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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., at Kay Smith's residence, 800 Caprock Drive.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 a.m.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Rackley-Swords Chapter 370 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
- American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m.
- Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

- Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

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Blood drive moved to Coahoma Community Center; shortage critical

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A blood drive in Coahoma Wednesday has been moved to the Coahoma Community Center and representatives from United Blood Services will be collecting the gift of life from 4-7:30 p.m.

"The location of the blood drive was moved after we sent out the information to the residents in Coahoma, so we are really hoping that everyone knows it has been moved to the community center," said Teresa

Alexander, community relations assistant for UBS in San Angelo.

Blood supplies in West Texas remain in critical shortage, she said.

"We are getting good response to our pleas, but we still remain critical, and that is nationwide as well as locally," Alexander said.

All blood types are needed, as demand has exceeded supply and some hospitals not able to provide the pints needed are postponing elective surgeries, 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.

With increased incidents of illness such as influenza and secondary infections of pneumonia, the demand for blood continues to increase.

"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 UBS.

Anyone 17 years of age or older may donate blood, provided they weigh more than 110 pounds.

"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 paranoia, an increase in influenza, and the holidays.

"And it's really the 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

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Pam Steward, left, a nurse at Hall Bennet Clinic, injects Ethel Riley with a flu shot this morning. Health officials stress that it is not too late to get a flu shot.

Elections

Candidates can run for mayor and council, city secretary confirms

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring still just has two declared candidates for mayor, but there is plenty of time left for anyone who might be entertaining the thought of running.

The deadline to file is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, in the city secretary's office at City Hall.

To date, former city councilman Russ McEwen and District 6 councilman Greg Biddison have declared they will seek the post, vacated when former mayor Tim Blackshear filed as a candidate for House of Representatives' District 70 seat.

Biddison's council seat comes up for election in May, but the timing of the elections leaves an interesting twist — anyone who runs for mayor and loses can still toss their hat in the ring for city council if they wish.

"There is nothing to prevent that at all. With the (mayoral) election being March 4, and the deadline to file for city council being March 22, if they were

defeated in the race for mayor, they could file for a council seat," said Tom Ferguson, secretary for the City of Big Spring.

The council election day is May 6. Filing begins Feb. 21. In addition to the District 6 seat, others up for election are District 2, held by Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Garcia, and District 4, held by Tommy Tune.

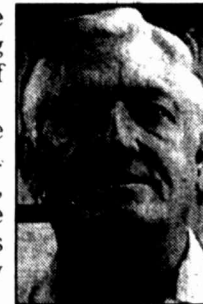
Basic requirements to run for mayor or city council are that the candidate be at least 18 years old and have lived in the city limits for the past 12 months. State law also applies.

"Based on the 1990 voting rights settlement, a candidate for city council can live anywhere within the city limits and run for any district. So you do not have to live within the district you want to run for," said Ferguson.

"That's not true when it comes to voting, however.

"You have to live within the district to vote. The only people who can vote in the city council election this time are those residing in Districts 2, 4 and 6, and they can only vote in district in which they are living in," Ferguson noted.

Any registered voter residing within the city limits can vote in the mayor's race, of course.



FERGUSON

State law allows county officials to fine owners who fail to clear off trashy property

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Junky yard and abandoned vehicle owners beware — a state law now allows counties in Texas to ticket and fine county residents for disarray and unsightly appearance.

"This is really a health and safety issue, that's the intent of the law. We don't have too much trouble within our county, but we do have those who



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habitually must be contacted," said County Commissioner Bill Crooker.

The law allows a county official to approach a county resident whose property is littered with trash, debris or junk, including vehicles, he said.

This official has the authority to warn the resident about the condition of the property, and also allows for a 30-day or 60-day grace period to clean up the debris, he said.

"If it is still not cleaned up, the official, probably a deputy, will then issue a ticket with a misdemeanor fine up to \$500 and call that person into justice of the peace court," Crooker said.

Thus far, Howard County has not had to enforce the law through citation. Residents who have been contacted about an unsafe or unhealthy condition on their property have managed to comply with the law within the specified amount of time, he said.

Crooker said a few years back an individual had unsightly and hazardous property, and after diligent effort on the part of county officials, the property was cleaned up.

"This law gives us the authority to do more than just plead and cajole. Now we have teeth in the law, whereby we can fine

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Stenholm featured speaker at Martin County banquet

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Stanford) is the guest speaker for the annual Martin County Chamber of Commerce banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Community Center, 301 N. St. Theresa.

"He's partial to this area, he's

attending several of our fairs and he has friends in town. We're very excited to have Congressman Stenholm as our guest speaker," said chamber secretary/treasurer Judy Fryar.

Outgoing members Mistress of Ceremonies Sharon Odom, retiring president, and Paul Evans and Matt Myrick will be honored at the banquet. Incoming board members Tommy Dennis, Kitty McCarty and Craig Graves will assume their position as a director of the board. Incoming president is Connie Hazelwood, said chamber secretary/treasurer Judy Fryar.

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STENHOLM

Big Spring Police Department honors employees, volunteers

LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Officer Thad Thomas, a two-year veteran of the Big Spring Police Department, was named as Officer of the Year for 1999 at the Police Association Christmas Dinner on Dec. 10.

"Thomas is a great officer who is dedicated, dependable and is very compassionate to the public," said Big Spring Police Capt. Pam Jordan.

Any police officer who is a member of the association is eligible for the award. Police association members voted for the award, and Thomas received the most votes this year.

Jerry Edwards Award. Open to all members of the department, the award is given to the person who displays traits of dedication to the profession most like former Chief of Police, Jerry Edwards.

Edwards' widow, Janie Edwards, selects the recipient each year from written descriptions of the nominations. Edwards does not know the name or the nominee when she selects him.

Volunteers Mary Lou and Jack Abendshan were recognized for their continuing help in entering data into the computer for the police.

"Mary Lou and Jack went through our Citizens Police Academy and have been volunteering their time to come to

the police department to do our data entry," Jordan said. "Without them, we would not be able to keep up."

Ken Easley received an appreciation award for helping the police department with its computer problems.

"He help us strictly as a volunteer and asks for nothing in return," said chief of police secretary Ann Reid, who was awarded the Big Spring Police Association Civil Employee Award.

Also recognized: Lt. Terry Chamness, a 14-year veteran, was awarded supervisor of the year;

Criminal Investigative Division secretary Juanita Ortiz was awarded the civil achievement award.



Thad Thomas was named Big Spring Police Officer of the Year for 1999.

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Lawmakers want to end annual budget battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — In what has become an annual rite of pain, Congress last fall again failed to complete its budget work on time and had to resort to hectic negotiations that lumped together hundreds of programs in one giant bill that almost nobody liked or understood.

Now, an increasing number of lawmakers say the best way to restore some order to this chaos is to switch to a two-year budget cycle.

Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., has more than 240 co-sponsors, well over half the House, supporting a resolution stating that a biennial budget process should be enacted this year.

Significantly, one of Dreier's chief partners in the resolution

is Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla. Appropriators, who are responsible for steering the 13 federal spending bills through Congress every year, have been the most resistant to a two-year budget, fearing it would weaken their control over the process.

The idea has other powerful proponents. Vice President Al Gore and leading Republican presidential candidates Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain of Arizona have expressed support, and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is a longtime advocate.

"I'm like a lot of Americans who are concerned about the constant budget hassles that seem to dominate the

Thanksgiving season," Bush says in November.

"Annual budgeting encourages budget brinkmanship," McCain has said.

Only twice in the past quarter-century has Congress completed action on the 13 spending bills by the Oct. 1 start of the fiscal year. Republicans gained control of Congress in 1994, and they in particular have been receptive to changes in the system since they took much of the blame for the lengthy government shutdown in the winter of 1995-96.

Many Republicans also feel President Clinton forced them into accepting unwanted spending in end-of-year negotiations the past two years. In 1998 that produced a 4,000-page, 40-pound

document. Last year, some 50 days after the fiscal year began, Congress hurriedly passed a \$390 billion bill financing seven cabinet departments.

"If anybody here can say with an honest expression on their face that they know what everything is in that bill, well, God save you," Rep. Gil Gutknecht, R-Minn., told his colleagues in the final debate on the package.

The main premise of the several biennial budget bills that have been introduced is that the president would propose, and Congress approve, a two-year budget in the first year of a congressional session. Congress could then devote the second year to its other constitutional responsibility, oversight of federal programs.

Veteran musicians do well at American Music Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The path to the podium at the American Music Awards is a familiar one for Garth Brooks.

The top selling artist of the 1990s began the new decade by winning two AMA trophies Monday, for best country male artist and country album for "Double Live." He has raised the possibility of retiring at the end of the year.

"I'm not sure that people don't need a breather from Garth," he said after also receiving a special honor as artist of the 1990s. "You look at your three children, and really, that's your calling."

"Also, Sandy and my relationship deserves the time to be worked on," he said of his marriage.

Veteran musicians like Brooks held their own Monday against a wave of young up-and-comers, including the Backstreet Boys, the Dixie Chicks and Lauryn Hill.

The first honor of the night went to the sentimental favorite, 52-year-old rock guitarist Carlos Santana, who received a standing ovation after accepting the favorite pop-rock album award for "Supernatural."

After thanking his family, Santana brought his co-producer, Clive Davis, onstage to share the honor. Davis has been in a high-stakes power struggle over his future with the company that owns Arista Records.

Backstage, Santana said, "a lot of people told me they didn't want to work with me because I'm old. Mr. Davis believed in me. We both believed we had a masterpiece in our belly."

"Supernatural," which put Santana atop the charts for the first time in his 30-year career, beat out two teen sensations, the Backstreet Boys' "Millennium" and Britney Spears' "... Baby One More Time."

Longtime collaborators Brooks & Dunn were named best country band, duo or

group, beating out Diamond Rio and the Dixie Chicks, who also lost out against Brooks for best country album.

Shania Twain won for pop-rock female artist and country female artist. Hill was honored as favorite soul-rhythm and blues female artist while "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" won for soul-R&B album.

Including the artist of the decade honor, Brooks has 16 trophies, tying him with Lionel Richie for fourth place on the all-time list of American Music Award winners.

DMX won for favorite rap-hop artist. On stage he thanked Jesus, but backstage, he grumbled that with two hit albums out previously, he should have already won an honor. "I feel I should have won a few awards," he said. "Give it all to me."

Whitney Houston, who tied with Twain and Spears for most nominations with three, was shut out and didn't attend. Awards spokesman Paul Shefrin said her absence was unrelated to an incident in Hawaii last week, when airport security guards said they found marijuana in her bag.

Tyrese took the honors for new soul-rhythm and blues artist.

Nominees for the 27th annual awards were chosen by music industry representatives. The winners were decided in voting by about 20,000 music fans nationwide.

The show also featured results of an Internet poll that named Elvis Presley favorite artist of the 1950s, the Beatles of the 1960s, Stevie Wonder of the 1970s and Michael Jackson of the 1980s.

Mariah Carey received an Award of Achievement for her "rare and distinguished accomplishments." Michael Jackson and Prince are the only previous winners of that honor.

An Award of Merit went to Gloria Estefan, who was honored with a musical tribute featuring 'N Sync.

Clinton announcing new anti-gun program in Boston

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is asking Congress for \$280 million in additional funds to hire 500 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and inspectors and create a program to track guns through ballistics testing.

"We're at a moment where crime rates across the country are going down, but the message that we feel is important to send is that we've got to keep our vigilance up," said Eric Liu, the White House deputy domestic policy adviser. "We have to do all that we can to strengthen our enforcement efforts and crack down on gun criminals."

Clinton was announcing the program to hire 500 more ATF personnel today in Boston. The appearance at the Orchard Gardens Community Center in Boston's Roxbury section also was expected to highlight Clinton's community policing initiative.

The emphasis on law enforcement represented a subtle shift in the administration's efforts to curb gun violence.

After a spate of high-profile shooting attacks by troubled killers at high schools and community centers, Clinton pushed for tougher gun-control measures in Congress. But legislation has stalled over such issues

as how to extend Brady law background checks to gun shows or whether to require safety locks on handguns.

Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder said today the administration's approach has produced results. "We've increased the number of federal prosecutions from 1998 to 1999 by 25 percent and the overall rate of gun violence has gone down about 35 percent since 1992," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We have a gun violence rate now that is at historic lows but we think that we can take it even lower," Holder said.

Wayne LaPierre of the

National Rifle Association questioned whether the administration really plans to go after gun criminals. "While I applaud what they're doing — they seem to be embracing it — I want to look real hard at this to see that they have had a change of heart and want to make this a way of life," he told ABC.

Outlining plans for his final year in office, Clinton last week alluded to new projects aimed at curbing gun violence. The administration already announced a request for \$10 million to develop "smart guns" that fire only when held by their owners. A similar request died in Congress last year.

Flu outbreak reduces blood supply across nation

NEW YORK (AP) — Blood supplies have dropped to dangerously low levels around the country, with experts blaming a flu outbreak that hit harder and earlier than usual for keeping potential donors away.

The New York Blood Center issued an emergency appeal for donations Monday, just a week after the American Red Cross made a similar request.

"This really goes from Boston to L.A. and hits the heartland,"

said Jacquelyn Fredrick, CEO for the American Red Cross blood services.

Twenty-five of the 37 regional blood centers run by the national Red Cross had less than one day's supply of Type O blood — known as the universal donor type — on hand a week after the organization issued an emergency appeal, Fredrick said. Among the most severely affected areas are Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Wash-

ington, D.C.; Detroit; Nashville, Tenn.; and Columbia, S.C.

The New York center, which operates independently of the American Red Cross, had less than a two-day supply of Type O blood Monday.

"We like to have about a five-day supply," center spokeswoman Linda Levi said.

In Toledo, Ohio, where the Red Cross called 135 people asking them to donate, 75 declined because they were suffering

from the flu or another illness.

At a Peoria, Ill., drive to collect blood platelets needed by cancer patients, 24 of 34 scheduled donors canceled their appointments because of illness.

The shortage highlights a widening gap between blood supply and demand.

Editor's note: Donors can call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

U.S. intelligence analysts keeping wary eye on Iranian nuclear program

WASHINGTON (AP) — National security officials are increasingly worried that Iran, with help from Russia, may be closer than previously believed to producing nuclear weapons.

Among the concerns, said administration officials, is the continued flow of technology to Tehran, primarily from Russia.

U.S. officials reacted with alarm to reports over the weekend that Iran may order an additional three nuclear reactors from Russia. Russian engi-

neers are already building one reactor at a site in southern Iran under an existing contract.

Both Moscow and Tehran insist that the reactors are only intended for power generation and there has been no diversion to weapons programs.

But U.S. intelligence analysts have become more skeptical as Iran acquires more nuclear materials and technology.

"We've said all along that we are concerned about Iran's efforts to develop ballistic mis-

siles and weapons of mass destruction," White House national security spokesman David Leavy said on Monday. "We will continue to work hard to block those efforts."

The New York Times, in Monday's edition, reported that the Central Intelligence Agency could no longer rule out that Iran may already be able to make a nuclear bomb.

CIA Director George Tenet has been briefing U.S. policy makers on the new, more worri-

some CIA assessment, the newspaper said.

CIA and other national security officials declined on Monday to comment directly on the report. But they agreed that the possibility of a nuclear-armed Iran is a growing worry.

A senior intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the United States was closely watching "the issue of the availability of fissile material to Iran. It has always been a concern to us."

That concern has grown in the face of unsuccessful White House efforts to persuade Russia not to provide missile and nuclear-power technology to Iran.

Western military commanders regard Russia's still-huge nuclear arsenal with trepidation and worry about declining military controls over the forces.

The new concerns come amid increased tensions between the United States and Russia in the

aftermath of the NATO bombing campaign in Yugoslavia and the expansion of NATO into former Warsaw Pact nations.

Moscow last week issued a new national-security doctrine that places more emphasis on nuclear forces and takes a harder line toward the United States and its allies.

Iran, meanwhile, has become a top customer of Russia's ailing defense industry, purchasing fighter jets, missiles, tanks and submarines.

Experts: Latest lunar eclipse best seen in Americas

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Finally, there's an astronomical event for all of us.

It won't take a telescope, filter, star chart or degree in rocket science to appreciate the total eclipse of the moon Thursday night. It will be visible above virtually all of North and South America, where the weather allows.

"It's perfect the way it's choreographed," said Kelly Beatty, a senior editor at Sky & Telescope magazine.

Beginning at 8:03 p.m. CST Thursday, the eclipse will reach its darkest phase between 10:05 p.m. and 11:22 p.m., when the moon reaches its height over the East Coast. In most places, the moon likely will dim to a dull charcoal or ruddy red, but it could disappear for some.

Many star clubs, planetariums and observatories intend to seize on the broad appeal of the eclipse with parties for mass watching. In the western Massachusetts city of Spring-

field, hundreds are expected to crane their necks from a downtown parking lot next to a science museum.

But most people are apt to take a peek from backyards or apartment windows.

The familiarity that people feel for the moon heightens the sense of wonder when it steps unaccountably behind a curtain. "It's almost like the clockwork of the heavens is suddenly revealed," said Richard Sanderson, a party organizer

for the Springfield Stars Club.

The moon is eclipsed from the sun's light when it coasts through the shadow of Earth. The last total eclipse of the moon happened in September 1997.

Experienced sky watchers suggest watching for the first signs of darkening as the Earth's shadow advances from the moon's left side. The shadows may carry hints of green, blue or other colors, especially if inspected with binoculars.

Arrested Texas school students may be banned from classes

BLANCO, Texas (AP) — School officials vowed to fight to keep the students arrested in connection with a pipe bomb found at Blanco High School banned from coming back to the school.

"I met with the principal and superintendent and tried to elicit a guarantee about that, and I think I did," said school board President Jim Pepper.

His comments came Monday

night, as some 250 pipe-bombed Blanco High's cafeteria to discuss school safety with the board, prosecutors and police officials.

"Those students under arrest at this time will not be allowed to enter our building. I don't know if that's legal, but we will find out if we have to," Pepper said.

Superintendent Mike Adkins said he would stand behind the

ban, even though the district may be on shaky legal ground. As of yet, a conviction had not been handed down against the pupils.

The school's 300 students have been evacuated three times in the past two weeks because of bomb scares. In the second incident, a small pipe bomb was found in a bathroom Jan. 10, and three students were arrested.

Two of the students, both 16, were charged Thursday with helping plant the 7-inch pipe bomb and were ordered to be held in juvenile jail for 10 more days. Two others — Justin Byars and Nancy Garcia, both 17 — were also arrested and are being charged as adults.

The high school was emptied again Friday after a threatening note was found in the same bathroom.

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." -FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Volunteer chefs needed to make event successful

There is still time to sign up to show off your culinary skills at 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.

Plenty of volunteer "chefs" are needed to make "80 Bites" a success. At past festivals, they have prepared the culinary specialties of such countries as Italy, Russia, Sweden, Germany, Mexico, Greece, Egypt, China, England, Scotland, Finland and, of course, Texas.

In the past, visitors have tried foreign fare such as French crepes, Chinese egg rolls and Swedish meatballs, along with familiar favorites such as pizza, cookies and soft drinks.

"80 Bites" is a fundraiser that helps the museum maintain exhibits and provide programs throughout the year. Last year's festival earned \$2,500, and that is the goal for this year as well.

Without the work of these "chef" volunteers, the festival would not be possible.

Chefs should reserve a spot by Saturday. That gives you plenty of time to plan a dish. But don't hesitate to ask the museum staff for an idea if you need one.

If you can give your time, try an evening at "80 Bites," you won't regret it. To learn more or sign up as a chef, call the museum at 267-8255.

OTHER VIEWS

Everything about the \$165 billion takeover of Time Warner by America Online is big. AOL is the largest Internet company. Time Warner is the largest media and entertainment company. Their proposed marriage will be the largest corporate merger in history.

The implications of this merger are big too, for the way stocks are valued, for the way information services reach consumers, and perhaps for the way entertainment, politics and journalism evolve in a 21st-century corporate environment.

The challenges that these big, multifaceted companies represent for journalism are just now coming into focus. For decades journalists, readers and viewers have been coming to grips with the concen-

tration of ownership in newspaper chains and networks.

In that environment, maintaining a wall between advertising and news departments has worked well.

But building walls among the multiple compartments of these new information, entertainment and marketing giants may not be so simple. Yesterday (Steve) Case (AOL's chairman) said he was teaching (Gerald) Levin (Time Warner's chairman) about "Internet time" and Mr. Levin was teaching him about journalistic tradition. That is an interchange that will have to take place not just in their company, but all across a media world that is being reshaped more rapidly than anyone could have predicted.

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Peace for Israel and Syria costly for U.S.

Why should we pay for peace between Israel and Syria?

The Israelis have indicated that, if they sign a peace deal with Syria, they expect the U.S. taxpayers to ante up about \$17 billion.



CHARLEY REESE

Excuse me? What's in it for us? Frankly, it's no skin off our nose if the Israelis and Syrians don't make peace. Israel invaded Syria and, since 1967, has occupied Syrian territory on the Golan Heights. For that reason, though a cease-fire is in place, the two countries remain in a state of war. It seems to me that it's entirely in the self-interest of the two countries to make peace. But why should U.S. taxpayers pay for it?

American taxpayers paid for the Camp David peace treaty

and the Wye River agreement. Altogether, Israel has tapped American taxpayers for amounts approaching \$100 billion if you throw in the annual bribe to Egypt that was apparently part of the deal for the Camp David peace treaty.

Now Israel has put the United States on notice that peace with Syria will cost at least \$17 billion, more money than the U.S. space program gets annually. Don't you think it's about time for the American people to put their representatives and senators on notice that they are not willing to pay for other people's peace treaties?

After all, at the end of all of America's wars, no third country ever showed up and said, "Hey, guys, if you make peace, we'll pay you umpteen billions." As I recall, we paid for our own wars and our own peace treaties, and, most of the time, we ended up repairing the country we had whipped. We paid for our own security measures.

I was under the impression that Israel was a sovereign, independent country, but apparently it is a ward of the

American taxpayers. Or maybe it's us, the Americans, who are not independent and are under the sovereignty of Israel. After all, Israel seems to have far more influence in Washington than the American people. Try squeezing \$100 billion out of the federal treasury for your state and see how far you get.

Neither Israel nor the rest of the Middle East has any strategic value for the United States. We even import only a small fraction of our oil imports from the Gulf States. The plain fact is that Israel is a strategic liability. Israel modifies and then sells arms and U.S. military technology in competition with the United States, even selling technology to America's potential enemies, such as China. It spies on the U.S. government and, according to the CIA, commits industrial espionage against American businesses. It blew up American diplomatic facilities in Cairo in a covert scheme to queer U.S. and Egyptian relations. In 1967, it attacked an American Navy ship in international waters, killing 34 and wounding 171.

Yet, so powerful is the Israeli lobby's grip on the U.S. Congress that, for 33 years, the pleas of the Navy survivors of that ship for a congressional hearing have gone unheeded. In the meantime, these loyal American servicemen have been attacked as "anti-Semitic" simply because they have demanded a public hearing that they are entitled to. As columnist Joe Sobran recently wrote, in America, you are anti-Semitic not if you hate Jews but if Jews hate you.

But that's not all. The Arab world had no quarrel with the United States until the United States began to one-sidedly support Israel, even when it was in the wrong. Every American who has died — and those who will die — at the hands of a Middle East terrorist can thank the Israeli lobby for it. I don't think that you will find anywhere in world history where a great power has so surrendered its foreign policy to the lobby of so small a country.

Some day, of course, the American people will wake up to the fact that they have been played for suckers, but that's probably several billions of dollars and several hundreds of American lives down the road.

BRACKINS



The REAL Y2K BUG

You can't possibly leave out Jackson

If memories were money, I'd have a small fortune squirreled away right here in this old town. It's been gaining interest for 20 years.

Just driving past the place on an interstate bumpy from Yazoo clay gets to me. Once you've hugged a lumpy mattress up a flight of steps somewhere, anywhere, you're not likely to forget the town or the moment.

I moved to Jackson early in the summer of 1979, right after the Pearl River flooded and rental houses became rare as rubies. The Pearl had flooded before, would flood again, but this time was the worst. Everybody said so.

You could buy beer on Sunday, but not milk. A summer heat wave was cranking up to break records. I had known humidity, but nothing like this. Every soul in Jackson had sinus trouble. I drove from Jackson to Vicksburg one day soon after the move to see the famous battlefield, but it was too hot to get out of the car and walk around.

Mississippi, it seemed, would be a land of extremes. I found an apartment that would hold my gold corduroy couch, record albums and homemade bookcase. A place where I could keep my dog. I found a job at a big state agency that was supposed to work at improving Mississippi's economy.

There were more degrees on the wall than a truck stop has auto parts calendars. On staff were industrial engineers and landscape architects and fancy-pants economists. We even had a "futurist" on the case, a profession I'd never heard of before. But it seemed to me the present was more ominous, economically speaking.

I was supposed to write an occasional news release and put out a quarterly magazine full of positive state economic news. There wasn't much, news or work. I was used to the deadline business, and my new bosses moved at a leisurely pace. It was an ill fit.

But the job provided a good crash course in Mississippi, its virtues and vices, saints and sinners. I got to travel a lot. I fell in love with the Mississippi Gulf Coast, its beautiful little towns with fanciful names, like Ocean Springs and Pass Christian. Jackson had its own reservoir where people recreated, a lake named for Ross Barnett, the once-fiery segregationist. By the time I hit town he was an elderly ghost, still practicing law, representing blacks, whites, anyone who had his fee. You'd often see him down-

town, yoo-hooing his way through a cafeteria line, happy as your next geezer.

Next to the Ross Barnett Reservoir ran the Natchez Trace, the old trade route from Natchez to Nashville. It was, and remains, the best-spent federal park money in the nation, a road that prohibits truck traffic and billboards and limits the speed to 50 miles per hour.

Mississippi was self-contained, its own nation, with all the good and bad that entails. You could bump into Eudora Welty shopping at the Jitney Jungle, or Charles Evers, Medgar's brother, up from Fayette for the day. You rounded corners into history.

The Baptists owned a lot of downtown, and a stone Moses stood atop the county courthouse. And yet, in some ways, Jackson was the wildest place I ever lived.

"It's what comes of repression," my friend Jim Larrick often said. He was an editorial cartoonist and a philosophical sort.

Sometimes I think of life as one of those connect-the-dot puzzles in a child's book. The whole picture emerges only after you pull your crayon (or your U-Haul) from one point to another. Maybe life only seems that way to us vagabond sorts.

If you connected my dots, you couldn't leave out Jackson. Without marking Mississippi, I'd be missing a nose, or an ear.



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Side column with various event notices including Basketball meeting, Softball meeting, National Lit meeting, Hunter educ, Semi-pro football, and Television College Basin.

IN BRIEF

Basketball boosters slate meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Boosters Club has scheduled a meeting for 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Big Spring Junior High School.

Parents of all Steers basketball players are encouraged to attend, as well as other persons interested in the boys' basketball program at Big Spring High School.

For more information, contact Kenny Tuttle at 264-0925.

Softball boosters set meeting for Thursday

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

Members will discuss the year's activities.

All parents of BSHS softball players are encouraged to attend.

National Little League meeting set for Feb. 3

The National Little League of Big Spring will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at Allen's Furniture.

Officers for the league will be elected during that meeting.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Jim Wilson at 263-0062 or Jerry Baker at 263-3242.

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.

Boyer Hale and Steve Poitivent will be instructors for the class.

The class is also offered as a home study course, allowing students to attend a one-day, hands-on skills course and take a written exam.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

Semi-pro football team being formed locally

Efforts are currently under way to field a team in the Texas semi-Pro Football League this season.

Rick Boles, the general manager and defensive coach of the team, said there are currently 12 players working out at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays at Blankenship Field.

The team, owned by Big Spring resident Gail Danguard, would like to have a roster of 25 to 30 players.

Players will not be paid and will have to pay a \$100 fee and provide their own equipment.

Boles said the team will play four or five home games during the season which begins in mid February.

For more information, contact Boles at 264-1111.

AREA GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

6 p.m.
• San Angelo Lake View at Big Spring (VG-VG)

6:30 p.m.
• Coahoma at Plains (VG-VB)
• Forsan at Eldorado (VG-VB)
• Stanton at Seagraves (VG-VB)
• Borden County at Ira (VG-VB)
• Garden City at Irion County (VG-VB)
• Grady at Ropes (VG-VB)
• Sands at Westbrook (VG-VB)

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Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — Iowa at Indiana, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Tennessee at Georgetown, ESPN, Ch. 30.
NBA
7 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at Houston Rockets, TNT, Ch. 28

Vanderbilt works itself into rankings; Cincinnati still No. 1

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vanderbilt supporters, pointing to the Commodores' three victories over ranked teams the last two weeks and their absence from the Top 25, were asking: What is wrong with this picture?

Nothing, now. Vanderbilt (12-2) rode victories over Florida, Tennessee and LSU to No. 20 in this week's rankings by The Associated Press, the Commodores' first ranking since 1994.

Cincinnati stayed on top for the second week in a row, setting a trend for the Top Ten, which changed little.

But there was plenty of movement in the rest of the rankings, including four

new teams: St. John's (No. 19), Vanderbilt, Utah (No. 22) and UCLA (No. 25). All but Vanderbilt were ranked earlier this season.

"To me personally, it's not a big deal. I'd like to get our program to the point where it's not such a novelty to be involved in the Top 25," first-year Vandy coach Kevin Stallings said.

"However, if the recognition of being ranked pleases our fans in any way, and if it provides recognition for our players' effort, then I think it's a very nice thing."

The Bearcats (16-1), who beat Tennessee and Ohio last week, again were the runaway choice for No. 1, receiving 61 first-

place votes and 1,738 points from the national media panel.

Arizona, Stanford and Auburn remained second through fourth in the balloting, while Duke, Syracuse and Kansas each moved up one place to be fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively. Connecticut dropped from No. 5 to No. 8, Florida moved up one spot to ninth and Michigan State did the same in rounding out the Top Ten.

Illinois, Temple, LSU and Louisville, Nos. 22 through 25 last week, all fell out of the rankings after a week that saw more than half of the Top 25 lose (13 teams lost 17 games).

Arizona (15-2) had four first-place votes

and 1,657 points, 133 more than Stanford (14-1), which had one No. 1 vote. Auburn (15-1) was No. 1 on three ballots and Syracuse (14-0), the only unbeaten team in Division I, had one first-place vote.

Indiana dropped from No. 9 to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Oklahoma State, Ohio State, Texas, Tulsa, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kentucky, St. John's and Vanderbilt.

North Carolina, Utah, DePaul, Maryland and UCLA rounded out the Top 25.

St. John's (12-2) was ranked 18th in the preseason poll and 15th in the first one of the regular season before falling out after a loss to Samford.

Hawks survive Frankin Phillips scare in OT

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks blew a 28-point halftime lead and were forced into overtime Monday night before taking a 95-90 Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) basketball win over Frank Phillips' Plainsmen at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Not surprisingly, Hawks head coach Tommy Collins was anything but pleased by his team's showing.

"There's no question that we've sent the message to the rest of the league that Howard can be beaten," Collins said after seeing the Hawks outscore Frank Phillips 15-10 in overtime to hang on for the win.

"We turned a game that never should have been close into a nail-biter," he added. "That's probably the worst performance by any team I've ever coached anywhere... that's in 30 years of coaching."

The Hawks, who improved to 2-1 in conference play and 10-8 overall, looked as if they'd literally run off and hide from Frank Phillips in the first half. Strong defensive play by the Hawks kept the Plainsmen out of sync for most of the first 20 minutes, and a 22-2 run in the final six minutes of the half allowed Howard to take a 28-point lead into intermission at 52-24.

While Collins was pleased with his team's defensive play in the first half, he found the Hawks' 15 turnovers no laughing matter.

"We've just got to do a better job of taking care of the basketball," Collins said at the break.

That concern proved to be well founded following the break, as the Plainsmen stepped onto the court and conducted a clinic in three-point shooting.

After Donald "Yogi" Ceasar opened the half with a short jumper that improved the lead to 30, Frank Phillips exploded for 11 unanswered points before Steve Bonner ripped a three-pointer to stop the bleeding.

The Plainsmen just as quickly found open three-point shots that Jovani Allen, Nate Nelson and Nick Orr knocked home.

The result was a 21-9 run that trimmed Howard's lead to 10 at 66-56 before Derrick Franklin



Howard guard Winston Brooks (34) gets the squeeze from Frank Phillips' Nate Nelson (left) and Nick Orr during the second half of Monday night's game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks survived a second-half scare, taking a 95-90 win in overtime.

hit for five straight points and keyed a 10-2 run that made it 76-58 with 8:33 remaining.

Frank Phillips again answered with a run of its own, scoring 14 unanswered points to pull within four and finally deadlock the game at 78-all with 2:53 left in regulation.

The Plainsmen almost swiped the game in regulation when Allen hit a jumper from the wing with a minute left to give Frank Phillips an 80-78 lead.

It would wind up being the only lead of the night for the Plainsmen, as Hawks point guard Darryl Martin hit a layup to deadlock the game at 80-80 with 47 seconds remaining.

The Hawks literally won the game at the free throw line, but not without giving their fans some worry by hitting 11 of 17 freebies.

It was Bonner who finished the night with a team-topping 26

points for the Hawks, leading a contingent of five Hawks players that scored in double figures.

Derrick Franklin added 17 points for Howard, while Vasilis Tsimpliaridis had 14, Ceasar finished with 12 and Martin chipped in 11 more.

HAWKS 95.
FRANK PHILLIPS 90 OT
FRANK PHILLIPS — Nate Nelson 2 2 7 17
Nick Orr 2 2 3 13 Jovani Allen 6 6 0 0 30
Jarett Sidney 1 0 1 4 3 Aaron Graves 0 0 0 0 1
O. Shane Bannarbie 2 1 1 3 8 Lawrence
Daggett 2 0 0 0 4 Lawrence Ramsey 1 0 7 7
15 Totals 19 11 19 28 90

HOWARD — Derrick Franklin 6 1 2 7 17
Terrence Radford 11 2 11 9 Vasilis
Tsimpliaridis 2 2 4 4 14 Steve Bonner 5 2 10
13 26 Darryl Martin 4 0 3 3 11 Winston
Brooks 0 0 0 2 0 Doug Whittier 3 0 0 0 6
Donald Ceasar 6 0 0 3 12 Kresimir Tomkovic 0
0 0 0 0 Totals 27 7 20 33 95

Halftime score: Howard 52, Frank Phillips 24.
End of regulation: Howard 80, Frank Phillips 80.

Three-point goals: Frank Phillips 11 (Nelson 2, Orr 2, Allen 6, Bannarbie); Howard 7 (Franklin, Radford 2, Tsimpliaridis 2, Bonner 2).
Total fouls: Frank Phillips 28, Howard 22.
Fouled out: Daggett. Technical fouls: None.

Lady Plainsmen no match for hot-handed Lady Hawks

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks simply had too many weapons for Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen to handle in their Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) game Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

As a result, the Lady Hawks had little trouble in posting an 85-45 victory.

The win improves Howard's record to 15-4 overall and 3-0 in WJAC play, and coupled with Midland College's 96-56 win over Odessa, leaves the Lady Hawks in sole possession of the conference lead.

Having just taken a 40-point win, one might expect Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry to be in a somewhat jovial mood.

Instead, he was anything but happy with the number of offensive turnovers and an overall lack of execution.

In fact, Mayberry shook his head and walked away when asked about his team's performance following the game.

Much of Mayberry's frustration probably centered on the fact that his team should have looked much more impressive against a team that dropped to 5-14 overall and 1-2 in conference play with the loss.

The Lady Hawks were never really threatened by their visitors, Frank Phillips' only lead of the night coming at the 16:47 mark of the first half when Alicia Swaim hit a three-point shot to give the Lady Plainsmen a 5-4 lead.

Howard would respond with a shot jumper by Grace Gantt to retake the lead. Taneisha Harris then swiped an errant pass and hit a layup.

Frank Phillips was able to "stay around" for much of the first half — staying within four points or so of the Lady Hawks until the 6:31 mark.

It was at that point that Howard embarked on a 16-6 run to the buzzer that allowed the Lady Hawks to enjoy a 37-23 halftime lead.

Following the break, the Lady

Hawks proved to be a little more productive, freshmen posts Vanessa Lehrmann and Grace Gantt doing much of the damage in a 15-7 run that increased the margin to 24 points.

The Lady Plainsmen would try to make a couple of runs down the stretch, rattling off seven straight points to pull back to within 17, only to see the Lady Hawks answer with eight unanswered points of their own.

Frank Phillips would score just twice from the field in the final 10 minutes of play and manage just one free throw in the final five minutes.

That made the Lady Hawks run at crunch time a 29-8 laugh-offer, as five Howard players finished the night in double figures. What's more, all 10 players on the Lady Hawk roster contributed to the point production.

Gantt led the way for Howard, finishing with a game-high 18 points, while Harris and Lehrmann each had 12. Freshman guard Taneisha Thomas added 11 points, thanks to a trio of three-point shots, while sophomore post Yolanda Grant rounded out the double-digit production with 10.

Tonya Robertson, a 5-foot-11 freshman post, was Frank Phillips' only player to finish in double figures with 12 points. No other Lady Plainsman player managed more than six points.

The Lady Hawks host Nex Mexico Junior College on Thursday.

LADY HAWKS 85.
FRANK PHILLIPS 45
FRANK PHILLIPS — Kristy Colligan 2 0 0 4
Kristin Warren 1 1 0 0 5 Kayce Phillips 0 0 4
4 4 Alicia Swaim 1 1 0 0 5 Tonya Robertson
3 1 3 7 12 Dana Martinez 0 1 1 2 4 Desirae
Stafford 1 0 1 1 3 Jennifer Brewer 0 0 0 0 0
Courtney Monden 0 0 2 2 2 Melissa Kenner
3 0 0 1 6 Totals 11 4 11 17 45
HOWARD — Taneisha Harris 4 1 1 2 12
Shaketha Ashley 2 0 0 0 4 Ashanti Nix 0 1 3
0 3 Taneisha Thomas 1 3 0 0 11 Caryn Ross
2 0 3 7 Vanessa Lehrmann 5 0 2 3 12
Grace Gantt 5 0 0 0 10 Koretha Johnson 2 0
2 5 6 Latonya Jackson 1 0 0 2 2 Totals 30 5
10 21 85
Halftime score: Howard 37, F. Phillips 23.
Three-point goals: Frank Phillips 4 (Warren,
Swaim, Robertson, Martinez); Howard 5
(Harris, Nix, Thomas 3). Total fouls: Frank
Phillips 16, Howard 19. Fouled out: Johnson.
Technical fouls: Frank Phillips coach Chere
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Burkett signs with Tampa Bay; 9 more arbitration players settle

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

While the New York Yankees waited to find out how much Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera want in arbitration, nine players settled cases, and free agent John Burkett agreed to a deal with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Seventy-eight players were set to exchange proposed salaries with their teams today, and the focus was on the shortstop and the closer for the World Series champions.

Jeter won \$5 million in arbitration last winter, and Rivera \$4.25 million. It was possible Jeter could exceed the record amount requested, \$9 million by teammate Bernie Williams in 1998.

New York countered Williams at \$7.5 million that winter, the most offered by a team, and the sides settled at \$8.25 million. After the season, when Williams was a free agent, the Yankees signed him to an \$87.5 million, seven-year contract.

Last January, when just 38 players swapped numbers with their teams, the most asked for was \$6.5 million by Toronto

first baseman Carlos Delgado. Most players and teams settle before hearings. The highest award by an arbitrator was the \$5.3 million pitcher Jack McDowell got from the Chicago White Sox in 1994 — when he lost his case.

Settling Monday were San Diego right-handers Donne Wall (\$2 million for two years) and Brian Boehringer (\$830,000); Padres outfielder Ruben Rivera (\$700,000); Toronto first baseman David Segui (\$4,325,000); Blue Jays right-hander John Frascatore (\$1.85 million for two years); San Francisco right-hander Felix Rodriguez (\$1.4 million for two years); Chicago Cubs left-hander Felix Heredia (\$625,000); Cincinnati left-hander Gabe White (\$630,000); and Milwaukee outfielder Mark Sweeney (\$515,000).

Cincinnati also got around to announcing a \$1.6 million, one-year contract with left-hander Ron Villone, a deal agreed to before players filed for arbitration Friday.

Tampa Bay agreed to a minor league contract with Burkett, who would get an \$850,000 deal if he's added to the roster.



Big Spring Lady Steers golfer Ashlie Simmons signs a letter of intent Monday to play junior college golf at McLennan Community College in Waco. Seated beside Simmons is McLennan coach Stan Mitchell. Behind, from left, are Lady Steers coach Steve Ward; Simmons' mother, Janet Davis; and her grandmother, Shirley Davis.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Tempers flare. A family member might have news that's worth listening to. Be sensible when dealing with those who are key to making your life work. A close associate will understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Speak your mind. Another understands more than you had anticipated. Bypass negativity if possible. Make calls and explore options. Refuse to corner yourself. Tonight: Join a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
A financial matter remains at the top of your agenda. Partners have different ideas about your work than you do. Build your personal empire through a willingness to put in extra hours. Tonight: Do what you must.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Information that comes out of a misunderstanding may make you uncomfortable at first. Use it for your personal gain, however. Your personality melts another's barriers. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Close loved ones become touchy and difficult. While you want to risk, their behavior curbs your alternatives. Discussions become instrumental on a one-on-one level. Not everyone understands you as clearly as you would like. Tonight: Explain a plan to a partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

******Friends mean well, but they cannot compensate for a difficult situation at home. Share your goals with co-workers. A meeting proves to be unusually fruitful. Network and discuss ideas to move a project forward. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Dig into work. You might be entrenched in a situation that seems to thwart your creativity and energy. You might not be sure of yourself when dealing with a tempestuous person in your life. Count on yourself more. Tonight: Ask for a back rub.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Financial matters force your hand. Put the brakes on. Though you might not understand another's logic, it is important to get down to basics. You'll find the answers you're looking for. Tonight: Take in a movie.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Establish stronger ties with family, even if they have a tendency to create uproar. Out of disagreement come peace and understanding. What you both want is attainable. Tonight: Clear out some work at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Re-establish stronger guidelines. Another doesn't always have to agree with you. In fact, a disagreement is healthy and provides an opportunity to see a question differently. Let another play devil's advocate. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Spending money could become your forte right now. Pressure to do what you want and to meet a friend's expectation could lead to trouble. Work gets done because you are willing to put in that extra effort. Tonight: Bring work home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You cannot avoid a problem at work. The pressure proves to be enormous. Allow ingenuity to help you streamline red tape. Make time for a loved one at lunch. Tonight: A midweek break delights you.

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List of warning signs gives 15 reasons to leave your lover

DEAR ABBY: Last month you printed a letter from "Hawkeye Gal in San Francisco." In it she talked about clipping a column of yours containing "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover." It listed the warning signs of an abusive mate. Please, Abby, run it again.

My college-age daughter is unable to recognize the signs of abuse in her relationship with a boyfriend she's been dating. For two years I have watched her give up her interests and her fun-loving, outgoing personality and accept being controlled by manipulation and jealousy. Help! - AT MY WIT'S END IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WIT'S END: I'm pleased to help. Yours is only one of a stack of more than 100 similar requests on my desk. This was adapted from "Signs to Look for in a Battering Personality," with permission from the Project for Victims of Family Violence, Fayetteville, Ark. 15 REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER. WARNING SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE PERSONALITY

Something's just not right in your relationship, and you can't put your finger on it. So here's some help. If your mate is displaying a combination of these behaviors, then you may have a potential batterer on your hands.

1. A PUSH FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on very strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the woman for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUSY: excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to, and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect woman and meet his

every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS AND MISTAKES: The boss, you - it's always someone else's fault if anything goes wrong.

7. MAKES EVERYONE ELSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of, "I am angry" or, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you." Less obvious is the claim: "You make me happy."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming that his feelings are hurt when he is really mad. He'll rant about the injustice of things that are just part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TO CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; says he finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes you, or says blatantly cruel, hurtful things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you up with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID SEX ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey and remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweetly loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits hitting women in the past, but says they made him do it or the situation brought it on.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Makes statements like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it." If he has come this far, it is time to get help, or get out.

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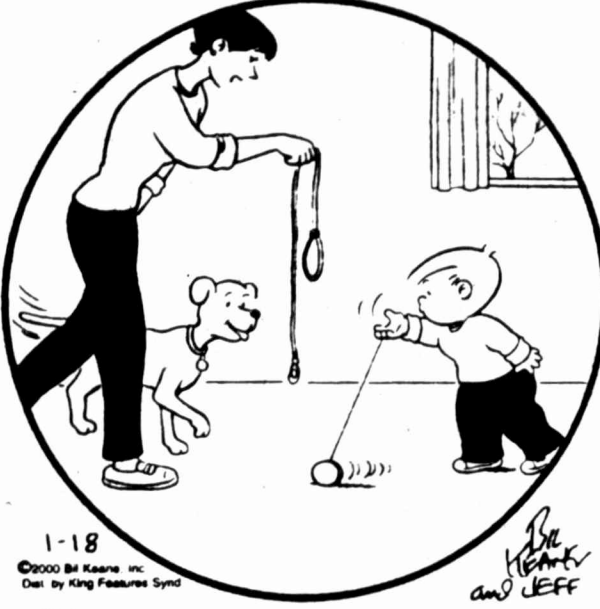
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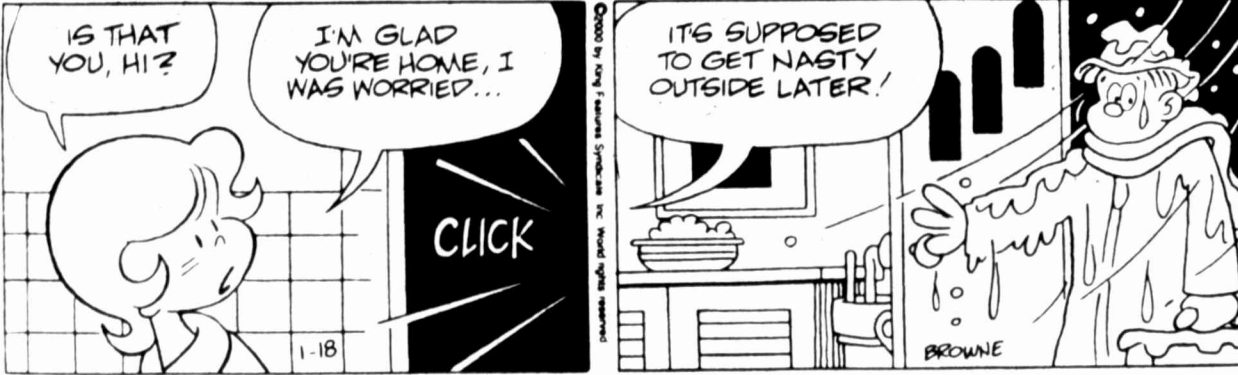
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 18, the 18th day of 2000. There are 848 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 18, 1912, English explorer Robert F. Scott and his expedition reached the South Pole, only to discover that Roald Amundsen had already been there. Scott and his party perished during the return trip.
On this date:

In 1788, the first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

In 1862, John Tyler, the 10th U.S. president, died in Richmond, Va., at age 71.

In 1919, the World War I Peace Congress opened in Versailles, France.

In 1936, author Rudyard Kipling died in Burwash, England.

In 1943, during World War II, the Soviets announced they'd broken the long Nazi siege of Leningrad.

In 1967, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted in Cambridge, Mass., of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. He was sentenced to life and killed by an inmate in 1973.

In 1970, Mormon president David McKay died at age 96.

In 1975, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1991, financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after 62 years in business.

Ten years ago: A jury in Los Angeles acquitted former preschool operators Raymond Buckley and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckley, of 52 child molestation charges. In an FBI sting, Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry was arrested for drug possession. He was later convicted of a misdemeanor.

Five years ago: The death toll climbed past 6,000 in the earthquake in Kobe, Japan. South African President Nelson Mandela's cabinet denied amnesty sought by 3,500 police officers in apartheid's waning days.

One year ago: Defying global outrage over the massacre of 45 ethnic Albanian civilians in Kosovo, Serb forces pounded villages with artillery. The Yugoslav government also ordered the American leader of the Kosovo peace mission to leave and barred a U.N. investigator.

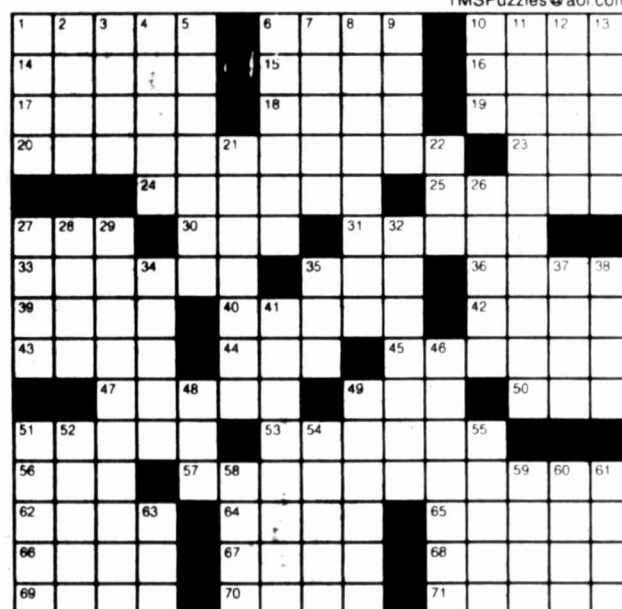
Today's Birthdays: Movie director John Boorman is 67. Singer-songwriter Bobby Goldsboro is 59. Comedian-singer-musician Brett Hudson is 47. Actor-director Kevin Costner is 45. Country singer Mark Collie is 44. Actress Jane Horrocks ("Little Voice") is 36. Actor Jesse L. Martin ("Law & Order") is 31. Rapper DJ Quik is 30.

Thought for Today: "The military don't start wars. Politicians start wars." — Gen. William C. Westmoreland, American military commander.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- Got wind of
 - Jail
 - Moreno or Epps
 - "Seascape" playwright
 - Expands a pit
 - Midway mark
 - Three-stringed instrument
 - Sicilian spouter
 - ...one's heels
 - Lee's chamber?
 - Sch. org.
 - Overacts
 - Blanched
 - Team cheer
 - "Mania"
 - Delectable
 - Star of "The Ruling Class"
 - Silly Caesar
 - Invitation letters
 - Bends one's knee
 - Gate closer
 - Winglike structures
 - Health reports
 - Fighting Tigers of the NCAA
 - Neighbor of the Republica Portuguesa
 - Gam and Moreno
 - Fine work
 - Dampen
 - Drive in Beverly Hills
 - Catching Z's
 - Aerial RRs
 - John's sphere?
 - Inspiration
 - Buds or suds
 - Angers farewell
 - Cotton separators
 - Unruly kid
 - Washer cycle
 - Beatty and Buntline
 - Requests
 - Confiscates



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Monday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN
- Injure
 - Zeno of
 - E.g., e.g.
 - Superman portrayal
 - Point of math?
 - "Fideles"
 - French measure
 - Religion doubter
 - Japanese golfer Aoki
 - California fort
 - Eddie's ordinance?
 - Let up
 - One of Lear's daughters
 - Short prose tale
 - Mothers
 - Thorng
 - Holds up
 - Resting on
 - Ron's finale?
 - Sticks
 - 34 Davis of "Get on the Bus"
 - R-V hookup
 - Windmill element
 - Bog collection
 - Testers
 - Rod of rock
 - Tug's task
 - Sounds an alarm
 - Hold the throne
 - Classic tune
 - Move furtively
 - Speakers' platforms
 - "Dancing Queen" singers
 - Ice expanse
 - ...majesty
 - Club fees
 - Beast of burden

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