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**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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**Tickets available now for '80 Bites'**

Tickets go on sale today for the Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" food festival.

The sixth annual event is planned Saturday, Jan. 29, at the museum from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Those who attend can taste the culinary specialties of such countries as Italy, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Mexico, Greece, Egypt, China, England, Scotland, Finland and, of course, Texas. Volunteer "chefs" from the community cook and serve a variety of recipes.

Tickets to sample the international tastes are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children. Chefs are also needed to prepare "bites" of international dishes; they should reserve a spot by Jan. 22.

Call the museum at 267-8255 for more information.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**WEDNESDAY**

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of theater box office.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**

Gideon's 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.

Christmas in April, noon, Lions Club Den, 1607 E. Third.

Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Big Spring Newcomer's Club, contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

**FRIDAY**

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

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## Blood supplies reach all-time low; UBS officials appeal to public

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Blood supplies have reached an all-time low, and officials with United Blood Services are making a personal appeal to donors now, to prevent an emergency.

"We are really making an appeal to anyone who feels well to please donate blood. We're always told, if you need me, call me. Well, consider yourself called. This is serious, and if we don't receive the response we need we will have to declare an

emergency in the next few days," said Gary Karschner, community relations agent with United Blood Services in San Angelo.

A blood drive has been planned for 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Coahoma Community Center. And Karschner said he is willing to meet anyone in Big Spring Jan. 17 for a blood drive.

"Just call me and we will set this up with any group or organization who wants to help us with this shortage. But call soon, because our schedule fills

up quickly," he said.

Anyone 17 years of age or older may donate blood, provided they weight more than 110 pounds. And there is not an age limit imposed on a donor, he said.

"Anyone with their doctor's permission may donate blood. And we would really like to do a blood drive at the high school. The young people are the ones we need to reach, because this is about their future," he said.

Karschner said several factors have contributed to the blood shortage, such as the Y2K para-

noia, an increase in influenza, and the holidays.

"And it's really this time of year, as everyone gets through the holidays and they settle down into their usual routines," he said.

A national appeal is being sent across the country to remind healthy people to give blood, especially now in light of the severe shortages Lubbock and El Paso have experienced in the past few days, he said.

Some surgeries in El Paso have been canceled because of a blood shortage, according to

Elizabeth Escobar, technical director for UBS in El Paso.

"The thing about blood is that it's like water. You don't miss it until it's gone. It's not a commodity you can buy off the shelf," Escobar said.

And Lisa Fults, a blood bank supervisor for Columbia Medical West, said she has never seen the kind of shortage El Paso is dealing with now.

"I've worked in Houston and we've had shortages, but nothing like this. Doctors are con-

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## Stand Down to offer atmosphere of commitment

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Stand Down 2000, in conjunction with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday this weekend, transforms the VA Medical Center grounds into a tent city of homeless and low-income veterans.

"We're really looking for an exciting four-day event focusing on providing services to America's heroes," said Cary Brown, chief executive officer of the VA Medical Center.

The event has been termed Stand Down, to reflect a military operation of pulling combat troops from the front lines to a safe location for rest and recovery.

For four days, those veterans who choose may stay in a tent on hospital grounds, receive medical care and food, hair cuts and clothing, and fellowship veteran to veteran with other military personnel.

"A community is formed, with an atmosphere of commitment, veteran to veteran. We hope we will see veterans coming to Big Spring from the entire Permian Basin. That's what this is all about," Brown said.

He likened homeless veterans to soldiers in combat, living in the frequently hostile streets and surviving by their wits. Life on the streets is both dangerous and debilitating, he said.

And living on the streets is a form of battle ground, with homeless veterans continuing



VA Medical Center volunteers Mitchell Gutierrez and Hector Rios Jr. erect tents on the northern grounds of the hospital for the Veteran Stand Down 2000 planned Friday through Monday. The Stand Down will allow low-income and homeless veterans an opportunity to receive medical care, clothing and agency assistance for the four days and three nights of the event.

to fight the enemies of disability, legal difficulties, lack of shelter, substance abuse and hopelessness, he said.

"These adversaries create a self-destructive cycle leading to

complete withdrawal from mainstream American society," Brown said.

A military-style tent city created on the grounds will provide shelter, as well as showers

and sleeping facilities for those veterans attending.

Other tents will become offices for special services that

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## County Commissioners give go-ahead on TIF grant, seeking of bids

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By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Monday approved seeking a Telecommunications

Infrastructure Fund grant for the library and bids for sheriff's department vehicles, and increased the clerk's position in the road and bridge department to full time.



**REDMAN**

"The state has made available up to \$100,000 in TIF money and I have written a grant asking for \$42,042 for a computer lab in the library with 16 stations for training the public on the Internet," said Loraine Redman, Howard County librarian.

Redman said the computer lab could also be used for training county employees on Internet and computer skills.

"We all need this training, but

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## Howard County Junior Livestock show gets under way Wednesday

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Students from across the area will begin bringing their animals to the Howard County Junior Livestock Show, which begins here Wednesday.

"We're going to have approximately 1754-H and FFA kids. It's an annual affair. We show goats, lambs,

pigs, rabbits and beef cattle," said Lynn Walling, Howard County Junior Livestock Show Association president and head of the agriculture program at Howard College.



**WALLING**

"Approximately 80 percent of the kids will qualify for the premium auction sale."

Volunteers will be getting the pens ready tonight at the Howard County Fairgrounds in preparation for arrival of the goats, which should be in place by noon Wednesday. The goat show starts at 5:30 that night. Barrows will be shown at 5 p.m. Thursday.

The action picks up Friday with the rabbit show at 10 a.m., the lamb show at 2 p.m. and the heifer show at 4 p.m., followed by the steer show.

The annual buyer appreciation luncheon is planned for noon Saturday with the awards program to begin at 1 p.m. and the sale to follow at 1:30 under the direction of auctioneer Bill Stone.

"Approximately 150 animals

will qualify for the sale on Saturday and anyone can bid on the animal," said Walling. "If someone doesn't want to buy an animal, they can do what we call an 'add-on' to support the kids. They basically pay a portion and someone else pays a portion."

What those who aren't familiar with a premium sale may not realize, is that "buyers" aren't actually purchasing the animal.

"They aren't buying the animal, they are supplying the student a premium for their efforts," said Walling. "This was it does not disqualify students from going to other shows."

Show superintendents are: Barrows — Ace Berry, Danny Howard, Kirk Allen. Rabbits — Perry Gamble, Van

### HOWARD COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

**WEDNESDAY**

- 12:00 - Goats in place
- 2 p.m. - Goat weight cards due
- 5:30 p.m. - Goat show
- 8 p.m. - Cattle in place

**THURSDAY**

- 9 a.m. - Barrows in place
- 12:00 - Barrow cards due
- 1 p.m. - Weigh steers
- 5 p.m. - Barrow show
- 8 p.m. - Lambs in place

Gaskins, Chris Gaskins.  
Lambs — Ben Bowlin, Hunter Smith.  
Goats — Daryl Ed Coates, Brandon Luce.

**FRIDAY**

- 8 a.m. - rabbits arrive, weigh-in begins
- 10 a.m. - rabbit show
- 2 p.m. lamb show
- 4 p.m. - heifer show, followed by steer show

**SATURDAY**

- 12:00 - Appreciation luncheon
- 1 p.m. - Awards program
- 1:30 p.m. - Sale

Steers and Heifers — Ron Brooks, Kevin Hamlin.

Judges are James Bevil, bar-

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## YMCA offers chance to fight 'Battle of the Bulge' Jan. 17

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring YMCA has a program starting Jan. 17 that will help make that New Year's resolution to lose weight a reality.

Called the Battle of the Bulge, the program provides six weeks of weight management that combine diet and nutrition with exercise.

"Battle of the Bulge is geared toward both men and women who want to firm up and trim down," said Pete Thiry, YMCA executive director.



**THIRY**

Fitness coordinator Angie Diaz will lead the course, which begins with short presentations on fitness, followed by an exercise session.

And every participant will get a list of recommended foods to eat as well as a list of foods to enjoy, Diaz said.

"Our weight management program is one that utilizes all food groups that can be eaten on a daily basis for a lifetime," she said.

Diaz said people might need to limit their calorie intake each day in order to lose weight. While others might just need to increase their activity level to reduce their weight.

"This program helps people do both. It delivers positive that are seen on the tape when mea-

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Andrew Agullar, an employee of Woodruff and Rose Construction of Midland, is tying wire in the Trinity Baptist Fellowship Annex. Construction is expected to be finished at the end of this month.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth "Frenchie" French

Funeral service for Kenneth "Frenchie" French, 54, of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Maj. Roy Tolcher of the Salvation Army officiating. Military graveside rites will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000, in a local hospital. Mr. French was born June 19, 1945, in Big Spring. He was raised here and attended Big Spring schools. He served in the United States Army and then worked in the oil fields until becoming disabled.

Mr. French was a member of the Salvation Army.

Survivors include: his foster parents, Pat and William McNew, three foster sisters, Wanda Tubbs, Beverly Smith and Debra Myrick, and a foster brother, W.J. McNew, all of Big Spring; two aunts and several nieces and nephews.

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

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stantly asking for blood, and we don't have any. It's terrible and there's nothing I can do about this," Fuitts said.

In Lubbock, the need for blood has prompted hospitals to seek other blood banks for donations.

"Lubbock needs an average of 150 units a day. Usually we collect 60 to 70 units each day, but we're way below that now," said Lubbock UBS spokesman Casey Carson.

"We're not self sufficient. It's tough, because other blood banks are going to fill their hospital's needs first," she said.

UBS needed more than 300 pints of donated blood in a three-day period last week, to meet the demand from area hospitals. Yet less than 20 pints were collected at that time.

In 1997, the blood bank received 46,911 units. In 1999, the total amount of blood donated was expected to have declined to 42,000 pints. Blood transfusions for cancer patients are rising, which is draining limited supplies, according to Leslie Searcey, manager of recruiting for the Texas Department of Health.

"And not enough people are donating blood to make up the difference," she said.

Karschner said all types of blood are needed at this time, and anyone with questions about eligibility and donating blood need only ask.

"This is not an emergency yet, but that is our next step. I checked the vault, and we're

low on every type blood. We've got to get our donor base built up, for the future," he said. UBS may be reached by calling 1-800-756-0024.

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right now we haven't got a place to do that," she said.

Currently, Internet access is available to library patrons free of charge, who must receive training from Redman at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. She teaches four to six people each week.

"With this lab, I could train 16 at a time, once a week. That's a lot more efficient," she said.

The grant will also seek funds for an additional file server and laser printer, which will be of use to county departments that are all networked.

Currently, 20 to 40 people a day access the Internet through the library, and often there is a waiting line, Redman said.

"This is an excellent idea and will be a vital use in our library for training of any legitimate group on computers," said commissioner Bill Crooker.

Commissioners also approved seeking bids for four vehicles for the sheriff's department. Sheriff Bill Jennings said the budget has \$75,000 for vehicles.

"We do not care if we get new vehicles or used vehicles, just as long as we get good one," Jennings said.

Currently, several patrol vehicles have reached \$100,000 or more, and Jennings said the only repairs that have been necessary were brakes and tires.

"The warranty replaced an engine and a transmission, so we have had good luck with these cars," he said.

Commissioners also approved a full time clerk position for the road and bridge department.

"I was asked to try this position at part time four years ago, and it is difficult to hire someone and keep them paying only part time wages with no benefits," said Eddy Jameson, road and bridge administrator.

Jameson said his current clerk works 30 hours each week, and commissioners approved his request to increase her hours to 40 and apply her to the salary schedule for clerks for the county, along with full time benefits.

"I have this in the budget for this year. Next year we'll have to include it, but this will save money in the long run, because training for this job is intensive and time consuming," Jameson said.

Jameson also said the rubble from the demolished Permian Building has been used to fill in holes throughout the city and county.

"The Permian Building is down and gone," he said.

Commissioners continued to explore options of the Work Steps program offered through Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and met with Sheila Chandler, Work Steps Marketing Coordinator, to ask additional questions.

"We are still really confused, but we will get back to when we decide what we want," said Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Construction administrator Phil Furqueron met with commissioners to discuss the library renovations. A walk through of the building is set for the next commissioners meeting, when final approval of the plans is expected.

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rows; Eddie Puckett, rabbits; Marvin Ensor, lambs; Preston Farris, goats; and Greg Jones, steers and heifers.

"This is a year-round project. These things take place in every

county across the country," said Walling. "Some students will show only at county show. A few will go on to major show. For a big amount of kids this is their most important exposure to the livestock industry."

He pointed out, that while the stock show is a major event, it is only a portion of what FFA and 4-H students are involved in.

"These kids participate in a lot of other activities such as leadership training, speaking and a lot of other things. This is just one of the events they are involved in," Walling said.

Area shows will get underway Thursday.

The Borden County Junior Livestock Show begins at 6 p.m. Thursday with the showing of the steers. Friday, the lambs will be shown at 8:30 a.m. with the swine to follow at 10. A complimentary breakfast is set from 7-9 a.m. Saturday. The awards show will be held at 9 a.m. and the premium sale will begin at 9:30 a.m.

At the Martin County Junior Livestock Show in Stanton, weigh-in will be held Thursday. The goat show starts at 8 a.m. Friday with the lamb show and pee wee show. Steers will be shown at noon.

Saturday, the activities include a hog show at 8 a.m. and a 7 p.m. banquet.

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surements are taken at the end of the program," she said.

All participants will have unlimited use of the YMCA Fitness Center, as well as fitness classes and indoor swimming pool.

Instruction on the Nautilus resistance equipment and new cardiovascular equipment is also included in the program.

Each participant will establish a personal fitness program, with the help of Diaz. Group meetings are once a week. Everyone who registers will receive a Battle of the Bulge t-shirt. Prizes are awarded at the end of the six-week program.

"I encourage anyone who is interested in firming up and trimming down to join us in fighting the Battle of the Bulge," Diaz said.

Cost for the six week course is \$20 for YMCA members and \$48 for non-members. For more information call 267-8234.

STAND DOWN

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are being offered all the veterans who attend. These services include medical exams, infection control screening, HIV, tuberculosis, and hepatitis testing and counseling, nutritional counseling, podiatry evaluations and optometry exams.

Also, veterans may take advantage of several of the service organizations that will have representatives available in the tent city, such as housing assistance, legal aid, eye glasses, VA benefits counseling and employment assistance.

And all veterans attending will receive shoes, clothes and hair cuts and personal items, through donations to the Stand Down from local and military organizations.

Brown said an important aspect of the Stand Down are specific goals to provide temporary and long term benefits for the veteran who attends. The event helps remove legal and social barriers the homeless and low income veteran faces.

He said goals for participating veterans include overcoming isolation, renewing hope, energizing and providing focus of purpose, empowerment through participation such as squad leaders, and daily task accomplishments.

"This is the way to start out

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

the new millennium — with a celebration and education concerning America's service to her veterans," Brown said.

The theme of the event for those providing the assistance to veterans is "act a day on — not a day off," to reflect a personal commitment to spending the Monday holiday rendering services to veterans, Brown said.

The hospital has worked in conjunction with the city of Big Spring to make the event possible. While participating in the Stand Down, drinking, drugs, weapons, violence and sexual contact are not allowed.

BRIEFS

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday through the winter months to those persons 18 years and older, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are on Medicare we will file. The cost to others will be \$5. For more information call 263-9775.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY •Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069. •Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. •Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265. •"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

MARKETS

March cotton 53.70, up 14 points; Feb. crude 25.17, up 50 points; cash hogs \$1 higher at 37 even; cash steers steady at 70 even; Feb. lean hog futures 56.10, up 45 points; Feb. live cattle futures 71.07, up 30 points.

Table with market data including ATT, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Chevron, Cifra, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc, Dell, DuPont, Exxon, Halliburton, IMB, Intel Corp, Mid Amer Energy, NUV, Palex Inc, Patterson Ener, Pepsi Cola, Phillips Petroleum, SBC Com, Sears, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Total Pina SA, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Europacific, Prime Rate.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities from the period ending at 8 a.m. today:

- GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ, 74, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
• CHRISTOPHER VALENZUELA, 18, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
• FRANCES NAVAREZ, 34, was arrested on a charge of harboring a runaway.
• JAMIE NAVAREZ, 17, was arrested on a charge of harboring a runaway.
• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1300 block of East Fourth.
• DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE was reported at the police department.
• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King and the 1200 block of Mesa.
• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of East 11.
• INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported in the 800 block of Willa and the 1600 block of East Fourth.
• ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of Harding.
• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium and the 1500 block of Wood.
• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2700 block of Rebecca.

The Big Spring Police Department weekend summary: ASSAULT FAMILY/VIOLENCE, 3 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, 1

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION, 5
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 6
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 2
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID, 1
RUNAWAY, 1
AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT, 1
THEFT, 13
CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 7
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, 1
ACCIDENTS, 2
MINOR, 2
ARRESTS, 17

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activities:

- ROY BRENT SELL, 36, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid, (DPS)
• CLINT RANDALL TANIS, 29, was arrested for a Avis Co., Austin warrant for secure execution of documentation by deception more than \$1,500 less than \$20,000. (BSPD)
• CHRIS DELGADO CUELLAR, 20, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention using a vehicle. (BSPD)
• TONY GARCIA, 42, was arrested on a charge of aggra-

vated assault with a deadly weapon family violence. (BSPD)

• GARY LEE MILLER, 32, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated second offense. (BSPD)

• VICTOR MANUEL CASTILLO, 27, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to a family member. (BSPD)

• WILBUR FRANKLIN TOWNSEND, 59, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. (BSPD)

• SCOTTY JOE BRYANT, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• JUSTIN SPEER, 24, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a vehicle. (BSPD)

• MARK VELASQUEZ, 28, was arrested on a warrant for judgment of sentence burglary of a building. (HCSO)

• JEREMY RYAN MINTER, 20, was arrested on a warrant for burglary of a building. (HCSO)

• KEVIN DWAYNE KENNEMUR, 32, was arrested on a warrant for judgment of sentence driving while intoxicated third offense. (HCSO)

• ARCHIE DALE GOODMAN, 27, was arrested on a warrant for three counts of forgery financial instrument. (HCSO)

• ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON, 28, was arrested on a warrant for theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500. (HCSO)

• DOLORIS JENKINS, 47, was arrested on a warrant for sale of alcohol to minor. (HCSO)

• DAVID HERNANDEZ, 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. (BSPD)

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: MONDAY 7:55 a.m. — 600 block Northeast 10th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:29 a.m. — Mile marker 174 of I-20, traffic accident, service refused. 3:10 p.m. — 2200 block Morrison, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 3:54 p.m. — SMMC, transfer to Odessa Regional. 7:48 p.m. — SMMC, transfer to Lubbock Methodist. 7:50 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 9:38 p.m. — 300 block Angela Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 71 Monday's low 30 Average high 52 Average low 26 Record high 80 in 1916 Record low -5 in 1962 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.41 Month's normal 0.23 Year to date 0.00 Normal for the year 0.23

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Pedro M. Porras, 60, died Saturday. Funeral Mass was 10:00 AM Tuesday at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Kenneth "Frenchie" French, 54, died Sunday. Services will be 1:00 PM Thursday, January 13, 2000 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Military Graveside Rites will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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# Administration to propose 'significant changes' in farm programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will propose "significant changes" in federal farm programs this year to provide growers with more assistance when crop prices are low, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Monday.

"We have an obligation to bring some specific proposals to the table and we will," Glickman said.

Glickman's announcement comes as Vice President Al Gore and Bill Bradley are arguing over farm issues in Iowa, which holds presidential nominating caucuses later this month. Gore has criticized Bradley's Senate record on farm issues, while Bradley aides

accuse Gore of presiding "over the biggest farm recession in a generation."

Congress has approved multi-billion-dollar bailouts of the farm economy in each of the past two years following a collapse in grain prices in 1998 and economists expect little improvement in 2000. The government predicts farmers' crop receipts will drop about 2 percent this year.

Glickman declined to discuss the recommendations under discussion, which are expected to be part of the president's proposed 2001 budget. But the administration has been developing a new subsidy program that would be tied to swings in

farm income and is similar to a plan proposed last year by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, according to congressional aides who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The devil is in the details. The difficulty has always been coming up with something that you can reach a coalition, a consensus, about," Glickman said at a news conference where he outlined his priorities for 2000.

Last Friday, Gore announced that President Clinton's 2001 budget would include an extra \$1.3 billion for farm conservation programs, partly to help farmers cope with the depressed commodity prices.

Also Monday, Glickman said that the government was unlikely to require the labeling of food that contains genetically-engineered ingredients. Despite pressure from consumer groups, the administration insists that biotech crops are essentially the same as crops bred by conventional means.

President Clinton said last fall that Congress needed to "revise, revamp and improve" the 1996 Freedom to Farm law because it did not take adequate care of farmers when crop prices dropped significantly. The measure, which Clinton signed into law, ended a Depression-era system of price supports and

replaced it with fixed annual payments.

"The last two years we've just thrown money at the issue," said Tom Buis, a lobbyist for the National Farmers Union. "It's time to fix the structural problems. The safety net is one of those problems that needs to be addressed."

Glickman all but ruled out proposing restrictions on what farmers can grow, saying, "I doubt we're going back to the old days of micromanaging production." Prior to 1996, farmers had to abide by government planting restrictions if they wanted federal subsidies.

Stenholm's plan would provide payments to farmers when

prices fall significantly below average. The size of the checks would be tied to local crop yields. The idea is to guarantee farmers a minimum level of income each year and ensure the cash goes to farmers, not landowners, as some subsidies now do.

The Republican chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Larry Combest of Texas, is holding hearings around the country in February and March on revising the 1996 farm law and has indicated interest in Stenholm's proposal.

His Senate counterpart, Richard Lugar, R-Ind., has so far resisted considering any changes in the law.

## Top 10 jury verdicts totaled nearly \$9 billion in '99

BOSTON (AP) — The 10 largest jury awards to individuals and families last year totaled nearly \$9 billion — nearly three times the amount from a year earlier, according to a legal publication.

Last year's total was \$8.9 billion. In 1998, it was \$2.8 billion and in 1997 the top 10 jury awards amounted to \$750 million.

All 10 of the 1999 awards topped \$100 million, and two were more than \$1 billion.

The list included only awards to individuals and families and did not include class action lawsuits or litigation between corporations, according to Lawyers Weekly USA, which has compiled the list since 1989.

"Something totally unparalleled in history is going on in our legal system," publisher Thomas Harrison said this week.

"Jurors are suddenly feeling empowered not just to compensate injured people but to change the face of corporate America."

The biggest verdict on the 1999 list was awarded by a Los Angeles jury to a group of six people burned when their 1979 Chevy Malibu was rear-ended by a drunken driver and exploded into flames. General Motors Corp. was ordered to pay \$4.9 billion, an amount later slashed to \$1.1 billion by a judge.

But even though large awards

are frequently changed, the figures show juries are sending corporations a message about the price of being negligent, said Carlton Carl, spokesman for the Attorney Trial Lawyers Association.

"I think it sends a message to the corporations involved that you can't do that," he said. "You can't sacrifice people's lives for a few extra bucks of profit."

Others said they found the results reflect a disturbing trend.

"It's a sign that the litigation explosion is not only continuing but expanding exponentially," said Robert Pambianco, chief of policy for the Washington Legal Foundation,

a watchdog group that supports tort reform.

"It's just further evidence that suing someone has become the preferred means of solving disputes."

Pambianco said too often huge verdicts have little to do with the facts of the case and more to do with jurors' emotions.

"The jury verdicts are in many cases increasingly disconnected from reality and often based on things and arguments that really don't have much to do with the case," he said.

Also included in the 1999 list was a \$1.2 billion award to the family of 32-year-old Jennifer Cowart, who suffered burns on

## Taxes primary argument of third Republican debate

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Taxes emerged as the keynote argument in the Republican presidential campaign, as George W. Bush's rivals took aim at his debate-night promise to be "a tax-cutting person."

Steve Forbes, accusing Bush of breaking a no-tax pledge as governor of Texas, dismissed the presidential promise as "a trick to win an election."

Arizona Sen. John McCain said his tax package, although it is half the size of Bush's, would do more to help middle class Americans.

McCain also said Bush's proposed tax cuts would spend all of the projected budget surplus and \$20 billion more, with two-thirds of the cut going to the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans. He said surpluses should be used to protect Social Security.

"For us to put all of the tax cuts, all of the surplus into tax cuts, I think is not a conservative effort," said McCain, who was outlining his package today in Concord, N.H.

The third GOP debate in five days touched on a host of issues, including AIDS, Internet taxes, China, terrorism and the suspension of a professional baseball player for his disparaging remarks about minorities. But over and over, the discussion returned to taxes and a Forbes ad accusing Bush of

breaking his promise in Texas.

In an effort to keep the spotlight on the issue, Bush, Forbes and McCain each plan to follow up on the debate with high-priced ad campaigns focusing on taxes.

Forbes will dramatically increase the size of the buy for his ad in Iowa and will run a more modest campaign in New Hampshire, advisers say.

By week's end, McCain will be on the New Hampshire airwaves with an ad stressing his support for a modest-sized tax cut, Social Security reform and debt reduction.

Bush also plans this week to begin promoting his tax-cut package with a spot that aides say may make a subtle distinction between his and McCain's proposals. The Texas governor tabled plans for a more sharply worded spot after he was caught off guard in the debate and agreed not to run negative ads.

His team had gone as far as interviewing potential voters and storing footage of people criticizing the McCain plan.

In addition, Republican sources say the governor is likely to air an ad responding to a Forbes ad that began running last week saying Bush has twice as led his state to the biggest tax cuts in its history. His packages included offsetting increases in sales taxes, but Bush said the result was lower levies on Texans.

## Move clears way for extradition of Bell from Texas

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Federal prosecutors helped clear the way for Kyle Bell's extradition to North Dakota by dropping an unlawful flight charge against the convicted murderer and child molester.

The action resolved a jurisdictional snag that has delayed the Dallas County sheriff's department from asking Bell if he intends to contest extradition. That request may come as early as today.

The waiver was not offered to Bell on Monday, because of competing federal and state charges against him, said Robert Bennett, a North Dakota assistant attorney general.

Should Bell agree to turn himself over to North Dakota sheriff's deputies, they could pick him up in a few days, Bennett

said. If Bell tries to hold up the process, it could take a few weeks.

"It's not an issue of, 'Is Kyle Bell going to be returned to North Dakota authorities?' It's when," he said.

Jim Hughes, commander of the North Dakota Highway Patrol, said corrections officials are looking for a maximum-security prison outside of North Dakota that will take Bell.

North Dakota's penitentiary is not regarded as secure enough, and prison officials also say Bell could be vulnerable to attack because of his notoriety and child molestation record.

Hughes said he did not expect any problem in placing Bell elsewhere.

"People in the prison business, that run maximum-security

prisons, have got people in there that have done a lot of bad things," Hughes said. "That's their business. They're not. I don't think, going to be concerned about being scared of him."

Bennett said that once Bell is in the custody of North Dakota authorities, they may take him directly to his final prison destination, without bringing him back to the state.

Bell is facing a life prison sentence for murder in connection with the June 1992 disappearance of Jeanna North, 11, of Fargo. Bell, a former neighbor of the North family, told investigators he threw North's body into the Sheyenne River. Her remains have never been found.

He also must finish a 40-year prison term, with 10 years sus-

pending, for child molestation. Bell was serving that time when he was prosecuted for North's murder. He was convicted last August, and sentenced to life the following month.

Bell was being taken to an Oregon penitentiary when he escaped from a prison transport bus in New Mexico on Oct. 13. He was free for almost three months before FBI agents and Dallas police arrested him early Sunday morning.

Bell was being sought on a state escape warrant and a federal warrant for unlawful flight to avoid confinement.

Scott Schneider, an assistant U.S. attorney, said U.S. District Judge Patrick Conmy ordered the federal charge dismissed Monday at the request of prosecutors.

## Pipe bomb detonated outside Blanco High School

BLANCO, Texas (AP) — A pipe bomb exploded Monday in a Blanco High School field after a bomb squad removed it from a boys' bathroom and detonated it. No one was injured.

An athletic coach found the device around 10 a.m. at the school about 40 miles southwest of Austin.

Bill Guthrie, emergency management coordinator for Blanco County, said school officials evacuated the school and called the sheriff's department when they determined the device was

"legitimate." He would not specify what caused officials to make that determination.

Two units from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms as well as the Austin Bomb Squad went to the school, where they used a robot to remove the device to an outdoor field between the gymnasium and the agriculture building. The bomb squad used a laser-guided gun to detonate the pipe bomb, Guthrie said.

No buildings were damaged in the explosion.

ATF officials worked with the bomb squad late Monday to retrieve evidence and look for suspects, Guthrie said.

"This is the first time this has happened and we hope that it will be the last," he said.

About 300 students were evacuated after the principal made a short announcement telling students to prepare to leave the building without their belongings, said senior Jeremy Ernst, 17.

He and friend Ricky Trotter, 17, were parked in front of the

building as officers searched the school hours after the evacuation. Both students said they were shocked and frightened.

The evacuation was orderly, but students talked so loudly it was hard to hear the principal's announcement, Ernst said.

"It was just high school students being stupid," he said. "No one really took it seriously."

## Fired employee kills boss, co-worker, police say

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — A man suspected of killing his boss and a co-worker after losing his job was being sought today by authorities who feared he had his young daughter with him.

Mario Betancourt, 43, allegedly went to his van Monday afternoon, grabbed an automatic handgun and walked back into The Padding Store where he opened fire, police spokesman Chuck Johnson said.

Killed were shop owner Richard Mashler, 49, and employee Kenneth Conklin, 39. Mashler's wife, Carrie, told police that Betancourt was suspected of stealing from the

shop.

Mashler, a father of two, died a few feet from the store's front entrance.

Conklin was shot in the back as he tried to flee through a rear exit.

He collapsed just outside the back door, police said.

Police said Betancourt likely had his 10-year-old daughter, April, with him after picking her up at school earlier Monday because she felt ill.

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OUR VIEWS

Chamber is key player in business & city promotion

With the exception of the church, The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce impacts most of us as much or more than any other organization. When we want a map of the city, something to direct us to landmarks and historical sites, where do we turn first? The chamber.

When we want to organize a group of volunteers to help perform a task, where do we go? The chamber of commerce.

When a company needs statistical information on an area, where can it get it? The chamber office.

When we want to meet other businessmen and women and share ideas, what's the best way to get it accomplished? Through the chamber.

Our chamber of commerce is as diverse an organization as there is. It promotes our community and our businesses — locally, statewide and even nationally. It greets visitors and newcomers and makes them feel welcome. It sets up banquets, seminars, training sessions and the like for groups large and small.

Chances are, if you live in or near Big Spring, you've turned to the chamber of commerce for assistance — even if it was to just pick up a phone book or browse through their extensive list of brochures on interesting places to visit.

Saturday, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual banquet. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet the employees and volunteers who help promote our community. It's also a great opportunity to meet others.

The banquet will include a special performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale, a meal and announcement of the Man and Woman of the Year.

Dress anyway you like, from elegant to casual. Tickets are \$20 per person, and available at the chamber office.

The banquet begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Make plans this Saturday to attend the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet.

OTHER VIEWS

Land mines can prolong wars long after the belligerents have formally ended them. They're cheap to distribute and plant and are used defensively and offensively. An estimated 100 million mines remain scattered over more than 70 countries, contributing to the death or maiming of an estimated 2,000 victims a month worldwide.

There's some good news on that front, however. The U.S. Defense Applied Research Projects Agency (DARPA), working with two California laboratories, Quantum Magnetics and Information Systems, hopes to develop a practical mine-detection system. DARPA's director, Dr. Regina Dugan, defined her agency's goal: "The ideal sys-

tem finds every land mine with no false alarms, doesn't cost very much, uses almost no power and contains almost no volume." She says her team is close to developing a practical application of "nuclear quadrupole resonance," which can identify land mines through their explosives.

In addition, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an Oklahoma firm, Nomadics Inc., both have promising electronic approaches.

In our view, some cooperation is in order. The goal is far more important than who gets credit for reaching it. Ending the threat of mines used in past wars to those now at peace is a worthy goal.

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Judge's decision on TAAS in best interest

Education reform got a big boost last week from a surprising source: the federal courts. That hasn't always been the case. In past years, courts have often played a pernicious role in education, more concerned with promoting social equality than learning. But last week, a federal judge actually did something that could improve the quality of education not just in Texas, where the decision was handed down, but throughout the nation.

In a case brought by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), U.S. District Court Judge Edward Prado upheld the right of the Texas Education Agency to require graduating students to pass a competency test in order to receive a high-school diploma. Judge Prado rejected MALDEF's claim that the test, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills or TAAS, was

discriminatory simply because blacks and Hispanics failed the test at higher rates than whites.

MALDEF hoped that Judge Prado would strike down the test, but instead, he showed admirable deference to the political process. "This Court has no authority to tell the state of Texas what a well-educated high-school graduate should demonstrably know at the end of 12 years of education," Judge Prado wrote. "Ultimately, resolution of this case turns not on the validity of the parties' views on education but on the state's right to pursue educational policies that it legitimately believes are in the best interest of Texas students."

Texas is one of 19 states that requires students to pass a test in order to graduate. States have adopted such tests to ensure that students have some command of basic skills before they graduate, especially in an era of social promotion and inflated grades. The TAAS, administered to all 10th-graders in Texas, measures proficiency in reading, writing and math, with many of the questions based on eighth-grade materials.

Students who fail the test on the first try have an opportunity to take the exam up to seven

additional times. In 1999, 86 percent of white sophomores, 64 percent of Hispanics, and 60 percent of blacks passed the test on the first round. But critics allege that about 20 percent of minority students, compared with 10 percent of whites, never pass the test, and therefore, don't receive their high-school diplomas, despite having attended classes and received passing grades.

Is this fair, especially if black and Hispanic students are more likely to attend poorly funded schools that do a lousy job of teaching the basics?

Judge Prado was sympathetic to MALDEF's claim that black and Hispanic students have not always had equal educational opportunity because many of them attend under-funded school districts.

But he viewed the state education agency's implementation of a standardized achievement test as a way to measure the disparities between poor and affluent districts, minority and non-minority schools, and gave credit to the state for attempting to correct these disparities. "The results of the TAAS are used, in many cases quite effectively, to motivate not only students but schools and teachers to raise and meet educational standards," Judge Prado wrote.

Texas was one of the first states to adopt a high-school graduation exam requirement in the mid-1980s. Since that time, Texas has made good progress in closing the racial achievement gap, with black and Hispanic scores rising consistently in the last few years. Surely, much of the reason has been the state's emphasis on holding students — and teachers and administrators — accountable. Thankfully, Judge Prado has left up to the people of Texas to determine how best to determine that accountability.

Judge Prado's decision has far-reaching implications. Had MALDEF prevailed in striking down the Texas test, other challenges to state graduation tests would have been quick to follow. But Judge Prado may not have the last word, since MALDEF has warned it may appeal the decision. If so, education-reformers can only hope that other judges who take up this issue will pay close attention to Judge Prado's words:

"Education is the particular responsibility of state governments," he wrote. "Moreover, courts do not have the expertise, or the mandate of the electorate, that would justify unwarranted intrusions in curricular decisions."

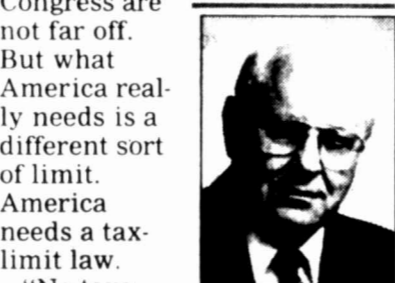
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JACK ANDERSON

What we need is a tax limit law

We have had term limits for presidents for nearly 50 years. Term limits for state legislators have become law in several states. Term limits for members of Congress are not far off. But what America really needs is a different sort of limit. America needs a tax-limit law.

"No taxation without representation" was a battle cry of the American Revolution, but if those nation builders could see the taxation with representation Americans endure today, they would be singing out a different song. In 200 short years, Americans have managed to elect people to public office who thereafter contrived by every devious means imaginable to reward the public's confidence with ever-higher taxes, to the point that the average American today is paying 40 percent of his or her income in federal, state and local taxes.

Divide and conquer has been the favorite technique. Social Security was and remains a good idea, but instead of fund-

ing it from general revenues, our elected representatives dreamed up a truly imaginative charade: First, they split the tax between employee and employer — apparently fooling only the employees in the process, because every employer in America knows that money paid on behalf of an employee is the same as paying it to the employee. In short, the tax was not split, the employee pays it all.

Second, our public servants placed a cap on the amount of income that would be subject to Social Security taxes. In reality, it became the most regressive tax in our history, the graduated tax in reverse: The more you make, the less percentage you pay.

Whereas Social Security taxes divide employer and employee to conquer, other taxes are devised to split other groups. Tax restaurant food sales to raise revenue to pay teacher's salaries, we are told. Then there is the free-lunch tax: Tax the tourists — by taxing hotel income — to increase general revenues, even if such taxing decreases tourist business. In fact, this whole concept was given legitimacy by the budget agreement worked out between the Bush administration and Congress. They even made it sound reasonable: No new programs without new revenues to fund them. Yet, what this does is spawn a truly

divisive environment in which we tax Peter to pay Paul.

A friend who is the supervisor of a county decried this whole concept. He said he utterly opposes the idea of earmarked taxation. In his county, all revenues go into the general fund.

What is called for is a tax-limit law (it may require a tax-limit amendment to the Constitution). It could work something like this: Tax levels ranging from 15 percent to 35 percent of an individual's income would be set. Take the 25 percent level, for example. If the total federal take from this individual were set at 15 percent, then 10 percent would be the maximum tax that state and local authorities combined could take.

But how is this 10-percent-of-income limit established when state and local bodies primarily rely upon non-income taxes such as property and sales taxes? The answer comes in a word: statistics. Statistics will show how much the average person in a given income bracket pays in non-income taxes, and that figure would be used to prevent state and local authorities from exceeding the tax limitations set by the tax-limit law.

No longer could we be fooled. If it looks like a tax and quacks like a tax, it is a tax — and comes under the limits of the tax-limit law.

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- 6 p.m. — Indian State, ESPN, Ch. 3
- 8 p.m. — Kentuc ESPN, Ch. 30.
- NBA
- 7 p.m. — Miami Minnesota Timber Ch. 28.



### IN BRIEF

#### Junior high Lady Steers get one win at Snyder

Big Spring Junior High's Lady Steers managed to win one of four games played against Snyder's young Lady Tiger teams on Monday.

The eighth-grade "A" team chalked up a 31-26 win behind the scoring lead of Leina Braxton's 14 points. Kim Green added eight and Karissa Magers had seven.

In the eighth-grade "B" game, Big Spring suffered a 31-18 loss, Samantha Newton and Jessica Ray each scoring four points.

The seventh-grade "A" Lady Steers dropped a 47-27 decision. Ameshia Vanderbilt leading Big Spring with six points, while Heather Vassar had five.

And in the seventh-grade "B" game, Cindy Padron had five points and Vanessa Bustamante had four in Big Spring's 33-13 loss.

#### International LL slates board meeting tonight

The International Little League has scheduled a board meeting for 6 tonight at The Country Store on the Lamesa Highway.

Anyone interested in coaching a team or is otherwise interested in the league is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Yandrich at 263-1945, Raymond Ontiveros at 263-3811 or Delbert Green at 263-2631.

#### Young Lady Bearkats win one of three games

Garden City Junior High's Lady Bearkats "A" team kept its record unblemished Monday night with a 41-8 win over Miles Lady Bulldogs.

Jessica Hoch paced the Garden City crew with 14 points and had five steals, while Leslie Jansa and Morgan Kight had six points apiece.

In "B" team action, Miles took a 28-24 win, despite the 10 points scored by Kim Webb.

Garden City High School's junior varsity "B" team suffered a 31-29 defeat in Sterling City, as well.

The Lady Kat JV was paced by Lisa Hoelscher's 14 points.

#### Softball boosters slate meeting for Jan. 20

The Big Spring Softball Boosters Club has scheduled an organizational meeting of all players' parents for 6:30 Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

All parents of BSHS softball players are encouraged to attend.

#### Hunter education class scheduled for Feb. 12-13

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

For more information, call Boyce Hale at 627-5957.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- 6 p.m.
  - Snyder at Big Spring (VG)
  - Forsan at Wall (VG)
  - Sands at Forsan (VB)
  - Borden Co. at Grady (VG-VB)
  - Rankin at Garden City (VG-VB)
- 7 p.m.
  - Wall at Stanton (VG)
- 7:30 p.m.
  - Big Spring at Mid. Trinity (VB)
  - Coahoma at Tahoka (VG)
  - Stanton at Post (VG)

### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- Men
  - 6 p.m. — Indiana at Michigan State, ESPN, Ch. 30.
  - 8 p.m. — Kentucky at Auburn, ESPN, Ch. 30.
- NBA
  - 7 p.m. — Miami Heat at Minnesota Timberwolves, TNT, Ch. 28.

## Connecticut is good, likely to get better sitting atop AP poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut already has an outstanding women's basketball team. Now comes the bad news for the rest of the country: The No. 1-ranked Huskies are likely to get even better.

UConn has been winning lately without any help from Tamika Williams, the team's third-leading scorer last season. Williams missed four games because of a stress fracture in her left foot and played only a couple of minutes in the last three, including Saturday's 74-67 victory at No. 2 Tennessee.

Her return will only add to the Huskies' depth and talent.

"I think we're pretty good," said Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma, whose team was a unanimous choice for No. 1 in Monday's voting. "I think we've

got people playing about as well as we would like for them to play.

"Certainly, when Tamika is 100 percent later in the season, we'll be a lot better off," he said.

The victory at Tennessee showed off a physical side to the Huskies (12-0) that wasn't always evident in the past. When Tennessee pushed, Connecticut pushed back. The Tennessee players did not intimidate the Huskies, nor did the crowd of nearly 21,000.

"This is the toughest team mentally and physically that I've played for at Connecticut," junior Shea Ralph said. "It's part of our game now. It's part of who we are. This is the way we're going to play."

Though Connecticut has led the poll all season, this was the first time it received all 45 first-place votes from the national

media panel. The Huskies' 1,125 points were 68 more than Tennessee, which held on at No. 2, just ahead of North Carolina State.

The last unanimous No. 1 was Tennessee in the 1998-99 preseason poll.

Tennessee beat two Top 25 teams last week, Old Dominion and LSU, by wide margins before losing to Connecticut. The Lady Vols finished 12 points ahead of North Carolina State (14-0) in the voting. Louisiana Tech (10-2) stayed at No. 4.

Penn State (12-2), which has won eight straight since a Dec. 5 loss to Connecticut, climbed one spot to fifth and Notre Dame jumped two places to sixth. Georgia remained seventh and was followed by Iowa State, Rutgers and Auburn.

Auburn dropped five places after a 71-

69 loss to Kentucky.

Duke, which has a 13-game winning streak, went from 14th to 11th. Then it was Illinois, Tulane and UCLA, followed by North Carolina, Texas Tech, LSU, Purdue, UC Santa Barbara and Arizona. Kansas, Old Dominion, Oregon, Mississippi State and Boston College held the final five places.

There were no newcomers. Arkansas State, which had been tied with Boston College for 25th, fell out of the poll despite winning both its games during the past week, against Western Kentucky and Arkansas-Little Rock.

The ranking last week was the first in school history for Arkansas State.

Tulane (14-0), the third team still unbeaten, climbed from 19th to 13th for the biggest jump in the poll. Purdue's fall to 18th was the biggest drop.

## Howard teams open WJCAC play impressively

### Hot-handed Hawks roll to 93-58 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

It was supposed to be a challenge.

Instead, Howard College's Hawks opened Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play with a romp Monday night, rolling to a 93-58 win over New Mexico Military's Broncos.

Simply put, the Hawks shot NMMI right out of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

It was, in fact, the kind of shooting Hawks head coach Tommy Collins knew his team was capable of, but hadn't shown on many occasions in posting an 8-7 record in non-conference play.

To Collins' way of thinking, the Hawks needed to shoot that well.

"We shot the ball extremely well," Collins said after watching the league favorite Hawks put five players in double figures. "When you do that, it covers up a multitude of mistakes."

And there were mistakes, as far as the Hawks boss was concerned — chief among them was their play defensively.

"I don't think we played defense as well as we have in the last few games," Collins admitted, "but we were able to put them in a position where they tried to force the ball inside against us. And it's hard to force anything against us."

Indeed.

While the Hawks were getting double-digit scoring from Vasilis Tsimpliaridis, Donald "Yogi" Ceasar, Darryl Martin, Steve Bonner and Terrance Radford, NMMI could only watch as Howard pulled away minute by minute.

And had it not been for the Broncos' 21-of-29 shooting from the free throw line, the rout could have been even uglier.

Although Collins wasn't particularly pleased by the Hawks' defensive play, it was good enough to pull away from NMMI after seven minutes of tit-for-tat play.

Worse still, two of the Broncos' big men, sophomores Mike O'Neill and Eric Valencia struggled with foul problems.

That left much of the scoring weight to guard Dantrail Coleman, who finished the night with a team-high 16 points.

O'Neill managed 12 points before leaving the game with five personals at the 2:27 mark, while Liberian sophomore Ali Kaba also added 12.

Howard broke open a 14-14 tie with a 29-6 run that gave the



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Howard freshman post Kresimir Tomorad (55) pulls in a rebound before putting the ball back up and scoring two of his nine points against New Mexico Military Institute during the two teams' conference opener Monday night. Tomorad and the Hawks rolled to a 93-58 win.

Hawks a more than comfortable 43-18 margin with just less than three minutes remaining in the first half.

The blitz continued after the intermission.

While NMMI went more than 10 minutes without scoring from the field, the Hawks rattled off an 18-7 run, increasing their lead to 67-33.

From there it was just a matter of coasting to the finish.

Tsimpliaridis paced the Hawks with 18 points, while sophomores Martin and Ceasar were right behind with 17 apiece. Bonner added 12 points to the Hawks total, while Radford chipped in 10 more.

Now 9-7 on the season and 1-0 in conference play, the Hawks now head to Midland on Thursday night to face Midland College's Chaparrals.

"It was important to win this one ... not only because it was our first conference game, but our first conference game at

home," Collins said. "We need this momentum going in against Midland."

"These sophomores have never lost a conference game," he added, noting that one of his real concerns is how his team will react if it does lose a WJCAC game. "If we shoot like we did tonight, though, we won't lose."

**HAWKS 93, NMMI 58**  
 NMMI — Lamont Newell 0 0 0 0, Dantrail Coleman 3 0 10 11 16, Kenneth Lemons 0 0 0 0, Adam Pool 0 0 0 0, Kevin Williams 0 0 0 0, Ike Smith 0 1 0 0 3, Jeremy Cunningham 2 0 3 5 7, Phillip Perre 2 0 0 0 4, Eric Valencia 0 0 2 2, Mike O'Neill 4 0 4 4 12, Ramon Holmes 1 0 0 2 2, Ali Kaba 5 0 2 3 12, Jared Dwyer 0 0 2 0, Totals 17 1 21 29 58.  
 HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 0 0 0 0, Justin Rhodes 1 1 0 0 5, Terrance Radford 2 0 0 10, Chris Mckelvey 0 0 0 0, Vasilis Tsimpliaridis 3 4 0 18, Steve Bonner 6 0 0 0 12, Darryl Martin 6 0 5 6 17, Winston Brooks 1 0 0 1 2, Doug Whittier 1 0 1 1 3, Donald Ceasar 7 0 3 4 17, Kresimir Tomorad 3 0 3 5 9, Totals 30 7 12 17 93.  
 Halftime score: Howard 49, NMMI 24.  
 Three-point goals: NMMI 1 (Smith), Howard 7 (Rhodes, Radford 2, Tsimpliaridis 4). Total fouls: NMMI 20, Howard 23. Fouled out: Valencia, O'Neill, Tomorad. Technical fouls: Bonner. Records: NMMI 9-6, 0-1; Howard 9-7, 1-0.

### Inside, outside game gives Lady Hawks 84-48 win over WTC

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks opened Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) play in impressive fashion Monday night, taking an 84-48 win over Western Texas College's Dusters.

As might be expected when a team that posts a 12-4 record plays host to a 2-14 squad, the Lady Hawks were never in any jeopardy.

In fact, Western Texas' only lead of the night came when Dusters sophomore Mary Cavazos scored the game's first point with a free throw in the opening minute.

Cavazos would add another free throw a couple of minutes later, but by that time the Lady Hawks owned a 9-2 lead and were well on their way to a romp.

Had it not been for the Lady Hawks' propensity for sending the Dusters to the free throw line — Western Texas hit 22-of-31 from the charity stripe — the embarrassingly lopsided final score might have been worse.

As it was, Western Texas didn't manage its first field goal of the game until almost 12 minutes had expired. The Dusters' good free throw shooting, however, allowed them to keep it close for much of the first half.

It was not until the final 31/2 minutes of the first half that the Lady Hawks closed with an 18-4 run that gave Howard a 41-22 advantage at the break.

Western Texas would emerge from the intermission with a little more fire, 6-foot-4 freshman post Cassie Wilson scoring from close range and then hitting a pair of free throws to get a mini run started.

Guard Danielle Brown added a couple of field goals and Cavazos added a three-pointer that offset a pair of free throws by Howard's Caryn Ross and three-point bombs by Ashanti Nix and Koretha Johnson.

For the next five minutes, however, Western Texas drew a blank and the Lady Hawks took advantage — rattling off 14 unanswered points to make it a 63-33 game with 11 minutes remaining.

The Dusters did their best to keep pace down the stretch, but the Lady Hawks were simply too athletic for Western Texas to ever make any headway.

"We fouled a little too much, but otherwise we played awfully well both offensively and defensively," first-year Lady

Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry said following the easy win. "We stayed with our game plan and we had a good one."

The Lady Hawks' game plan had clearly been to get the ball inside, force Western Texas to concentrate on Howard's posts and then do plenty of damage from outside.

They did just that.

As a result, freshmen Grace Gantt and Johnson paced the Lady Hawks attack with 15 points apiece — Gantt doing most of her damage from the paint or baseline, while Johnson rained down a trio of three-pointers in addition to three more outside shots.

Freshman post Vanessa Lehrmann added 13, as did guard Taneisha Harris.

The win improved the Lady Hawks' record to 13-4 overall heading into a pivotal conference date at Midland College on Thursday night.

Defending league champion Midland, according to Mayberry, is easily the conference favorite again this season.

"They're a great basketball team ... a couple of notches above the rest of us," Mayberry said.

"It's not that we can't compete with them or that we're not capable of beating them," he added in assessing the Lady Chaparrals talents. "But we are going to have to play our very best basketball if we expect to beat them, especially on their home floor."

The problem with facing Midland, Mayberry said, is that the Lady Chaps seem to have virtually no weaknesses.

"They're tremendously big and talented inside," he noted. "They've got people in the back court that handle the ball well and they shoot the ball well outside, too."

"They just don't have any weaknesses. We'll have to play well."

**LADY HAWKS 84, WESTERN TEXAS 48**  
 WESTERN TEXAS — Mona Carasco 0 0 0 0, Carrie Fincher 0 0 4 4 4, Shante Russell 0 0 0 0, Heather Moon 0 1 0 2 3, Marquis Ellis 0 0 2 2 2, Danielle Brown 3 0 2 2 8, Crystal Williams 2 0 2 2 6, Erica Jackson 0 1 2 2 5, Veronica Hubbard 0 1 1 3 4, Akisha Waters 0 0 0 0, Mary Cavazos 0 1 2 4 5, Lakeisha Ross 1 0 0 2 2, Cassie Wilson 1 0 7 8 9, Totals 7 4 22 31 48.

HOWARD — Taneisha Harris 6 0 11 13, Shaketha Ashley 0 0 0 0 0, Ashanti Nix 1 2 0 0 8, Tashawn Thomas 0 3 0 0 9, Caryn Ross 2 0 3 3 7, Vanessa Lehrmann 5 0 3 3 13, Grace Gantt 5 0 5 8 15, Koretha Johnson 3 3 0 1 15, LaTonya Jackson 2 0 0 0 4, Totals 24 8 12 16 84.

Halftime score: Howard 41, Western Texas 22.  
 Three-point goals: WTC 4 (Moon, Jackson, Hubbard, Cavazos), Howard 8 (Nix 2, Thomas 3, Johnson 3). Total fouls: WTC 13, Howard 24. Fouled out: Harris. Technical fouls: None. Records: WTC 2-15, 0-1; Howard 13-4, 1-0.

## Big Spring swimmers finish fifth at Fort Stockton Invitational

HERALD Staff Report

FORT STOCKTON — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers swimmers turned in solid performances Saturday, as both teams finished fifth in their divisions at the Fort Stockton Coker Invitational swim meet.

The Lady Steers, who got first-place finishes from Melissa Sheedy in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, chalked up 145 points in the girls' field dominated by Monahans' Lady Lobos.

The Lady Lobos scored 307 points for a comfortable margin over Pecos.

The Steers, on the other hand, managed 102 points in the boys' field, edging El Paso Ysleta's Indians for fifth place by just one point. Pecos' Eagles took the team title with 398 points.

In addition to Sheedy's first-place finishes, the Lady Steers also got a strong showing from Tz Marsch, who finished second in the 200 freestyle and third in the 500 freestyle.

Sheedy and Marsch teamed with Vanessa Yanez and Heidi Robinson to finish second in the 400 freestyle relay, as well.

The Lady Steers also got point-producing finishes in the other two relays. Yanez, Amanada Chapman, Lauren

Bradley and Stephanie Pointon teamed for a 12th-place finish in the 200 medley relay, while Robinson, Danielle Bartlett, Marsch and Sheedy placed fifth in the 200 freestyle relay.

Yanez added a sixth in the 200 freestyle and was seventh in the 100 backstroke, while Robinson was sixth in the 100 freestyle and seventh in the 200 individual medley.

Bradley added points with an 11th-place finish in the 100 backstroke and was 12th in the 100 butterfly, while Bartlett was 11th and Pointon was 12th in the 500 freestyle.

The Steers' only first-place finish came from Doug Willberg in the 200 individual

medley. He then teamed with Patric Beltran, Josh Pike and Cody Clark to finish fifth in the 400 free relay.

The foursome of Willberg, Wolfgang Robinson, Clark and Beltran also finished seventh in the 200 medley relay.

Beltran added a sixth-place finish in the 100 freestyle and was ninth in the 200 freestyle, while Pike was sixth in the 200 individual medley and 10th in the 100 backstroke.

Wolfgang Robinson added a seventh in the 100 butterfly and a 12th in the 100 breaststroke, while Clark rounded out the Steers' scoring with ninth place in the 200 butterfly and 11th place in the 100 backstroke.

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DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, one of your readers recommended that schools add anger management classes to the curriculum. I am a school teacher, and I don't know how we're going to fit any more into our curriculum and do it effectively. We teach drug awareness, AIDS education, kids voting, helmet safety and stranger danger, to name a few. Oh, yes -- we also teach reading, writing, math, language, social studies, science, health, music, art and physical education. Why does our society expect schools to teach it all? Whatever happened to parenting? Parents should be taking the classes on how to be parents. Perhaps that would leave the "school" subjects to the teachers. -- PHOENIX EDUCATOR

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a man for four years now. Two years ago he asked me to marry him, but he still hasn't set a date or given me a ring. Whenever I bring up the subject, he gets angry and says, "When the time is right." Well, in my book, don't you normally wait to pop the question until the time is right and then offer the ring as a symbol of love and commitment? He is 42 years old, has never been married and still lives at home with his mother. He says he could never leave her alone. His mother -- a wonderful woman whom I love dearly -- is 75 years old, but remains very active and still works 35 hours a week. She says he has never helped her financially, although he makes a decent living. I'm beginning to grow weary of waiting for "the right time." What do you think of this situation? -- THE WIFE-IN-WAITING

DEAR ABBY: He has told you directly that he could never leave his mother. She's in excellent health and, from your description, is vigorous -- so you could be "waiting" for this man to get off the dime for a very long time. Let me go on record: Waiting for someone to die is the longest wait in the world. If it's marriage you want, it's time to move on and find an eligible man. This one's already taken.

DEAR ABBY: I agree that it's unfair to demand that schools teach children that which should be taught at home by the parents. However, the majority of families these days have two working parents, and consequently many children are virtually raising themselves. The task of parenting is more difficult when the parent is gone the majority of the time -- but it's not impossible. The best things parents can give their children are time and undivided attention. They should listen to their children with a discerning ear. It takes patience, setting a good exam-



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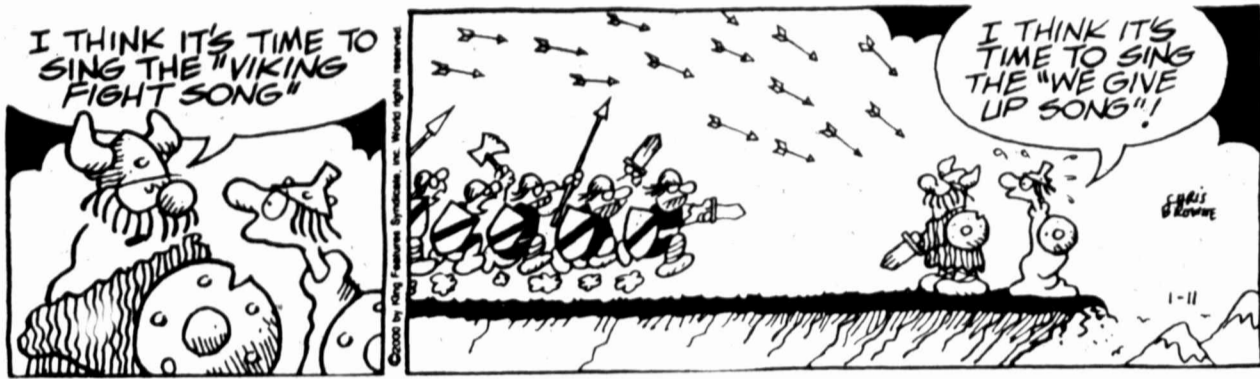


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6:30	News (CC)	Home Imp. Judge Judy	Creatures Zomboaloo	Who's Boss? Random Acts	News (CC) Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Ent. Tonight	Fresh Prince Fresh Prince	Sonadoras	Movie: The Witches (CC)	Waltons (CC)	(35) Movie: Disturbing Behavior	Hoop Life (CC)	Beaches (CC)	News John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	ER (CC)	JAG (CC)	Sentinel (CC)	Intimate Portrait (CC)	48 Hours
7:30	Be a Millionaire	70s Show Malcolm-Mid.	Inside the Animal Mind	Movie: Cloned (CC)	JAG (CC)	Be a Millionaire	Just Shoot Me 3rd Rock-Sun	(05) Movie: The Hand	Nunca Te Ovidate	(40) Movie: Bowling Rockin' Bowl	Bowling Rockin' Bowl	Disturbing Behavior	Hoop Life (CC)	Light of the Southwest	News John Hagee	Biography (CC)	On the Inside	NBA Basketball	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Sentinel (CC)	Chicago Hope (CC)	Trauma: Life in the ER
8:30	Dharma-Greg Sports Night	Party of Five (CC)	Nova (CC)	60 Minutes II (CC)	Dharma-Greg Sports Night	Will & Grace Veronica's Cl	That Rocks the Cradle	Tres Mujeres	The Neverending	Rollerjam III	Movie: Species II	Beggars and Choosers	Movie: The Thin Red	Investigative Reports (CC)	New Detectives	Miami Heat at Minnesota	Movie: Solo (CC)	Sentinel (CC)	Movie: Justice for Annie	Movie: Justice for Annie	Crash Science	
9:30	NYPD Blue (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Frontline (CC)	Exploring the Unknown	Judging Amy (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Daleline (CC)	(05) Movie: Dolores	Premier Impacto Noct	Story (CC) (20) Movie: Heidi (CC)	Life and Times	(CC) Movie: Rude Awaken Linc's (CC)	Line (CC)	Richard Roberts	Love Chroni-cles (CC)	FBI Files	Timberwolves	Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)	Poltergeist: The Legacy	Golden Girls Golden Girls	Trauma: Life in the ER	
10:30	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Claborne	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ	Heidi (CC)	Dallas (CC)	Aberation (CC)	(10) Movie: Iron Heart	Women	Dennis Miller Movie: Wit-ness Protec-tion (CC)	Light of the Southwest	FBI Files	Insid NBA Movie: Above	New York Undercover	Sentinel (CC)	Mysteres Commish	Crash Science
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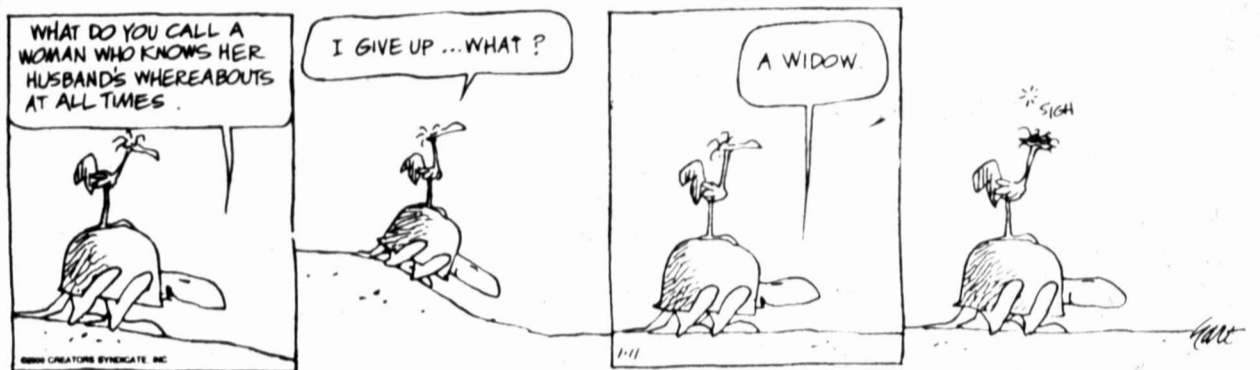
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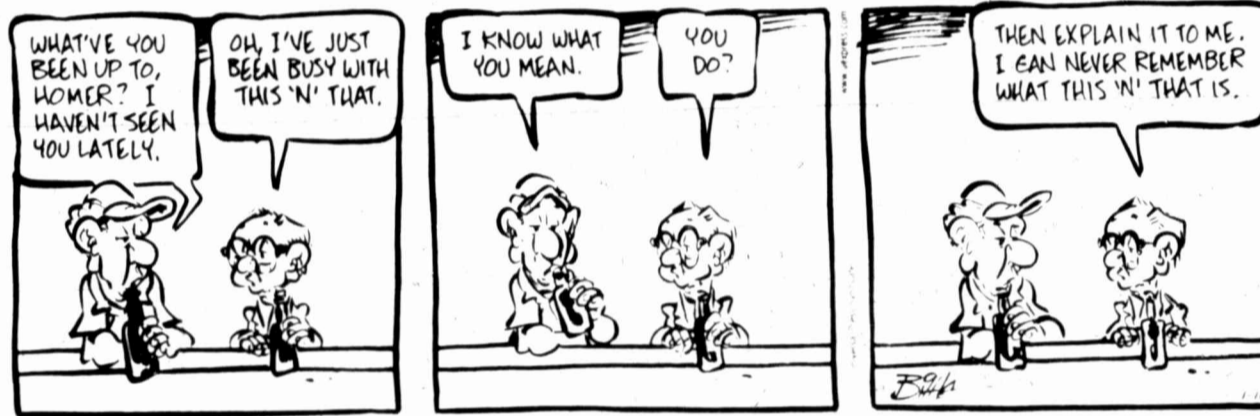
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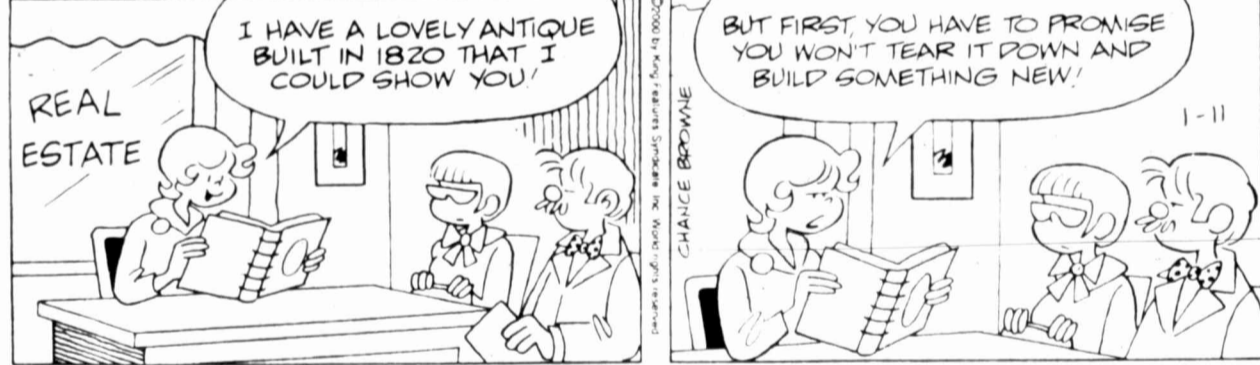
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2000. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 11, 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific.

On this date: In 1757, Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis.

In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut Six orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev visited Lithuania, where he sought to assure supporters of independence that they would have a say in their republic's future.

Five years ago: President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama held a low-key summit in Washington, playing down differences over trade. A 9-year-old girl survived a Colombian airliner crash that killed the other 52 people aboard near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena.

One year ago: President Clinton and House Republicans clashed in impeachment trial papers, with the White House claiming the perjury and obstruction allegations fell short of high crimes and misdemeanors and GOP lawmakers retorting: "If this is not enough, what is?"

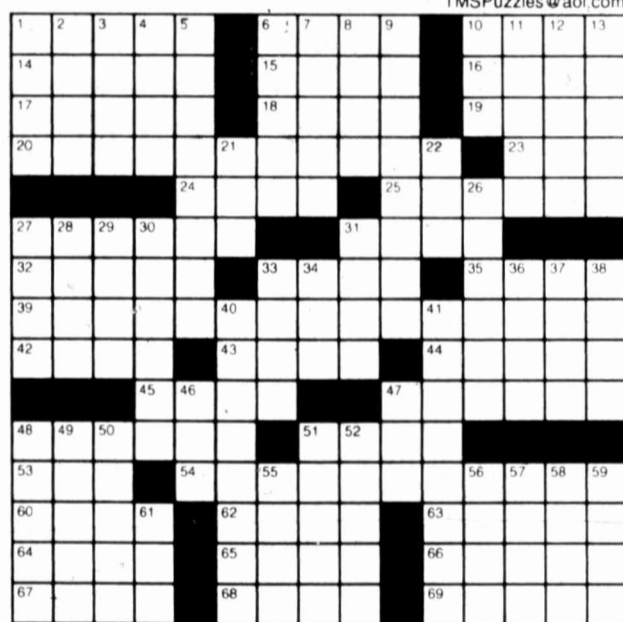
Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 74. Producer David L. Wolper, is 72. Actor Rod Taylor is 70. Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien is 66. Actor Mitchell Ryan ("Dharma and Greg") is 66. Rock musician Clarence Clemons (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 58. Country singer Naomi Judd is 54. Golfer Ben Crenshaw is 48. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 44. Actress Kim Coles is 38. Actor Jason Connery is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maxee Maxwell (Brownstone) is 31. Singer Mary J. Blige is 29.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- 1 Wooden shoe
  - 6 Bryn College
  - 10 1976-80 Wimbledon winner
  - 14 Fancy feather
  - 15 Soothing lotion
  - 16 Spoken
  - 17 Courtyards
  - 18 Acorn producers
  - 19 Port or hock
  - 20 Yellowish-red apple
  - 23 Fisherman's float
  - 24 Elevator man
  - 25 Element 53
  - 27 Spoke
  - 31 Borodin opera, "Prince"
  - 32 Club grouping
  - 33 Shakespearean verb
  - 35 Worrier's word
  - 39 Bright yellow apple
  - 42 Against
  - 43 British peer
  - 44 Beginning
  - 45 Helen of
  - 47 Light beams
  - 48 In dreamland
  - 51 Tight closure
  - 53 Thumbs down in a word
  - 54 Green apple
  - 60 Detest
  - 62 Mr. Krievell
  - 63 Weird
  - 64 Makes a decision
  - 65 St. Petersburg's river
  - 66 Leg joint
  - 67 Cereal grasses
  - 68 Morales of "Bad Boys"
  - 69 Pondered

- DOWN
- 1 Bridge
  - 2 Singing voice
  - 3 Aaron or Raymond
  - 4 Leave out
  - 5 "The \_\_\_ of the August Moon"
  - 6 Native New Zealander
  - 7 King and Ladd
  - 8 Str-fry vessels
  - 9 "Belfagor" composer
  - 10 Ship's front
  - 11 Small antelope
  - 12 Kept talking
  - 13 English church land
  - 21 "Star Trek" extras
  - 22 Hoo leader?
  - 26 Empties
  - 27 Latvia's capital
  - 28 Presley's middle name
  - 29 Blockhead
  - 30 Set down in writing
  - 31 never fly
  - 33 6/6/44 remembrance
  - 34 Neath's opposite
  - 36 Suffer defeat
  - 37 Hungarian violinist
  - 38 Mach+ jets
  - 40 Synthetic rubber
  - 41 Fuel deposit
  - 46 Std.
  - 47 Set down
  - 48 Detest
  - 49 Full of suds
  - 50 Lenya or Lehmann
  - 51 Auto-racer Tom
  - 52 Chinese leader, Zhou
  - 55 St. crosses
  - 56 Carte du jour
  - 57 Maddens
  - 58 Scrabble piece
  - 59 Listen to
  - 61 Double curve



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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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