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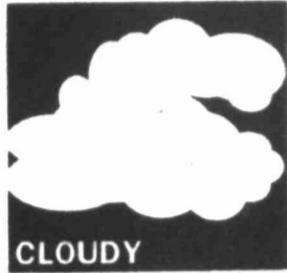
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Aggravated assault send four inmates to hospital ER

An aggravated assault about 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Cedar Hill Unit of Cornell Corrections resulted in four individuals admitted to Scenic Mountain Medical Center suffering from stab wounds.

"They were stabbed with shanks, which is homemade knives. I know that all four are listed in stable condition, although two of the men received chest tubes as part of their treatment," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department.

Hospitalized were Robert Alcazar-Torres, 36; Ramon Chacon-Avitia, 23; Manuel Silva-Rios, 23; and Elmo Herrera-Florentine, 27.

Sweatt said apparently a fight broke out between an undetermined amount of inmates.

"This is still under investigation, and we are continuing to question witnesses and those inmates involved," Sweatt said.

He added that most of the inmates have refused to discuss the incident, preferring to remain silent rather than admit involvement or knowledge of the incident.

"We know there were others involved, although we don't have all their exact names. They prefer to handle it themselves, inside. And they are afraid they will receive further discipline action and that we will file charges, which is of course the truth," Sweatt said.

Since the unit is within the city limits, Big Spring police respond to the call and conduct the investigation, he said.

Cornell did not return calls by press time.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., The Sparenberg Building, 309 South Main.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m.
- Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College
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First Big Spring adds former First National directors to board

By JOHN H. WALKER
Publisher

Jimmy Taylor, who was president and CEO of First National Bank in Big Spring for 27 years, has been elected chairman of the board of First Big Spring Banking Center.

In addition to Taylor, seven other former directors of First National Bank were also appointed to the bank's board of directors.

The announcement was made this morning by bank president and CEO O.L. Cooper.

Joining Taylor as new directors are T.L. Griffin II, Delbert Halfmann, Jerry Iden, Clyde McMahon Sr., Dr. Robert P. Patterson, Bill Pollard and R.H. Weaver. They join present board members Skipper Driver and Gene Perry.

"We are delighted to become associated with First Big Spring Banking Center," Taylor said of the group.

"We're really excited about this," Cooper said. "We feel it really pushes us in a positive direction."

First Big Spring Banking Center is part of State National Bank of West Texas, which is based in Lubbock and

also has a Plainview location.

"We're totally West Texas," Cooper said.

"We feel this can't be anything but positive for us. Their (new directors) background and knowledge will be beneficial and they bring us a lot of contacts and opportunities."

Cooper said he believed the appointments would enhance the local feel of the bank, which is located at 1500 Gregg St.

"This also gives us a broader base in the community and allows us to reach into more areas," he said. "I think we would have gotten there any way, but

this allows us to get there more quickly."

Cooper said the addition of the eight new directors expands the abilities of the bank.

"I am pleased that such a vast knowledge of banking experience is now a part of First Big Spring Banking Center."

"These new directors bring a history with them of fine banking experience and integrity. They will help to expand the role of personal service with a West Texas flavor that has become an important service feature of First Big Spring Banking Center."

Scouts deliver 4,100 cans to Salvation Army pantry

By JOHN H. WALKER
Publisher

More than 4,100 cans of food to benefit the pantry at the Salvation Army were collected on Saturday during the annual "Good Turn Food Drive" conducted by members of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"We did well," said project coordinator Clem Jones. Jones said the amount of food collected was about the same as in years past, but was concerned about a drop in the number of Scouts and adults collecting food.

"We normally have been 100 and 125 kids out there," he said, "but this year, I would guess that we had about 80 kids and 20 adults."

Jones said a number of Scouts normally involved in the food drive were involved in livestock shows and other activities.

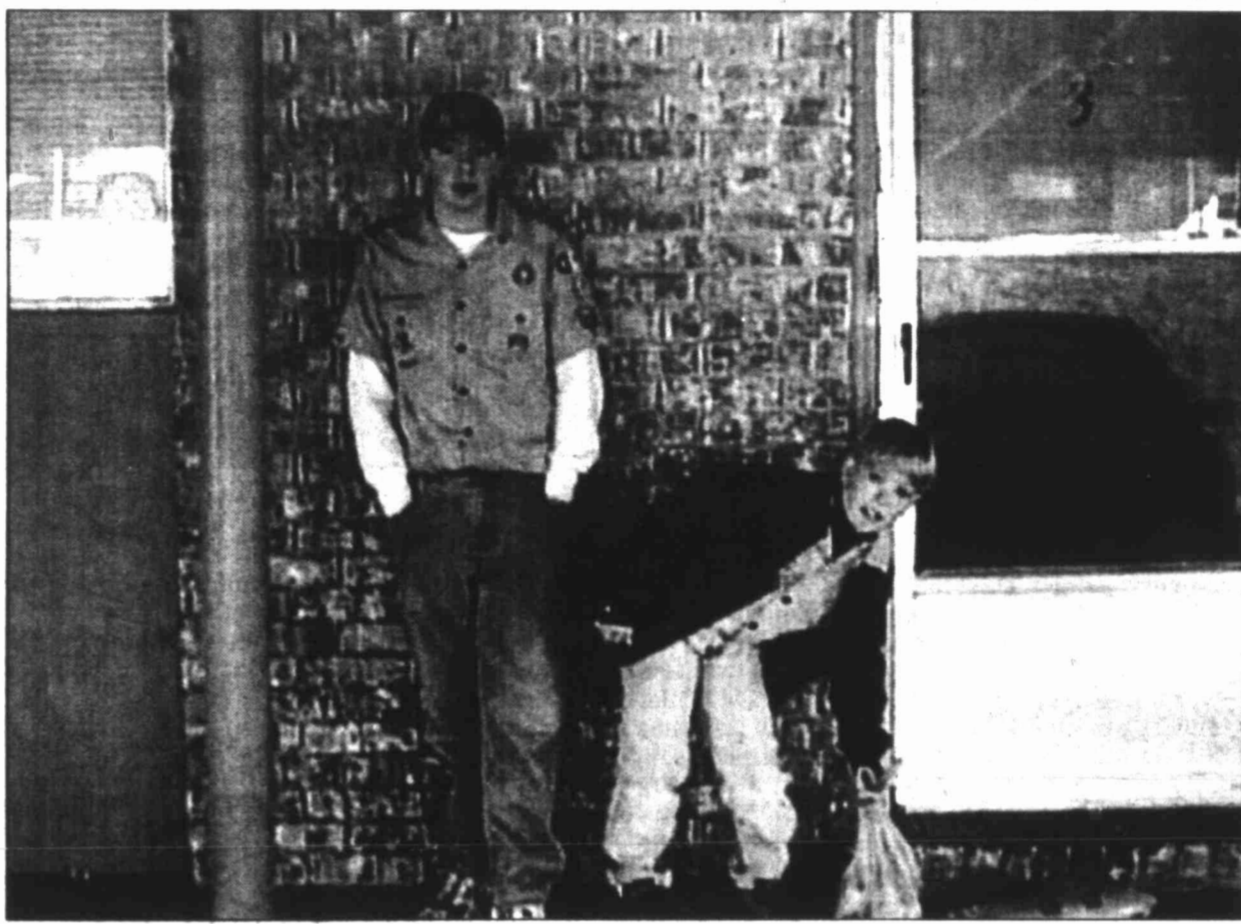
"It was a busy weekend," he acknowledged.

"The Salvation Army has a great demand on their resources during Thanksgiving and Christmas, and this will help restock their pantry so they can continue helping people all year long," he said.

Equally important in the event is the opportunity for the boys to learn team effort and the importance of supporting their community, he said.

"This also provides the boys with an opportunity to learn the value of helping others. This is not for a badge, but the project really helps the boys realize ways they can help those people less fortunate," Jones said.

"We do this every year, in conjunction with Boy Scout



Richard Long (left) and Jared Wilkerson were two of approximately 80 Boy Scouts out Saturday picking up food items as part of the "Good Turn Food Drive." More than 4,100 cans of food were collected for donation to the Salvation Army to help replenish its food bank.

Sunday. We ask people to place nonperishable food items in sacks on their front porch, and Boy Scouts will come by and collect the goods," Jones said.

This was the second year in a row for the food drive to have been held in February.

"We once did this in November, to help with the Christmas food baskets. But then so many other organizations began having food drives at that time, so decided to move ours to the first Saturday in February, which is just before

Boy Scout Sunday," Jones said. Boy Scout Sunday is an opportunity for scouts to recognize their 80-plus year history by wearing their uniforms to church and other special events on Sunday, he said.

"For those scouts whose troop is sponsored by a church, the boys wore their uniform to church (on Sunday)," Jones said.

Jones said that while the project is conducted every year, it still takes planning.

"I get maps from the chamber

of commerce, and section areas of town off. Then I give those maps to the units, who cover the whole town in one swoop," Jones said.

Anyone who might have had food out that was not picked up, or who still wishes to donate, is asked to call Jones at 263-3752 or the Scout Service Center at 263-3407.

(Staff writers Marsha Sturdivant and Bill McClellan contributed to this report.)

Mobile Meals program facing funding problem

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Seventy-five to 85 Big Spring senior citizens get a warm meal five days a week, thanks to Mobile Meals — but the program is in danger of falling short of funding.

"We probably have enough funds to get us through the remainder of the month," said Pat Edwards Johnston, president of the board. "It would be very, very sad if this program became nonexistent."

Mobile Meals was aided for years by the Dorothy Garrett Foundation, which appropriated \$70,000 annually to fund the program, according to Johnston. But since Mrs. Garrett's death, those funds haven't been forthcoming, she said.

Current cost of the program is more than

\$65,000 a year, but a check of current proceeds indicates far less than that is being received.

The Dora Roberts Foundation provided \$25,000, for the biggest share of local contributions. Howard County is helping out with \$273.33 a month and the city of Big Spring is providing \$1,500 annually. The program will be aided next year by United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, but even then, the total amount will be far short of what is needed.

Private memorials and checks vary. "We are hoping that various clubs and organizations in town will help make donations to his very needed program," said Johnston.

Mobile Meals has two paid employees and a handful of volunteers who deliver the

meals. Scenic Mountain Medical Center helps by providing meals from the Yellow Rose Cafe at just \$2.50 each. Still, organizers say, that adds up over a year's time.

"It's a very reasonable cost," said Johnston. "And we appreciate that they do this for us."

But many of those who receive the meals can't afford to pay anything for them, or very little.

"They are low income elderly and they spend what they have on medical needs. They need food as well," said Johnston.

"The community would suffer if this program were not available," she added.

The Mobile Meals program is older than the more familiar Meals on Wheels

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Taxes: It's that time again

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again.

Now that most people have received their W-2 forms from employers, or will be receiving them by mail in the next few days, the filing scramble now begins for those expecting an income tax refund.

For the vast majority of those who will wind up having to pay additional taxes, however, there's no real hurry to file. A great many of them will wait until the April 15 filing deadline.

Those in the business of tax preparation are always glad to see this time of the year arrive. After all, that's what keeps their doors open.

According to Tommy Richman, owner of the local H&R Block franchise, filing tax forms early is the best policy.

"I always tell our customers to try to come in as soon as all their paperwork has been gathered," said Richman. "The longer they wait, the longer it will take them to get that refund back and most folks actually seem to be coming in earlier than usual."

Janice Grifford, vice president of Honey Tax Service Inc., echoed Richman.

"My advice to our customers is also to get them in as soon as possible," Gifford said before offering word of caution. "Make sure you wait until all your 1099s and W-2s have come in."

"I have impatient customers bring in their paperwork to the middle of January only to have to file an amendment later because they forgot a 1099 from a bank or credit union," she explained.

Leta Kirby, who has been

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Stephen Siss on took advantage of Saturday's nice weather to enjoy some time at Kids' Zone.

The temperature has been on a roller coaster ride lately but Saturday found it hovering around 60.

This week's weather forecast is for temperatures in the upper 60s to mid-70s — and to near 80 degrees on Wednesday.

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FCI

Booth, Morris get promoted within bureau

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A farewell dinner and reception on Friday will bid Alan Booth and Mike Morris of the Federal Correctional Institution goodbye as they accept promotions within the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

"I will miss Big Spring. This is a close community where the people take pride in what they're doing. Big Spring is the sort of community where you can raise a family the right way, and we've established some life long friendships."



BOOTH

"I've enjoyed every bit of the time we've spent here. I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and warm reception I've received professionally and my family has received personally," Booth said.

Booth, executive assistant for FCI here, has been promoted to associate warden and will leave for his new position in El Paso this week.

He said his new position will increase his responsibilities for the bureau as he supervises several departments as the associate warden of programs.

"This will be a big difference from what I'm doing now. I'll be providing management supervision, oversight for departments. For example, I'll be responsible for inmate programs, education programs, psychological programs and religious services," Booth said.

Morris has been transferred to Forrest City, Ark., where he will also assume an associate warden position, Booth said.

"Mike has been our camp administrator, providing management and every function to our satellite camp, and he's done an outstanding job," Booth said.

Morris's transfer will be effective the end of February, and Amber Nelson has been named

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N.D. high school students learn banking — with their own bank

DICKINSON, N.D. (AP) — High school students here are learning about money, loans and getting the best interest rates in town — all from their own school-based bank.

Dickinson High School students can cash checks, get change, take out loans of up to \$200 and start savings accounts that pay 4 percent interest annually.

If they need cash, the teens can make transactions on the way to class with a quick stop in the hallway at a small room, where their classmates become their bankers.

"It's very convenient," said Teresa Mathew, a 17-year-old junior, after cashing a check before class. "I think it is helpful, and people do learn a lot from it, too."

The bank, open to current students and school employees, is run by stu-

dents who study banking in a class that lasts half a year. The course is designed to teach students how to be professional bank tellers.

Carson Svihl, an 18-year-old senior who recently started the class, finds it harder than he expected, but he likes the challenge.

"It's going to be a lot more fun to actually do something in person rather than reading out of a book," Svihl said.

Elsie Reichert, the banking instructor, said the class enhances banking knowledge of the school's 1,000 students. Even if they don't take the class, their patronage is a learning experience, too.

"Banks are no longer unapproachable to them, which I think they are for a lot of people still — adults included," she said last week.

Community First National Bank came to the school with the idea of starting a class to teach students about banking. The high school bank was created in 1994.

DuWayne Schwindt, the vice president of Community First, said it seemed like a good idea, considering the number of adults who have trouble balancing their checkbooks.

"It's a special relationship, and it's an opportunity for industry and education to partner in educating our youth," Schwindt said.

The student bank has a depository account at Community First, which pays them a special interest rate to help them make earnings. Community First also lets the student bank loan money to students at a better interest rate than they would find elsewhere.

Community First found an interested instructor in Reichert, who ran the school store before she started teaching banking. The bank trained her as a teller so she could teach the class. One of her graduates landed a job at Community First. Others have gone on to work in other banks.

After starting with \$500 in capital from Community First, the student bank's deposits have grown from zero to about \$10,000.

About 30 students have savings accounts of up to \$500, and the bank cashes checks for a 1 percent fee. Check cashing is its most popular activity.

Students also keep track of credit checks and sometimes even have to chase down delinquent loans by writing letters to parents, who must cosign

student loans. The bank has about 10 loans out this year.

The bank has had one bad loan so far, after a student skipped town. Students went to court and got an outstanding judgment — "so in order for him to get credit anywhere, he's going to have to pay us," Reichert said.

The bank turns a profit of several hundred dollars a semester, Reichert said, though profits vary. The students use the money to take a field trip relating to the industry.

These days, students set interest rates, and determine fees for cashing checks. They also take turns working in the bank for 30 minutes before school and at lunch Monday through Friday.

Overall, the student tellers appear to be satisfying their customers.

Police raid Mexico's largest university, end 9-month strike, make 632 arrests

MEXICO CITY (AP) — For 91/2 months, Mexico's top authorities seemed powerless to wrest the country's most important university from a tiny band of radicals with names like Mosh and The Devil.

But Sunday, the ordeal ended swiftly and without bloodshed as federal police officers marched into a marathon meeting of the strike's governing council, rounding up 430 students — including the eight top strike leaders.

After 291 days, the strike at the National Autonomous University of Mexico was over.

In just four hours, 2,260 federal police officers, armed only with batons and shields, raided the sprawling campus, arresting a total of 632 strikers. There were no injuries.

"A democratic society cannot allow the kidnapping of the national university," said Interior Secretary Diodoro Carrasco.

The strike at the 260,000-student university — Latin America's largest — began in April to protest plans to raise

annual tuition, which had been just a few cents, to the equivalent of \$140.

The university backed down, but a small core of radical students continued to occupy the campus. They pushed a six-point agenda to reverse recent academic reforms and give students more power within the university administration. They also used the strike as a stage to denounce the free-market economy and Mexico's political system.

What little public sympathy that may have existed for the strikers faded as a result of their traffic-clogging and sometimes violent protests, vandalism of university buildings, intolerance of dissenting opinions and intransigence in negotiations. A referendum last month showed students and teachers overwhelmingly sided with the university.

But officials were reluctant to forcibly retake the campus. The strikers were believed to have guns and explosives. No one wanted to risk repeating one of the darkest moments in mod-

ern Mexican history: a 1968 massacre of university students.

Sunday's raid came five days after a clash that injured 37 security guards and two days after a failed negotiating session.

The clash seemed to mark a turning point. "It became evident to me, very sadly, that efforts to reach a resolution within the university community had reached their limit and that they had to be complemented with the application of the law," Zedillo said in a speech Sunday.

Zedillo said the strikers "through force, converted into their own private property a public asset, a university that is supported by all Mexicans."

Sunday's raid seemed calculated to minimize the potential for violence. Police did not carry guns, and human rights officials went along as observers.

Federal police said they sealed off the campus, then moved in. The handful of strikers guarding the barricades didn't resist.

Alberto Gonzalez Camacho, a 27-year-old law student, said he was sleeping when police arrived. He said he escaped by running into the hills behind the university.

"They came in swinging," he said. "They took everyone they could. There was no resistance. We were sleeping."

Buses carried the strikers from the university as parents and supporters outside the police line flashed victory signs at them and cursed at the police.

Hundreds of people held protest marches on behalf of the strikers later Sunday.

It was not known when classes would resume. The university will have to repair damaged equipment and replace stolen materials.

Despite the arrests, the strike committee says the struggle isn't over. A message on its Web site called on students to resist the occupation of the campus by police.

"Comrades, we are in an emergency situation," it said. "The movement is barely beginning."

Hijacked Afghan plane lands, five hostages released

STANSTED, England (AP) — Police launched urgent negotiations today with hijackers who seized an Afghan passenger airliner and forced it across Central Asia and Europe. Authorities said five of the remaining 165 hostages were freed at Stansted Airport outside London.

No reason was disclosed for releasing the two men, one woman and two children, said spokeswoman Tina Starling of the Essex Police.

"We are at a very critical stage in our negotiations," said John Broughton, assistant chief constable of the Essex force.

The hijackers had released a total of 22 hostages in return for supplies during earlier stops in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia before arriving at Stansted early today.

The hijackers' political demands, if any, were not dis-

closed. But police said negotiators had been discussing the delivery of food, toiletries and unspecified medical equipment.

Authorities said they could not confirm the nationalities of the remaining 160 hostages aboard the Boeing 727. Earlier, they had disclosed that one passenger has a kidney illness that requires special treatment, but Starling said she did not know if that passenger was among those released.

The number of hijackers was not immediately clear.

The state-run Ariana Airlines plane was seized shortly after takeoff early Sunday on a domestic flight from the Afghan capital, Kabul, to the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The airliner remained parked about a half-mile from Stansted's main terminal.

When planes have been hijacked and crews have been

ordered to land in Britain, it has become routine to route them to Stansted, 25 miles north of London. Planes can be kept well away from the terminal building and other aircraft during negotiations.

Broughton said Britain's Foreign Office was working in "close collaboration" today with several other governments, but he would not be more specific. He added that it wasn't Britain's policy "to allow aircraft to take off again once landed."

An emergency official in Kazakhstan said there were 20 hijackers aboard, but three passengers released there said eight to 10 hijackers were aboard.

The hijackers released nine passengers in Moscow, but made no political demands, Russian security service spokesman Alexander Zdanovich told reporters at

Sheremetyevo-1 airport. A diplomat familiar with the negotiations in Moscow, however, said the hijackers sought to free a prisoner held in the Afghan city of Kandahar.

Afghan media speculated the hijackers were dissidents who wanted the release of Ismail Khan, a former regional governor who has been held since 1997 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement. Khan is a member of Afghanistan's opposition alliance, which still rules roughly 10 percent of the war shattered country.

Taliban officials have said repeatedly that they have not received a demand for Khan's release, and the Afghan opposition has denied any involvement in the hijacking. It faxed a formal statement to The Associated Press saying that it "adamantly condemns the hijacking."

Investigators: Remains could take six months or more to identify

PORT HUENEME, Calif. (AP) — Some families of victims who died in the Alaska Airlines crash may have to wait at least six months for officials to identify their loved ones.

The National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday that it could be midsummer when DNA tests confirm the identities of the human remains that Navy crews were continuing to collect as they map and videotape the ocean floor near the crash site.

"It's definitely one of their main concerns at this time," NTSB family liaison Lauren Peduzzi said of the process to identify victims of Alaska Airlines Flight 261.

Ventura County Sheriff's spokesman Eric Nishimoto said that out of several hundred remains recovered, a few dozen are possibly identifiable through dental records, distinguishing marks and personal property such as wallets. Only four bodies have so far been identified.

"It is an exceptionally difficult process to identify the remains, even by conventional means, given the severe trauma to the plane, passengers and the passengers' personal effects," Nishimoto said.

After a week of grieving, family and friends of those lost aboard Flight 261 began packing Sunday to wait out the investigation from their homes. The probe itself is now being coordinated from Washington, D.C., where the flight data and cockpit voice recorders are being analyzed.

Also Sunday, more memorials were held. Among them was a service by Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, who led a service near Los Angeles International Airport.

The Alaska Airlines MD-83 crashed last Monday, killing all 88 people on board, during a flight from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, bound for San Francisco and Seattle.

Before pieces of the plane are brought to the surface here, the NTSB wants a detailed picture of the aircraft debris. Spokesman Keith Holloway said the agency will decide exactly what will be hauled up after a review of the reams of video footage.

The debris area is about 10 miles offshore in the Santa Barbara Channel, covering an area about the size of a football field in water 640 feet deep.

The plane's voice recorder shows that for at least 30 minutes prior to the crash, the pilots were struggling to correct a problem with the tail-mounted horizontal stabilizer, which they said had jammed.

On Saturday, an Alaska Airlines MD-83 jetliner returned to the airport in Reno, Nev., shortly after takeoff when the pilot reported similar problems.

Last week, an American Airlines MD-83 also was forced to return to the Phoenix airport shortly after takeoff because of problems with the horizontal stabilizer. All three planes were MD-80 series jetliners.

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OUR VIEWS

Valentine's Day gifts as close as BSSH volunteers

Valentine's Day is just one week away. If that news came as a shock, chances are you have forgotten to plan something for your sweetheart. Don't worry, the Big Spring State Hospital volunteers have a solution.

The group is taking orders now for its annual fundraiser, selling Valentine gifts and singing telegrams. Volunteers will deliver a variety of mugs, candy, stuffed animals, balloons and plants, or sing a love song to your special someone. Orders will be taken until Valentine's Day, but ordering early is advised since the gifts tend to sell out.

You need to remember your loved ones and show how much you appreciate them, so why not support a valuable community program at the same time? This fundraiser helps volunteers pay for parties, gifts, personal items and other "extra" that the state budget does not provide for patients.

For an \$8 donation to volunteer services, you can arrange delivery of a terra cotta pot containing a living ivy plant, a holiday mug filled with homemade candy, a bud vase with two cut carnations, or a stuffed animal and a small box of Russell Stover candy.

If you prefer to make more of a scene, a group of vocalists will serenade your friend or loved one for a \$20 donation. They will sing from a holiday repertoire of songs, visiting your Valentine at the office, at home or at a local restaurant.

Orders for singing telegrams especially should be placed early so they can be scheduled. Place your orders through this Friday during regular business hours; they will also be taken Sunday from 1-4 p.m. to accommodate last-minute shoppers. To place an order or get more information, call 268-7535.

OTHER VIEWS

Shortly after a speech in which he had, by implication, questioned George W. Bush's readiness to be commander in chief and linked him to Clintonesque fundraising techniques, Senator John McCain was asked if he was violating his promise not to indulge in negative campaigning. "I think I'm close," Mr. McCain said with a laugh. As usual, he was being more candid — and wittier — than the other leading candidates about a game that all of them are playing to some degree.

There may be a boil-lancing benefit to attack politics. It can bring into the open key questions about temperament, character and leadership ability. (Vice President) Gore's accusation that (former Senator Bill) Bradley would not "stay and fight" in Washington does touch on the important question of whether Mr. Bradley

has the inner toughness and practicality for the job he seeks.

Mr. Bradley's assertion that Mr. Gore cannot be counted on to tell the truth does point up the vice president's habit of exaggerating and revising his record. Attacks on Mr. Bush as green and untested and Mr. McCain as outside the Republican mainstream clearly have relevance to the choice before G.O.P. primary voters. The problem for voters is that attack politics can lead to distortion of the issues debate.

For the main contenders, the New Hampshire battle has been harsh and sometimes unfair, but it has also been consistently illuminating about what the candidates stand for and how they might react under the much greater pressures that bear in upon the Oval Office.

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U.S. has embarked on a course of self-destruction

In 1975, a German Federal Constitutional Court wrote, "The usual language, termination of pregnancy, cannot conceal the fact that abortion is a homicidal act."

Too bad our judges are not as honest. In America, where language is used to manipulate people and to disguise reality, the homicidal act is called "choice." The nefarious scheme is to frame the debate — a certain, if dishonest, way to win it into: "Do you believe in choice or in denial of a woman's right to choose?" Thus, a question that is really about denying a child's right to live is framed as a question about a woman's freedom.

Of course, in all cases except a child's in the womb, we deny people's right to choose the

death of another human being. We don't refer to murder as a "right to choose." We don't say to the robber who kills his victim, "Well, you were just exercising your right to choose." Pro-choice is a propaganda term. What it really means is pro-death or pro-homicide. Abortion is about killing human beings and nothing else. Like a hit man, the abortionist kills for money — any baby somebody's willing to pay him to kill. For the U.S. Supreme Court to legalize this form of murder is an abomination and a stain on the very concept of law.

The baby-killing industry has gone to great lengths to use propaganda — language to dehumanize the child, either as a piece of tissue (fetus) or as an appendage of the mother (right to control her own body). Of course, the child is neither. From the moment conception takes place, a genetically complete human being — a unique human being — has been created and, if left alone, will only grow. At no time after conception is this child a part of the woman's body. It is merely

using the womb as an anchorage, and the mother's contributions are nutrition and oxygen. Where there was one life, there are now two. Where there was one soul, there are now two. Male and female supply the sperm and the egg, but it is God who supplies the life.

I don't know which is the greater sin caused by this evil industry: the mass murder of human beings with the consequent brutalization of American culture, or the mass insanity caused by the use of language to cut people loose from reality and set them adrift in the fog of fantasy.

All one has to do is walk about or watch television or go to movies a few times to realize that America is embarked on a course of self-destruction. American society has become coarse, crude, vulgar and violent. It is producing children who, if they survive, survive as cynics or nihilists or psychopaths. Those children who run the gauntlet of peer pressure and cultural pressure with their ideals intact are true heroes.

Blame certainly falls on the

courts and politicians, and on the entertainment/media industry, which has become a moral sewer. It also falls on us. We have said yes too many times. Yes to mass murder of infants, yes to pornography, yes to rude and violent behavior, yes to music that celebrates barbarism, yes to gross commercialism of sex, yes to vulgarity.

We will get out by learning to say no. No to vulgarity and rude behavior. No to pornography. No to immorality on television and the movie screens. And, most importantly, no to mass murder of infants and the filthy propaganda that tries to hide its hideous truth.

We must also say no, once and for all, to smiley-face politicians who equivocate and use the language of deception to avoid taking a stand on the vital issues facing America. Nations never stand still. They are always rising or falling. A nation dies culturally and spiritually first. Its money and its army are the last to go, but they do once the light goes out in the nation's soul. Ours is feeble and flickering in the growing darkness.



CHARLEY REESE

Wrestler turned politician:



Politician turned wrestler:



Now, that's what you call a Valentine

Outside, the weather is frightful. Husband and wife J.S. "Fletcher"

Fletcher and Kathy Newbern take turns shoveling their car out from under a record 20-inch Raleigh, N.C., snow.

Inside, the fire's delightful. The computer whirs, printing steamy, exotic love scenes, as the two writers efficiently fill orders for the personalized romance novels they have created and sold for eight years — 6,000 customized books to date.

Business is brisk this time of year, of course, as lovers — 60 percent men, 40 percent women, believe it or not — search for the perfect valentine. Customers fill out questionnaires that will make them and a chosen mate the hero and heroine of a romantic, rip-roaring, bodice-ripping adventure.

Kathy and Fletch (who write under the pen name Fletcher Newbern) offer stories in eight settings that range from a Western dude ranch to Tahiti. You can choose either a "Mild" or "Wild" version, setting the level for intimate details of interludes on a villa rooftop, in Caribbean waters or in a hayloft.

"About 99 percent of our customers choose 'Wild,'" Fletcher

says. "They say, 'The wilder the better.' But we don't get explicit."

There is, the authors explain, "the intimation that love will occur ..."

With "Mild" you get hugging and kissing, then a door closes. The rest is left to the imagination.

With "Wild" you get euphemisms. Lots of euphemisms.

"Like 'His need for her was evident,'" Kathy says. "Or, 'His emotion worked its way up his spine,'" Fletcher says.

(Romance readers traditionally want a lot of adjective foreplay before verbs are injected into the relationship. Happy endings and emotional commitments must rise from the steam.)

The two talk the way they write — as a creative tag team.

"We come at writing a little differently," Fletcher explains. "I'm more technical; Kathy's more people-oriented."

However it happens, the writing duo makes it work, charging about \$50 per book and advertising on the Web site: www.yournovel.com. Next to Valentine's Day, their busiest times of the year are Christmas and the June and September bridal seasons. They also sell a lot of books to couples when one lover or the other enlists in the military.

"When we write a new book, we use ourselves for the test case," Kathy says. The romances have to be universal enough to work for all ages, races and professions — yet individualized enough to be appealing.

The questionnaire asks for a physical description, pet names, favorite music, perfumes, colors. And for the length of the relationship.

How would the latter be worked into a story? I asked when I talked with the couple by phone.

"If they've been together 25 years, the hero might say to the heroine, 'You're more beautiful now than you were 25 years ago,'" Kathy quickly replies. "Or, 'After 40 years together, he knew when she had her mind made up.'"

Kathy, who also has a 9-to-5 public relations job, says the idea for the books came at a work conference eight years ago when participants were asked what other people would be surprised to learn about them.

"I said the fact that I'd written a romance novel," Kathy says, "which got a laugh. ... Then at lunch someone said, 'Wouldn't it be great if you could read about yourself in one of those?'"

That night, driving home, Kathy and Fletch suddenly looked at one another (with meaning, as the romances would say).

"You know, we could do this," Kathy remembers saying. "We figured we weren't going to get these epiphanies every day. Proudly, we acted on it."

And so, the couple who met on North Carolina's romantic Outer Banks sit in a warm house overlooking the frozen yet tranquil Beamon Lake and watch the Canada geese while the computer hums yet another love song.

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Mallard Fullmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

Can you Believe it's time for Valentines ALREADY?

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IN BRIEF

Baseball boosters set meeting for tonight

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club will meet at 6:30 tonight at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Members will discuss outfield signs, concession stand duties and printing of programs.

All advertising for programs must be turned in during the meeting.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069 after 6 p.m.

Hunter education class scheduled for weekend

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 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conference room.

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

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

Softball umpires training set to begin on March 1

The Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association will begin training for all slow-pitch and fastpitch umpires at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at the Bill Williams Complex Empire Building in Midland's Hogan Park.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961.

Jackalopes slate second 'Howard County Night'

The Odessa Jackalopes hockey team has scheduled its second "Howard County Night" of the season for Saturday, Feb. 26, when they take on the Amarillo Rattlers.

More than 200 Howard County fans attended the team's game with El Paso on Dec. 11, and team officials hope to have the same type of showing this time.

Tickets are \$3, \$5 and \$7.

For more information, call Carroll Jennings at 267-5201.

Astros trying to grass indoors one more time

HOUSTON (AP) — The effort to grow grass indoors didn't turn out too well at Houston's last ballpark.

The Astrodome sported the real stuff in its first season, 1965. But the grass died, and scientists came out the following year with a space-age replacement called AstroTurf.

The Astros will try again on Monday. The organization will start putting in the same type of Bermuda grass — 419 Tifway — at Enron Field that they tried in the Dome.

AREA GAMES

TODAY JUCO BASKETBALL

8 p.m.
• Midland College Lady Chaparrals at Howard College Lady Hawks.
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• Midland College Chaparrals at Howard College Hawks.

ON THE AIR

RADIO JUCO BASKETBALL

Women
5:50 p.m. — Midland College Lady Chaparrals at Howard College Lady Hawks, KBYG-AM 1400.
Men
7:45 p.m. — Midland College Chaparrals at Howard College Hawks, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

NBA
7 p.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers, TBS, Ch. 11.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
6 p.m. — Georgetown at Miami, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Kansas at Oklahoma State, ESPN, Ch. 30.
11 p.m. — Creighton at Colorado State, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Too much Moss for AFC to handle gives NFC Pro Bowl win

HONOLULU (AP) — The AFC didn't have an answer for Randy Moss.

The Minnesota Vikings second-year receiver was the star of the Pro Bowl, catching nine passes for a record 212 yards, scoring a touchdown and setting up four other scores as the NFC routed the AFC 51-31 Sunday.

"If I'm not into the game, if I'm bored, that's the only way I think I can be stopped," said the 6-foot-4 Moss, who used his height advantage to outleap the AFC defensive backs, particularly 5-11 Sam Madison of Miami and 6-foot James Hasty of Kansas City.

Moss' catches set up two of Tampa Bay fullback Mike Alstott's three touchdowns. He also had key catches on drives that led to two of three field goals by Jason Hanson of the Detroit Lions.

"We had a lot of fun," Moss said. "With Alstott rumbling through there, we did some good things. I'm not really into individual awards and things like that, but I guess I'll take them when they come."

St. Louis Cardinals cornerback Aeneas Williams and Tampa Bay linebacker Derrick Brooks returned interceptions for touchdowns for the NFC, while Jimmy Smith of Jacksonville had three touchdown passes for the AFC.

The game's 82 points broke the mark of 64 points set in 1980. The NFC's 51 points also set a record.

The NFC was smart to use a game plan that took advantage of Moss' height, Madison said.

"He's one of the best," Madison said. "They put him in a situation to make

plays, and that's what he did."

Moss' last catch was a 25-yard TD reception from Carolina's Steve Beuerlein with 1:05 to play that closed the scoring.

The score seemed to bring out some bad feelings between the two teams, who accused each other of breaking Pro Bowl rules that prevent blitzing and rushing the kicker.

"They were breaking a whole lot of rules out there," Beuerlein said. "I think it was a statement from our coaching staff, kind of like, 'Look at the scoreboard, and here's another touchdown to think about.'"

AFC coach Tom Coughlin took exception to Beuerlein's comments.

"Steve Beuerlein is out of control in that respect," Coughlin said. "We didn't

coach anything other than what the rules are. Before they speak about what we were doing, they probably ought to look at themselves."

Alstott, the Tampa Bay fullback, scored on runs of 1, 3 and 1 yards. He finished with 13 carries for 67 yards.

Brooks picked off a pass from Jacksonville's Mark Brunell and raced untouched 20 yards for a touchdown to make it 44-24 with 11:12 left.

"I couldn't believe no one was around, so I just took my time getting to the end zone," Brooks said.

Smith finished with eight catches for 119 yards, while Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning was 17-of-23 for 270 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions, including the one to Williams.

Showdown time for Howard, MC

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

It's the same ol', same ol' ... but it's anything but boring.

Instead, tonight's showdown between Howard College and Midland College in a pair of pivotal Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) basketball games will go a long way toward determining the league's eventual champions in both the men's and women's divisions.

The action gets under way at 6 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum when the Lady Hawks entertain a Lady Chaparrals team that clearly has its sights set on avenging a Jan. 13 Howard win in Midland.

That Lady Hawks win, a 67-64 comeback over the then No. 18-ranked Lady Chaps, was in no small measure a payback for Midland's win in Big Spring a year ago — one that snapped a three-year victory string for the Howard women on their home court.

The Lady Hawks haven't lost at home since, and if they can keep that string intact, they'll have gone a long way toward the conference crown the Lady Chaps wrested from them a year ago.

Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry, however, says that's an extremely tall order.

"This is a big game ... it's huge," Mayberry said. "There's no question that it's important for both of us. That means you ought to see both of us leaving everything we got out there on the court. It's going to be emotional."

The Lady Hawks, 18-5 overall and 6-1 in conference play, have a record that's almost identical to Midland's — the Lady Chaps bring a 19-5 season mark into tonight's game and are 7-1 in the WJCAC.

But Mayberry remembers the Lady Chaps owned an 11-point lead midway through the second half of that Jan. 13 showdown and realizes Midland coach Ron Jones and his players will be wanting to prove their only conference loss was a fluke.

"We were just lucky to win that night," the Lady Hawks boss noted. "We didn't deserve to win more than a man in the moon ... they outplayed us 39 minutes. We just snuck up on them at the end."

"They'll (Lady Chaps) have blood in their eyes for sure," he added. "They have every reason to feel like they let one get away from them that they shouldn't have. That means we'll have to play better than we did last time."

The last time Midland's and Howard's men squared off, the Chaps rallied from a halftime deficit to take a 66-63 win.

Since that time the Chaps have remained unbeaten in WJCAC play and bring a 21-3 mark overall into tonight's tip at 8. In addition, Midland is currently ranked No. 18 in the NJCAA men's basketball poll.

The Hawks, who are 14-8 on the season and 6-1 in conference play, need to win tonight, according to head coach Tommy Collins, if they have any plans on claiming their second straight WJCAC championship.

"If we're going to have any part in it (championship race), this is the game we



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College freshman Grace Gantt (40) bars the lane to a Western Texas College player during the Lady Hawks win over the Lady Dusters. The Lady Hawks play host to Midland College's Lady Chaparrals at 6 tonight in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, in what could be the most important conference game of the season for both teams. Howard College officials are trying to make sure a good crowd is on hand to back the Lady Hawks, offering free admission to anyone wearing red clothing. It will also be "Big Spring Night," meaning all students from the Big Spring Independent School District will be admitted free.

need to win," Collins admitted. "We have to do a better job of containing (Eugene) Costello and have to do a better job of stopping dribble penetration and, of course, defend and rebound."

"When we go into a game, we plan on winning with defense," he explained. "Our offense is a bonus."

Collins also made it clear he believes the Hawks failed to do those things in that Jan. 13 loss at the Chap Center.

"We didn't execute on offense when it counted in the second half of that one," he recalled. "And they did everything right offensively and played great defense against us, as well."

"We're slowly improving offensively, but we still haven't shown the kind of consistent play I've expected from this bunch," Collins added. "We've still got a very good basketball team, we're just not playing great offense."

No. 23 Maryland manages 78-73 comeback over N.C. State

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Lony Baxter was the obvious hero, scoring a career-high 31 points in an improbable comeback victory.

Yet the 260-pound center had help from a skinny guard who, despite a poor shooting performance, paved the way for No. 23 Maryland's stirring 78-73 win over North Carolina State on Sunday.

Although Juan Dixon missed 10 shots, his five steals, six assists and unyielding exuberance more than made up for his lack of accuracy.

"If Juan would mean that much to the team every game as he did today, I would take 5-for-15 every time," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "Without his effort out there, there is no way we come back and win that game. He was kind of the catalyst to get us excited about playing basketball again."

Maryland (16-6, 5-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) trailed by 17 in the first half and was down 73-68 with 2:59 left before scoring the game's final 10 points. Dixon had two steals in the final 68 seconds to

stem any chance the Wolfpack had of pulling out their first win at Cole Field House since 1989.

"You can't put your finger on one thing, but sure, his steals were big," NC State guard Justin Gainey said.

Gainey scored 21 points and Anthony Grundy added 16 for the Wolfpack (15-5, 5-4). NC State led by 12 with seven minutes left but ended up falling to 0-4 on the road in the ACC this season.

"We've battled on the road. It's not like we're just stinking up the joint," NC State coach Herb Sendek said. "Our guys have fought tooth-and-nail against some great teams on the road."

In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 5 Ohio State 88, Michigan 67; No. 8 Tennessee 88, Mississippi State 81; and No. 22 Vanderbilt 76, Boston College 58.

A 3-pointer by Gainey made it 58-51 with 10 minutes left, and his two free throws sparked a 7-0 run that put the Wolfpack up 65-53 with 7:03 to go. Minutes later, Gainey hit two foul shots

to make it 71-63.

Then, Maryland took charge. Baxter made a three-point play and Terence Morris hit two free throws. After a basket by NC State, the Wolfpack's Damon Thornton was called for his fifth foul on a charge and received a technical, too. Dixon made the two foul shots, then scored from the baseline to make it 73-72 with 2:33 left.

After Grundy missed two free throws, a short hook by Baxter with 1:15 left gave Maryland its first lead since 2-0. A steal by Dixon led to a layup by Baxter with 40 seconds left for a 76-73 lead, and the Wolfpack's last gasp failed when Marshall Williams fired up an air ball from 3-point range.

No. 5 Ohio St. 88, Michigan 67

Michael Redd and George Reese each scored 25 points and the visiting Buckeyes (16-3, 7-1 Big Ten) won their eighth straight. Freshman LaVell Blanchard had 21 points for the

Wolverines (12-7, 3-5), who lost their fourth in a row.

No. 8 Tennessee 88, Mississippi St. 81

Tony Harris scored 14 of his 24 points over the final 6 minutes as the Volunteers (19-3, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) improved their league road record to 4-1. Robert Jackson had 27 points for the Bulldogs (12-9, 3-5), who were within three points with eight minutes remaining but couldn't match Tennessee's depth or Harris' 9-for-10 effort from the free-throw line.

No. 22 Vanderbilt 76, Boston College 58

Dan Langhi scored 16 as the Commodores (15-4) matched last season's win total by winning their 33rd straight non-conference home game, a streak that dates to a Dec. 30, 1995, loss to Boston College. Uka Agbai had 19 for the Eagles (9-13), who lost their ninth straight, matching the school record.

Top five's still same in AP poll

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the first time this season, there were no changes in the teams in the AP college basketball poll. There was some movement today, including Connecticut dropping out of the Top Ten for the first time since 1997.

Cincinnati (22-1), which won road games against North Carolina Charlotte and Alabama Birmingham last week, was No. 1 for the fifth straight week, matching its run from earlier this season. The Bearcats received 63 first-place votes and 1,739 points from the national media panel.

Stanford, Duke, Syracuse and Ohio State held second through fifth.

Stanford (19-1) won at UCLA and Southern California last week and received four first-place votes and 1,660 points. Duke (18-2), which extended its Atlantic Coast Conference record winning streak to 31 games with victories over North Carolina and Virginia, was No. 1 on one ballot, while Syracuse (19-0), which remained the only unbeaten Division I team with wins over St. John's and Providence, got two first-place votes.

Michigan State, which beat Connecticut by 19 points Saturday, and Arizona each moved up two places to sixth and seventh.

Tennessee, which dropped two spots after losing to Kentucky, and Auburn and Indiana, which each moved up one place, rounded out the Top Ten.

Kentucky moved up three spots to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Florida, Connecticut, Oklahoma State, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Iowa State, Texas, Temple and Kansas.

The last five teams in the rankings were Utah, Vanderbilt, Maryland, Oregon and LSU.

Connecticut (16-5) beat Villanova then was soundly beaten at Michigan State and fell from seventh to No. 13. It was the first time the defending national champions were out of the Top Ten since being ranked 11th on Dec. 22, 1997, a run of 42 consecutive polls.

Auburn takes over the current run for consecutive appearances in the Top Ten at 23.

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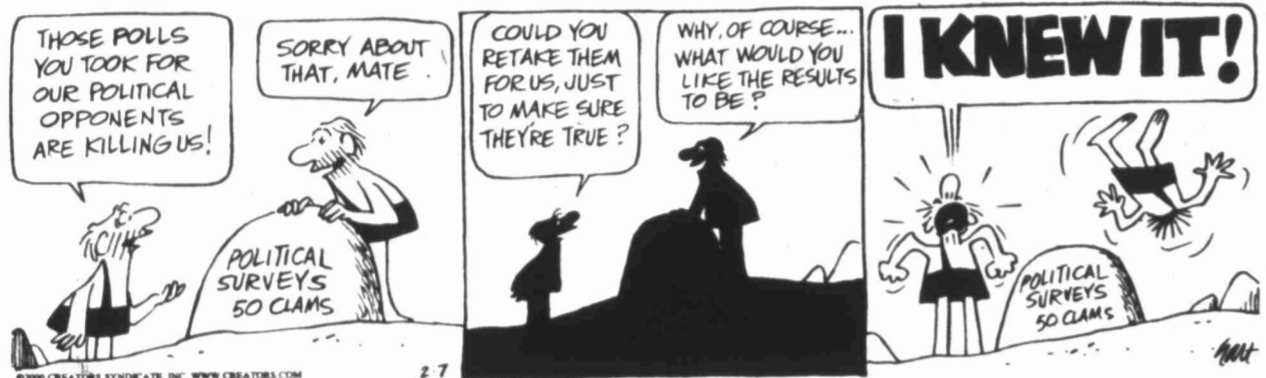
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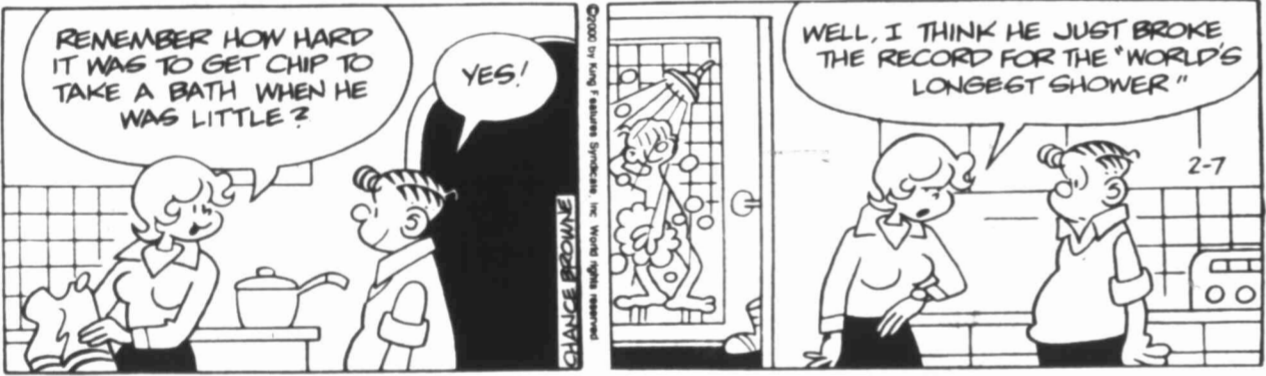
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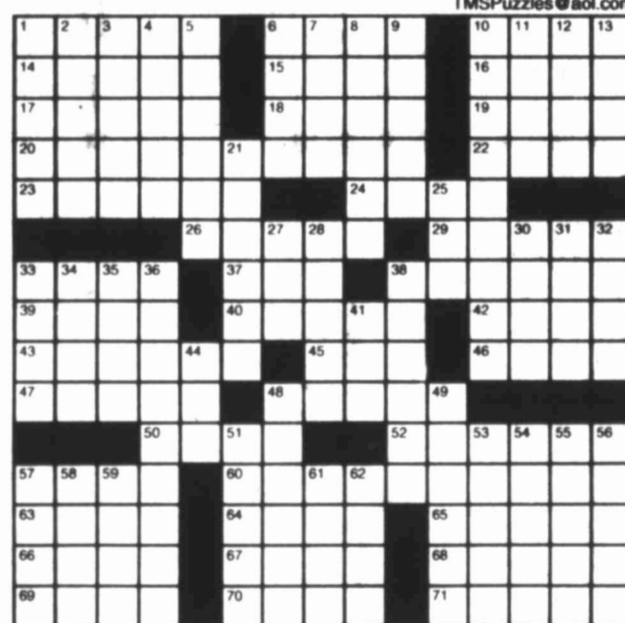
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2000. There are 328

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 7, 1943, the government announced that shoe rationing would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of

the year. On this date: In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England. In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings. In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Robert H. Wolfe North Woodmere, NY

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In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy. In 1944, Bing Crosby and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded "Swinging on a Star" for Decca Records in Los Angeles. In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley. In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain. In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk. In 1986, Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union's Communist Party agreed to let other political parties compete for control of the country, thereby giving up its monopoly on power. An 811-foot tanker, the American Trader, spilled hundreds of thousands of gallons of Alaskan crude oil off the coast of Huntington Beach, Calif. Five years ago: Ramzi Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing, was arrested in Islamabad, Pakistan, after two years as a fugitive. One year ago: Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah. NASA launched the Stardust spacecraft on a mission to chase a comet in hopes of collecting a sample of comet dust.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eddie Bracken is 80. Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 79. Author Gay Talese is 68. Blues singer-musician Earl King is 66. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 46. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 41. Actor James Spader is 40. Country singer Garth Brooks is 38. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 38.

Thought for Today: "There are only two classes of mankind in the world - doctors and patients." - Rudyard Kipling, English author and poet (1865-1936).