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VITA volunteers ready to assist individuals Feb. 8

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers have been trained and are ready to begin preparing 1999 tax returns for individuals beginning Monday, Feb. 8.

Hours are 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance, not just senior citizens.

Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income. They should also bring a copy of their 1998 tax return for reference.

Others who need assistance with taxes but cannot come during those hours can call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, to arrange another time or place.

For more information, call Kennemur or the center, 267-1628.

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 movie theater box office.

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

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 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. American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

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Dora Roberts Foundation grant to enhance auditorium lighting, sound

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

It's been a while in the making but repairs and renovations at Big Spring Municipal Auditorium are almost complete.

The latest addition will be lighting and sound systems, paid for through a \$52,000 grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation.

"This will be the last portion of that project to completely upgrade the auditorium," said Emma Bogard, Big Spring assis-

tant city manager. The lighting and sound were included in an addendum to a contract awarded to Johnson Construction last year, but had to be pulled out because of a lack of funds.

The work Johnson Construction did included repairing the interior of auditorium, which received extensive damage during the May 1996 hail storm. The largest portion of the repairs included a coat of plaster throughout the historic building. The wooden stage floor was replaced. Painted ceiling tiles were removed, repainted and replaced as well.

That addendum may allow the city to proceed with purchase of the lighting and sound system without having to go out to bid.

"We're checking on that right now," said Bogard. "We had addendums to the original contract that would include lighting and sound. If we can do a change order, that's what we want to do."

The \$52,000 grant is for both systems, Bogard said.

"With this, we should have an auditorium that people will

enjoy," Bogard said. "The sound in there has definitely been a problem, especially for a play, or when just one individual would speak. This should take care of that problem."

The auditorium was built in 1931 as part of a \$200,000 bond issue. Voters at the time approved the facility along with a city hall, jail and fire station in one complex.

In 1988, the Dora Roberts Foundation financed a complete renovation of the 1,492-seat auditorium and added air conditioners.

The auditorium has hosted symphony concerts, traveling shows, school plays and churches services over the years. It is home for the Big Spring Symphony and Crossroads Community Concerts series.

Among the performers who have played the auditorium have been Elvis, Wayne Newton, Agnes Moorehead, the Marine Band, Herb Shiner, Charles Laughton, Basil Rathbone, Percy Grainger, Ballet Lubbock and the Southwest Festival of Gospel Music.

Officials get look at future district courthouse

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

County commissioners, district court employees and other interested persons toured the former library Monday, envisioning a new, \$500,000 district courthouse.

"This courtroom may not be quite as big, but it will be a lot nicer. And we're preserving the mural and the vestibule at the entrance," said county architect Phil Furqueron.

While many of those attending the tour marveled at the plans presented by Furqueron, everyone agreed renovating the nearly 70-year-old building will be a challenge.

"It really won't be that difficult, but it may be a little messy. The building is made of concrete, and there's some clay tile and block, really a little of everything," Furqueron said.

Library bookshelves still stand, permanently fixed in place within the first floor. Demolition of the shelves seems to be the most practical method of removal.

"We couldn't move these out when we moved into the new library because they are firmly in place, and we couldn't figure out how to get them out of here," said commissioner Bill Crooker.

High ceilings on the first floor conceal the former postal walkway that allowed supervisors to spy on employees they suspected were stealing mail.

"If you look, you can still see the peek holes in the walls they used to look around after they climbed the stairs up to the



This 1938 Peter Hurd mural, painted as a Works Progress Administration project in the former Big Spring post office, will become a focal point of interest when the building is remodeled into a district courthouse.

walk," Crooker said. The south end of the first floor will be remodeled to contain a new district courtroom, along with offices for the district judge, court bailiff, court coordinator and a jury room.

These offices will be connected through doors, but will also allow safety and security for the district officials.

District Judge Bob Moore said he welcomes the additional security and privacy, which he does not have in the present district court location.

"I have looked up from my desk a couple of times and found someone standing there," he said.

The north end will contain the district clerk's office and records, and additional storage space for records will be located down stairs.

"We'll have about as much room as we do now, but it will be arranged differently," said District Clerk Glenda Brasel.

A sally port, or inmate arrival and departure unit, will be installed on the west side of the building. A sally port is an entrance that can be secluded and is secured.

Downstairs, a law library, grand jury room and offices for the district attorney will be located. These rooms have large oak windows with oak

baseboards which Furqueron said will be preserved.

The former post office also boasts three large skylights in the top floor, but Furqueron said it is still undecided whether they will be preserved.

The mural, which measures about 30 feet across, is a Peter Hurd original that was commissioned as a Works Progress Administration in 1937.

Hurd, a renowned artist, painted murals in a handful of post offices across the nation.

The renovation is made possible with a grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation. Furqueron should begin seeking bids for the work in February.

County reviews nuisance laws, plans more active enforcement with help from state inspector

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Monday solicited the help of a Texas Department of Health inspector to enforce state nuisance laws.

"This is something we've needed for many years. I received another call about this this morning, and I know other commissioners are receiving calls also," said commissioner Bill Crooker.

Wayne Jones, health inspector for the state, traveled from Midland to attend the commissioners' meeting. He explained the procedure his office undertakes when responding to an allegation that upkeep on a property has deteriorated and is creating a health concern.

"The first thing we do is a visual inspection, to see if the complaint is valid and not just a neighbor angry with another neighbor. If we determine there is cause for concern, we then take photographs of that property, and then write a letter to the occupant, giving them 30 days to clean up their property," Jones said.

He said the focus is allowing

the property owner to have time to correct a lawn or acreage that does not comply with the health codes.

"However, if they do not correct the problem within 30 days, we will fine them from \$10 to \$200 a day for every day the property remains unclean," he said.

Thus far, Jones said he has investigated and contacted four different county residents concerning the condition of their property.

"Two of those quickly corrected the problem when they got the letter. The other two gave me constant excuses, so after 30 days I filed a complaint. Now those two have greatly improved their property, and while it is not perfect, we are making progress," Jones said.

He said minimum standards outline by the state define what is a health or safety issue as opposed to just unsightly housekeeping.

"The law says they have to clean it up, and the law also says I have to report it to the local authorities, such as the county or city judge. I send my reports to you," he said to the commissioners.

Another location he is investigating is within the city limits, he said, and involved a rodent problem at one location

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Gift

Dora Roberts Foundation gives \$285,000 to local college

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Trustees with Howard College Monday accepted a \$285,000 gift from the Dora Roberts Foundation with a declaration of appreciation.

"It is with great pleasure we pass this resolution," said Don McKinney, president of the board of trustees.



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Dora Roberts Foundation provides funds to the college each year, which in turn finances ongoing projects as well as helps create new ones, according to Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

"Words can never express how much we have appreciated the Dora Roberts Foundation through the years, and it is with heartfelt thanks that we accept this. The foundation makes such a difference for our institution and our community," Sparks said.

The foundation gifts are used in part to fund two nursing positions within the Associate of Applied Science Registered Nursing Program.

"These are ongoing positions in the department that the Dora Roberts Foundation funds for us each year," said interim vice president for instruction Linda Conway.

Sparks added that the funds will also be used to purchase a new sign for the Dorothy Garret Coliseum, as well as provide scholarships for students and funds for the softball field.

"And this will fund the Educare Center, which will provide not only day care facilities for our students, but also provide training for students enrolled in child development," Conway said.

Trustees also received an update on program of inmate vocational education.

The Federal Correctional Institute is providing vocation training for inmates in a coop-

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Police investigate alleged sexual assault of female

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating a report of a sexual assault on a female that allegedly occurred on Jan. 15.

According to police Sgt. Roger Sweett, the incident happened during the early morning hours of the 15th but was not reported until last Friday.

The incident was reported to have occurred on the east side of Big Spring by an assailant known to the victim. The victim claims to be forced to have sexual contact with the subject without her approval.

No weapons or physical injuries were reported.

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Thousands left without power on East Coast

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A powerful winter storm churned up the East Coast today after battering the Southeast with ice and more than a foot of snow, leaving tens of thousands of people without power.

Snow began falling in New York City before the morning commute and up to 8 inches were forecast to fall across New England by tonight. The storm arrived with winds gusting to 30 mph, making it feel well below zero from New Jersey to New England.

As much as 7 inches of snow was predicted for Virginia and the Washington suburbs. Schools and businesses were closed from the Carolinas to New England, and flights were delayed or canceled across the

region. Some airports, including New York's LaGuardia and Washington Reagan National Airport, were closed.

"People kept saying 'We haven't had winter, we haven't had winter,'" said Richard Jones, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Raleigh, N.C. "I guess this will show them."

In Washington, most federal agencies were shut down. Even Andrews Air Force Base, Md., told non-essential workers to stay home.

Tiny Buffalo, N.Y., seemed more like Buffalo, N.Y., after the rare winter storm dumped more than a foot of snow.

"It's just like a Christmas card," said Clarise Duncan, a retiree. "It's a pure sheet of snow, and it's just so pretty, so pretty."

Cynthia Vanderford, whose family had no power most of the day, said she spent her time "wishing the show would stop."

More than 200,000 customers in North and South Carolina were without power early today.

In northeast Alabama, 12,000 people remained without power from an ice storm that hit Saturday.

In Atlanta, about 100,000 customers were still without electricity three days after a weekend ice storm left approximately 1.8 million powerless. Energy companies say it may take a few more days to restore power to everyone.

Schools were closed again today in Atlanta and a preliminary statewide damage estimate stood at \$25 million.

In the West, the biggest win-

ter storm of the season lingered across the Sierra Nevada after dumping more than 3 feet of snow. Storm warnings were issued for western Nevada and the Lake Tahoe region.

"We are very happy. We'll be 100 percent open by (today)," said Monica Bandows, spokeswoman for Heavenly Ski Resort on the south shore of Lake Tahoe.

Six-year-old James Carbia was waiting for the snow to end so he can get back to his first-grade class at General Greene Elementary in Greensboro, N.C. Carbia made a snowman, threw snowballs with the other kids, read his favorite book and even talked his dad into making up math questions for him.

"I've done the last thing I could think of doing, and I'm starting to get bored," he said.

Parties duel over size of expected budget surpluses

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unusual decision by Congress' top budget analyst to produce three separate surplus estimates is touching off an election-year battle between Democrats and Republicans over how much black ink there will be.

Dan Crippen, director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, is expected to release three surplus projections for the coming decade on Wednesday. The figure Congress ultimately chooses will determine how much money is available for tax cuts, spending increases and debt reduction.

Democrats are expected to embrace the smallest of three projections. That total, for the 10 years ending 2010, will be roughly \$1 trillion excluding

Social Security, say congressional aides speaking on condition of anonymity.

Republicans have not decided what to do, but many of them — including Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M. — seem likely to endorse a projection totaling about \$2 trillion over the period, aides said. That is about double what CBO projected last year, a figure that has grown because of the persistently strong economy.

CBO will also release a third projection which, though arrived at differently, also foresees about \$2 trillion in black ink, aides said.

It is unusual for CBO to produce multiple surplus estimates without endorsing one as the figure it believes most valid. CBO's decision to release three

projections highlights the immense political pressure on the agency as the two parties vie over rival visions of how to use the government's projected extra cash.

The figure Democrats like assumes that the one-third of the \$1.7 trillion federal budget that Congress must approve every year will grow annually at the rate of inflation. That one-third of the budget covers everything but automatically paid benefits like Social Security and interest on the federal debt.

That option assumes the most spending — with less money left over for the GOP's proposed tax cuts — than any of CBO's alternatives. It also most nearly approaches what has actually happened in recent years, as lawmakers have consistently

increased spending for defense and many domestic programs.

The number many Republicans like assumes that the money spent on that one-third of the budget will remain frozen at roughly \$620 billion, about what is being spent this year. It assumes less spending than Democrats would like, with more money left over for tax cuts.

The third option assumes that spending limits on this portion of the budget will be obeyed. These limits have been surpassed for the past two years by tens of billions of dollars annually, and are virtually certain to be ignored again this coming year. This calculation assumes bigger surpluses for the next few years, but smaller surpluses in later years than the assumption Republicans will use.

Surgeon general to unveil 10-year health plan for U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The surgeon general is unveiling a 10-year health plan for America that won't be popular with couch potatoes, particularly kids who'd rather play computer video games than shoot baskets or run track.

It focuses on whipping kids into better shape, getting people to "quit" smoking, cutting drug use and pushing teens to either abstain from sex or use condoms.

Surgeon General David Satcher's blueprint aims for 30 percent of Americans to exercise 30 minutes each day —

today only 15 percent of the population does — and reduce by half the number of overweight or obese children, which now stands at about 11 percent of kids.

To get there, the surgeon general will begin measuring 10 areas — called "leading health indicators" — that address a broad range of health and, one might argue, social concerns.

In addition to working on traditional health goals such as increasing the number of kids getting vaccinated and persuading people to exercise more, the surgeon general's Healthy

People 2010 program will target depression, substance abuse, sexual behavior, homicides, access to health insurance and even fatal car crashes.

These categories have a direct effect on the health of Americans, Satcher said.

"The underlying premise of Healthy People 2010 is that the health of the individual is inseparable from the health of the larger community," Satcher said in a statement.

The new program is the first to establish a set of measurements. The surgeon general's office will collect data from

Texas students to face tougher graduation test

AUSTIN (AP) — More work will need to be done to get Texas students through a new, tougher high school graduation test and on to college, according to the state's top education chief.

"This is probably the most critical thing we have to deal with in the next four years," said education commissioner Jim Nelson.

He said teachers need to start getting ready for the state's new graduation test — which will measure a much broader range of academic skills and be tougher to pass than the current exam.

"We need to make sure stu-

dents are getting the kind of preparation they will need ... to pass that exit exam," said Nelson.

According to education guidelines approved by the Legislature last year, students entering ninth grade this fall will need to pass the new graduation exam by the time they become a senior in high school.

Among the subjects covered on the new test are Algebra I, geometry, English III, writing, U.S. history, biology and integrated chemistry and physics. The current test measures lower-level skills in math, reading and writing, according to The News.

"We need to do whatever we can to enhance junior high and high school preparation," Nelson said.

One cause of the problem, Nelson said, is the large number of junior high and high school teachers who are not certified in subjects they teach. Last year, 20.5 percent of high school teachers and 22.8 percent of junior high teachers were not certified.

Nelson also pointed to the high attrition rate among teachers. Studies indicate that about 50 percent of Texas teachers leave the profession within their first five years on the job.

Gore wins big in Iowa, Bush bests Forbes, Keyes

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Fresh from victories in the first voting of the 2000 presidential campaign, Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush quickly turned their attention today to the contest in New Hampshire, exactly one week away.

In the caucuses Monday night, Gore piled up a yawning gap over rival Bill Bradley, and Bush faced stiff competition from second-place finisher Steve Forbes.

"Yesterday was 'Thank you, Iowa.' Today is 'We're ready New Hampshire,'" Bush said early this morning after an overnight flight to Manchester, N.H. Later, he told CBS' "Early Show" that Forbes "deserves credit for a strong second."

"I, however, had a strong first," he said.

An exuberant Gore said the competition from Bradley "is great. It's put wind in my sails and made it easier for me to get my keel deeper in the water, so to speak."

On the Republican side, with more than 97 percent of the state's 2,142 precincts reporting, Bush had 41 percent of the vote while Forbes had 30 percent. Conservative Alan Keyes had a solid third-place showing with 14 percent.

"This is not a good night for the power brokers in Washington," Forbes told cheering backers Monday night. "We broke the political rules."

Forbes argued that his showing means he's "emerged as the conservative candidate" to

serve as an alternative to the front-running Bush. It also set the stage for a three-way primary fight in New Hampshire between himself, Bush and Sen. John McCain.

McCain suggested Forbes had benefitted from a low caucus turnout, because conservatives tend to show up in larger numbers. The relatively high number of independents in New Hampshire would make for a "much broader political spread here," McCain said today.

Trailing those three and likely facing campaign re-evaluation was Washington activist Gary Bauer at 9 percent and Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch at 1 percent. McCain, the Arizona senator who skipped Iowa to focus on New Hampshire, pulled 5 percent of the vote.

"In my view, the game is here," McCain said from New Hampshire, where he was campaigning and where polls show him in a too-close-to-call race with Bush. "We'll find out in the next few days whether it was a wise investment."

Among Democrats, with 98 percent of the 2,131 precincts reporting, Gore had piled up a commanding 63-35 lead over Bradley after a tough caucus campaign and was hoping for a bump heading into New Hampshire.

With only 47 Democratic and 25 Republican delegates at stake in Monday's caucuses, the real prize was momentum for New Hampshire primaries Feb. 1.

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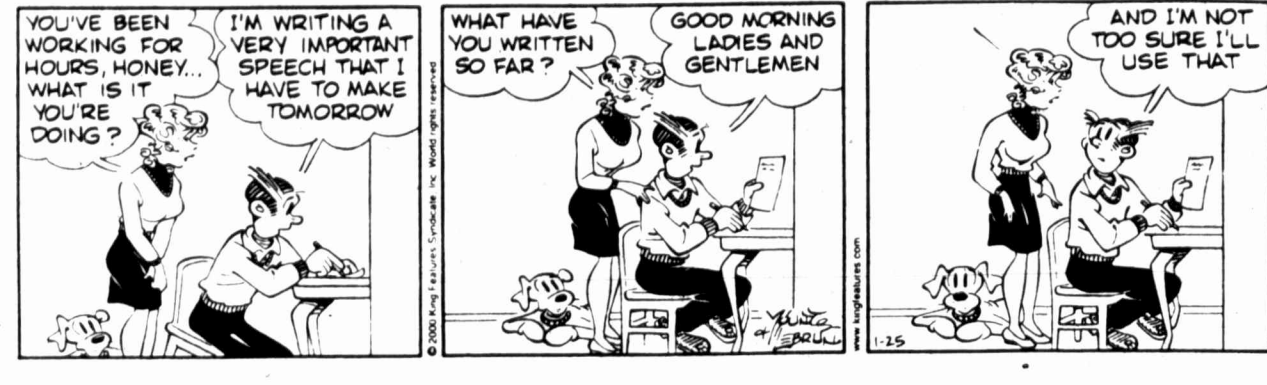
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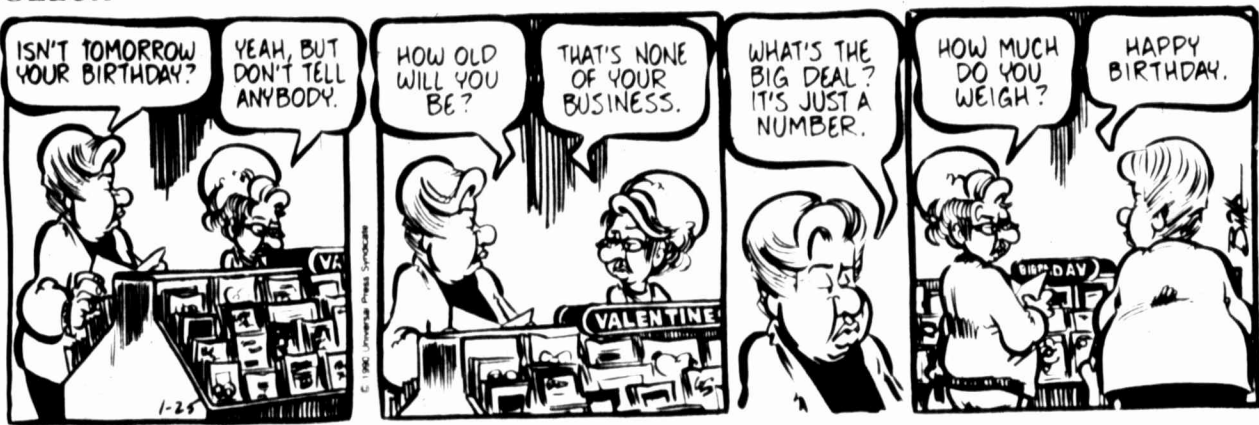
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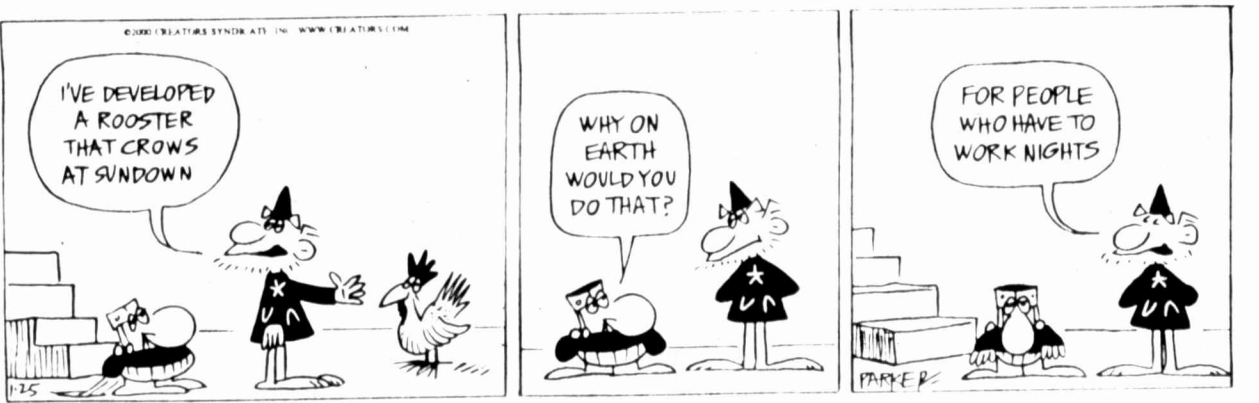
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2000. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 25, 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World received a tumultuous welcome home after she completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes.
On this date:

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.
In 1787, Shays' Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.
In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.
In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.
In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.
In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.
In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.
In 1961, President Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.
In 1980, Finance Minister Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was elected president of Iran.
In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 44 days arrived in the United States.

THE Daily Crossword

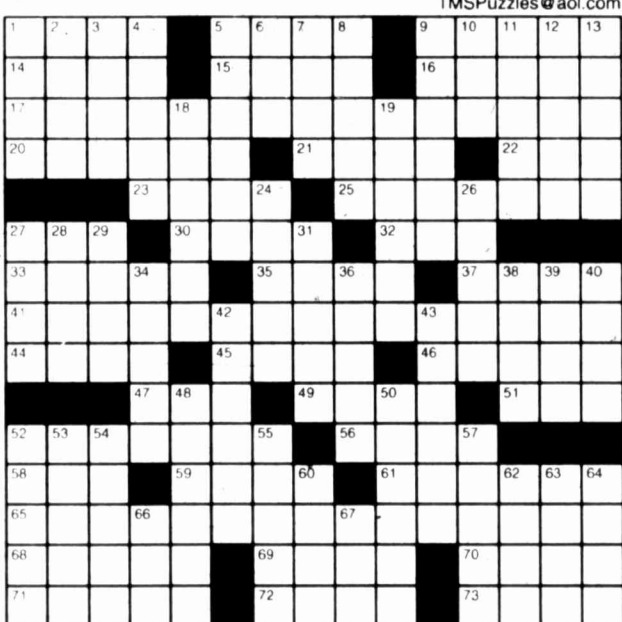
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By James E. Buell
Fort Washington, MD

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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Ten years ago: An Avianca Boeing 707 ran out of fuel and crashed in Cove Neck, N.Y.; 73 of the 161 people aboard were killed. Actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.
Five years ago: The defense gave its opening statement in the O.J. Simpson trial in Los Angeles, saying Simpson was the victim of a "rush to judgment" by authorities who had mishandled evidence and ignored witnesses.
One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the 2000 census could not use statistical sampling to enhance its accuracy. A Louisville, Ky., man received the first hand transplant in the United States. Jury selection began in Jasper, Texas, in the trial of John William King, charged in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr. A powerful earthquake rocked Colombia, killing more than 1,000 people.
Today's Birthdays: Journalist-author Edwin Newman is 81. Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze is 72. Actor Dean Jones is 69. Corazon Aquino, former Philippines president, is 67. Blues singer Etta James is 62. Movie director Tobe Hooper is 57. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 56. Actress Dinah Manoff is 42. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 34.
Thought for Today: "The price of justice is eternal publicity." — Arnold Bennett, English poet, author and critic (1867-1931).