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Volunteer cooks sought for museum's annual fund-raiser

Volunteer cooks are now being sought for the Heritage Museum's annual food festival "Around the World in 80 Bites."

The festival, set for Feb. 27, offers visitors "bites" of dishes from countries all over the world or various regions of the U.S. Chefs should make enough of their featured dish for about 300 tastes.

Cooks can be individuals or businesses, and those who want to participate but need an idea for a dish can contact the museum for help.

Chefs will receive two passes and two free tickets to the event, which takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the museum. Call the museum, 267-8255, for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., county library.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star meeting, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 319 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

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

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

□ Eagles Lodge Pot Luck Supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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

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Incumbents lead the way in filing for school board elections

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Just three days into the filing period for school board trustees, incumbents are lining up for another term in two of seven area districts.

Irene Bustamante, who holds the District 1 seat on the Big Spring Independent School District board, is seeking another term, as is District 3 representative Larry McLellan.

Both Bustamante, an employee at The Medicine Shoppe, and McLellan, a pharmacist at



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Professional Pharmacy, are seeking their second full terms on the board. Both were originally appointed to the board. McLellan is currently the board

president.

In Stanton, Johnny Louder has filed for another term in District 3. A farmer, Louder has served on the board since June of 1986.

No one has yet filed for the District 4 seat, currently held by Todd Smith, or the unexpired District 7 seat, held by Randy Moore. The District 7 seat is at-large.

Two people have filed for positions on the Coahoma ISD board of trustees, but neither are incumbents.

John Wayne Metcalf and Ronnie Dodson are seeking to

fill the two seats currently held by Brian Marlar and Bill Gressett. Neither Marlar nor Gressett has filed.

No one has filed at Forsan, Grady, Sands or Glasscock County ISD.

In Forsan, there are three at-large positions up for election, currently held by Donnie Andrews, Domingo Rios and Dale Humphreys.

For Grady ISD, positions up for election are District 3, held by Tony Sawyer, and District 4, held by Brad Tunnell, board president.

At Sands, there are two at-

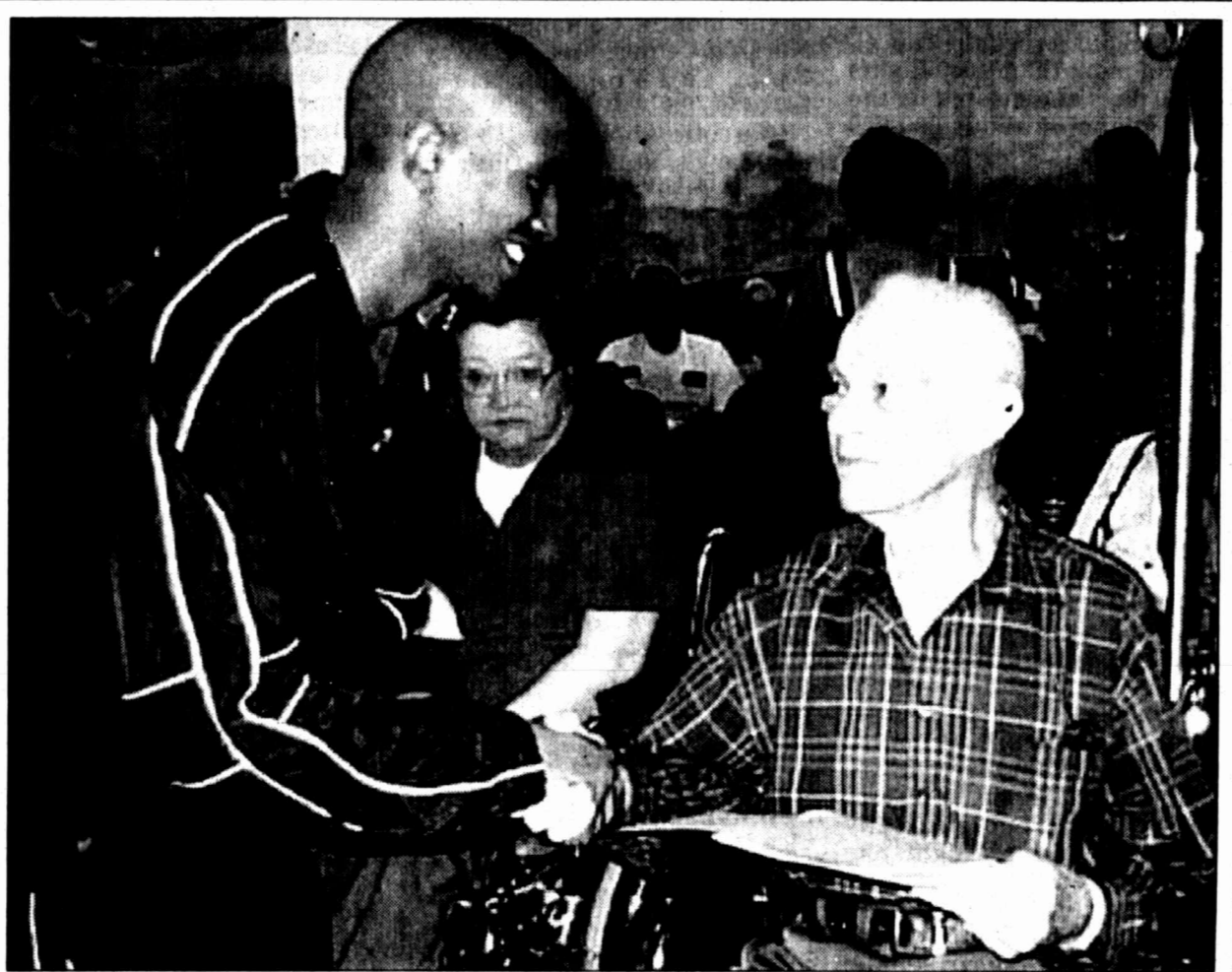
large seats to be decided at the polls. They are currently held by Martin Nichols and Billy Reed.

And in Glasscock County ISD, there are two teams up for election. They are held by Lillie Havlak and Jimmy Bednar.

Candidate filing in the seven area school board races runs through March 17.

Early voting will be April 14-27 with the actual elections set for May 1.

Anyone interested in filing should contact the administration office in the school district where they reside.



Scooter Owens, a Howard College Hawk basketball player, gives a Valentine to Silas Richman, who is hospitalized at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. On Tuesday the Hawks participated in National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week by passing out Valentines and talking with veterans at the local hospital.

Farmers, ranchers plan to take their concerns to a higher level

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Citing the long-running drought in and around Howard County, a group of local and area men involved in various aspects of farming, ranching and agribusiness are planning a "West Texas Rain Rally."

The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 1 at Big Spring's First Baptist Church.

"We feel this is something we need to do," explained Jody Nix, one of the organizers of the service.

"This drought is not something science can take care of," said Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist. "I believe, we need

to get down on our knees and ask the Lord to help us through this ... to send us rain to heal the land and to help heal His people."

Although the rally is being organized through First Baptist Church, Tubbs pointed out that it is a non-denominational rally and that his church is being used as a location only.

"This isn't about denominations," he explained. "This is about going to the Lord and asking him to help us."

The rally will start with a music service before moving into the prayer service.

"We're going to have music that deals with the people," Nix said. "We'll have songs about the country ... songs that people know and will understand."

Tubbs, who grew up in the Texas Panhandle, said other communities were holding similar type services, as well.

"I know that in Monahans, they're planning a prayer rally asking the Lord to help with oil



TUBBS

WEST TEXAS RAIN RALLY

When: Monday, March 1

Where: First Baptist Church

For: Anyone who would like to participate

prices," he said.

Local producer Marion Newton said that while oil prices are cyclical and come and go, the current downturn in the oil economy is only a little over a year old.

"Farmers have been battling this all decade," he said.

Gibson Feagins, who owns Feagins Implement, pointed out that crops have failed to make in three of the past four years and that the economics of lost crops are catching up with producers.

"The thing that scares me,"

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Literacy workshop slated Saturday at county library

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A five-hour workshop for Howard County Literacy Council members, as well as

volunteer tutors, begins at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Kathryn Bettle Lamb Community Room of the county library.

"We will have Patty Grose, the literacy director for Midland's Need To Read program, as the workshop instructor," said Loraine Redman, county librarian.

The nine board members, as well as 36 volunteer tutors, should call and register for the

workshop, and should bring a sack lunch.

"This is so I have an accurate count. I am making workbooks for everyone attending," Redman said.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program will provide the drinks for lunch, as well as coffee breaks, she said.

Nancy Jones, director for RSVP, and a member of the council, said she will attend the workshop.

"I am really excited about this, and I'm really looking forward to it," Jones said. "RSVP has been involved with literacy for years, and RSVP volunteers are a majority of the tutors."

Jones said that along with serving on the council, she intends to become a tutor as well.

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Budget woes

Commissioners consider options to offset anticipated \$1.65 million loss in revenue

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Tuesday considered options to offset a two-year anticipated \$1.65 million loss in revenue during a special called meeting.

"1999's value will be set on the average daily price of 1998, so we can expect another 50 percent loss of what we have this year," said Keith Toomire, Howard County chief appraiser.

Toomire was called to the meeting by commissioners, as each one contemplated the report prepared by Jackie Olson, Howard County auditor.

Olson presented commissioners with projections that indicate a substantial loss in revenue to the county, due to declining oil and mineral values, as well as agricultural and real estate declines.

"Right now it is a big guess how things will go in the future, but this is a guaranteed loss. I wish I could print you a better picture, but we're experiencing a downturn in our sale prices on housing, too," Toomire said.

When asked for projections into the next three years, Toomire said in 2001, revenue might begin inching upward, with a possible 25 percent gain.

"But this is total crystal ball. I wouldn't want to be in your position, but I don't foresee oil going any lower than it already has," Toomire said.

Olson's figures indicate that the county will have a deficit budget in the 1999-2000 fiscal

year end.

"That means we will be in the hole \$748,000 because of tax loss," Olson said.

Commissioners began looking at options to help balance a budget within the county for the next three years. They discussed at length ways to offset this deficit, including lowering insurance premiums, making reductions in the current budget, downsizing county employee rosters and foregoing equipment purchases.

Commissioners also brainstormed ways to meet the crisis, and admitted that payroll and benefit costs of employees constitute about half of the county budget.

"What happens three years from now has a lot to do with what we do today," said Bill Crooker. "This is going to be the easy year (compared to next year)."

Commissioners approved reducing insurance premiums by raising the county's deductibles, as well as reducing overall coverage for property insurance. This should save the county about \$3,000 this year.

By raising employee copayments \$5, as well as increasing the employee deductible from \$1,000 to \$1,500, and increasing property insurance to a \$10,000 deductible, commissioners saved about \$9,438 this fiscal year.

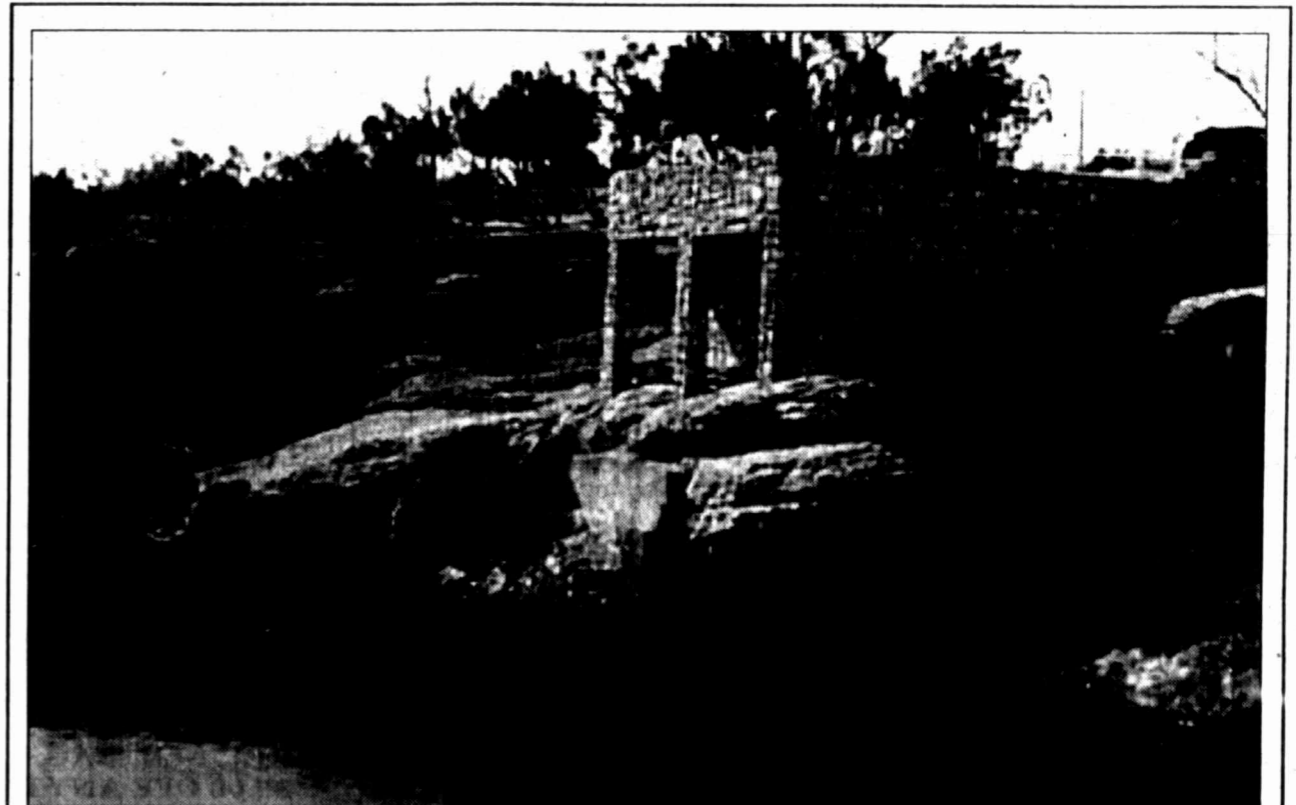
This should save the county about \$12,500 each year, following commissioner's action.

In other business, commissioners approved creating a volunteer committee of five members to oversee the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

This five-member committee will consist of two members appointed by the fire department, as well as two members appointed by the commissioners, and one commissioner, following their discussion and action.

In January, amid controversy between commissioners and

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Unseasonably warm weather has allowed many citizens to enjoy Comanche Trail Park and the spring this winter.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Thousands pack New Orleans for hoot and holler

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The wild Mardi Gras party in the French Quarter was still roaring at midnight when police finally convinced Richard Titus to call it a night.

"You don't quit until you have to," said Titus, 32, of Cleveland, strutting down Bourbon Street in a skimpy French maid's outfit, complete with black fishnet stockings and spiked heels.

"Where else can you live out your fantasies and help everyone else live out theirs and do it legally?" he asked early today, bound for a bed to sleep off the hours of full-tilt partying.

Sunshine, temperatures in the 70s and an extra day off contributed to what officials say

may have been the biggest Mardi Gras crowd ever as New Orleans wrapped up Carnival season with its annual bacchanal.

"Much bigger than last year," said police spokesman Marlon Defillo. "We had 1.5 million people then. We'll have over 2 million this year."

Satin-clad angels rubbed elbows with devils, clowns and cowboys along St. Charles Avenue, the mansion-lined parade route where floats and marching bands sashayed until dark.

Balconies along the narrow old streets were crowded with people tossing beads to the throngs below.

Although officially illegal, many flashed flesh for the gaudy mock jewels.

"Would you believe I'm normally a very shy person?" asked Linda Kelly, 24, of Dallas, giggling as photographers snapped away while she gave an impromptu striptease.

There were a few arrests in the French Quarter, Defillo said, but they were all misdemeanors — nudity, urinating in public, trespassing.

"It's a real good group," Defillo said. "No problems at all, really."

"This is the original hoot and holler," said Don Hebert, who rode a float in the Zulu parade. "It's like stepping outside your

life for a day. I pity anyone who misses it."

If the bash for Mardi Gras was billed as the last noisy fling before Lent, celebrators in New York City on Tuesday were more subdued at the beginning of the lunar New Year.

For a third year, City Hall cited safety in banning all fireworks and firecrackers, the traditional way Chinese, Koreans, Cambodians, Tibetans and Vietnamese have scared off evil spirits.

The fireworks in Chinatown were fake, with bright red confetti shooting out of exploding pods to usher in Year 4697 — the Year of the Rabbit — instead of brilliant pyrotechnics.

Clinton faces more trouble as contempt issue is raised

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Only days after President Clinton's impeachment trial ended in bipartisan acquittal, a federal judge said she is ready to consider citing him for contempt for denying under oath that he had a relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, who oversaw Mrs. Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton, said she waited because of the trial and an appeal of Mrs. Jones' case. The appeal ended when the president and Mrs. Jones reached an \$850,000 settlement last year.

"Accordingly, I believe that now it is time for the court to address the contempt issue," Wright said in an order issued Tuesday.

The judge said she would step aside from the case if she were asked to do so by attorneys because of her contact with a House impeachment case manager. She gave



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lawyers until Friday to file a request.

The White House referred requests for comment to Clinton's private lawyer, Robert Bennett, who did not return a call to his office.

Mrs. Jones' spokeswoman, Susan Carpenter-McMillan, said she had not talked with Mrs. Jones, but added that Clinton should be held for contempt.

"My God, he lied," she said. "If he can get away with not being held for contempt, I suppose we could all lie."

Wright raised the possibility of contempt in a footnote to her Sept. 1 decision to release a transcript of Clinton's testimony in the Jones case on Jan. 17, 1998.

At the time, Wright said she "has concerns about the nature" of the deposition but made no finding about whether the president was in contempt.

In his deposition, Clinton said: "I have never had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky." He acknowledged Aug. 17 before a federal grand jury — and again in a nationally televised address — that he had an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Fed aid, crop insurance help soften blow from storms

HOUSTON (AP) — The last Texas drought, blamed for major crop losses, was less devastating to residents because of hundreds of millions of dollars of federal aid and crop insurance, a published report says today.

Better-than-expected yields and sophisticated hedging by some farmers also helped stem the damage, according to the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal.

A study to be delivered next week at the department's annual agricultural outlook confer-

ence in Washington, D.C., reports that total receipts from crop sales in Texas and Oklahoma last year were about 15 percent less than those of the year before.

Texas and Oklahoma farmers, according to the report, took in an average of \$20,000 per farm in emergency disaster relief, crop subsidies, and other direct government payments in 1998 — easily more than the \$12,000 or so a year they averaged during the 1994-96 drought.

But 1998's one-two punch of low prices and poor crop yields

led many in Texas' farming regions to predict doom for a large swath of the state's farmers. Some bankers and farmers late in the season even predicted a third of the state's farms might fail.

Now, Texas lawmakers are considering a variety of disaster-relief and drought-response initiatives.

They include a \$400 million program suggested by Sen. Steve Ogden, a Bryan Republican, to pay farmers for seed, fertilizer and other costs in bad years.

Leading Texas farm groups have urged Congress to expand crop-insurance programs — privately operated, but defined by the federal government — so that farmers will be able to get coverage on a larger portion of their production, and to extend the program to cover livestock owners, for whom no federal insurance is currently available.

The groups are also urging that Congress renew all crop subsidies when legislators begin drafting a new farm bill in 2000.

Committee chairman Gramm offers his own take on financial overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new chairman of the Senate Banking Committee has unveiled draft legislation for lifting the Depression-era barriers between banks, securities firms and insurance companies that is more in line with the Federal Reserve than the Clinton administration.

The proposal by Sen. Phil Gramm — a Texas Republican who took the helm of the Banking Committee after for-



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mer chairman Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., lost his reelection bid in November — calls for most new financial activities to be conducted by affiliated companies within bank holding companies.

The draft proposal "is the result of consultation" with members of the banking panel, key government officials and lobbyists for the financial services industries, Gramm said in a brief statement Tuesday.

All financial overhaul proposals before Congress would create huge financial "supermarkets," offering consumers checking accounts, mutual funds, insurance policies and much more. Ralph Nader and other consumer advocates have

expressed concern that the changes could bring a dangerous concentration of economic power in fewer hands.

Gramm has said he wants to make enactment of financial overhaul legislation his highest priority, even though he blocked such a measure last October because of his opposition to federal community-lending laws that banks must follow.

Spokesmen for the Clinton administration and the banking, securities and insurance industries said they were still studying Gramm's proposal and had no immediate comment.

In three days of hearings last week before the House Banking Committee, battle lines over

financial overhaul legislation were drawn clearly and early as Congress began this year's debate.

Fed chairman Alan Greenspan extended his public disagreement with the administration over the best approach to take. He endorsed a bill proposed by Banking Committee Chairman Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, that would give the Federal Reserve more power over new financial activities.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, meanwhile, supported a new, competing version of the financial overhaul legislation, which would lift the barriers between financial industries but split regulatory authority between the Treasury

Department and the Fed.

Gramm's new draft is closer to Greenspan's view.

The Treasury and the central bank have long been at odds over the issue, while agreeing that legislation is needed to keep the U.S. financial industry competitive in a fast-changing world.

The administration wants to let banks diversify through subsidiaries of the bank itself, not just through affiliates within the same parent holding company. That arrangement would increase the power of the Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, regulator of nationally chartered banks.

On the other side of the battle,

letting banks into other kinds of financial activities through a holding company structure would expand the independent Fed's role in regulating financial services industries.

In an apparent nod to administration concerns that such an arrangement would discriminate against smaller banks, Gramm's proposal also would allow nationally chartered banks with \$1 billion or less in assets — the bulk of national banks — to get into the new activities through subsidiaries under certain conditions.

Of the 2,546 banks operating under national charters as of last spring, 2,359 had assets of \$1 billion or less.

Lesson gone awry, newlywed is charged with burning home

COLUMBIA, Tenn. (AP) — A woman who allegedly wanted to teach her new husband a lesson about the dangers of smoking in bed has been charged with burning down the house.

Linda Stewart, 39, put a lit cigarette on the couple's bed Sunday and left the house, police said.

"She admitted to intentionally starting the fire," Detective Mickey Jones said. "According to her, he had fallen asleep the night before and left a cigarette burning, and it burned a small area on the bed. So she said she was going to show him what could happen if she didn't catch it."

Her husband, Tim, was not home when the fire started about 10:30 a.m. When he returned, the house was gutted.

Ms. Stewart was arrested on arson charges. The Stewarts were married two months ago.

Study finds tomato-based foods may combat cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eating lots of fresh and processed tomatoes can lower the risk of many kinds of cancer, according to a study published today.

A summary study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute found there was enough data to show convincingly "that high consumers of tomatoes and tomato products are at substantially decreased risk of numerous cancers, although probably not all cancers."

The study analyzed 72 past studies that had examined the

link between various cancers and the consumption of tomatoes and tomato-based products. Some of the studies also analyzed the blood levels of lycopene, a compound principally found in tomatoes that protects cells from cancer-causing oxidants.

In all, 57 of the 72 studies linked tomato intake with a reduced risk of cancer, Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Harvard Medical School said in the report he authored. In 35 of these studies, he wrote, the connection was strong enough to be

"statistically significant," while in another 15 the link was inconclusive or only "slight."

The data are most compelling for cancers of the prostate gland, lung and stomach. Giovannucci reported the findings also suggest links between tomatoes and lower levels of several other cancers, including pancreatic, colorectal, esophageal, oral, breast and cervical cancers.

Dr. Clare Hasler, director of the Functional Foods for Health Program at the University of Illinois, called Giovannucci's work the most comprehensive to date on the issue.

"It shows that people who eat a large amount of tomatoes have

a reduced risk for a number of types of cancers," she said.

Overall, the study shows, "It is good to eat tomatoes as a part of a diet that is rich in other fruits and vegetables," said Dr. Moshe Shike, director of the Cancer Prevention and Wellness Program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The individual studies Giovannucci examined included tomatoes in many forms, including raw, ketchup, spaghetti sauce, tomato paste, soup and salsa. Benefits were found from all those forms, the study concluded, and cooking and processing tomatoes did not diminish the effect.

Guard units get ready to tackle Y2K computer problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Guard units around the country are being trained to deal with phone-system outages and other chaos that could result from computer crashes when the year 2000 begins.

In Washington state, half of the guard's ground troops will be on duty Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Other states plan to have units on standby in case of blackouts, looting or other problems that might occur if computers shut down because they can't comprehend the date 2000.

"The business we're in is to help communities when they're overwhelmed by an event, a blizzard, riot or other natural or manmade disasters," said Lt. Col. Tim Donovan, spokesman for the National Guard in Wisconsin. "We have the resources. And many of the consequences being speculated about Y2K are not unlike the things we've been doing for

years."

The potential problem stems from how computers deal with the date. Since most computers only recognize the last two digits of a date, such as the 99 in 1999, some of them are likely to interpret 00 as 1900.

Most government officials expect only minor problems from the so-called Y2K bug and say training the National Guard is merely a precaution. But some people are hoarding canned goods and planning to withdraw their money from banks in case deliveries can't be made and bank machines can't operate.

Others are predicting shutdowns of airports, train stations and power generators.

Just in case, the adjutant general in Washington state rescheduled a drill so that 3,000 guardsmen would be on duty on New Year's Eve and Jan. 1.

The decision to call out the Guard in each state rests with the governor. If troops are mobilized, they likely would be called to aid civilian law-enforcement, transportation agencies and emergency medical crews.

In New Mexico, officials plan to keep all 28 state armories open on New Year's Eve, said Guard spokesman Tom Koch. In Rhode Island, the Guard's adjutant general chairs regular meetings with state agency representatives to discuss contingency plans.

"The general has asked all department heads, all heads of local emergency management agencies to go back and examine their plans based on a worst-case scenario estimate and come back with any kind of situation that they might not be able to handle," said 1st Lt. Gloria Haggarty, a Guard spokeswoman. "Based on that information, we're going to develop additional plans."

Maintaining communication will be vital if problems do occur, said Lt. Col. Tom Schultz, a National Guard Bureau spokesman. In May, the National Guard will conduct the first national communications drill to simulate the loss of telephone service.

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OUR VIEWS

Good basketball bouncing its way into the coliseum

High school basketball playoffs are upon us and that means the annual ritual of West Texans making their pilgrimage to the regional basketball mecca, our own Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, is under way.

Already, more than 1,000 persons have come to Big Spring to watch youngsters wearing their hometown colors take to the hardwood — and more will come.

Over the years, the coliseum has developed a reputation as a quality facility where kids can play basketball in a big-time arena and fans can sit back — or stand up — and enjoy the game.

A few years ago, in fact, a columnist in another area newspaper wrote how his respective community was losing out by not developing a facility like Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and pursuing playoff games.

No, basketball playoff games alone wouldn't underwrite such a facility, but the writer took the time to call his local chamber of commerce to determine the economic impact of such activity.

Admittedly, it's not a lot, because folks come to town to watch the game. They get here shortly before game time and they leave following the game.

But along the way, they eat at least one meal in Big Spring and, chances are, they'll top off that gas tank. They purchase snacks at the game and, like some after an Ozona game last year, they might even stop at the local grocery store to shop before hitting the road back home.

Why do teams want to come to Big Spring to play basketball games?

There are several reasons — our location and the facility among them, but there are a couple of others, as well.

First, an effort is made to make the teams feel at home.

For example, as we were leaving the coliseum floor Tuesday night, we rode the elevator with two Slaton players who were proudly holding the "Good Luck" notes left for them in their lockers by the Lady Hawks.

Second, Stan Feaster and the coliseum staff go out of their way to create a "big game" atmosphere for these kids playing, well, a big game.

And it's little things, like introducing the entire team — non-starters and starters alike ... allowing the winning team to cut down the net after the game ... that make a difference.

Beginning at mid-playoff season last year, the Convention and Visitors Bureau joined in by presenting the championship trophies. This year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Sports Committee have come on board, participating in the trophies as well as providing a hospitality room for coaches and school officials.

It all adds up to bringing people to our community and it's working, as nearly 20,000 people came to town for basketball playoff games last year.

This year, we've already had a repeat team in Crane, who wanted to come back to Big Spring because their kids enjoyed themselves a year ago — even though they lost — and had the opportunity to play one of the biggest games of their young lives in a big-time atmosphere.

We encourage you to enjoy in the post-season excitement and join the crowds at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum — there's some good basketball bouncing its way to Big Spring!

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Ten lessons from the Clinton-Monica mess

Lessons learned from the Clinton-Monica mess:

1. Turn off the television, or at least cancel your cable or satellite service. Never in the history of the human race have so few done so much with so little to the detriment of so many.



CHARLEY REESE

2. Character matters. British statesman Edmund Burke said men, not measures, make a nation great. True. Issues and solutions come and go with changing circumstances, but if they are addressed by honest and moral men and women, things will come out OK in the long run. Corrupt and trashy people, however, will muck things up.
3. Don't trust any information you find on the Internet unless you find it at the Web

site of a reputable and established organization. The transmission of information is not a virtue. Tom Jefferson said it well when, annoyed by the press of his day, he wrote to a young man, "The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them; inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors." The communication revolution has succeeded in filling minds with many falsehoods and errors, so paradoxically it is harder to find facts and determine the truth today than it was 50 years ago.

4. Both Republicans and Democrats more so, have made even the law a partisan issue.

5. It's time for the Supreme Court to overturn its own Sullivan rule. The so-called Sullivan rule arose out of a libel suit against The New York Times. In finding for the Times, the court set up for the first time in American history a double standard. The only defense against libel or slander had forever been simply the truth. In the Sullivan rule, the

court said public figures must also prove malice as well as falsehood. Since malice is difficult to prove, the effect has been a degeneration of journalistic standards. Public figures — and anyone can involuntarily become a public figure (Monica Lewinsky, for example) — can and are trashed without a shred of proof. Anybody who claims that having to tell or write the truth would have a "chilling effect on journalism is either a media lawyer or a damned poor journalist."

6. Chill out. Public debate seems to be increasingly conducted in a frenzied and hysterical manner with personal attacks the main and only argument. Just remember: This, too, shall pass, and "this" includes us. Now and then it pays, for the sake of perspective, to remember our lives are but a firefly's blink on a speck of dust spinning around one of two trillion stars in one of billions of galaxies in a universe so vast as to be incomprehensible and immeasurable. Life ain't about politics.

7. Limit your expectations of government. Government has a hard time just building a road

without graft and day-after-ribon-cutting potholes. Don't expect it to solve any complex social problems. If it can scare off the foreign invaders, catch the bandits, avoid war, keep the harbors dredged and provide a reasonable safety net, we should be grateful and not ask for more. After all, it took over a year, millions of dollars and billions of words for it to decide that Clinton won't be held accountable for his crimes.

8. Don't renew the special prosecutor's statute when it expires. That was one of those ideas that sounded good in theory but proved awful in practice. If you have a corrupt Justice Department, then Congress itself has the power to expose wrongdoing and take punitive actions.

9. Check out your brain and see how much of what you think about this mess is original thought and how much is spin implanted by politicians via the media.

10. Then let it go and think about the future.

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Lon Morris has quite a history

Lon Morris College in Jacksonville sits in a quiet residential neighborhood. The school keeps its enrollment low, between 300 and 400 students. It is an institution of the United Methodist Church, so many ministers have attended there.



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The small school also has some distinguished graduates in the field of entertainment: actress Sandy Duncan, dancer Tommy Tune, singers Neal McCoy and K. T. Oslin and other producers, directors, costume designers and movie executives.

The strong entertainment influence at Lon Morris is due to a long time drama teacher at the school, Zula Pearson. A new theater on campus is named for her.

Lon Morris College is the oldest existing two-year college in the state. It was founded in

1854 as the New Danville Academy near Kilgore. It was a school for girls, operated by the Masons and housed in a log building. The school became the property of the East Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1875 and changed its name to Alexander Collegiate Institute in honor of its president and outstanding early Texas educator, Isaac Alexander.

In 1894 the school was moved to its present location in Jacksonville. The name was changed again in 1924 to Lon Morris College. Reuben Alonzo "Lon" Morris of Pittsburg, Texas was a Methodist benefactor who endowed the school. Today, Texas residents make up 81 percent of the total student body, most of those just out of high school residing within the area of the East Texas based Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, the owner of the college.

More than 16 percent of the student body comes from other countries. Ninety-five percent of the students are under 25 years of age.

Lon Morris concentrates on a liberal arts curriculum, with course offerings in art, music,

drama, speech, dance, English, communications, French, Spanish, biology, math, computer science, accounting, economics, government, religion and philosophy. The largest numbers of declared majors are in education, business and drama.

At homecomings, former students who are in the entertainment field, come back to the school and sing and dance.

Lon Morris President Clifford Lee, himself a graduate of Lon Morris, epitomizes the emphasis on entertainment at the school. He is a speaker, trainer, and entertainer who has an agent and a cassette of songs he recorded.

When the school was known as the New Danville Masonic Female Academy, the school never missed a term, even through the Civil War and Reconstruction. It even survived the death of the town of Danville itself.

The Railroad by-passed New Danville in 1872 and most residents migrated to the new town of Kilgore.

In the fall of 1873, the academy followed. The Masons could not offer new facilities in Kilgore, so the Methodists were approached and took over the school.



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Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331. Ext. 236.

Instructor staying busy, but keeping happy

Darensbourg reaps rewards from work, including acceptance of his students

By GINA GARZA
Features Assistant

Ken Darensbourg keeps a very busy schedule.

He's the speech instructor at Howard College and the speech and sign language instructor at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

"I really enjoy these classes even though my days are so busy; it's worth it," said Darensbourg. He also said that variety keeps him happy.

He's been working in Big Spring for two years, but has been signing for about 20 years.

"I do it because I like it," he said. Darensbourg said he had always wanted to be an interpreter but found out it didn't pay much money.

"I decided to teach sign language to support my family. I have a degree in speech and communication and in sign language."

While at SWCID, Darensbourg has helped the deaf students begin a new club, the Student African American Organization.

"You don't just have to be black to be in this club; you can be anyone," he said.

The club is in the process of trying to raise money to put on a special program

on Feb. 26.

"They (club members) are going to be selling T-shirts at Wal-Mart for \$10. We want everyone to wear their T-shirt on Feb. 26 to help celebrate Black History Month," he said.

"There is going to be a step competition, African American dancing, a choir, a dance, a drama, dinner, and much more," he said.

"One of the greatest rewards I have encountered by being here is their acceptance of me," said Darensbourg.

"That is not always easy to do because the deaf community is afraid of being taken advantage of."

"It really makes me feel good when I walk on campus and they (SWCID students) start signing to me; it's a real reward."

"It's very important to them to make sure everyone knows what is going on. They don't leave you out."

He also added that it's their school and they make the rules.

"They let me teach here and accept me, and I feel pretty dog-gone good about it."

For more information about the T-shirts or about the Black History Month program on Feb. 26, please call the SWCID office at 264-3700 and ask for Ken Darensbourg.



HERALD photo/Gina Garza
Members of the Student African American Organization at SWCID include: from back row, left to right, Eric Martinez, LaSone Lawrence, Kitsonia Jones, Ken Darensbourg (sponsor), middle row, left to right, Lana Coker, Betty Dang and Dorlisha Jones, and back row, left to right, James Hines and Isalah Heggins.

Who is caring for you?

Health-care provider

nametags give clues

What do all those initials mean on healthcare providers' name tags?

There was time not long ago when a glance at a healthcare provider's name tag let you know the role of that person.

M.D. after the person's name meant he or she was a medical doctor. The initials R.N. meant Registered Nurse and LVN meant Licensed Vocational Nurse. N.A. stood for Nurse's Assistant.

Now there seem to be a dozen of more new titles cropping up and many of us don't have a clue what they mean.

P.A. stands for Physician Assistant. P.A.s study for two years in a medical program and must pass a certification exam. In addition, every six years they must pass a national exam to remain certified. P.A.s are licensed to practice by the state and each state sets its guidelines.

"There are very few things we can't do working with physicians," says Libby Coyte, past president of the American Academy of Physician Associates. However, P.A.s must be affiliated with a physician.

The Nurse Practitioner (N.P.) is a registered nurse with advanced training, ranging from a masters degree to up to an additional two years of clinical training.

Since N.P.s have the education and training to diagnose, they are qualified to provide primary care. The N.P. collaborates with physicians when the patient's health needs exceed beyond the nurse's range of practice.

Registered Medical Assistant (R.M.A.) is one of the fastest growing of all occupations. R.M.A.s are certified health care professionals who are qualified to assist the physician in total practice-administration office, examining room and laboratory.

American Medical Technologists offers national certification as an R.M.A. to medical assisting practitioners who meet established standards and requirements and pass a certification examination.

With managed care, family physicians who used to have more time to teach patients about preventive care are forced to spend more time with their sicker patients and to turn more of the teaching over to nurses and other healthcare providers, says Regina Benjamin, M.D. a member of the AMA board of trustees. Getting the best care now requires the contributions of all members of the healthcare team.

Wanda Denson writes a regular column on health care issues for the Big Spring Herald.



WANDA DENSON

In Hawaii, 'late news' usually means just that

HONOLULU (AP) — Many things make this a tropical paradise, like the year-round warm weather and the relaxed way of life.

Until recently, TV scheduling was a little too relaxed.

Now Hawaii is saying "Aloha" (as in hello) to "The 10 O'clock News" at 10 p.m. No more nights of late starts because TV stations let more commercials run overtime.

For decades, Hawaii's network TV affiliates gave "late news" a new meaning, starting up to 10 minutes past the hour. But Fox's KHON and ABC's KITV now start their 10 o'clock news on time.

"I think it's a very good idea," said Roberta Weatherford, who often gets home from her job at the state Capitol too late to watch the evening news.

"Like, how come you're advertising the 10 O'clock News and it doesn't come on until 10:15? If it's going to come on at 10:15 ... tell me," she said. "Then it's my choice on whether I'm going to pry my eyes open or not."

Hawaii's two other network affiliates — CBS' KGMB and NBC's KHNL — will continue their tardy ways for now, although they expect to make the change at some point to what the industry calls "clock time."

So far, reviews of the change are positive.

"It's something new for us to try to hit 10 o'clock exactly and have everything ready to go," reported KHON general manager Kent Baker. "We've never had to worry about it before."

Nine of 10 Hawaii viewers subscribe to cable, where only the network stations deviate from "clock time" programming that starts on the hour of the half-hour.

"To compete in a 70-channel universe, you have to be on the clock. You can't be expecting your viewers to wait to watch the news when they switch over from a show that ended on time," said Walter Zimmerman, news director at KITV.

"The viewers will like it better. They'll be able to set their VCRs at the right time," he added.

CBS and NBC affiliates are taking a wait-and-see stance.

February ratings, released March 15, should reflect any viewer impact by the change.

"We're going to hold off right now and see how this plays out," said KHNL general manager John Fink. "This has been going on for 30 years, and it'll take more time to make the adjustment."

Late news is a practice that dates to the early years of television, before satellite transmissions, when tapes of network programs were shipped by air from the mainland. These programs were shown a week late and not necessarily in the same time slots as on the mainland.

To cover the added shipping costs, networks allowed local stations to delay successive program starts, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in order to squeeze in a few more prime-time ads.

Satellite transmissions, introduced in the 1970s, allowed same-day network programming, but the ad padding didn't stop. "The local people are used to it," Baker said, "but we get

calls from newcomers who wonder why it's happening."

He believes change is likely because all four network affiliates are owned by mainland companies that can support them financially during the transition. "We'll lose some (money) at the beginning," Baker said, "but we expect that will change." The switch, he said, should increase competition in the market, raise the price of prime-time commercials, and help keep advertisers from getting lost in a series of back-to-back commercials.

"Right now," Baker added, "we take any ad that comes in the door" and make it fit by pushing back the start of the local news.

Fink and KGMB general manager Ray Depa said the switch may double what advertisers now pay since there would be less time available.

Zimmerman said the switch should help most advertisers because viewers would no longer be deluged.

And for viewers ... that would be paradise at last.

This food fest celebrates an 'acquired taste' for sure

MONROE, Mich. (AP) — When it comes to fine muskrat dining, Matt Switlik is a pro.

"The real buffs would insist that the head still be here," Switlik said, gazing at a headless stew of bones and meat. "The last couple of years, the caterer would do that and I'd be looking at these little teeth."

The Algonquin Club of Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, gathered Thursday to celebrate local history over their annual dinner of boiled muskrat. Club member Bob Cosgrove, 63, struggled to define the taste.

"Ever read 'Green Eggs and Ham'?" he asked. "Kiddingly, it tastes like cat."

Local historians said the muskrat helped shape the diets of the area's French-Canadian settlers, who were more inclined to call the animal "mushrat."

Michigan health officials once cited eateries and non-profit groups for serving muskrat on grounds that the meat hadn't been certified disease-free.

That changed in 1988, when state lawmakers approved a compromise that allowed clubs and churches to serve trapped muskrat.

And so they partook at the Monroe County Historical Museum. The stars of the night were roughly three dozen of the animals — trapped locally before being wine-soaked and boiled to perfection.

"I'd cook it a little more tender than this, but it's good," said Ralph Naveaux, the museum's assistant director. "I'll probably take a doggie bag of this home."

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Children in rear-facing safety seats should not be placed in the front seat of cars equipped with passenger-side air bags. The impact of a deploying air bag striking a rear-facing child seat could result in serious or even fatal injury to a child.

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Because of their high center of gravity and delicate bone structure, infants and toddlers are extremely susceptible to injury in vehicle crashes when not restrained. Child safety seats are extremely effective when correctly installed and used. Be sure to check the compatibility of a vehicle and child safety seat



DANA TARTER

before making a purchase.

For Happy Children in safety seats, follow these pointers:

•Start early-bring your baby home from the hospital in a child safety seat and never put your child in a vehicle without one.

•Be consistent, there are no excuses, always buckle your child, ever confuse your child by not using the child safety seat, or allowing your child to get out of the safety seat when he or she cries or is fussy.

•Use words, as your infant becomes a toddler and starts to talk, explain in simple language that it is a family rule that everyone buckles up.

•Model good behavior, chil-

dren copy parents. By buckling up every time you get in the car you set a good example for your child.

•The boredom monster may strike while your child rides in the car. To keep your child busy, have a bag of soft travel toys, books and activities to be used in the car while your child rides the the car seat. Toys for the vehicle need to be soft, have no sharp edges and they should be safely secure when not being used.

•Nearly all children will try at some point to get out of the car seat. Be firm and don't panic. Stop the car in a safe

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SLICE of life!

LEGAL HELP

There are more than 1,000 licensed nursing homes in Texas, and three of them in Big Spring. Relatives of people in nursing homes now have a toll-free hotline operated through the Nursing Home Advocacy Project. Through the hotline, callers can get help with health and safety concerns that involve nursing home care.

Callers can access free legal advice about situations they may encounter and the rights of patients or family members. In the event legal representation is needed, callers will be referred to an attorney experienced in elder law, according to information from the project.

A call to the hotline recently reached an answering machine, where the caller was urged to leave a message for a return call. The Nursing Home Advocacy Project can be reached at 1-888-343-4414.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT is taking applications for the spring Citizens Police Academy class. The class will receive 3.6 continuing education units at Howard College, and learn about the department's operations in the community.

Applications are now available on the police department's web page at police.big-spring.tx.us. Select patrol division, then citizens police academy, and you can download the application to your computer.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Call Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department at 264-2564.

THE LAST WORD

A judge is a law student who marks his own examination papers.
H.L. Mencken

Every skilled person is to be believed with reference to his own art.
Legal maxim

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Shakespeare, "The Merchant of Venice"

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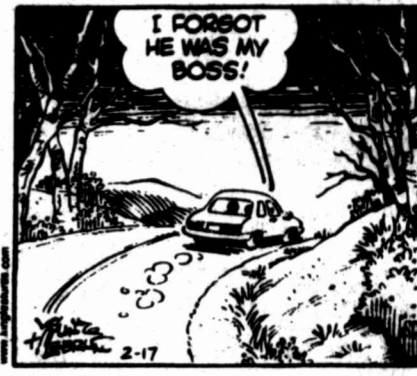
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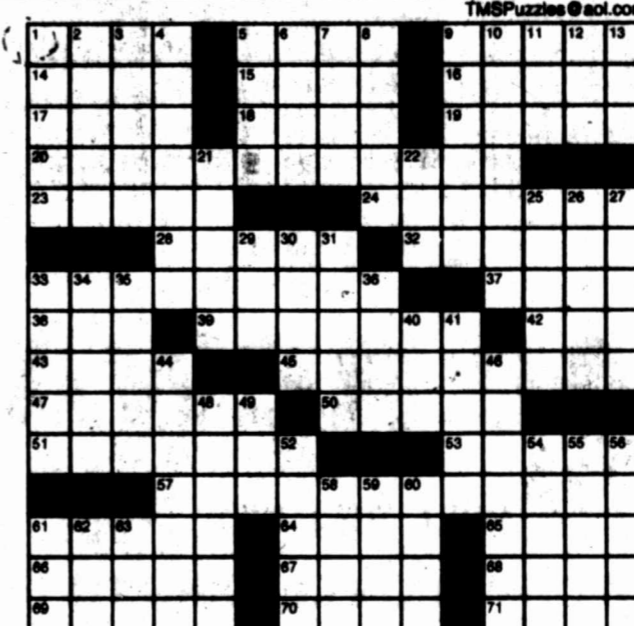
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 1999. There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 17, 1801, the House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president. Burr became vice president.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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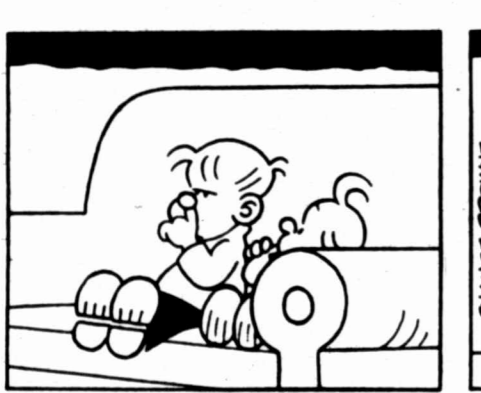


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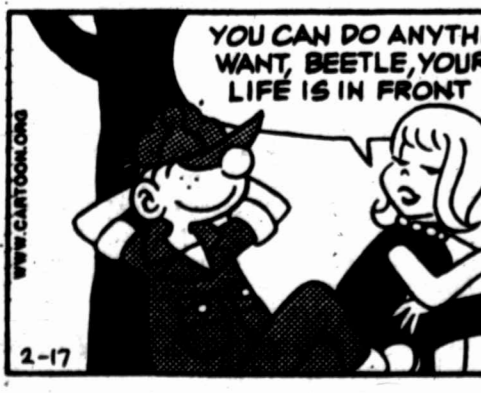
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On this date: In 1817, a street in Baltimore became the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company. In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington. In 1933, Newsweek was first published. In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union. In 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population. In 1972, President Nixon departed on his historic trip to China. In 1988, Lt. Col. William Higgins, an American officer serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon. He was later slain by his captors. Ten years ago: Iran's President Ali Khamenei said Salman Rushdie, author of 'The Satanic Verses,' could save himself from a death sentence pronounced by Ayatollah Khomeini if he were to apologize for his book, which was regarded as blasphemous. Five years ago: Bosnian Serbs began large-scale withdrawal of its heavy guns from the hills around Sarajevo under pressure from Russia. The U.S. government reported a record trade deficit with Japan the previous year. One year ago: President Clinton, preparing Americans for possible air strikes against Iraq, said military force is never the first answer 'but sometimes it's the only answer.' A jury in Fort Worth, Texas, convicted former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora of killing a 16-year-old romantic rival. An Iranian crowd cheered as U.S. wrestlers carried the Stars and Stripes into an international meet in Tehran. The U.S. women's hockey team won the gold medal at Nagano, Japan, defeating Canada 3-1. Today's Birthdays: Actress Kathleen Freeman is 80. Margaret Truman Daniel is 74. Actor Hal Holbrook is 74. Singer Bobby Lewis is 66. Actor Alan Bates is 65. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 64. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 63. Actress Mary Ann Mobley is 60. Singer Gene Pitney is 58. Actress Brenda Fricker is 54. Actor Richard Karn is 43. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 37. Basketball player Michael Jordan is 36.

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- This Job Search seminar will teach job seekers to utilize proven job search skills and techniques, assess their qualifications and skills, prepare for interviews, follow-up after interviews, and network with others to find employment. **WORKSHOP DATES: February 22, March 1, March 8, March 22, and March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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Experienced Phlebotomist needed for local lab. Full time position. Call 634-8507.

West Texas Centers For MHMR has Child & Adolescent Service Coordinator position available in Scurry/Mitchell. Job requires Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course in social, behavioral, or human services. Position required to carry caseload and provide case coordination services. M-F, 8-5, on-call, salary \$905.08 paid biweekly (\$23,532 annually). Applications may be obtained in Big Spring at 409 Runnels; in Sweetwater at 204 E. Broadway or T.W.C. or by calling Jobline 1-800-687-2769.

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