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BSSH volunteers still taking orders for Valentine's Day

Big Spring State Hospital volunteers are taking orders now for their 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 early orders are advised since the gifts tend to sell out.

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.

A group of vocalists will serenade your friend or loved one for a \$20 donation, choosing from a holiday repertoire of songs, visiting your Valentine at the office or even while eating lunch at a local restaurant.

While orders will be taken through Friday during business hours, they will also be taken Sunday, Feb. 13 from 1-4 p.m. to accommodate last-minute shoppers. To place an order or get more information, call 268-7535.

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.
- Christmas in April board of directors, noon, Lion's Bingo Building.
- Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

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Names drawn for ballot order in Big Spring mayoral election

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A luck of the draw placed Greg Biddison first on the ballot for the mayor's election in March, while Oscar Garcia shooed in the second slot and Russ McEwen the third.

Early voting for the mayor's election is Feb. 16-29 at city council chambers, 307 East Fourth. The election is set for March 4.

"We placed all three of their names on



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a piece of paper and placed those into a bowl. Greg Biddison reared in and drew his own name out, so he's first on the ballot," said Tom Ferguson, finance director and city secretary for Big Spring.

Big Spring residents will elect a new mayor to fill former mayor Tim Blackshear's unexpired term, which is due for re-election in 2001. Blackshear is a candidate for state representative for District 70, opposing incumbent David Counts in November.

"But with the mayor's election and the city council election, we will not have that problem, because it is acceptable to file in both elections," Ferguson said.

Filing for the city council election is Feb. 21 - March 22. Three districts are due for election this May. These are District 2, where Garcia is the incumbent. District 2 covers an unusual configuration of Big Spring, beginning north at Mount Olive Cemetery through Bauer Magnet School.

District 2 boundaries continue south to Big Spring High School, and also include a small portion west where Anderson Kindergarten Center is located.

District 4, where Tommy Tune is the incumbent, represents an area of Big Spring that roughly corresponds to the Marcy Elementary boundaries.

And District 6, where Biddison is

incumbent, represents an area roughly corresponding to the Moss Elementary boundary lines.

"We redid these boundaries with redistricting after the 1990 census," Ferguson said.

Ballots cast in early voting and the general election will be done in city council chambers. Ferguson said this helped cut the cost of the election, and the city received permission from the justice department to move the election from the high school.

"I estimate this election will cost between \$750-\$1,000. By having the

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"Sluggo" Martinez and Steve English of Cline Construction are busy digging up buried cable for Southwestern Bell telephone company. The work is being done next to Fiesta Dodge in the 500 block of FM 700.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Emergency grazing of CRP land OK'd

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Emergency grazing of acreage secured in the Conservation Reserve Program has been authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture from Feb. 4-April 20.

"We are trying to help people, because the drought has lasted so long and pastures are depleted and we know how expensive it is to feed cattle. This is preferable to a farmer selling off his livestock and putting himself out of business," said Rick Liles, Howard County Farm Service Agency agent.

Liles said Howard County FSA committee petitioned the USDA in Washington D.C. in October to allow emergency grazing of CRP acres, and received word recently that the request has been approved.

Howard County has 300 CRP

contracts representing about 40,000 acres that are eligible for this emergency grazing, Liles said.

"This will provide for a 10 percent reduction in the per acre annual payment rate, times the number of acres actually grazed," Liles said.

He said the CRP allows farmers to dedicate highly erodible acreage to the program. Producers agree to plant grasses, and the government shares the coverage with the producer at a 50-50 cost.

"This is good for the wildlife and it prevent erosion of the land. We've developed wildlife with this sort of thing," Liles said.

Producers are paid an annual rental payment based on the number of acres within the CRP, and in turn they agree not to graze the land.

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Friday is deadline to file for program, according to FSA

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County producers interested in participating in the Conservation Reserve Program designed to prevent soil erosion, have until Friday to contact the Howard County Farm Service Agency.

"Participants are required to establish a permanent vegetative cover, such as grass, and enter into a 10 year agreement to maintain that cover," said Rick Liles, FSA agent.

In exchange, the FSA agrees to pay eligible CRP participants an annual rental payment

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Grant for downtown park denied but committee will meet to consider alternatives

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Downtown Big Spring will not be creating Pioneer Plaza with Texas Department of Transportation funds, as the grant application was recently turned down.

"We did not receive the funding for that, but we have not given up. We are going to call the committee back together, regroup, and do something on a lesser scale," said city manager Gary Fuqua.

Pioneer Plaza was a beautification project designed to improve the site where the Permian Building once stood. Funding of more than \$500,000 was sought to create a tourist information center that included a rest area with facilities and pedestrian walkways leading into downtown historic Big Spring.

City council members had pledged \$25,000 toward the pro-

ject, while the Industrial Foundation had pledged a matching amount. Big Spring was responsible for 20 percent of the cost of the project, as prescribed by the grant application.

City officials had twice traveled to Austin to speak at the grant hearings. The funding was part of the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program.

Fuqua said what to do to improve the area remains a priority, and he anticipates some landscaping efforts will be used this spring to improve the site.

"I know that we'll do something there. People have already noticed and remarked on how much better downtown looks with the Permian Building gone, and I know we will find some way to use that space, even if we have to do this project in phases," Fuqua said.

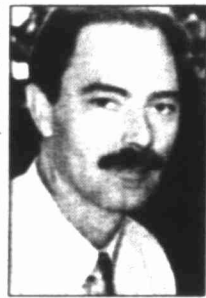
The city manager said the city will apply for the grant again this year.

Council

Utility proposals, audits, golf course water well on tonight's city agenda

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Rate filings by TXU Electric and Energas, audits, renewal of a contract with the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force and a water well at Comanche Trail Golf Course are agenda items for Big Spring City Council tonight.



FUQUA

The council will also consider one item on second reading as well as board and committee minutes.

TXU Electric is expected to present the council with information on tariff filing which has already been submitted to the Public Utility Commission. According to TXU, the filing does not propose to increase or decrease any charges or rates, but better positions the utility company in a competitive retail market.

Following that presentation tonight, the council will consider suspending the TXU's request.

"We belong to a coalition of cities, and they have reviewed it and they feel like they need a little more time to study it," said Gary Fuqua, Big Spring city manager. "It's pretty technical and before they give approval, the committee wants to make sure there are no rate increases involved."

Following that, the council is expected to hear a presentation on an Energas rate request, which took place last year. A separate coalition of cities studied that request.

Energas proposed a \$9.8 mil-

lion hike system-wide, or roughly an increase of 8.4 percent.

"The steering committee is recommending we not pass the increase. In fact, they are looking at the possibility that the rates should be decreased," said Fuqua. "They are working with Energas to try and reach a compromise. I suspect if that doesn't happen, it will go before the Texas Railroad Commission."

Council members will also hear presentation of the annual audit, as well as Moore Development for Big Spring's annual audit and annual report.

The contract with the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force calls for Big Spring to provide \$18,799 in matching funds. The grant application is to be sent to the Texas Narcotics Control Program of the Criminal Justice Division — is in the amount of \$1,439,355. Ector County will provide \$185,000, according to the agreement.

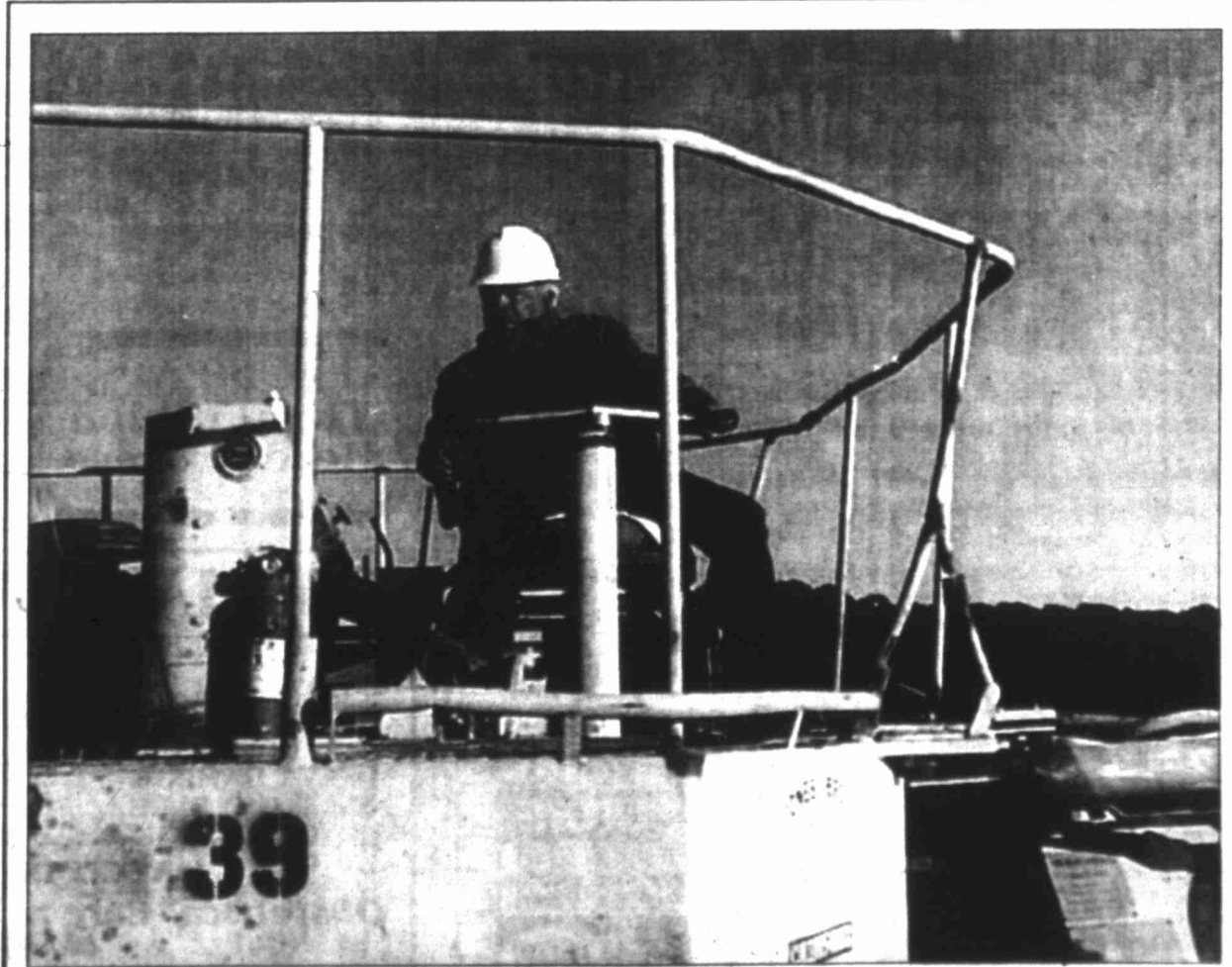
Council members will also consider placing a well at Comanche Trail Golf Course with funds from the Comanche Trail Golf Course Improvement Fund.

"We've been in drought conditions for the last three years and have been unable to provide enough water to water the course sufficiently," said Fuqua. "So we are looking at drilling another irrigation well."

Estimated cost would be \$10,000 for the well, pump and other equipment and materials.

In other new business, council members will consider a traffic control layout plan for Randolph, Wright and Simler Streets and a request to install stop signs on 16th Street, yield-

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Pedro Madrid of Jones Brothers Construction in Odessa is preparing the ground at the Big Spring USDA Research Center for construction of their new office and parking lot. The project is expected to be completed by this summer.

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Battle begins today in Congress on Clinton's final budget proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton was so proud of what his final budget would do about eliminating the publicly held part of the national debt that he used a paint brush to draw a plunging blue line on a wall chart.

Angry Republicans, however, probably would have chosen the color red for Clinton's last budget — for the shame they charge he should feel about all his new spending programs, his tax increases and his modest tax reductions.

"The president proposed a laundry list of expensive, big-government programs the country doesn't need and tax

increases the Republicans in Congress will never support," said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla.

Both sides in the debate wasted no time in staking out their positions for a debate that is certain to last all the way into November, when voters go to the polls.

Republicans contend that what voters want is less government and bigger tax increases. Clinton argues that what the country needs to keep the current prosperity going is a more balanced approach that addresses pressing needs such as a lack of health care, pays down the federal debt and offers targeted tax relief.

The Clinton administration will feel the Republican criticism firsthand today as members of the president's Cabinet appear before various congressional committees to defend the administration's spending and tax proposals.

In releasing the budget on Monday, Clinton said it was important that the nation seize the current good times and bulging government surpluses to "make the most of this moment of promise to extend prosperity to all corners of our nation."

Clinton's \$1.84 trillion spending plan for the 2001 budget year, beginning in October,

would spend more for the environment, schools and gun-law enforcement while still pledging to take steps to erase the \$3.7 trillion publicly held portion of the national debt by 2013.

Clinton also proposed a major expansion in the Earned Income Tax Credit that helps the working poor, called for the government to provide health insurance for 5 million of the 44 million Americans who do not have it and help the elderly pay for drug prescriptions.

Republicans charged all the new spending programs were an effort to appeal to voters in hopes they will reward Democratic candidates in the

fall. "It has all the things for everyone they feel they'll need to get Al Gore elected president," House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said.

Kasich and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told reporters that their committees would move quickly to draw up a GOP spending and tax blueprint that would differ drastically from Clinton's version.

Even before that work is accomplished, House Republicans were moving to consider this week a 10-year, \$182 billion plan to cut taxes for married

couples, including those who pay more than if they were single. This is just one piece of their much larger \$792 billion tax cut that Clinton vetoed last year.

In contrast, Clinton's budget would provide \$351 million in more targeted tax relief to help pay the costs of college education, ease the burden of long-term nursing care and support retirement savings.

But Clinton also would raise \$181 billion in other taxes, including a 25-cent-a-pack increase in cigarette taxes and \$91 billion in higher taxes on corporations by eliminating current tax benefits.

Consumer benefits coming slowly, four years later

WASHINGTON (AP) — It laid the groundwork for a booming Internet economy and the explosion of the wireless communications industry.

But four years after its passage, a pivotal rewrite of U.S. telecommunications law is still trying to crack open old monopolies to new competition. Since the 1996 Telecommunications Act, cable TV rates have risen three times faster than inflation and the regional Bell companies still claim the lion's share of the local phone market.

"My cable bill is outrageous! The rate has steadily increased with no changes in service or quality," Debbie Williams of Aloha, Ore., wrote this summer to a consumer group in Washington.

Bob Palinchak of Cordova, Tenn., griped that an array of monthly charges has caused his phone bill to increase even when he makes few calls.

The chief regulator responsible for implementing the law, signed by President Clinton four years ago today, credits it with fueling the current growth in online use and other services.

"The big picture is that the whole telecommunications and information sectors of our economy are just booming," Federal Communications Commission Chairman William Kennard said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"We've really never seen anything like this in the history of communications in the world where you have so much investment so quickly, a myriad of new services being provided to consumers."

House Commerce Committee Chairman Thomas Bliley, R-Va., one of the bill's co-authors, said consumers are beginning to see choices in markets once controlled by monopolies.

"I would have liked to have seen it go quicker," Bliley said. But "it's coming."

Flailing businesses have spent billions of dollars to offer local phone and data services to compete with the regional Bells. AT&T has invested heavily in its ambitious plan to use cable

lines to deliver local phone service, while MCI WorldCom and Sprint say their combined merger could enable them to reach local customers through fixed wireless systems.

But the Bell companies and GTE still have most of the local market.

"This is hardly full-fledged realistic competition," said Adam Thierer a fellow in economic policy at Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Regulators point to the success of wireless phone service in giving consumers more options.

Almost all Americans now have a choice of three or more wireless providers, according to

the FCC, and prices have steadily declined.

New long-distance plans — boasting rates as low as 5-cents a minute — have led to a decrease in the price of state-to-state calls of 2 percent between the time before the act was passed and December 1999.

But consumer groups, in a scathing letter to Clinton said most Americans are not benefiting from falling rates because of an extra \$4 billion a year in assorted charges now tagged on to their monthly phone bills.

And consumers are still waiting to see lower cable TV rates — which have increased nearly 27 percent between the time right before the law was enacted until December 1999.

Federal government has nothing to hide about Waco, Reno relays

AUSTIN (AP) — The federal government has nothing to hide about the raid near Waco that ended with some 80 Branch Davidians dead, Attorney General Janet Reno says.

"I will continue to provide every bit of information that I can in every appropriate forum I can," Reno said Monday night during a lecture at the University of Texas at Austin.

Reno's speech focused solely on communities working together to solve problems, but she was later met with angry questions and comments from a small group of Davidian supporters.

Austin talk show host Alex Jones said he and his group wanted to "via the bullhorn tell her she's the butcher of Waco, and I think it's very arrogant for her to come to Central Texas after all she's done."

The April 19, 1993, blaze at the Davidian compound ended a 51-day standoff between Davidian leader David Koresh and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI. Some followers died from the fire, others from gunshot wounds.

Beforehand, Jones and fewer than a dozen protesters carried signs bashing Reno and the Clinton administration.

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EDITORIAL

"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."
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OUR VIEWS

Senior Center needs our help, financial support

The Spring City Senior Center has served our aging population for more than 20 years. There, folks can get a nutritious lunch five days a week, not to mention play games, visit, dance and even try out a new talent with art lessons.

But now the center is in trouble. Its finances have taken a beating from frequent federal funding cuts, and now there is a shortfall of nearly half the annual \$275,000 budget.

Bobbie Leonard, director for more than eight years, is worried. Her main concern is the senior citizens who count on the center for a nutritious lunch, a van ride to doctor's appointments, or just a reason to get out of the house every day.

Government funds, including Title III and USDA money, are disbursed based on population, number served and other figures. And they fluctuate according to federal allocations each year.

The center gets about \$100,000 in federal money now, along with \$12,000 from the county and \$5,000 from the city. It also takes in \$36,000 in program income, or fees some seniors pay for their meals and other programs.

That's where the community comes in. The center, and the seniors it serves, need our help and support at this difficult time. Let's get behind this valuable program and make sure it is available for those who need and enjoy it.

OTHER VIEWS

Many cable television customers have noticed large increases in their bills already this year.

This comes on the heels of last year's increases, and the previous year's increases, and ... well, you get the idea. Nationwide, rates have risen 22 percent over four years, or since Congress deregulated cable television, but Time Warner rates for many San Diego customers have risen 50 percent during the period.

The rises have been steep since last March, when government price caps on non-basic cable rates expired.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ... was as American as apple pie. Its purpose was to stimulate competition among cable, satellite, telephone and Internet companies, and see prices tumble.

It hasn't happened. ... The companies disagree that they are monopolies, pointing out that basic rates are still controlled, and that they are offering more channels to subscribers.

They point out that satellite competition is increasing and that they are being charged more for programs they provide ...

It is the absence of choice that defines monopolies. In cable television, competition hasn't arrived to create the choice that justifies deregulation.

Companies must start competing among themselves and must give customers real choice in the channels they receive.

San Diego Union-Tribune

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The Writer's Art: Ah, the beautiful period

Some years ago a galloping ignoramus developed a computer program intended to instruct users in how to write good. One piece of bad advice was to avoid sentences of more than 14 words containing more than 45 syllables, or some such nonsense. I tested the machine with one of my columns. The machine said I was a lousy writer. I shot the machine and have lived happily ever after.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

There is no such thing as a bright-line measure of a sentence that is "too long." Lord Macaulay turned out sentences of 80 to 100 words that were as clear as tropical lagoons. Edward Gibbon could get all wound up in the lives of the Caesars, but his sentences had weight and balance that made a word count irrelevant. All the same, there is a point at which an overburdened reader cries out for relief.

Let us go to The New York Times of Jan. 11, in an article

on deep-space phenomena that emit X-rays. They are "the cosmic equivalent of extreme sports." The writer continued: "Electromagnetic waves that are thousands of times more energetic than the visible and ultraviolet light given off by lazy nebulas and placidly burning stars, and invisible to the naked eye, X-rays stream from gigantic explosions, matter smashing together at nearly the speed of light, and gases so hot that they cannot be detected with ordinary telescopes."

There must have been a subject and a predicate somewhere in that lazy nebula.

Let us go to the Times of Dec. 31, Page One:

"Storming a shabby Brooklyn apartment block at dawn yesterday, a black-clad anti-terrorist task force seized a man it alleged was an accomplice of Ahmed Ressam, the Algerian charged with trying to smuggle powerful explosives and four sophisticated timing devices across the border near Seattle two and a half weeks ago."

It took two reporters to contrive that sentence for the Times. It took two reporters of The Washington Post to construct this sentence on Dec. 20:

"A suspect in a hit-and-run accident that critically injured a George Washington University law student in the

District early yesterday was arrested minutes later in Arlington County, and authorities said they found what appeared to be the victim's keys on the shattered, bloodied windshield of the suspect's car."

Notice the dumb comma in the middle. Why not a period? It is the most beautiful of all the marks of punctuation.

On Dec. 26, The Washington Post carried an editorial on the inviolability of diplomatic properties:

"At the request of the federal government, Judge Lamberth quashed an effort by a man whose daughter was killed in a suicide bombing in the Gaza Strip to satisfy a judgment he had obtained against Iran by tapping such frozen assets as that country's old embassy."

This is from The Associated Press on Dec. 16:

"AUSTIN - A rule that hides the identity of judges ruling on cases involving underage girls who seek to bypass a new abortion law cloaks judges who might rule on their personal ideology rather than the law, critics say." What say? Say who? Aaargh!

The New Yorker magazine once was famed for its designer prose. This lapse is from an article (I don't have the date) on the Museum of Modern Art:



Hillary may not know what's she's in for

There's no turning back for Hillary Rodham Clinton, now that she's officially announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from New York. But as one who's been there, I can assure Hillary she may have plenty of second thoughts in the months ahead.

While certainly no first lady, I, too, left the White House to run for the Senate, in 1986. I was the director of public liaison — at the time, the top job held by a woman in the White House — when I declared my candidacy for an open Senate seat from Maryland. Believe me, the move from a prestigious office in the West Wing to grubby campaign headquarters (and if it's not grubby, the candidate is wasting her precious campaign dollars) is a tough one. One day, everyone's your friend because they need favors from you. The next day, you're the one in need of everyone's good will — and their money. It's a humbling experience.

No doubt, Hillary will have an easier time raising money than most Senate candidates. After all, she's learned from a master, her man, Bill. But it's still hard to imagine she'll enjoy spending nearly every waking hour making phone calls begging for money. Granted, she won't have to

waste time explaining who she is and what she's running for, as most candidates must. But who could possibly take pleasure in calling up total strangers to ask them to write \$1,000 checks? Hillary needs to raise \$25 million to have any chance of winning the race. That's 25,000 \$1,000 contributions — a whole lot of phone calls.

Then, there's the problem of trying to get the press to cover the issues. Hillary says she wants to focus on such things as health care and education, but that's not what sells newspapers or increases TV ratings. The press will be more interested in portraying the race as a grudge match between her and her likely Republican opponent, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, than in covering their substantive differences on policy.

For one thing, the reporters who cover politics are rarely the same ones who cover policy. When she outlines her plan to provide health coverage to the uninsured, for example, she may find that reporters would rather focus on her controversial role in health-care reform in 1993. In order to write about health care per se, the reporter might actually have to understand something about the issue, but he can do a quick Internet search to rehash Hillary's earlier health-care debacle.

Coming up with dirt on the candidate is the political reporter's favorite pastime — and they get plenty of help from the candidates' enemies, friends, acquaintances, even total strangers who are willing to pass on gossip. As first lady,

Hillary Clinton has had a protective coterie around her to deal with the press — and besides, reporters have a tendency to treat any president's family with more consideration than they do him. But as a candidate, Hillary will be fair game for every person with a political or personal ax to grind.

And then, there's the sheer drudgery of campaigning — endless appearances, saying the same thing over and over, shaking hands until they ache, smiling so hard you feel as if the muscles will become frozen in a grotesque grin.

Sure, Hillary's done it all before, each time Bill ran. But there's no comparison between being the candidate's spouse and being the candidate. Remember the flap when Hillary snapped at a reporter in the 1992 campaign that maybe she could have "stayed home and baked cookies" instead of being a high-powered lawyer? That kind of patronizing remark could cost a female candidate the election, but not her spouse. Hillary will have to watch her tongue carefully over the next several months.

But the worst part will come if she continues to fall further behind her opponent in the polls. Running for office is one of the most grueling marathons anyone can undertake, and when you're behind — and losing ground — it's just plain not fun. Hillary could be spending the last year of Bill Clinton's presidency enjoying the honor of being the nation's first lady. Instead, she may end up just another underdog candidate in a losing campaign.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



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IN BRIEF

Junior high Lady Steers close season with wins

Big Spring Junior High School's seventh- and eighth-grade Lady Steers teams closed out the 1999-2000 basketball season with a pair of wins over Colorado City on Monday.

In seventh-grade action, Carissa Mattson scored 10 points to lead the Lady Steers to a 41-6 win, as Shannon Higgins scored seven points and Stephanie Scott added six.

Leina Braxton scored a whopping 23 points in leading the Lady Steers to a 52-24 win in the eighth-grade contest, as Ka'Rissa Majers chipped in 10 more.

Garden City Junior High squad finishes perfect

Garden City Junior High's Lady Bearkats finished the basketball season with a perfect 14-0 record in "A" team play Monday night, rolling to a 34-10 win over Bronte.

Morgan Kight and Megan Niehues led the way with 10 points each, while Jessica Hoch added eight more.

In the "B" game, Garden City rallied from a 17-10 deficit going into the final eight minutes to take an 18-17 win.

Kim Webb paced the Lady "Kat" with six points, while Terri Branham had four.

National Little League sets meeting for Feb. 17

An organizational meeting for the National Little League in Big Spring has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Allan's Furniture.

All persons interested in coaching or helping out in any other aspect is asked to attend the meeting.

For more information, call Allan Johnson at 267-7416 or 263-1166.

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 in Midland's Hogan Park.

All prospective and returning umpires need to attend.

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

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5:45 p.m. — Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers at Fort Stockton Panthers and Prowlers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

NBA
7 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at San Antonio Spurs, TNT, Ch. 28.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — Michigan State at Purdue, ESPN, Ch. 30.

EXTREME SPORTS

8 p.m. — Winter X-Games, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Hawks warm up for WJCAC opener with doubleheader sweep

By RICHARD JACKSON
Herald Correspondent

It was just what the doctor and Justin Hays ordered.

Howard College's Hawks took both ends of a doubleheader from the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys junior varsity in their home opener Monday afternoon at Jack Barber Field.

Frankie Keller and Rusty Maddox combined to pitch Howard to an 8-7 win in the first game, and the Hawks' bats proved a little more productive in the 11-7 nightcap.

The opener looked for all the world to be a pitchers duel in the making, as neither team was able to get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning.

Hardin-Simmons drew first blood, turning two bases on balls, a single and

a triple into a 3-0 lead in the top of the fourth.

Howard answered in its half of the inning when Jack Matthews led off by drawing a walk, Jay Alsup followed by ripping a sharp single and Caleb Reger added another single to drive in a run.

Danny McMurtry and Jason Jurgens added RBI singles that gave the Hawks a 4-3 margin.

That lead was short-lived, however, as the Cowboys added three more runs in the fifth inning.

Howard would not manage to get even until the seventh, as the Hawks capitalized on erratic Cowboys pitching — four walks and another single by Reger accounting for the comeback victory.

Howard's Chris Shannon and Eric Guber combined to handle the pitching duties in the second game.

Again, the Cowboys were able to get on

the scoreboard first, a walk and a throwing error by the Hawks allowing Hardin-Simmons to take a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the second inning, however, Hardin-Simmons returned the favor when a throwing error allowed Reger to deadlock the game.

The Cowboys managed to add a pair of runs in both the third and fourth innings. Another Hardin-Simmons run in the top of the fifth made it a 6-1 lead.

That's when the Hawks made their comeback.

With one out in the bottom of the fifth, Tim Lilley doubled and Mike McMillan followed a few moments later with a two-out walk.

Center fielder Kennard Bibbs singled to drive in a run and Matthews added a triple to plate two more. Alsup kept the rally alive with an RBI single.

While Reger ended the inning by flying

out to center, the Hawks had trimmed the lead to 6-5.

Hardin-Simmons responded with a run in the sixth to make it 7-5.

Andy Harrington got the Hawks' sixth-inning rally started with a single and quickly swiped second. With one out, Lilley reached base on an error. Ensor drew a walk and McMillan drew an RBI walk.

Matthews added a two-out single that drove in two more runs, and after Alsup drew another free ride from the Cowboys' pitching staff, Reger singled home another couple of runs.

Now 2-4 on the season, the Hawks open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play Friday afternoon in Odessa when they take on the defending league champion Wranglers at 2 p.m. They'll follow that with a Saturday twin-bill set for noon.

Hawks pull almost even, top Midland 72-62

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

There will be no unbeaten men's champion in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) this season.

Howard College's Hawks, who last season became only the third team in WJCAC history to go through conference play unscathed, made sure that Midland College's No. 19-ranked Chaparrals wouldn't match that effort this year with a hard-fought 72-62 win at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

More importantly, the Hawks avenged a Jan. 13 loss at Midland and clawed their way into a virtual tie for the WJCAC lead with the 10-point win before a crowd of almost 1,500.

Just how crucial Hawks head coach Tommy Collins considered Monday's game became evident when Howard's starters were introduced.

The Hawks opened the game with post Donald "Big" Ceasar and four guards — Derrick Franklin, Justin Rhodes, Darryl Martin and Winston Brooks — on the floor.

Asked if he'd decided to go with a smaller, but quicker lineup moments before the opening tip, Collins shook his head and explained, "We're going with experience."

With Brooks the only freshman starter, the Hawks boss decided to use all four of the sophomores who'd experienced Howard's 14-0 run through conference play last season.

By night's end, Collins seemed almost clairvoyant.

What had promised to be a battle of heavyweights proved to be just that in the first half, momentum seeming to shift on every trip down the court.

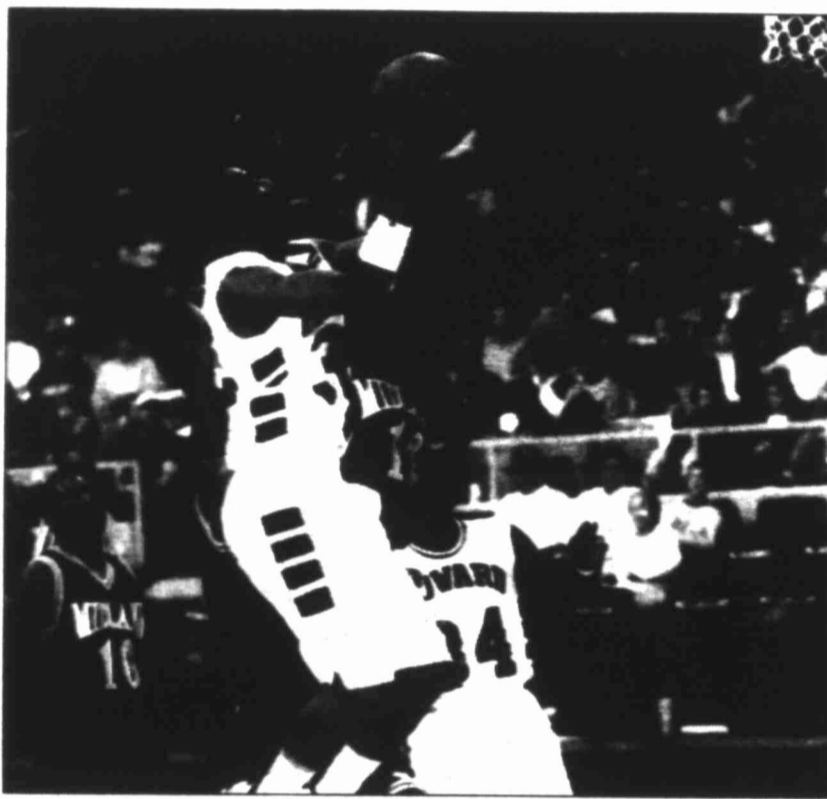
As a result, the game featured 12 lead changes in the first 20 minutes, due in no small part to the three-point shooting by Midland's Alvin Brooks III and Martin's ability to drive toward the basket, pull up and hit high-percentage jumpers.

By intermission, Brooks had nailed four long-range bombs for 12 of his 13 points on the night, while Martin had 13 and would go on to finish the evening with a game-high 22.

But it was back-to-back scores in the final minute by Ceasar and Franklin that allowed the Hawks to take a 37-34 halftime lead.

Surprisingly, those last four points of the half would prove to be the game's final lead change.

The Hawks returned from the break after having suffered a tongue lashing from Collins, who clearly wasn't pleased with



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Howard College's Darryl Martin (32) drives the lane and scores on a layup for two of his game-high 22 points in the Hawks' 72-62 win over Midland College's Chaparrals Monday night.

his team's showing even in the aftermath of the 10-point win.

"I don't feel good at all," Collins said following the game. "We didn't play well at all as a team tonight."

"We played with great effort... both teams did... the Midland kids played hard, too," he added. "We had a couple of guys that had a great game. Darryl Martin was just tremendous and Yogi played pretty good, but that was it."

Although the Hawks, who improved to 15-8 overall and 7-1 in conference play, showed glimpses of brilliance at times, Howard's play lacked the consistency Collins demands from his teams.

"We're looking for consistency and we didn't get it," Collins explained. "We weren't attacking them defensively and that's why they were able to get open for four three-pointers in the first half."

"I want a team that's going to go into the regional tournament capable of winning and going on to the national tournament," he continued. "We're still not the team in a game that we are during practice. It's time for that to change."

The Hawks opened the second half with an impressive 9-2 run in the first 11/2 minutes of play, Brooks giving the Hawks a five-point lead when the swiped Midland's inbound pass to start the final 20 minutes and convert it into a layup.

After a pair of free throws by Midland's Armon Tillman,

Rhodes nailed a three-pointer and then drove the lane for another quick score. Ceasar capped the brief run with a dunk that gave the Hawks a 46-36 edge at the 18:36 mark and prompted Chaps head coach Junsie Cotten to call a timeout.

The tide could not be stemmed, however, as the Hawks twice increased their lead to 15 points.

Although the Chaps would try to rally behind sophomore guard Eugene Costello, the conference's leading scorer, they were able to pull to within eight points just once.

Costello would never really be able to make the difference he'd made a month earlier in Midland and finished the night with 13 points, sharing the Chaps' scoring lead with Brooks.

In addition to Martin's 22 points, the Hawks got 14 from Ceasar.

With the loss, Midland drops to 21-4 overall and 8-1 in conference play.

HALFWAY SCORE: Howard 37, Midland 34.
Three-point goals: Midland 4 (Brooks 4); Howard 3 (Rhodes, Tsimplandis, Brooks). Total fouls: Midland 22, Howard 19. Fouled out: Whitaker. Technical fouls: None. Records: Midland 21-4, 8-1; Howard 15-8, 7-1.

Foul troubles doom Lady Hawks to 70-62 defeat by Lady Chaps

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Midland College's Lady Chaparrals took a giant step toward a second straight Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) women's basketball championship Monday night with a 70-62 win over Howard College's Lady Hawks.

Having entered the game essentially tied with Howard for the conference lead, the Lady Chaps improved their record to 20-5 overall and 8-1 in WJCAC play, due in no small part to a disparity of foul calls in the first half of Monday's game.

While the Lady Hawks jumped out to an early five-point lead, they were in foul trouble just as quickly, putting Midland in the bonus just eight minutes into the game.

By intermission, Midland had been whistled for five personal fouls, while the Lady Hawks had drawn 15 team fouls.

Worse still, Howard head coach Ron Mayberry was already juggling his personnel inside — sitting down posts Caryn Ross, Grace Gantt and Vanessa Lehrmann for long periods in an effort to avoid making the Lady Hawks' foul problems even worse.

Not surprisingly, Ron Jones had his Lady Chaps pound the ball inside to Fatime Ndiaye, Loren Mostacilla and Chanovia Rhodes in a bid to take advantage.

What's more, Howard's foul problems allowed Midland's three big women to be even more aggressive than normal on the boards.

As a result, the Lady Hawks found themselves down by as many as eight points in the first half before sophomore guard Ashanti Nix scored five quick points on a couple of baseline jumpers, the second from three-point range, and Yolanda Grant powered down the lane for a layup that trimmed Midland's lead to one, 31-30, at the break.

To Howard's credit, Ndiaye, Mostacilla and Rhodes didn't have much to show for their efforts in the first half save for the Lady Hawks foul problems.

In fact, they Lady Chaps scoring lead belonged to guard Shekinah Brazzle, who entered

intermission with 11 points to her credit — one more point than the combined scoring from Midland's trio inside.

The two teams traded blows like heavyweight prize fighters through much of the second half, neither team able to pull away to more than a four-point lead and with 6:58 remaining, the score was tied at 51-all.

It was at that point, however, that the wheels began to come off for Howard.

Midland rattled off eight unanswered points the final two coming from a pair of Julie Rampley free throws following Ross' fifth personal foul with 4:55 remaining on the clock.

Ross would be the first of four Lady Hawks to foul out of the game, as Gantt joined her a couple of minutes later, fouling Ndiaye on a play that saw the native of Senegal give the Lady Chaps a 64-55 lead.

Lady Hawks guard Taneisha Harris trimmed the lead to five with a pair of back-to-back steals she converted into layups, but Ndiaye and Kanedra Wilson managed to hit six of 10 free throws down the stretch to ice away the win.

Brazzle finished the night on the bench with five fouls as well, but not before scoring a game-high 15 points. Ndiaye added 12 for the Lady Chaps, while Rampley chipped in 10 more.

The Lady Hawks, who dropped to 18-6 overall and 6-2 in conference play, tied with Odessa College's Lady Wranglers for second place in the WJCAC standings were paced by freshman Koretha Johnson's 13 points.

Nix also finished in double figures for the Lady Hawks, scoring 12 points.

MIDLAND 70, LADY HAWKS 62

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HOWARD — Taneisha Harris 4 0 0 1, 8, Shaetha Ashley 1 0 0 2, Ashanti Nix 3 2 0 0, 12, Tashean Thomas 1 1 2 7, Caryn Ross 4 0 0 8, Vanessa Lehrmann 2 0 2 6, Grace Gantt 1 0 2 2, Koretha Johnson 4 1 2 13, Kanedra Wilson 0 0 0 0. Totals 21 4 8 11 62.

Halftime score: Midland 31, Howard 30.

Three-point goals: Midland 5 (Lange 3, Brazzle 2); Howard 4 (Nix 2, Thomas, Johnson). Total fouls: Midland 15, Howard 28. Fouled out: Brazzle, Thomas, Ross, Lehrmann. Game Technical fouls: None. Records: Midland 20-5, 8-1; Howard 18-6, 6-2.

Woods stretches winning streak to six with amazing comeback

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The ball landed 4 feet from the 15th hole and trickled back into the cup. Tiger Woods raised his right fist in the air in triumph, having turned the implausible into the inevitable.

Woods stretched his remarkable streak to six straight PGA Tour victories with an amazing comeback Monday in the final round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, shooting six birdies and an eagle and overcoming a 7-stroke deficit with seven holes to play.

Woods pulled within four of the suddenly vulnerable Matt Gogel, a PGA Tour rookie, when Woods pulled out a wedge for his second shot on the par-4 15th. He holed the shot from 97 yards away.

Though it only tied him for second place, the eagle seemed to demonstrate that the streak was not about to die on this gray day along the Pacific coast.

"I'm back in it," Woods said as spectators cheered wildly.

Gogel, who began the day with a 5-stroke lead over Woods and extended that margin to seven by making five birdies on the front nine, had no idea Woods was leading until he walked up the 16th fairway and saw the leader board.

By that time, Woods had birdied 16 and 18 to finish at 15-under 273. Gogel had a chance 30 minutes later to force a playoff with a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th, but missed it and then missed another short putt to fall into a tie V.J. Singh for second at 275.

Notah Begay, scheduled to begin serving a seven-day jail sentence later this month for a recent drunken driving conviction, was among three players tied for fourth at 12-under 276.

"I really thought it was V.J. or Notah that was one or two strokes behind me,"

Gogel said. "I was amazed. I will not ever be amazed anymore."

It was the biggest final-round comeback of Woods' career and made him the first golfer since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six consecutive tour events. The record is 11 straight victories by Byron Nelson in 1945.

His largest final-round comeback until Monday had been four strokes, at Las Vegas in 1996 and the Mercedes Championship in 1997. He won both those titles in playoffs. This time, he hugged caddie Steve Williams as Gogel's putt missed on the 18th.

Woods closed with an 8-under 64, the lowest final round by a champion in the 53-year history of the Pebble Beach tournament.

He earned \$720,000 to move past Greg Norman to No. 2 on the PGA Tour's career money list with more than \$12.5 million. Woods is less than \$32,000

behind leader Davis Love III.

"Coming from behind definitely leaves a nice taste in your mouth," Woods said. "It's less pressure to come from behind."

The tournament, which failed to complete its 72 holes by Sunday for the third straight year because of lousy weather, was extended to Monday when rain and high wind wiped out most of the first day of play last Thursday.

Gogel, who turns 29 on Wednesday, was nearly perfect during the first half of the round. He smiled and patted his head.

But he never recovered after his first bogey of the day, on No. 11, and shot 40 on the back nine.

"It was as good as I think I have ever played for nine holes of golf, and then I had trouble coming home," Gogel said. "Trying to win a tournament for the first time and battling my emotions, it was tough."

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pulling the wool over your own
eyes. Take a hard look at your
goals and long-term friend-
ships, and what you are doing
to make them what they are
now. You might opt for a total-
ly different course. Be honest
with yourself. Success lies in
tapping into your true self. If
you are single, romance could
have you starry-eyed most of
the year, unable to see the for-
est for the trees. Summer p-
roves to be hot and exciting. If
attached, a partner does care a
lot about you. Still, be realistic
about who he is. ARIES talks
reality with you.

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)
**** You lead the charge.
Follow through on ideas and
help friends out. Suggest a
more effective method at work,
even if others have a difficult
time following a new course.
Be understanding, but not over-
ly indulgent. Tonight:
Whatever delights you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** You may appear to be
brooding, but you're actually
evaluating an important idea.
Don't sell out for the sake of
peace. Reflect on what you
want, and consider the method
to use. Sensitivity makes a big
difference and can make or
break a project. Tonight:
Do your thing.

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**** Visualize what you want,
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Use your better judgment.
Convince others to join in.
Attend a key meeting; get up
and express your ideas. Tonight:
Of the back seat. Tonight:
Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Close encounters are
effective today. Look another in
the eye and have an important
discussion. Your vision of what
works could startle others.
Take a break and head for the
gym. Don't minimize the
importance of physical well-
being. Tonight: Visit with a
pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****Reach out for others and
make that extra effort. You
touch someone on a very deep
level. Creativity and caring
come forward because of your
additional efforts. You come up
with answers when others are
dumbfounded. Tonight: Where
the music is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Listen to another carefull-
ly as he reflects on work and
different ideas. Together you
make an unbeatable team.
Realize where you might need
to change your thinking.
Consider adopting a different
point of view. Tonight: Take a
risk with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****Allow more playfulness
in your dealings. Let others see
your natural charm and viva-
ciousness. Reorganize your
plans. Listen to another's feed-
back. Get to the bottom line.
Use your vision when a neigh-
bor poses a problem. Tonight:
Kick up your heels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Work needs to become
your highest priority. Evaluate
recent decisions. Be willing to
take a risk. Resolve whatever
you have been mulling over. Be

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Retirement community offers seniors a wealth of options

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Sis, the Nag" from Hickory Hills, Ill., was right on target. The woman is a primary candidate for retirement living. Unfortunately, society as a whole, and especially the maturing adult, is undereducated when it comes to the resources available to them and the many advantages of those resources.

A large part of the American culture continues to perceive retirement living in the same vein as life in a nursing home — hence the hesitation when it comes to this type of decision making. Although life in a retirement community is quite the contrary, this perception has been slow to change.

I work in a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). The beauty of this environment is that there are 60-, 70-, 80- and 90-year-old adults who continue to live active and independent lives, and yet have assisted and nursing care services available to them in the event these needs arise. The residents reside in a hotel-like atmosphere in their own apartments, with their own furniture, go to the mall, grocery stores, theater and anywhere else they so desire. They make new friends that have had or continue to have similar life experiences.

Today's senior has worked hard to provide children and grandchildren with the opportunity and vision to fulfill their own goals. The families want only the very best for them. They want their parents to enjoy themselves and all of the amenities they so often deprived themselves of to provide for their families. Retirement living is truly a step in the right direction.

"Sis" is no doubt facing a difficult decision. Regardless of how nice the retirement community is, it will never be the memory-filled home in which she raised her family. However, life is a series of trade-offs. She is already feeling the burden of caring for her house and at a loss as to why her children are not more available. "Sis" probably has a delightful brood, but what will she expect of them if her health declines and she finds herself able to handle less and less?

Taking this first step is a big one. I meet people daily who are hesitant to take the initial step. The majority of mature adults feel they are not ready for retirement living. Yet these same folks come into my office six months after they've moved in to tell me how happy they are, and how they wish they had made the move years earlier. — KELLI KNOX, HOUSTON

DEAR KELLI: Thank you for an informative letter. I received mail from angry readers scolding me because I didn't criticize "Sis's" children for failing to help their mother with maintaining her property. However, I seriously doubt that if they're unwilling or unable to do it, they would appreciate a lecture from me.

you think. Still, reviewing objectives with others regarding a key project is wise. Tonight: Where the action is.

TUESDAY

FEB. 8

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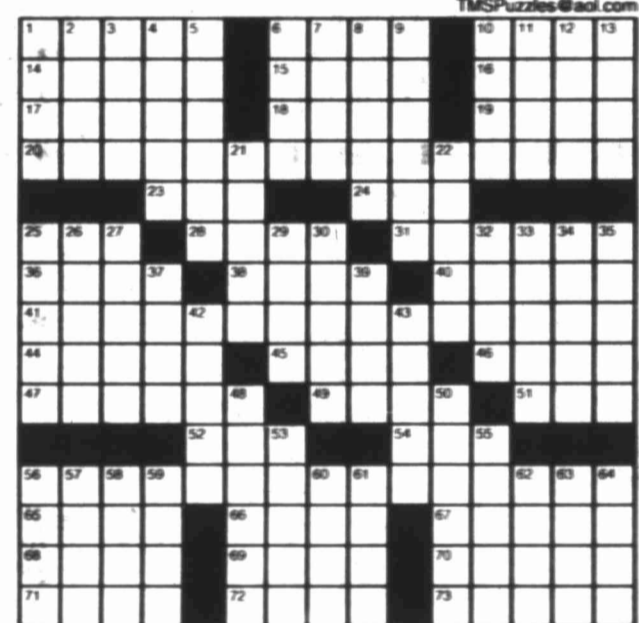
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2000. There are 327

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated. On this date: In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War began.

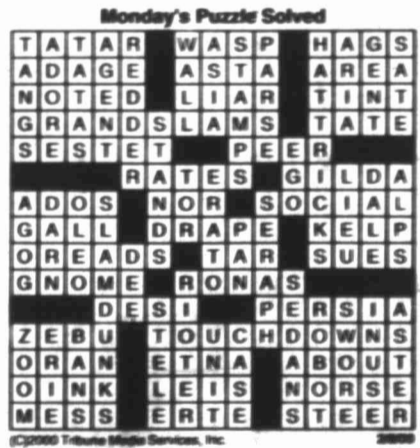
In 1915, D.W. Griffith's silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles. In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House. In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City. In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C. during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley. In 1973, Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal. In 1974, the three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space. In 1978, the deliberations of the Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treaties. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter unveiled a plan to reintroduce draft registration. In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores. Ten years ago: CBS News suspended resident humorist Andy Rooney for racial comments he supposedly made to a gay magazine, comments Rooney denied making. Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council approved sending 7,000 peacekeepers to Angola to cement an accord ending 19 years of civil war. Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster said in an ABC interview he'd performed 39 abortions — more than three times as many as previously stated. One year ago: The Senate heard closing arguments at President Clinton's impeachment trial, with House prosecutors challenging senators to "cleanse the office" and the president's attorney dismissing the case as one of partisan retribution. Jordan's King Hussein was laid to rest during a five-hour funeral in Amman attended by dignitaries from all over the world, including President Clinton and former presidents Bush, Carter and Ford.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Philip J. Anderson Portland, OR 2/8/00



Monday's Puzzle Solved

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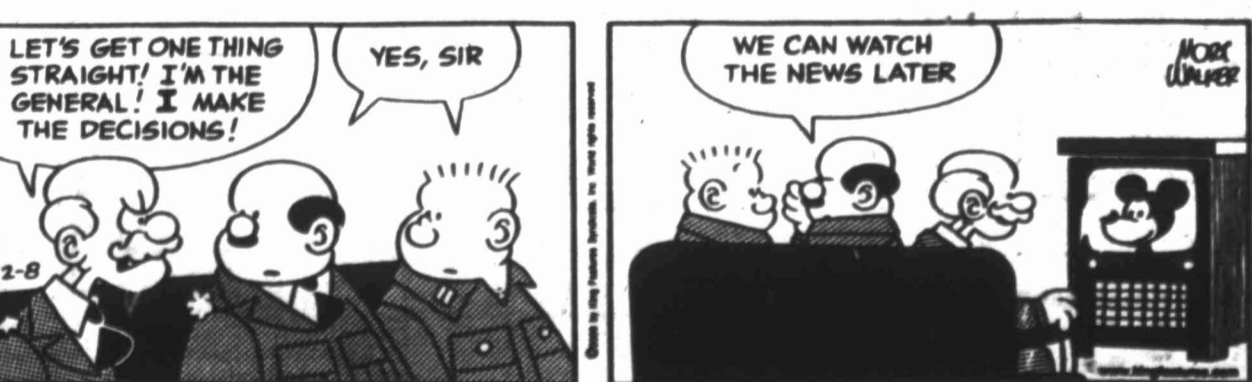
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Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Lemmon is 75. Composer-conductor John Williams is 68. ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 60. Actor Nick Nolte is 59. Comedian Robert Klein is 58. Country singer Dan Seals is 52. Singer Ron Tyson is 52. Actress Brooke Adams is 51. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 47. Author John Grisham is 45.