CC)	Rescue 911 "	Rescue 911 (CC) (25097)	**Movie:** Consenting	Seinfeld Caroline	Dollars (3800271)	El Premio Mayor	(806875) "	Prime Time Country	**Movie:** The Air Up There	(443349) "	(984707) **Movie:** Iron	Bishop Jakes John Osteen	Ancient Mysteries	Movie Magic Know Zone	" "	Am NBA Action	at Pittsburgh College	(272813) "	Video Soul (285233)
9 :PM :30	Adults (CC) (5233)	Nowhere Man (CC) (36707)	(8585707) (:45) Mystery!	700 Club (819233)	48 Hours (CC) (85243)	Adults (GC) (89875)	ER (CC) (49691)	(:05) **Movie:** For a Few	Bienvenidos (16981)	**Movie:** Ice Castles	(331146) Club Dance	(CC) (6853368)	A Low Down Dirty Shame	Eagle IV (CC) (6738523)	Praise the Lord	Voyages (298891)	Rediscovering America	" "	Racing Home College	Basketball: Memphis at	**Movie:** Three Coins in the	" "
10 :PM :30	News Cheers	Home Imp. In the Heat of	(CC) (13140405)	Three Stooges	News Late Show	News Nightline	News (13875) Tonight Show	Dollars More (91366368)	Noticiero Uni. P. Impacto	(648788) "	(904417) Country News	(9:50) **Movie:** Rich and	" (:45) **Movie:**	Comedy Jam African-	(223252) "	Law & Order (208078)	Movie Magic Invention	**Movie:** Rooster	Basketball: Ariz. at	Cincinnati Sportscenter	Fountain (659788)	Benson Roc
11 :PM :30	Roseanne Nightline	the Night LAPD	Glenn Frey Strange	Bonanza "	" Married... With	Ent. Tonight (:35) Rolonda	" Late Night	" "	**Movie:** Juegos	**Movie:** Robin and Marian	Life of Dottie West	Famous (5138900)	The Puppet Masters (CC)	American Athlete	" "	Biography (814813)	Wild Discovery	Cogburn (8622691)	Wash. St. Press Box	" Motorcycle	**Movie:** Thunder Bay	Screen Scene Jazz Central
12 AM :30	Rush L. Inside Edition	Extra Gabrielle	Weather, Live in Dublin	Paid Program Paid Prog.am	Late Late Show	(7581287) News	" Coach	(11:50) **Movie:** The	Fatuos (451252)	(CC) (213436)	Prime Time Country	(11:50) Tombstone	(66261900) (:35) Woman	(11:55) **Movie:** Love	Mario Murillo Update News	Ancient Mysteries	Movie Magic Know Zone	(12:15) **Movie:** Tall in	Press Box PBTA	Racing Racehorse	(614436) "	(841233) Comicview

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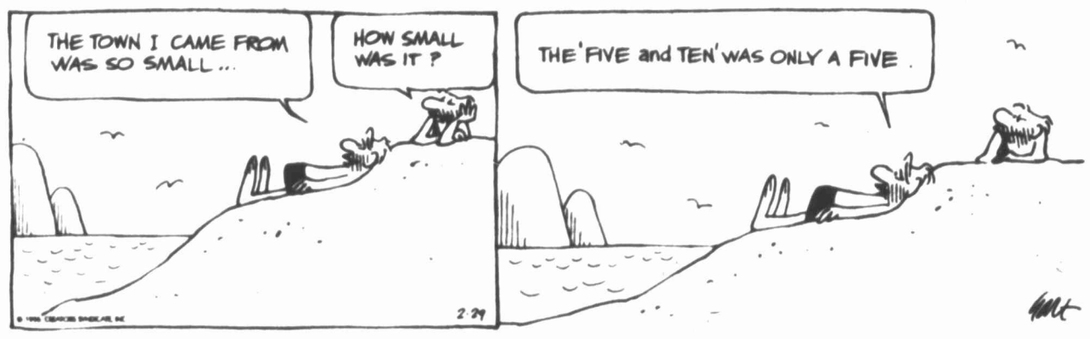
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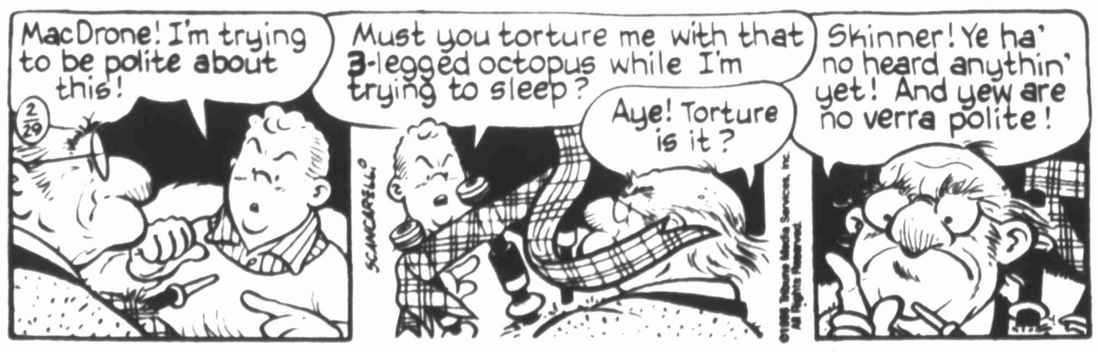
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 29, the 60th day of 1996. There are 306 days left in the year. This is Leap Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, President Washington proclaimed Jay's Treaty, which settled some outstanding differences with Great Britain, in effect.

On this date:

In 1504, Christopher Columbus, stranded in Jamaica during his fourth voyage to the West, used a correctly predicted lunar eclipse to frighten hostile natives into providing food for his crew.

In 1792, composer Gioacchino Antonio Rossini was born in Pesaro, Italy.

In 1892, the United States and Britain agreed to submit to arbitration their dispute over seal-hunting rights in the Bering Sea. (A commission later ruled in favor of Britain.)

In 1896, 100 years ago, movie director William W. Wellman was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed a seven-member commission to facilitate completion of the Panama Canal.

In 1904, bandleader Jimmy Dorsey was born in Shenandoah, Pa.

In 1940, "Gone with the Wind" won eight Oscars at the Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, including Best Picture of 1939.

In 1956, in a nationally broadcast speech, President Eisenhower announced he would seek a second term.

In 1956, an Islamic Republic was proclaimed in Pakistan.

In 1960, the first Playboy Club, featuring waitresses clad in bunny outfits, opened in Chicago. (Hugh Hefner closed the corporate-owned clubs in 1986, calling them "passe.")

In 1968, the discovery of the first pulsar, a star which emits regular radio waves, was announced by Dr. Jocelyn Bell Burnell at Cambridge, England.

In 1968, President Johnson's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (also known as the Kerner Commission) warned that racism was causing America to move "toward two societies, one black, one white — separate and unequal."

In 1980, former Israeli foreign minister Yigal Allon, who had played an important role in the Jewish state's fight for independence, died at age 61.

Twelve years ago: Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau announced he was stepping down after more than 15 years in power.

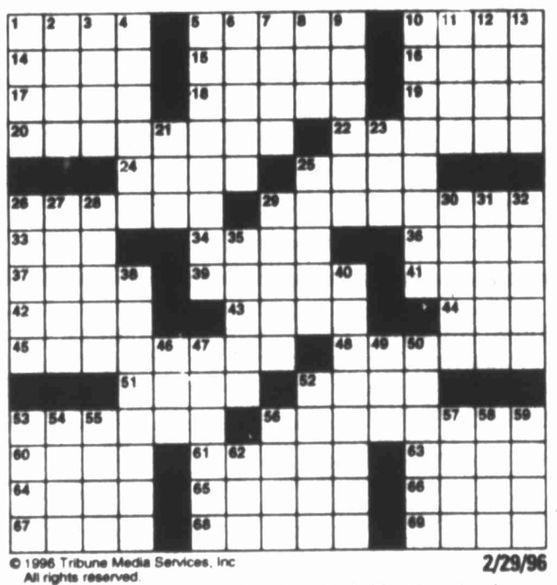
Eight years ago: South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other religious leaders were arrested while kneeling near Parliament with a petition against government bans on anti-apartheid groups. (All were freed hours later.)

Four years ago: Muslims and Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina began casting ballots in an independence referendum; Serbs boycotted the vote, calling it illegal.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Michele Morgan is 76. Actor Arthur Franz is 76. Actor Alex Rocco is 60. Former space shuttle astronaut Jack Lousma is 60. Actress Phyllis Frelich is 52.

Thought for Today: "I wish I could stand on a busy corner, hat in hand, and beg people to throw me all their wasted hours." — Bernard Berenson, American art critic (1865-1959).

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ACROSS
1 Worked in the field
5 Tidal bore
10 Wise
14 Otherwise
15 Hawaiian feasts
16 "Star —"
17 Harvest
18 Makes eyes at
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20 Small shop
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24 Customary time
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36 Calabria cash
37 Long for
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41 Narrow opening
42 Singer James
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52 Lima's country
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56 Topping for pastry
60 Singer Feliciano
61 Withstand
63 Bean or blue beginning
64 Pub drinks
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1 Plant used in medicine
2 Margarine
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4 Innermost part
5 Movingly expressive
6 Soothsayer
7 Strong wind
8 Regret
9 Literary compositions
10 Cheese pastries
11 God of war
12 Movie critic, Siskel
13 — out (made do)
21 Debtor's chit
23 Mama's title
25 Red —, (Snoopy's foe)
26 Strength
27 Join forces
28 Takes five
29 Diamond weight
30 Made mosaics
31 Treasure —
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35 Merits
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40 Chatoyant gemstone
46 Deer
47 Landed property
49 Mr. Onassis, to friends
50 Narrow carpet
52 Foot lever
53 Slightly open
54 Underground animal
55 Secondhand
56 Skirt length
57 Stare open-mouthed
58 Eye part
59 Looked at
62 Carton

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:

C	O	L	A		R	E	B	A		E	L	F	I	N
A	M	I	D		O	M	A	N		N	E	A	L	E
T	A	C	O		B	I	N	S		T	A	X	E	D
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RITZ
491 S. Main
Child $2 263-7435 Adult $4
Sally Field in
Eye For An Eye R
7:10-9:20
Al Pacino in
City Hall R
Grumpier Old Men PG-13
7:00-9:00
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MOVIES 1
BIG SPRING 263-2479
HAPPY GILMORE (PG-13)
4:20-7:20
*BROKEN ARROW (R)
4:30-7:10
*MUPPET TREASURE ISLAND (G)
4:40-7:00
RUMBLE IN THE BRONX (R)
4:10-7:20
*Pass & Super Saver Restricted