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TO OUR READERS:

Because of a decline in the economy, and a corresponding drop in advertising on Monday and Tuesday, the Herald management made the decision a week ago to drop the editorial page in those two issues.

However, you told us you thought that was a bad decision — and we listened. Instead of eliminating those pages, we will continue to look for other ways to trim expenses and continue to produce a newspaper that serves as your source for local news and information.

We appreciate your input as well as your understanding — and as always, we appreciate your loyalty to your hometown newspaper.

JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Weevil meeting slated for 8 a.m.

A public meeting concerning the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone will be held at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the Tumbleweed Room on the Howard College campus.

The meeting is one of several being held throughout the zone to inform cotton producers and land owners how the battle against the boll weevil will be waged if the eradication zone is approved April 8 by two-thirds of the eligible voters. Breakfast will be served at the meeting.

WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY**
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212. Call Bob Madigan at 267-6935.
 - Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
 - Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m., club house.
 - Parents Who Care, after prom party planning, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School library. For more information call Sue Bagwell at 264-7016 or Kelly McBee at 263-2306.
- TUESDAY**
- Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.
 - Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex community room, 500 Main.
 - Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

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Howard Countians encouraged to 'Walk Across Texas' this spring

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

If you can't waltz across Texas, why not walk?

"Walk Across Texas" is an eight-week program sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service that could spark



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some competition locally. In it, teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, or even biking.

"This can be families, co-workers, neighbors, your Sunday school class..." said Dana Tarter, Howard County Extension Agent for Home Economics. "The people on your team can be of any age."

The kick-off for "Walk Across Texas" is April 17 during the Big Spring Area Health Fair, so the time is now to form local teams.

"This is a little friendly competition, and it's just going to be a lot of fun," Tarter said. "If they don't already have an exercise program, maybe this will help them to form the habit. Our hope is, after eight weeks it will be habit and they will continue on with it for their health."

"We think it's a neat way for friends and families to get involved together in a common goal."

Tarter cited American Heart Association statistics showing heart disease is the number one problem in the United States,

and that its risk could be significantly reduced with regular exercise. She said according to the Texas Department of Health, regular exercise also helps relieve stress and anxiety, and physically active people outlive inactive people.

To participate, get a team together. Walking teams require eight members, while biking and jogging teams are limited to four. Choose a team captain and name your team.

The captain will keep track of the team's mileage and report it weekly to the extension office.

Fill out a registration form at the Howard County Extension office, located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street. There will be a \$10 registration fee for each team.

Tarter said the goal for each team is 800 miles covered during the eight-week program.

"Team members don't have to walk together," she said. "Some teams may have members walking on treadmills or riding a stationary bike, while others

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Planes for Hangar 25 arrive in Big Spring

After more than a year, dreams are coming true

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Jim Little was in a mood to thank some people Sunday at Hangar 25.

He thanked the citizens of Big Spring for their support in backing the project to restore an old hangar at the former Webb Air Force Base into a museum. He thanked the men who went with him to Mesa, Ariz. last week to dismantle and bring back two airplanes for the museum.

He thanked the city for allowing several of their employees time off to make the trip, and for the loan of some equipment to bring the planes to Big Spring. He thanked others who donated equipment, Boeing Corporation for helping out in Mesa, and members of the Hangar 25 Air Museum Association, who greeted the bunch with signs proclaiming "Welcome Home!"

He even thanked the police



Stripped of its wings for the long trip to Big Spring, a Lockheed T-33A "Shooting Star" sits on a trailer outside of Hangar 25 as a group of interested citizens look on. The T-33A and a T-37 were brought back from Arizona and will make their new home at the Hangar 25 Museum.

escort that led them the small caravan to the airpark.

"It's really nice to have flash-

ing lights in front of you," quipped Little. "Some of us have had those lights flashing behind them before."

Wary of the long drive but in good spirits, Little, Johnny Bedell, Gary Osburn, Luis Coronado, Stephen Gray and Jerry Groves followed those flashing lights into McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Sunday afternoon where they were greeted by a crowd of about 40 people. After exchanging hugs and welcome-backs, the group gathered in the historic hangar to celebrate the occasion.

"We brought back two airplanes from Arizona typical of the planes that flew out of Webb Air Force Base," Little said. "It was one of the most exciting times I've ever had."

Members of the group that went to Mesa, loaded the planes onto trailers with cranes after taking off their wings and other parts, were given Hangar 25 shirts in an informal ceremony.

"These are the guys that made this happen," said Little. "Without them, we could not have done this."

The planes, a Lockheed T-33 "Shooting Star" and a Cessna T-37 "Tweety Bird," were acquired through the Air Force from

Williams Gateway Airport in Mesa. They'll be the first exhibits in what Hangar 25 Museum Association members believe is a unique idea — a museum dedicated to trainer aircraft and the men who flew them.

It was, members said, the latest stop in a long, but rewarding project.

"Isn't this great!" said Kim Howell, a member of the committee. "They (the planes) are in such good shape. I'm so thrilled this day is finally here."

Dr. Darryl Powell spotted the planes last year and Little, a retired Air Force colonel, negotiated with the Air Force to get them for Big Spring. Other attempts at acquiring planes had been made, but had fallen through for one reason or another.

Now comes the task of unloading the planes — Freecom is donating equipment to help — and getting them put back together and museum-ready.

Dedication for Hangar 25 won't be until Memorial Day, but the planes will be on exhibit before then. Already, a 1952-D pilot training class reunion is

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The crew who went to Williams Gateway Airport in Mesa, Ariz. to pickup two planes for the Hangar 25 Museum last week were, left to right, top to bottom, Johnny Bedell, Luis Coronado, Stephen Gray, Jim Little, Gary Osburn and Jerry Groves. Each was presented a Hangar 25 shirt and given a round of applause at a "homecoming" event Sunday afternoon.

New technology helps Western Container form key alliance

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Western Container Corp. in Big Spring installed a state of the art blow molding machine this week, and formed a working alliance with its European manufacturing company.

"I am excited and proud that Big Spring was selected as the first Western Container plant to trial this new blow molding machine," said Patrick Chesworth, production manager for the plant, in a quarterly newsletter.

The new machine, called a Blomax 16 made by the Krupp Coroplast Corporation in Hamburg, Germany, will increase productivity five times that of the slower machines, he said.

"This is a wonderful partnership between Western Container and Krupp," said Barbara Morrison, human

resources manager.

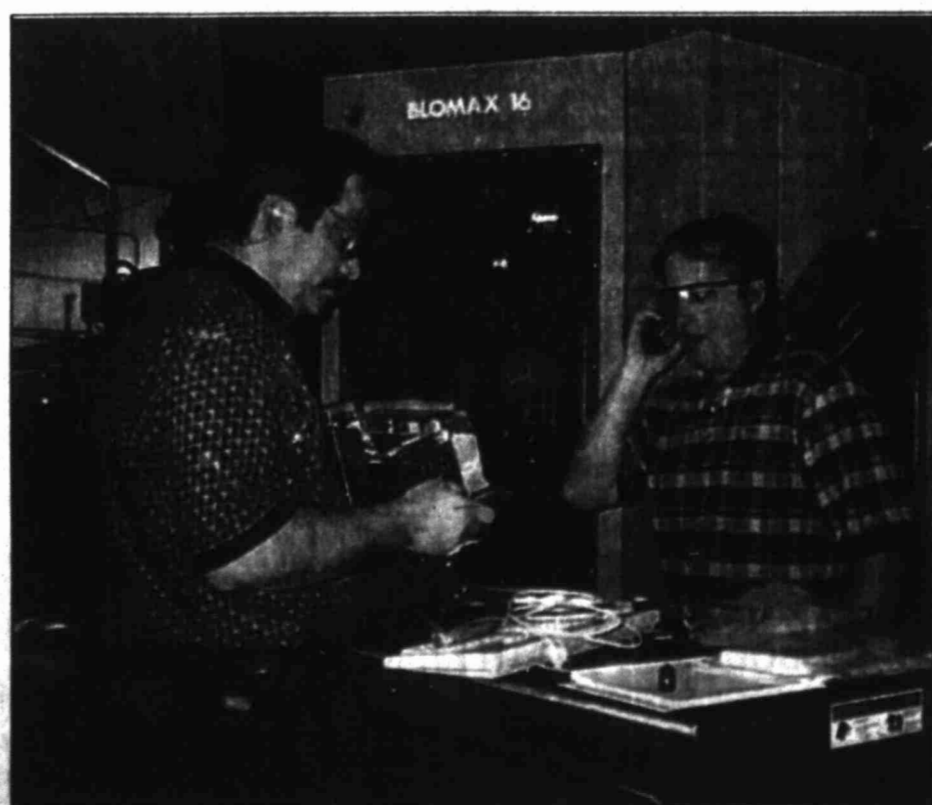
"Our goal is to have state-of-the-art technology. Western Container prides themselves on our first-rate technology and equipment, and we now have the Cadillac of all machines of this kind," she said.

The new machine, which will project high pressure air into small, test tube like cylinders and create a two or three liter plastic beverage bottle, produces more bottles per minute than any other machine of its kind, she said.

In industry specification productivity tests, the Blomax 16 has proven to create 19,200 bottles per minute, while some of the slower machines in use create 4,000, she said.

Another advanced feature of the new machine is the computerized control center. This center locates any trouble within

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Michael Skroblin, left, service manager of Krupp Plastics & Rubber from Hamburg, Germany, discusses the new blow molding machine (pictured in back) with Patrick Chesworth, production manager of Western Container. The machine is capable of creating 19,200 bottles per minute.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Filing

Coahoma ISD gets one more, Glasscock none

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Some places in Howard County and the surrounding area there are candidates on top of candidates for May school board elections. And some places, there are none.

With just two days left in the filing period, Coahoma got its seventh candidate this morning. Meanwhile, there have been no takers still at Glasscock County ISD.

Larry Cordes, a pharmacist in Big Spring, was the latest to file for one of two trustee positions up for election in the Coahoma school system. Cordes joins David Higgins, who is self-employed, Cindy Neff, a Mental Health/Mental Retardation worker; Eddy Corse, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Joe Mansfield, with Sid Richardson; John Wayne Metcalf, a city employee; and Ronnie Dodson, who is employed by Saga Petroleum.

Neither of the incumbents — Brian Marlar and Bill Gressett — has filed for re-election, though they still have time. Candidate filing in all of the school board races ends with the close of business Wednesday.

Grady ISD has its first contested race. Tony Sawyer, incumbent for District 3, has filed for another term. The area farmer will be challenged by oil field worker Johnny Cox.

The other Grady ISD board incumbent facing re-election, Brad Tunnell, is unopposed as yet for his District 4 seat.

Big Spring ISD incumbents remained unchallenged over spring break. Irene Bustamante, who is employed at The Medicine Shoppe, is seeking another term as District 1 representative. Larry McClellan, a pharmacist with Professional Pharmacy, is running for his second full term in District 3. He currently serves as the board president.

Stanton ISD's District 3 seat will be a contested one as Randy Turner, service manager

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Zippos? Clock is ticking on naming next decade

NEW YORK (AP) — Forget, for a moment, the new century and the new millennium. A new decade is about to dawn, and no one is sure just what to call it.

We're ending the '90s. We're entering ... the "goose eggs"? The "orbs"? The "zippos"? And what do we call the individual years? Two-thousand-and-three? Twenty-oh-five? Oh-seven? The Year Eight?

Thankfully, people are already on the case. Bond traders who sold 30-year bonds in 1980. Automakers marketing cars that will come out two, three, four years from now. Television news anchors who are already stumbling over dates that in decades past conjured images of spaceships and aliens in metallic jumpsuits.

And people like Andrew Novick, who works in the Time and Frequency Division at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colo. The institute sets measures like the hour and the foot

for the federal government. "You wouldn't say ... let's see. You wouldn't say ... boy, I don't know," Novick stumbled. "I think I've flip-flopped, from two-thousand-and-six to twenty-oh-six. But that's more nerd language. There's definitely no consensus."

Neither is there a shortage of suggestions.

Among the monikers submitted to a "Name That Decade" contest held in October by The Washington Post: The Ooze, The Millies (playing off millennium) and The Naughties (playing off "aught," the quaint term for zero).

Others spun off the news (The Second Ken Starr Decade), technology (Twenty Bytes) or James Bond (Double Os, or The James Bond Decade).

The paper settled on The Pre-Teens, with a caveat: "We'll never know the real winner until we get to 2000 and see what begins to trip off the tongues of those commence-

ment speakers."

Voice of America provoked a more global discussion with its contest this month. From the Philippines came the Empties, the Zippos and The Roly Os. The Zeroes from England. The Zoos from China. And this poem from the Czech Republic:

"Now there's a task
To put a name
On something filled with nothing."

A decade filled with zips, and ohs and goose eggs and years with double nuttin's ...

Bond traders refer to the years 2000-2009 in single digits: oh-six, oh-seven. And while Wall Street isn't exactly known for rollicking high humor, traders nicknamed the first decade long ago. Bonds that mature in 2005 are "nickels." Those issued in the first quarter of 1980 and maturing in February 2010 are "Bo Dereks." The jury is still out in the movie "10." Bonds issued the

next quarter and expiring in May 2010 are "DC-10s."

David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., said he was recently writing a forecast for the first decade when the Name Dilemma struck.

"I wrote the 2000s, but that doesn't sound right. I kept looking at it, and you can't even hardly say it. It seems so awkward," Jones said. "When I'm asked about it, I'll probably just say 'the first decade of the new century.'"

For carmakers, the vernacular so far is two-thousand-and-whatever as in General Motors' two thousand-and-three Impala.

"You don't say oh-three, OK? You put the preface of 20 because it's going to be new! A new millennium! A new car! The future's already here for us in the automotive industry," said Vince Muniga, a GM spokesman in Detroit.

The Senate opens debate today on the measure by

Missile defense bill has good outlook for passage this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeing support growing for missile-defense legislation, Senate Democratic leaders are dropping an effort to block the measure. Instead, they are searching for a compromise to keep it from becoming a 2000 campaign liability.

Missile tests by North Korea and Iran, and reports of possible Chinese espionage at the Los Alamos, N.M., nuclear weapons laboratory, are being cited by sponsors as even more justification to move quickly.

"North Korea has demonstrated there is a threat of a ballistic missile attack that puts at risk some of the territory of the United States," said Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss. "Lack of a threat is no longer an excuse for voting against a bill of this kind."

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Cochran and Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, to commit the Pentagon to fielding a system to protect the 50 states from a ballistic missile attack as soon as technologically possible.

Democrats used procedural tactics last May and September to keep the measure, subject of a White House veto threat, from even coming up.

This year, they're not even trying.

"We obviously have more support on the Democratic side than we had last year," Cochran said in an interview last week.

Democrats concede the point. "We just don't know what the final vote would be," said Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the senior Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee and the bill's principal opponent.

Prison population more than doubles over past 12 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of American adults imprisoned has more than doubled over the past 12 years, reaching its highest level ever last year, the Justice Department said Sunday. The United States soon may surpass Russia as the country with the highest rate of incarceration.

At mid-1998, jails and prisons held an estimated 1.8 million people, according to a Bureau of Justice Statistics report. At the end of 1985, the figure was 744,208.

Viewed another way, there were 668 inmates for every 100,000 U.S. residents as of June 1998, compared with 313 inmates per 100,000 people in 1985.

In Russia, 685 people out of every 100,000 are behind bars, according to The Sentencing Project, a U.S. group critical of the general trend toward harsher sentencing of American criminals.

A planned amnesty of 100,000 prisoners in Russia and the expectation of continued increases in the U.S. inmate population means the United States probably will become the world's leading jailer "in a year or two," said Jenni Gainsborough, a Sentencing Project spokeswoman.

The number of people imprisoned in the United States has grown for more than a quarter century, helped by increased drug prosecutions.

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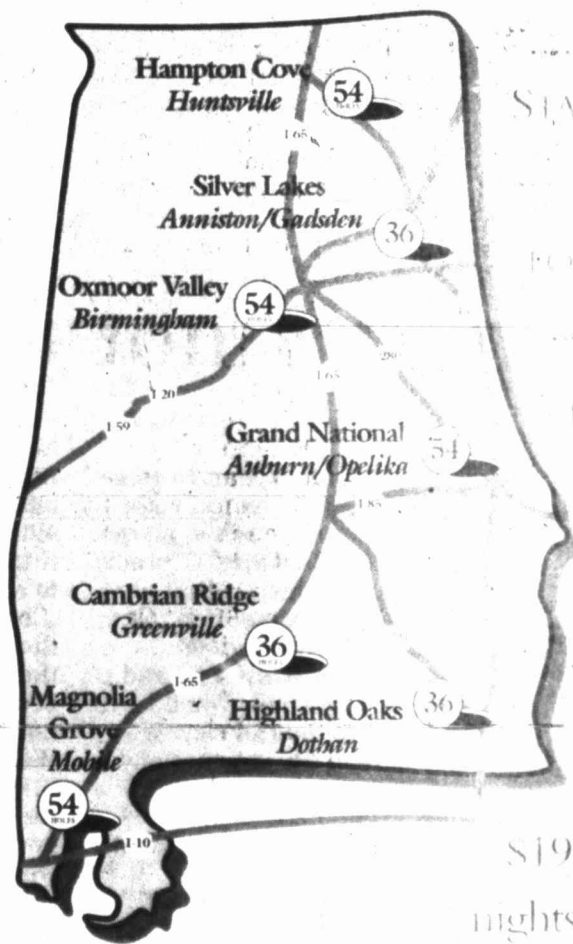
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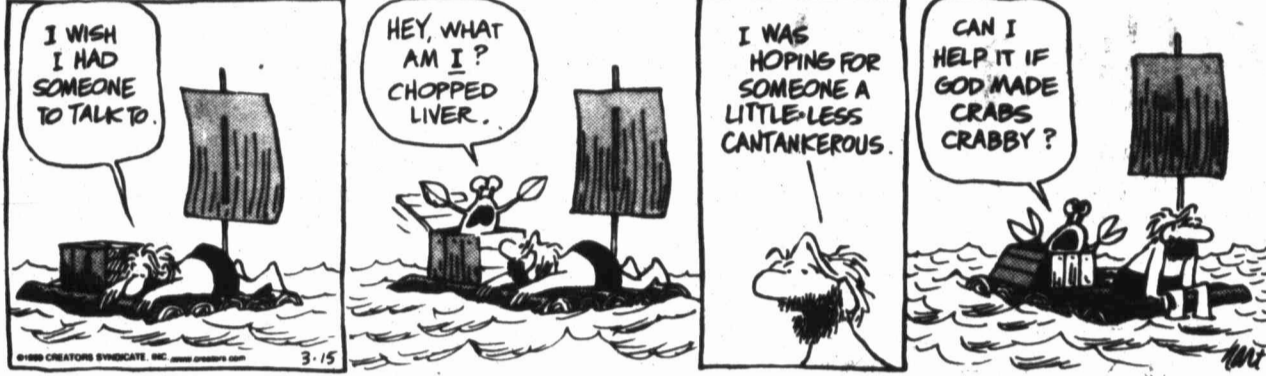
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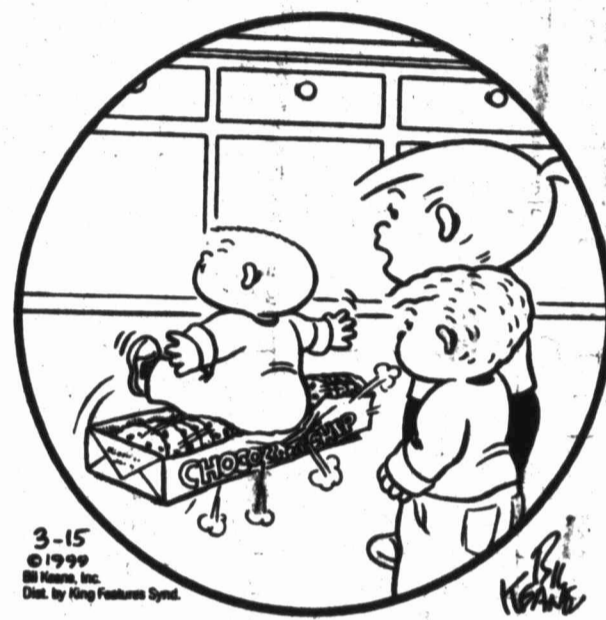
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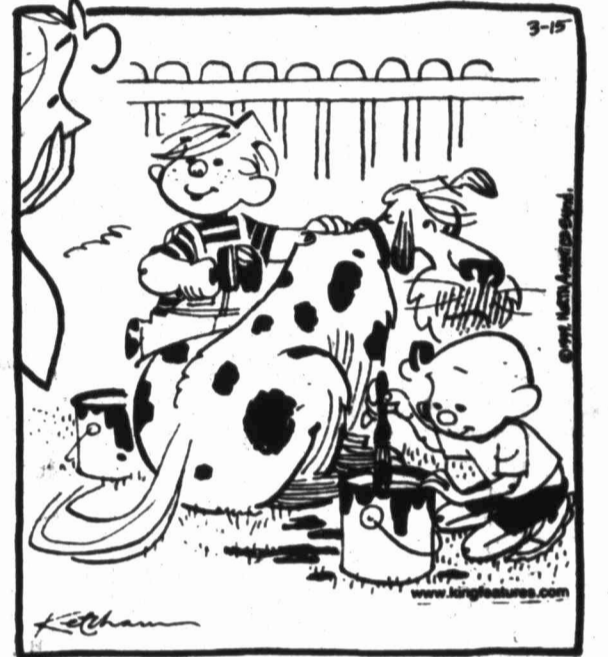
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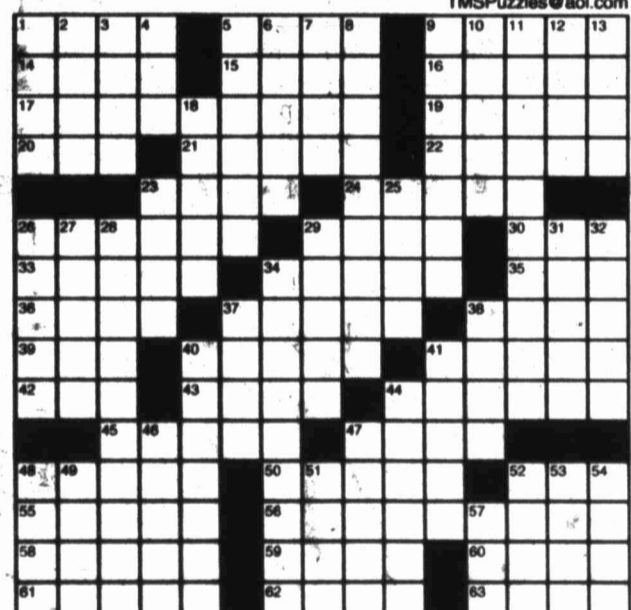
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, March 15, the 74th day of 1999. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 15, 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris. On this date: In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated.

by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius. In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere. In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state. In 1875, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, John McCloskey, was named the first American cardinal, by Pope Pius IX.

THE Daily Crossword

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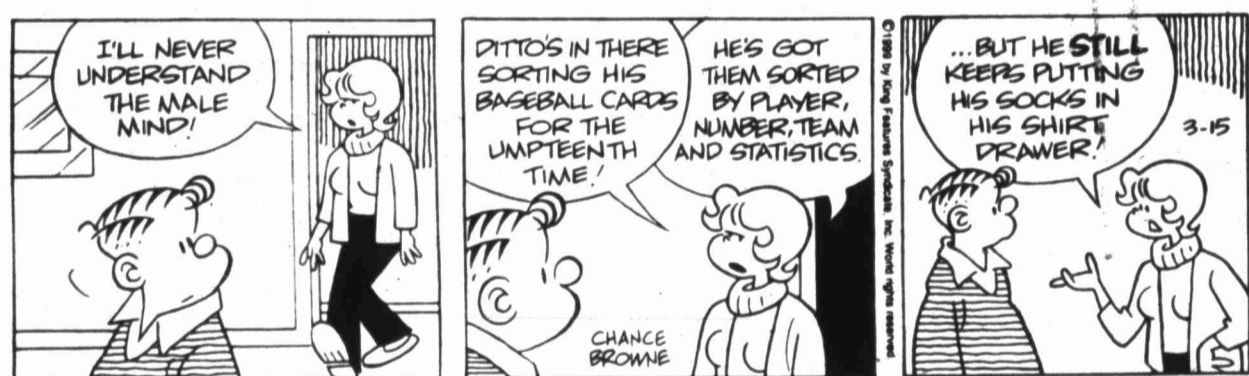
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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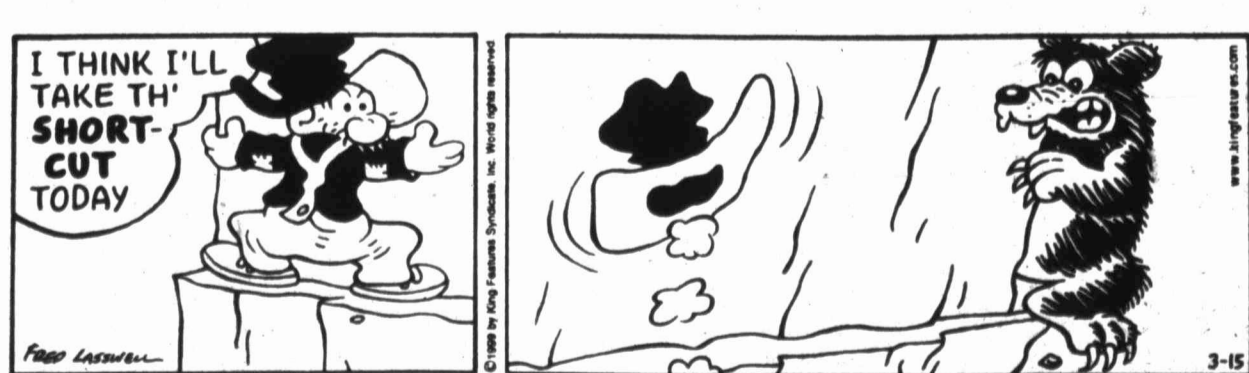
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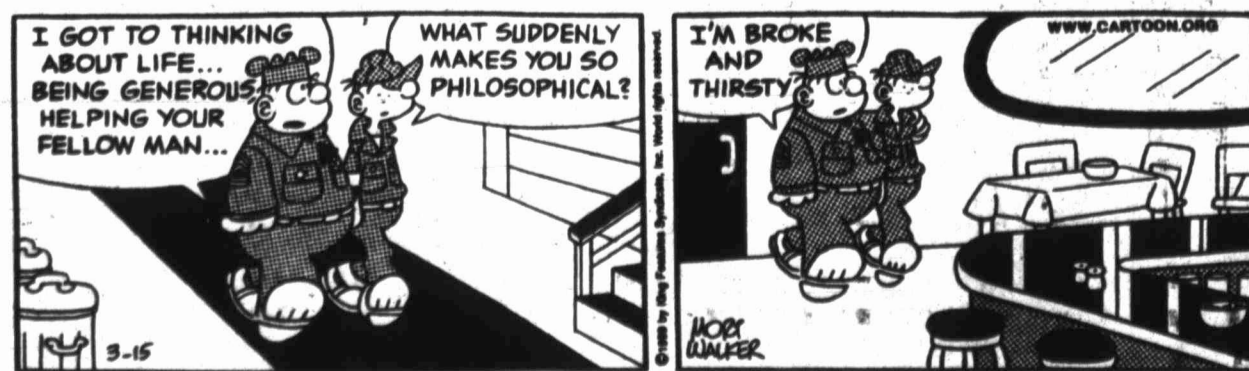
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One year ago: CBS' "60 Minutes" aired an interview with former White House employee Kathleen Willey, who said President Clinton had made unwelcome sexual advances toward her in the Oval Office in 1993, a charge denied by the president. Dr. Benjamin Spock, whose child care guidance spanned half a century, died in San Diego at 94. Today's Birthdays: Country singer Carl Smith is 72. Former astronaut Alan L. Bean is 67. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 66. Jazz musician Cecil Taylor is 66. Actor Judd Hirsch is 64. Rock musician Phil Lesh (The Grateful Dead) is 59. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 58. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone Stewart is 55. Actor Craig Wasson is 45. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 44. Actress Park Overall is 42. Movie director Renny Harlin is 40. Model Fabio is 38. Singer Terence Trent D'Arby is 37.

Thought for Today: "Sometimes it's worse to win a fight than to lose." - Billie Holiday, American singer (1915-1959).